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NEWS&VIEWS

Proud Preston - what memories that great name recalls. To older supporters it is sad to think that famous clubs like Preston, Huddersfield, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, and Aston Villa, no longer grace the First Division of the League.

Our visitors, original members of the League in 1888, and first champions enjoyed much success, and made a great impact, in the early years, by winning the League, without losing a match, and the F.A. Cup without conceding a goal. A feat never since equalled or likely to be, although clubs including Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal (both at present in the doldrums) succeeded in winning the League Championship, and F.A. Cup in the same season.

Preston's roll of honour reveals many fine players, some of whom became outstanding managers - A. Beattie, W. Shankly, F. O'Farrell, J. Docherty. Probably the best known player was Tom Finney, a name quite synanymous with P.N.E. Now of course we add the name of another known throughout the football world, that of the manager - Mr. Bobby Charlton OBE.

Last season Swindon draw at Preston 1-1 in the second game of the season, after winning 3-1 home to Sheffield Wednesday in the opening fixture.

The return game was played at Swindon on New Years Day 1974. Both clubs were dropping lower in the league table so a win for Swindon by 3 goals to 1 was a welcome relief. The kick-off time was 2 pm, because floodlighting was not allowed, due to the fuel crises, and the attendance was reduced to 8299.

The game itself was not a good one, being rather scrappy due to the holding nature of the pitch. Eastoe, Butler and Moss scored for Swindon and Williams for Preston. When the score was 2-1, Ray Tracy (transferred from Swindon a few weeks previously) missed a penalty.

At the time of this match Swindon occupied 21st position and Preston 15th in the table. However at the end of the season, both clubs along with Crystal Palace were relegated to Division 3.

It is rather significant that all three clubs are still in a challenging position for a return to Division 2. Preston is third with 35 points, Swindon sixth — 33 points and Crystal Palace seventh — 33 points.

Bobby Charlton pulls the crowds by Tony Pullein

Bobby Charlton's playing come-back this season has added thousands of pounds to the coffers of rival Third Division clubs — his presence in the side attracting the best crowds of the season on many grounds — yet, ironically, Preston's own gates are down by almost 2,000 on last season!

Relegation, of course, was the chief reason for that decline though, in view of the Charlton-inspired revival this term, it is surprising that the lost thousands have not yet returned to Deepdale.

Bobby Charlton's experience in midfield has had much to do with Preston's concerted challenge for promotion. In 17 years as a Manchester United first-teamer, Bobby set up club records for both League appearances (606) and goals (198). His wonderful collection of 106 England caps was also a record until Bobby Moore surpassed it.

After spending last season in a purely managerial capacity for Preston, Mr. Charlton took up the strings of his playing career again this season and has so far scored nine goals — two of them from penalties.

The men likely to be playing with Bobby Charlton in midfield are Alex Spark and Nobby Stiles. Spark, a local discovery who first made the senior eleven in 1968/69, opened the season as a defender but then lost his place. He returned last month when Alan Lamb, another product of the junior teams, had the misfortune to break a leg.

Nobby Stiles, of course, needs little introduction. For all his footballing skills and his tremendous endeavour, he will probably always be remembered more for his famous toothless grin in 1966 — at the end of the World Cup final — than for

anything else.

I don't suppose he'll object to that.

Nevertheless, it must be recorded that, in addition to his World Cup winners' medal, Nobby won 28 England caps and he was also a member of the Manchester United side which won the European Cup in 1968. After completing more than 300 League appearances for the Old Trafford club, he moved on to Middlesbrough in 1971 and then linked up with his old pal Bobby Charlton at Preston last season.

Connections with Manchester United do not end there, though. The Preston defence contains two more former Old Trafford internationals — David Sadler and Francis Burns.

David Sadler, an England amateur international striker in his days with Maidstone United, joined Manchester United in 1962 and while with them won youth, under-23 and full caps for England, after switching to centre-back. Preston had to pay a £25,000 fee for his signature.

