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EDITOR'S NOTES

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from Swindon and look forward to one of those keen struggles we always experience with them. One player who has graced their side for many years, Don Rogers, has now gone to Crystal Palace. It must have been a wrench for them to lose him, but who wouldn't be 'wrenched' for £150,000. Our good wishes go to Don for his future success.

To say that Fulham came to the Manor last Saturday just to collect a point would be unfair to them, they came very close to collecting both, and had it not been for the brilliant play of Roy Burton in goal, might well have done so. It is interesting to record that our defence of Roy, Dick Lucas and John Shuker must well be on the way to setting up a Club record, if they have not already done so. Since 19 February this year they have played 38 consecutive League and Cup games, unbroken partnership, 14 games last season and 24 this. One would have to delve back to our 1953/54 successful season to find comparable figures, when the regular defensive trio was Jack Ansell, Frank Ramshaw and Ted Croker.

Another record has been set up, and thanks go to all you supporters who made this possible. On Saturday last the collection was in aid of the Voluntary Committee caring for the Tuberculosis and Chest Disease patients, and an excellent total of £117.70 was achieved. This is a record sum for the Manor, and on behalf of the Committee I have been asked to express their sincere thanks to you all.

Dropping 'gates' are very much the concern of all connected with the game. Many reasons have been expounded as the cause, and no doubt each one has some bearing, however small. What is another worrying factor which has to be faced next April, is the effect of V.A.T. on all Clubs. On the present basis of our business turnover it is likely to cost in the region of £5,000, and it is obvious such a sum would have to be recouped from additional

admission charges. Is this then going to enlarge on one of the causes of dropping attendances, that football is becoming too costly for the personal comfort and facility it has to offer? Is it pricing itself out of the entertainment market? It is a problem, and without doubt there will have to be a lot of re-thinking before next season starts.

Next Saturday we are due at Burnley for the first of our Christmas fixtures, being followed on Boxing Day with a home date against Brighton, kick-off at 3 p.m. Burnley look set for a return to the First Division, being top of the League, while our other holiday opponents are at the foot, and we can only hope the New Year will bring better fortune for them.

Our F.A. Cup Third Round tie against York City has not yet occasioned much excitement, but we will certainly have to 'pull out all the stops' if we are to make progress. These games always cause more uncertainty than those against the bigger Clubs, and in reverse now to what it was in the past, we are the one with more to lose than to gain. Our cup hosts have only scored eight goals and conceded three goals at home, and have drawn six home games of the eleven played, so it would appear to be a very closely-nit outfil.

Here's to wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas, just see if you can budge out of that armchair watching the telly on Boxing Day and come along to the Brighton match.

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Gerry Summers TEAMTALK

A LOCAL Derby means a bigger crowd and a better atmosphere for today's game. Our matches with Swindon usually make interesting watching, though Swindon's record against us is far too good for my liking.

Our last home game versus Fulham, though being a 0—0 draw was a far more interesting game for me than most of the Press made out. I know we all want goals, but besides 'Goal of the Month' and 'Save of the Month' I think it's about time we saw some of the brilliant defending that goes on in matches highlighted on T.V. for a change. Last Saturday's game had some such defending on both sides. The game was vigorous and demanding, but open, and there were a fair share of goal-mouth incidents and plenty of goal scoring efforts, which narrowly failed, plus the fine work of both goal-keepers and then you have the reason for no goals.

Let's hope today you see the same open game plus of course those elusive goals—but have you ever seen a high scoring 'Local Derby'?

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OXFORD UNITED v. BRISTOL ROVERS
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Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



Malcolm Gamlen's MANOR CHATTER

THE visit of Swindon Town is always one of our most popular fixtures, and in extending the usual cordial welcome to our friends and rivals from the County Ground, we hope the standard of soccer entertainment this afternoon will reach a high level. Our last two matches have been against London opposition namely Fulham and Queens Park Rangers. Although both matches resulted in goal-less draws, they were both exciting but we hope that there will be many goals today scored for Oxford United. The system of team page lay-out has been adjusted in recent years in Football League Club programmes and it was in the 1930's that it was decided to put numbers on the backs of players' shirts and to number each player's name in the programme, so as to provide a means of identification for spectators. The simple answer appeared to be to number only ten men (leaving out the goalkeeper) and then, from right to left, two and three for the full backs, four, five and six for the half backs and seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven for the forwards. This, now is common knowledge, but it did mean that everyone tended to assume that, for example, number seven would necessarily be outside right, and so on.

Since those days we have had the complications of 'systems' where the old, and accepted, positions on the field have changed to provide alternative technical lay-outs so that numbers do not, any longer, represent positions, but still provide the identification for which they were instituted. The World Cup Series with numbering from 1-22 complicated the positional situation even more.

Another major alteration to take effect from August 1974 will occur when the word 'amateur' takes on an entirely new meaning in football. For a start it will not appear in the title of any Football Association-affiliated League or Knock-out competition. Where it does apply, it will for the first time in years, literally mean what it implies. The Football Association decision will automatically mean the ending of the Amateur Cup but now the Football Associ-

ation Challenge Trophy is in existence, more attention will be anticipated for this relatively new Competition.

Naturally the Football Association Challenge Cup Competition will continue and looking more to the near future, Oxford United have been drawn away to York City in the Third Round with the match to take place on Saturday, 13 January 1973. It was in season 1954-55 that York City reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals disposing of non-League opponents Scarborough and Dorchester in the First and Second Rounds as well as Bishop Auckland in the Fourth Round. Apart from Notts County who at that time were members of the Second Division and were defeated by York City in the Sixth Round 1-0 at Meadow Lane, the rest of York's opponents in the other rounds were all First Division Clubs. In the Third Round York defeated Blackpool 2-0 at Bloomfield Road and then in Round Five Tottenham Hotspur were added to their list of victims when they were overcome 3-1 at Bootham Crescent. The Semi-Final staged at Hillsborough, the home of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, resulted in a 1-1 draw for York City against Newcastle United but in the replay at Roker Park, the First Division Club won 2-0 and then went on to the Final at Wembley where they beat Manchester City 3-1.

The match at Bootham Crescent on 13 January next will not be an all-ticket affair. The price of ground admission will be 40p, the enclosure and covered standing accommodation will be 45p. Reduced prices for juveniles and pensioners of 20p applies to ground admission only. Any further ticket information will be announced in the programme for our next home match v. Brighton on Boxing Day.

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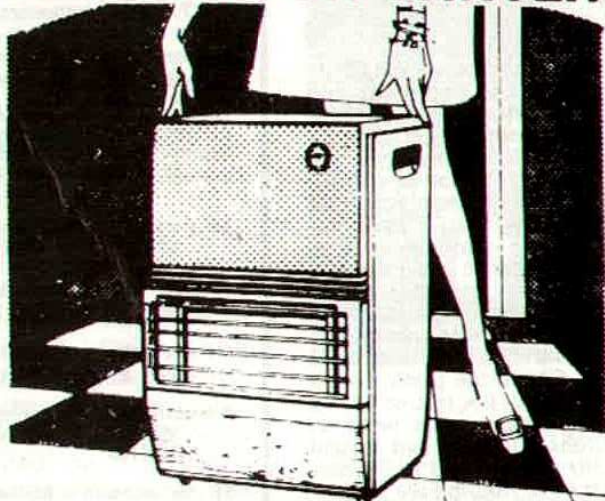
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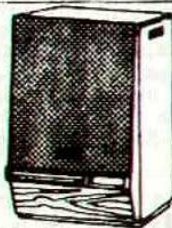


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PLAYERS' strikes have been threatened in this country—more with tongue in cheek, one suspects—but good sense on all sides has always prevailed so that the public has not suffered: the game must go on. In France, where the game is already in a sorry state both financially and on playing standards, several matches recently had to be called off when players walked out.

The trouble began when eight Lyon players did a 'George Best' with a difference. They all skipped two days training—not to go out on the town, but to attend a players' union congress. Lyon rules permit time off only for one official delegate to attend these meetings so they took disciplinary action against the erring players, all of whom were dropped into the third team for the weekend's game on the grounds that, by missing training, they were not fit enough for the first team.

The players' union reacted strongly, stating that if Lyon did not withdraw the punishments—or, if other Clubs took similar action—all professional players would strike at the weekend.

Lyon did not relent and the League ordered that all fixtures must be played, even if teams comprised of junior players. Two first division games did, in fact, get played with professionals who ignored the strike order. Three other games were completed by amateurs, but the rest were postponed.

There now seems every possibility that Benfica's English manager Jimmy Hagan will be sacked at the end of the season—even though the Club is favourite for the championship after winning all their opening eleven League games with a goals record 43-4.

Hagan has been under fire since the Club was knocked out of the European Cup by Derby, being accused of giving the game to his English friends. Club president Dr Borgas Coutinho intervened with what can only be described as a two-edged statement. 'Mr Hagan will stay with the Club until his contract expires on 31 July,' he said. The innuendo being that Hagan will not be staying after that date.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN FOOTBALL NEWS

THE Football League has now agreed that nominations for the Anglo-Italian tournament will not be confirmed until 5 February 1973 instead of 31 January. This is to allow Clubs who may have been eliminated in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup to decide whether they want to be involved.

Meanwhile, the Italian Clubs, because their domestic programme is more widely spaced, have been able to make an early decision to seek nomination, and an impressive representation has emerged.

The Clubs nominated by the Italian League are A.S. Roma, the holders, Torino, who are entering for the first time, Luzio, the Italian League leaders, Atalanta, Bologna, Fiorentina Lanerossi Vicenza and Verona.