Burns, a Scottish full and under-23 international, spent five years as a United first-teamer. He was transferred to Southampton for £50,000 in 1972 but, unable to settle down south, he was pleased to move on again, to Preston, a year later.

John McMahon and John Bird are the other members of the back four. McMahon spent a short period at Roots Hall on loan in 1970/71, making four League appearances for Southend. For the past four years he has been a fixture in the Preston defence.

Bird began with Doncaster, joining Preston in March 1971 and has filled one of the central defensive positions since then. Goalkeeper Roy Tunks joined the club from Rotherham a couple of months ago. He first appeared in the Millers' team in 1968 and at one stage left for York on loan.

All three strikers have been scoring well. Tony Morley, who has gained a regular place for the first time this season, has scored nine times and had the thrill of winning his first England under-23 cap this season. Mel Holden, another local find who made it good last season, has 21 to his credit and this includes four in an F.A. Cup replay against Blyth Spartans.

Mike Elwiss, a £70,000 signing from Doncaster last season, his hit nine goals this term.

Relegated last Spril, Preston are now in their second spell in Division Three but they are hoping history will repeat itself for, when they last came down in 1970 they regained their place at the first attempt.

Though it's a long while since they won anything big, the name of Preston North End is still revered throughout the game. They were the first of the game's giants and some of their early feats may never be bettered.

They were either champions or runners-up in each of the first five years of the League's existence — Huddersfield and Arsenal established similar sequences but never bettered it — and in 1889 won the championship without losing a game and the F.A. Cup without conceding a goal.

When one thumbs through the record books one expects to find more material gains registered against Preston's name and it's perhaps sad to note that, though they won the League Championship in the first two years it was run (1889 and 1890) they have never again reached the top. And, after that F.A. Cup success of 1889, they only once again (in 1938) took that trophy.

The string of near-misses is impressive, though. Runners-up in Division I in 1891, 1892, 1893, 1906, 1953 (when they missed the title on goal-average) and 1958; F.A. Cup finalists in 1888, 1922, 1937, 1954 and 1964. There was some consolation in winning the Second Division Championship in 1904, 1913 and 1951 and in achieving promotion as runners-up in 1915 and 1934.

When Preston went down into Division
Three in 1970 they became one of only
four ex-champion clubs to suffer that
fate. Portsmouth were first to go in 1961;
Aston Villa accompanied Preston down.
Later Blackburn Rovers and Huddersfield
followed them.

Preston soon proved that such a misfortune need not necessarily lead to disaster. As their promotion campaign reached its peak, Deepdale was several times packed to near-capacity and their final attendance figures were the best for three years.

Unfortunately, the crowd has not given them similar backing this season in spite of the fact that they have been up with the promotion challengers all the way.

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Plymouth's gate boom

The point collected by Charlton at Plymouth last Saturday could prove one of the most important of all when the final tables are drawn up. With the position so tight at the top and Plymouth currently engaged in several top-of-the-table clashes — they are at Blackburn today — Bill Rafferty's missed penalty in the last minute certainly gave Charlton hopes a tremendous boost. It enabled them to hang on to a 1-1 draw.

Charlton's visit drew a huge 22,946 crowd to Home Park. A few days earlier Plymouth recorded the best cowd (28,744) for any Third Division game this season for their clash with Blackburn. And it was the largest seen at Home Park for a League match since April 1960 when 30,000-plus watched a Second Division game against Aston Villa.

Argyle go to Ewood Park today in possession of a longer unbeaten record than any other club in the country. Their last League defeat was way back in October at Port Vale (0-2). Since then they have not been toppled in 16 games, eleven of which have been won.

A goal by young Martin Fowler — his first in League football — set Huddersfield on the way to victory over Hereford. Top Third Division scorer Dixie McNeil was not to be outshone, however, and he equalised with his 20th League goal before Jimmy Lawson hit a late winner for Huddersfield.