Torino, who failed by a point to win the Championship last season and Fiorentina decided to seek nomination as soon as they

were eliminated from the U.E.F.A. Cup this season. Turin, as most people are aware, were the greatest Club in Italy until the tragic air crash in 1949 wiped out their playing staff.

The list of Italian Clubs involved in the tournament indicates the readiness of leading Clubs to participate. Only A.C. Milan have not entered the tournament in its four years of existence.

There is now every sign that English Clubs are becoming more and more satisfied that this is a worthwhile competition. Alan Hardaker, Secretary of the Football League, said 'The main object is to promote friendship and understanding between the two countries'.

It is, therefore, appropriate that what seems likely to be the most successful tournament yet will be held in the year in which the Italian Football Association will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

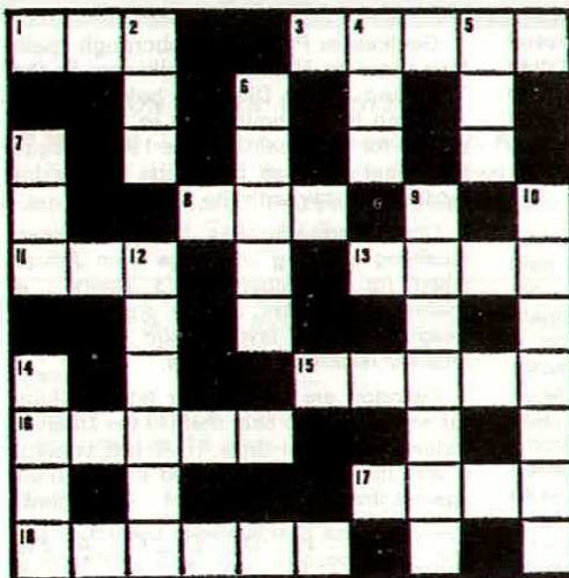
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- 1 One side players are not keen to be on (3)
- 3 Famous Birmingham and England goalkeeper (5)
- 8 Christian name of Arsenal and Chelsea centre forward (3)
- 11 ... Busby (3)
- 13 Great Brazilian forward (4)
- 15 Miss by the thickness of this and the fans go wild (5)
- 16 One time Manchester United winger now with Luton (5)
- 17 West Bromwich Albion manager (4)
- 18 Manchester United mid-field player (6)

DOWN

- 2 Players have to be (3)
- 4 Christian name of 12 Down (3)
- 5 Arsenal defender's Christian name (3)
- 6 Southampton mid-field man (5)
- 7 They cover matches every week (3)
- 9 Bulgarian forward (7)
- 10 West Ham keeper (7)
- 12 Czech international (6)
- 14 Blackpool keeper 1953 Cup Final (4)

Answers in Brighton Programme

NEW MANAGER PEPS S

IT'S not often a manager can claim his team has never been beaten. But that's the proud record of Mr Les Allen, who took over the managerial chair at Swindon a few weeks ago following the departure of Mr Dave Mackay to Nottingham Forest. There were signs of revival in the team's fortunes before Mr Mackay left and, since then, Mr Allen has helped to extend the Club's unbeaten run to eight matches.

Much of the success has been achieved without the services of a man at one time considered indispensable at Swindon—Don Rogers, who, after playing his 400th League game for the Club, was transferred to Crystal Palace for £140,000.

£50,000 of the Rogers' fee was quickly re-invested in Southampton's unsettled left-winger Tom Jenkins, a player once discarded by West Ham and Orient. He drifted into non-League football with Margate until given a come-back chance by Reading in 1969. Within weeks he was the subject of £60,000 transfer to Southampton.

The completion of Jenkins' transfer was Mr Mackay's last duty as Swindon's manager before handing over to Mr Allen. Unfortunately, Jenkins was injured in his first game for his new Club so Mr Allen switched the versatile Joe Butler into the number eleven spot.

Butler, who was signed from Newcastle in 1965, has played in several positions for Swindon, proving one of their most valuable players over the years. He is one of seven survivors of that wonderful occasion at Wembley in 1969 when Swindon crushed Arsenal 3—1 in the League Cup final.

The Jenkins' fee, incidentally, broke the previous Club record of £35,000 paid to Charlton during the summer for Republic of Ireland international striker Ray Treacy who has been enjoying a fabulous run, scoring in five consecutive games recently. With seven goals, he is now Swindon's joint leading scorer. Ray began his League career with West Bromwich Albion, moved to Charlton in 1968 and last season was their top scorer with nineteen goals.

Another player who knows the way to goal is Steve Peplow, who has also netted seven times—all of them, in fact, vital ones which clinched at least a point. Steve left Liverpool two years ago after getting only a couple of League games for the Reds. Peter Noble, a £10,000 signing from Newcastle in 1968, was Swindon's top scorer with fourteen goals last season.

Ron Howell is another newcomer this season. He began his career with Millwall and moved on to Cambridge United for 1970/71. He spent last season with Southern League Kettering Town, signing for Swindon in July. Roger Smart, another of Swindon's Wembley survivors, came through the Club's junior network to make his League debut in 1961/62.

The defence has been well settled with Rod Thomas, Frank Burrows, Ron Potter and John Trollope in the back four.

A Welsh full and under-23 international, Thomas has been Swindon's right-back for the past six years. He joined them from Gloucester City. He now has twenty-four Welsh caps. Burrows first entered English football with Scunthorpe in 1965 after serving Raith Rovers. Swindon signed him in 1968 and only injuries have since kept him out of the side.

Potter took over Dave Mackay's role in the back four, playing dual centre-half with Frank Burrows. A former West Bromwich apprentice, he made his League debut for them in 1968/69 and transferred to Swindon two seasons ago.

Trollope has been on parade—apart from a short injury absence—continually for twelve seasons. He completed 500 League appearances last term and in one unbroken run he played 368 consecutive games for the Club.

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough spent four years as Halifax's goalkeeper in the Third and Fourth Divisions before joining Swindon for a nominal fee in 1965. He played for the Robins in the 1969 League Cup final and has been first choice for most of his stay with the Club.

Downsborough has recently been receiving a strong challenge from Jimmy Allan for the goalkeeper's jersey. A Swindon discovery, Jimmy played a few League games last season and was recently recalled to the side.

Swindon are one of our bogey Clubs for we have yet to beat them in the League. Indeed, when we drew 1—1 last season, it was the first time we had even scored against them at The Manor! The record:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	6	0	5	1	1	4	5
Away	6	0	3	3	1	11	3
	12	0	8	4	2	15	8

Swindon Town are one of the modern breed of ambitious Clubs, trying desperately to break away from their old image.

For years they were no more than an ordinary Third Division Club, quite content to drift on aimlessly from year to year. Today Swindon want it known that their declared intention is a place in the First Division.

The real turning point for Swindon came one March day in 1969 when after a glorious League Cup run—which included victories over First Division sides Coventry and Burnley, plus the Second Division champions-elect Derby County—they faced mighty Arsenal in the final at Wembley.

Swindon fans turned up only for the pleasure of watching their team play at the famous stadium. Never in their wildest dreams did they hope to see the Robins actually win.

Yet they did. By 3—1. And in such a manner that Swindon, then a Third Division Club, have never again been looked upon as a 'little' Club. They gave Arsenal a football lesson and winger Don Rogers capped a magnificent display with two superb goals.

At the end of that season, Swindon were promoted to Division Two. And, with those Wembley memories burning bright, the directors planned ground improvements in preparation for the day when First Division status is achieved. Part of these plans reached maturity last season with the completion of a new grandstand.

Founded in 1881, Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all the other Southern League first division sides, in 1920.

It was in 1963 that Swindon first broke out of the Third Division, with a star-studded young team assembled by manager Bert Head. They made a bright-start to their Second Division career, heading the table for several weeks. Alas, they could not maintain the pace and, within two years, they were back in Division Three.

Danny Williams, who was responsible for the Wembley side, Fred Ford and Dave Mackay have since followed as Swindon managers and now Les Allen is in charge.

A former Chelsea and Spurs player—he was an ever-present member of the 1961 Double team—Mr Allen finished his playing days with Queens Park Rangers, playing in their 1967 League Cup winning team. He later became manager but left after two years because he experienced difficulty in managing players with whom he had been a playing colleague.

SWINDON



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SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1972-73

Back row (left to right): J. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Smart

Middle row (left to right): R. Potter, T. Hubbard, R. Thomas, F. Burrows, D. Anderson (Coach)

Front row (left to right): D. Rogers (now with Crystal Palace) S. Peplow, R. Bunkell, D. Mackay (now Manager Nottingham Forest), R. Treacy, J. Butler

SWINDON PLAYER STATISTICS

(League record, up to and including Saturday, 9 December).

Goalkeepers

Peter Downsborough Halifax 148 appearances; Swindon 261 appearances.

Jimmy Allan Swindon 12 appearances.

Defenders

Rod Thomas Swindon 262 appearances, 3 goals.

Frank Burrows Raith Rovers (not known); Scunthorpe 106 appearances, 4 goals; Swindon 173 appearances, 5 goals.

Ron Potter West Bromwich Albion 8 (1) appearances, Swindon 27 appearances.

John Trollope Swindon 521 (1) appearances, 16 goals.

Midfield

Joe Butler Newcastle 3 appearances; Swindon 257 (2) appearances, 12 goals.

Ron Howell Millwall 7 (7) appearances, Cambridge United 10 (1) appearances, 1 goal; Swindon 13 (2) appearances, 1 goal.

Roger Smart Swindon 334 (6) appearances, 42 goals.

Strikers

Peter Noble Newcastle 22 (3) appearances, 7 goals; Swindon 191 (4) appearances, 60 goals.