Thus ended a grim run in which Huddersfield had collected only one point in six games — and slumped into bottom place. Former Watford player Pat Morrissey was the villain to his old club when he hit the goal which put Aldershot 3-1 in front. "Of course, it's a pleasant feeling to score," he remarked. "It helps to make them understand what they are missing."

Morrissey joined Aldershot earlier this season in an exchange deal which took defender Roger Joslyn to Watford.

Morrissey, who previously played for Coventry, Torquay, Crewe and Chester, had scored five times for Watford this season. It was his second for Aldershot.

Manager Malcolm Allison believes Crystal Palace are now playing better than ever — even though results are not good. When they dropped another point in the 1-1 draw at Peterborough, it was Palace's fourth game without a win.

"I still believe we will win promotion!" is the optimistic outlook of Mr. Allison.

Those great Third Division F.A. Cup giant-killers Walsall — they play at Birmingham in today's fifth round — have shown a tremendous improvement in League form since their fabulous Cup run got under way. They were probably pre-occupied with today's tie when they slipped at home to lowly Chesterfield last Saturday, though.

Chesterfield, who drew 2-2, became the first team to score against Walsall in seven League games. In spite of dropping that point, Walsall are still within three points of third-placed Charlton on Saturday and remained in with a fine chance of adding the promotion prize to their Cup success.

The Chairmans Column

Today we entertain Preston North End, whom like ourselves, find that to climb back into the 2nd Division at the first time of asking is not a foregone conclusion as some people seem to think. After today's game we visit Preston for the return match on Tuesday next.

It is difficult having to write notes for a Saturday game when we have a mid-week match preceding it, because without the knowledge of this result I cannot comment on our true position, but we can only hope that our lads have produced the away form that they showed us at West Ham.

I was pleased to receive a letter from one of our staunch supporters which was critical, but which asked if it was possible for him to see me and air his complaints. I welcome this approach in preference to writing to the local press. Our country Liaison Officers are doing a great job in their particular areas, and we hope that people that have queries will contact them as much as possible.

I know that many of our followers will remember Mr. Frank Plyer who served for over twenty years as a Club Director, and who was a league linesman and local referee for many years. Frank is now one of our Vice Presidents, and his many friends will be sorry to hear that he is in hospital, and I know will wish him a speedy recovery.

Continuing our success in recent games, our Youth Team beat Nottingham Forest away 1 - 0 and West Bromwich Albion 4 - 2 at home.

On Saturday last we were beaten by Luton Town 3 - 1 in the Football Combination, and the majority of our team were under 18 years of age. This experience is invaluable to our youngsters, and is showing in their performances in the Midland Youth League.

Our Club Dinner date, March 5th is drawing near, and this next week will be the last chance for people wishing to attend to apply to Bob Jefferies our Secretary. People who attended our last dinner should have received their invitation from the Club by now, and if you have been accidently missed please write in and remind us.

Since writing my last notes we have had a social gathering of our competition agents, and they have promised to help the Club to enrol members into our Discount Scheme. If we have missed out on some of our agents we shall be pleased to hear from them, to enable us to organise another get together.

What with the publicity that our local Press have given us on the "Discount Scheme" and with the help of our Supporters to make everybody that we can a member, our Football Club is bound to benefit. Each week we are adding to our list of Shops and Businesses and this must surely make it worthwhile becoming a member. Don't forget for £1 you can become a member of the scheme for six months. Thanking you in anticpation of your support in this scheme.