Ray Treacy West Bromwich Albion 2 (1) appearances, 1 goal; Charlton 144 (5) appearances, 43 goals; Swindon 19 appearances, 7 goals.

Tom Jenkins Orient 1 appearance; Reading 21 appearances, 5 goals; Southampton 84 appearances, 4 goals; Swindon 1 appearance.

Steve Peplow Liverpool 2 appearances; Swindon 35 (2) appearances, 11 goals.

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TONY PULLEIN'S PAGE



WOULD SMALLER LEAGUES WORK?

NO sooner has the first rain of winter fallen, or the first spate of Cup replays cropped up, then we get a revival of that old hardy annual—the call for a Super League, and reduced divisions, to cut down fixture congestion!

The old arguments are rolled out every year, with scarcely a new idea being offered. Generally, the theme is: with divisions cut to sixteen or eighteen teams, there would be ample time to fit in all the knockout tournaments without any side having to face a back-log of League games at the end of the season.

Smaller divisions would certainly ease the fixture problem to some degree. It would, for instance, cut out the early-season mid-week League games. Yet as most of the congestion comes at the end of the season, due to Clubs succeeding in one or two of the knockout tournaments, where would this take us?

Unless Clubs continued to play off League games on early-season mid-week dates, the question of fixture chaos would still arise.

But, in many cases, the cure would cause more suffering than the disease—because all Clubs knocked out of the Cups in the early stages, and who did not have any postponements due to weather, would face a succession of blank dates at a stage of the season when interest and attendances are usually on the upgrade.

There seems little point to me in trimming the fixture list—and, with it the Clubs' income from gates—simply because two or three teams each season have to face a late clutter of fixtures.

Now that the season runs officially to the end of May, there are several free dates on which outstanding League games could be played after the campaign is normally finished.

Another claim put forward by supporters of a Super League is that it would produce a higher standard of play. On what do they base these arguments? Simply that, by playing fewer games, Clubs would field fresher teams and these would, we are told, play better football.

I cannot see the validity of this argument. A look at the top teams of the past decade, many of which have had to endure a tremendous number of matches late on, indicates that very few of them have shown any lowering of standards towards the end.

Some folk, legitimately, argued that Leeds would have won the double last season but for a pile-up of fixtures—they had to play their last League game at Wolves only two days after winning the F.A. Cup at Wembley.

Fixture congestion was not responsible for that. Three weeks of the season still remained—ample time in which to have re-arranged the match. It was only the Football League's strange, and rather illogical, insistence that the game be

played within forty-eight hours of Wembley that caused a jaded Leeds team to play at Wolves—and lose the double.

As far as standards go, a sixteen-team division would more probably *reduce* the number of outstanding teams. We should still have the giants of their day—currently the Liverpools, Arsenals, Leeds and Spurs—at the top. But at the other end we should have, on average, six sides struggling against relegation leaving, say, about six above average teams in between.

In a twenty-two-Club League, take away the six relegation strugglers and four top teams and you are left with twelve top-class teams—*double* the number we could expect in the 'super' League!

More careful planning rather than revolutionary re-organization would avert many of the fixture problems currently encountered.

After all the Football League is the Clubs' bread and butter competition. The cream is available only to a very few Clubs, which usually, are financially well compensated for the 'inconvenience' of surviving to the later stages of the Cups.

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Not that we Supporters are going to count our chickens, for as we all know it's so easy to come unstuck in the Cup. We have been giant killers in the past but it's our turn now to prove we have the ability not to be treated as we have treated others.

Today's Match

Today we welcome to The Manor the Directors, Officials, Players and Supporters of our nearest Division Two neighbours, Swindon Town. We sincerely hope that we see a fast, entertaining, clean, local derby with Christmas goodwill among both sets of supporters. Please, please, make this a trouble-free afternoon-out on the terraces, something for which both Football Clubs, both Supporters' Clubs, the Police, the Ambulance men and everyone connected with Oxford United and Swindon Town will be grateful for.

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The Oxford United Supporters' Club have pleasure in announcing the following attractions at the Social Club over the Christmas period, from tonight onwards:

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Tuesday, 19 December: 'Christmas Booze Draw'

Wednesday, 20 December: Enjoy a drink before and after the Reserve Team Home Match versus Bristol Rovers

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Saturday, 23 December: 'Portadisc'

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December it will be necessary to pay in two weeks during the week 18-23 December 1972. The actual draws will be made separately in the Social Club, as would be normal, on Saturday's 23 and 30 December 1972.

We wish all agents and members 'A Very Happy Christmas and A Prize Winning New Year'.

'260 Club Winners'

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£10 12/4 L. Jarvis, 1 Hardwick Cott., Southmoor Road, Banbury, Oxon.

£5 1/6 F. W. Bolton, The Plough, Ledwell, Middle Barton, Oxon.

£2.50 8/10 H. J. Knapp, 6 Ringwood Road, Headington, Oxford.

It will be seen that Mr Bolton followed up a £10 win on Week 22 with a £5 this week. Before some-one says 'same old faces' let me hasten to add the winner of the £2.50, Mr Jim Knapp, is celebrating his first win ever, proving patience is a virtue.

Correspondence on Curbing Violence

I make reference this week to a letter from Mr E. F. Mulraney of 33 Crawley Road, Witney. Mr Mulraney suggests an identification card, and attaches a sketch, which he said could be made preferably of plastic. This card to be issued to (A) all fans or (B) fans under a specific age group.

To be issued only upon written request with a stamped addressed envelope for a fee of 10p to 20p. The card to be produced at all matches, season ticket-holders would of course be exempted. Mr Mulraney says this plan would be more effective on a National level but would like to see it tried at local level first. The advantages of this scheme, says Mr Mulraney, are obvious. Because of written application the name and address of the offender would be known by both Police and Club. Re-application through loss of card etc., could be checked against a black list and acted on accordingly. Mr Mulraney adds that he would gladly offer his services, free of charge, to the Club for the purpose of aiding the administration of such a scheme. Thank you, Mr Mulraney, and this is now passed to the Board of Directors.

'A Very Happy Christmas to Everyone.'

Jim Hunt
SECRETARY

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Goals scored at LONDON ROAD end

For 10	Against 5
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Corners

For 56	Against 33
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Goals scored at CUCKOO LANE end

For 13	Against 7
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Corners

For 33	Against 28
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Total Attendances to Date

Home 117,241	Away 133,300
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Home Gate last Match
8,346

Best Home Gate this Season
17,177

STATISTICS

DIVISION TWO SCORERS

	Lge	L.Cup	Total
Givens (Q.P.R.) ...	12	1	13
Curran (United)	10	—	10
Fletcher (Burnley)	10	—	10
Halom (Luton) ...	10	—	10
Pearson (Hull) ...	10	—	10
Wood (Millwall) ...	8	2	10
Ainscow (Blackpool)	9	—	9
*Bowles (Q.P.R.) ...	9	—	9
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	8	1	9
Owen (Carlisle) ...	8	1	9

* includes 1 goal for Carlisle.

Up to and including Saturday, 9 December 1972.

TOP TEN ATTENDANCES

	Aggregate	Average
1. Aston Villa (1)	332,360	30,215
2. Sheffield W. (2)	218,358	19,851
3. Brighton (3)	159,221	15,922
4. Sunderland (4)	127,129	14,125
5. Bristol City (5)	117,481	13,053
6. Q.P.R. (6)	127,231	12,723
7. M'brough (7)	124,492	12,450
8. Burnley (8)	124,453	12,445
9. Cardiff City (9)	133,152	12,105
10. Preston (-)	118,867	11,887
18. UNITED (18)	94,908	9,491

For Second Division games only, up to and including Saturday, 9 December 1972.

Figures in brackets indicate position in last chart.

SECOND DIVISION SCENE

A FINE second-half hat-trick by local discovery Alan Ainscow gave Blackpool a 3-0 win at Preston and took them into second place in the table. Ainscow, who made his League debut on the opening day of last season, had never previously scored a hat-trick in first-class football and it was the more satisfying because it gave the Tangerines victory on the ground of their closest, and deadliest, enemies. This derby game attracted Deepdale's best attendance of the season (18,822), it was Blackpool's fourth successive victory and their seventh successive League game without defeat.

Blackpool moved into second place thanks to a lapse by Queens Park Rangers, who drew 2-2 at Luton. Manager Gordon Jago complained bitterly that Luton's equalizing goal was off-side but, even if that were the case, then perhaps this was one occasion when the referee's eyesight could not be called into doubt. The floodlights went out just as the ball entered the net and, as the same electricity supply was servicing the T.V. cameras, there could be no action replay because the cameras also switched off just before the goal came. It was Luton's seventh home game without a win but they had some consolation when their £50,000 signing from Derby, Barry Butlin, scored on his home debut.

Brighton failed to score for the fifth game in a row when they lost 0-1 at Orient. With only two wins from twenty-one games, Brighton slipped four points behind the twentieth Club and now look a good bet to make a quick return to Division Three.

LEAGUE TABLE

Season 1972-73 Division II

	P	W	D	L	HOME Goals			W	D	L	AWAY Goals			Pts
					F	A					F	A		
Burnley	20	6	3	1	20	10		4	6	0	14	9	29	
Blackpool	21	6	4	1	20	8		4	3	3	15	13	27	
Q.P.R.	21	5	4	1	22	11		4	5	2	15	15	27	
Aston Villa	20	6	3	2	12	6		3	3	3	9	12	24	
Luton	20	3	4	4	16	15		6	1	2	12	8	23	
Preston	21	4	3	3	9	7		5	2	4	11	11	23	
Middlesbrough	21	5	3	2	11	9		3	4	4	9	14	23	
Oxford	21	6	1	3	17	10		3	3	5	9	12	22	
Sheffield Wed	22	7	1	3	23	13		1	4	6	13	21	21	
Bristol City	21	1	5	3	8	10		6	2	4	17	16	21	
Nottingham For	21	5	4	2	14	11		2	3	5	8	15	21	
Fulham	20	4	4	2	15	9		2	4	4	11	15	20	
Swindon	21	4	5	1	15	12		2	3	6	14	19	20	
Carlisle	20	6	1	3	21	13		1	4	5	6	13	19	
Hull	21	5	4	2	21	11		1	3	6	7	16	19	
Huddersfield	21	4	5	2	10	8		1	4	5	9	16	19	
Millwall	21	5	2	3	13	9		2	2	7	14	17	18	
Orient	21	4	4	3	13	12		1	4	5	7	14	18	
Sunderland	20	3	4	2	12	10		2	3	6	14	22	17	
Cardiff	20	7	1	3	20	12		0	2	7	6	21	17	
Portsmouth	21	3	1	7	11	16		2	4	4	11	15	15	
Brighton	21	1	6	3	14	18		1	3	7	9	23	13	

AND FIXTURES 1972-73

DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Score F. A.	Att.
1972				
August				
12	Orient	A	1 1	7,249
16	Peterborough (FLC 1)	H	4 0	5,049
19	Middlesbrough	H	4 0	8,428
26	Nottingham Forest	A	1 2	9,591
30	Luton Town	A	1 0	10,891
September				
2	Cardiff City	H	2 1	8,087
6	Man. Utd (FLC 2)	H	2 2	17,177
9	Huddersfield Town	A	0 2	7,356
12	Man. Utd (FLC 2 Replay)	A	1 3	21,486
16	Millwall	H	2 1	8,928
20	Sheffield Wed.	H	1 0	11,333
23	Brighton & Hove A.	A	2 2	15,455
27	Portsmouth	A	0 1	7,385
30	Preston North End	H	0 2	8,850
October				
7	Sunderland	H	5 1	8,881
14	Blackpool	A	1 2	11,589
21	Bristol City	H	0 2	9,936
27	Hull City	A	1 0	13,426
November				
4	Portsmouth	H	1 3	8,714
11	Sheffield Wed.	A	1 0	13,164
18	Carlisle United (1)	A	1 2	5,919
25	Aston Villa	H	2 0	13,412
December				
2	Queens Park Rangers	A	0 0	9,790
9	Fulham (2)	H	0 0	8,346
16	Swindon Town	H		
20	League Cup Semi-Final			
23	Burnley	A		
26	Brighton & Hove A.	H		
30	Middlesbrough	A		
1973				
January				
6	Nottingham Forest	H		
13	F.A. Cup 3			
19	Cardiff City	A		
27	Huddersfield Town	H		
February				
3	F.A. Cup 4			
10	Millwall	A		
16	Orient (LCF)	H		
24	Swindon Town (5)	A		
March				
3	Sunderland	A		
10	Blackpool	H		
17	Bristol City (6)	A		
23	Hull City	H		
31	Aston Villa	A		
April				
7	Queens Park R. (SF)	H		
14	Fulham	A		
20	Burnley	H		
21	Carlisle United	H		
24	Preston North End	A		
28	Luton Town	H		
May				
5	F.A. Cup Final			

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COMBINATION FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Score F. A.	Att.
1972				
August				
12	Southampton	H	3 3	745
19	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 1	
22	Queens Park Rangers	H	1 0	2,302
30	Bristol City	H	1 1	4,026
September				
2	Birmingham City	A	0 1	
16	Swindon Town	A	1 1	
23	Norwich City	H	2 0	773
30	Chelsea	A	0 0	
October				
4	Fulham	H	2 0	860
11	Reading	H	2 0	911
18	Leicester City	A	1 3	
25	Bournemouth	H	1 1	901
28	Fulham	A	1 0	
31	Queens Park Rangers	A	1 3	
November				
11	Crystal Palace	A	0 1	
15	Cardiff City	H	1 0	570
25	West Ham United	A	0 0	
29	Swansea City	H	3 2	558
December				
13	Crystal Palace	H	1 2	549
20	Bristol Rovers	H		
27	Southampton	A		
1973				
January				
3	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
10	Birmingham City	H		
20	Bristol City	A		
24	Reading	A		
31	Swindon Town	H		
February				
3	Bristol Rovers	A		
13	Swansea City	A		
17	Norwich City	A		
21	Chelsea	H		
28	Arsenal	H		
March				
6	Bournemouth	A		
14	Leicester City	H		
17	Ipswich Town	A		
21	Plymouth Argyle	A		
28	West Ham United	H		
April				
14	Plymouth Argyle	H		
21	Arsenal	A		
To be dated				
	Ipswich Town	H		

APPEARANCES & GOALS

	Lge	L/C	FA/C	Comb	Sub	Goals
G. Atkinson	21			7		(1)
S. Aylott	2	3				1
G. Bray	4	1		12	3	4 (7)
R. Burton	21	3				
N. Cassidy	14	3		3	1	5 (2)
C. Clarke	21	3				1
D. Clarke	10	1		10	1	5 (2)
R. Clayton	1	1		10	1	1
H. Curran	14					10
J. Evanson	21	3				1
S. Flay				4		
J. Fleming	5			10	1	
K. Gough				13		(3)
P. Hatch				18		(1)
M. Kearns				4		
J. Light				18		(1)
N. Lowe				18		
R. Lucas	21	3				
D. Roberts	21	3				
J. Shuker	21	3				
K. Skeen	16	3		1		3
D. Sloan	18	3			1	2
R. Smithson				17	1	
K. Thomas				14		
B. Thompson				13		(2)
M. Way				3		
K. Baker						
A. Bodel						
W. Jeffrey				11	1	(1)
D. Jones						
H. McGrogan						
R. Pickett				7	1	

Combination goals in brackets

COMBINATION TABLE

Table of Results to Tuesday,
12 December 1972 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	19	10	8	1	37	14	28
Chelsea	21	10	8	3	22	16	28
Ipswich Town	19	11	5	3	37	12	27
Birmingham C.	21	12	3	6	36	24	27
Cardiff City	21	11	5	5	31	22	27
Arsenal	18	11	4	3	34	17	26
Bristol Rovers	20	9	3	8	34	22	21
Queens P.R.	20	8	5	7	30	24	21
Oxford Utd.	18	7	7	4	21	17	21
Fulham	21	6	8	7	21	19	20
Southampton	21	8	4	9	34	34	20
Norwich City	21	7	6	8	27	32	20
Leicester City	18	6	6	6	22	26	18
Bristol City	20	6	6	8	23	31	18
Swindon Town	21	6	5	10	25	30	17
Crystal Palace	17	6	3	8	23	24	15
Swansea City	19	6	2	11	37	51	14
Reading	19	6	1	12	21	39	13
Plymouth A.	22	4	5	13	19	43	13
West Ham Utd	20	3	4	13	11	35	10
Bournemouth	16	2	4	10	13	26	8

OXFORD UNITED

**GOLD SHIRTS
BLACK SHORTS**

- 1 ROY BURTON
- 2 RICHARD LUCAS
- 3 JOHN SHUKER
- 4 DAVID ROBERTS
- 5 COLIN CLARKE
- 6 JOHN EVANSON
- 7 DAVID SLOAN
- 8 JOHN FLEMING
- 9 HUGH CURRAN
- 10 DEREK CLARKE
- 11 STEVE AYLOTT

Sub.

versus

SWINDON TOWN

**RED SHIRTS
BLACK SHORTS**

- JIMMY ALLAN 1
- ROD THOMAS 2
- JOHN TROLLOPE 3
- ROGER SMART 4
- FRANK BURROWS 5
- RON POTTER 6
- STEVE PELOW 7
- RON HOWELL 8
- RAY TREACY 9
- PETER NOBLE 10
- JOE BUTLER 11
- DAVID MOSS Sub.

REFEREE

Mr A. W. S. JONES
(Ormskirk)

ARTHUR JONES has handled over 250 League games since he was appointed to the Football League referees' List in 1962, three years after entering the competition as a linesman.

Mr Jones started refereeing in 1950 when he was in the army. Later he officiated for the Liverpool Boys' Association, the Liverpool League, the Liverpool County Combination and the Central League. He has been on the line for full and under-23 international matches and refereed a Wales v. Scotland youth international.

Employed as a buyer in the mail order trade, Mr Jones is married and lives near Ormskirk in Lancashire.

LINESMEN

Mr R. Chinn (Red Flag)
Mr B. Langford (Orange Flag)

HALF-TIMES

A	Arsenal v. West Bromwich Albion
B	Coventry City v. Norwich City
C	Crystal Palace v. Manchester U.
D	Derby County v. Newcastle U.
E	Everton v. Tottenham Hotspur
F	Ipswich Town v. Liverpool
G	Leeds United v. Birmingham C.
H	Manchester City v. Southampton
J	Sheffield United v. Leicester City
K	West Ham United v. Stoke City
L	Wolverhampton W. v. Chelsea
M	Aston Villa v. Orient
N	Blackpool v. Sheffield Wednesday
P	Bristol City v. Burnley
Q	Carlisle U. v. Brighton & Hove A.
R	Fulham v. Nottingham Forest
S	Hull City v. Cardiff City
T	Luton Town v. Millwall
U	Portsmouth v. Middlesbrough
V	Queens Park R. v. Huddersfield T.

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