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W.B.A.	13	7	3	3	28	9	17
Leicester City	13	7	3	3	28	14	17
Aston Villa	13	4	7	2	22	15	15
Swindon Town	14	5	4	5	21	23	14
Bristol City	12	5	3	4	24	17	13
Nottm. Forest	13	5	1	7	12	16	11
Coventry	15	5	1	9	14	29	11
Birmingham	10	3	3	4	11	10	9
Notts. County	13	1	3	9	11	16	5
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KEY OF THE BOARD

A Blackburn v Plymouth
B Charlton v Port Vale
C Colchester v Brighton

D Crystal Palace v Aldershot

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G Southend v Huddersfield

H Arsenal v Leicester

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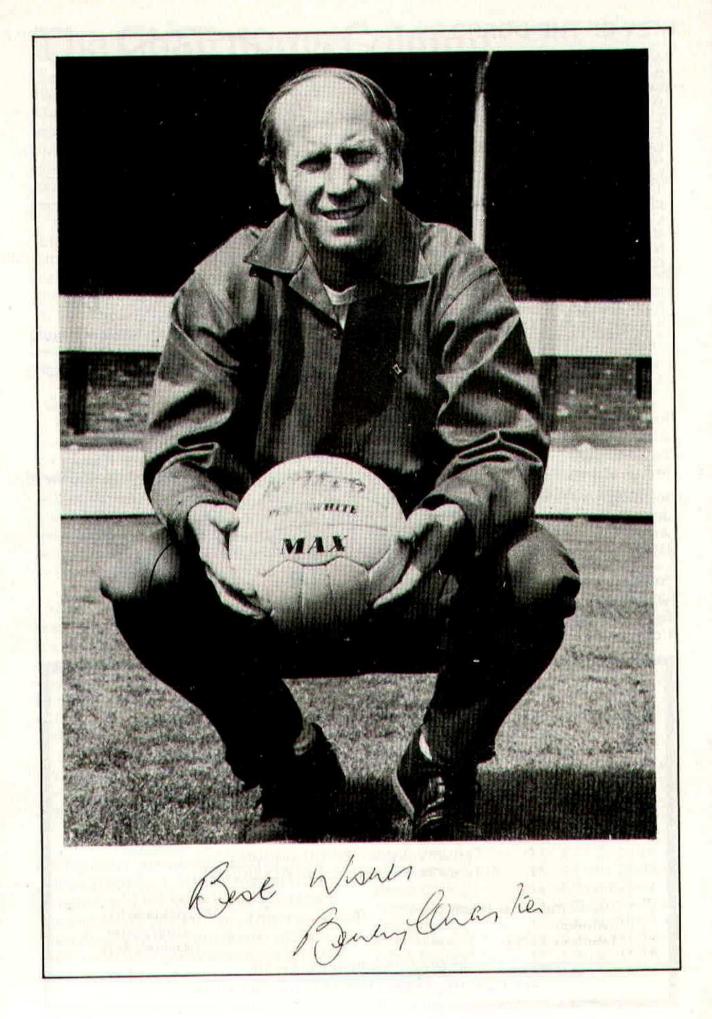
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Bobby Charlton, C.B.E.' Born: Ashington, Northumberland. 11th October, 1937. Joined Manchester United in 1953. Made his first team debut in October 1956 against Charlton Athletic - when he scored twice.

Football Honours

1957 League Championship Medal. F.A. Cup Runners-up Medal.

1958 F.A. Cup Runners-up Medal

1963 F.A. Cup Winners Medal

1965 League Championship Medal

1966 World Cup Winners Medal European Footballer of the Year. Footballer of the Year.

1967 League Championship Medal

1968 European Cup Winners Medal

Appearances: Made his international debut against Scotland in April, 1958 when he scored in the 4 - 0 win. During the period 1958 to 1970 he played in 106 matches scoring 49 goals. Football League between 1956 and 1973 he scored 198 goals in 606 matches. The highest in one season being in 1958-59 when he scored 29 goals in 38 matches.

Appointed as Manager on the 1st June, 1973 upon his release from Manchester United. signed as a professional player to make his comeback on the 29th May 1974.

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Player/Manager: R. Charlton, C.B.E.

Chief Coach: N. Bodell

First Team Trainer: H. Hubbick

Honours: Football League:

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Join the Swindon Town Football Club for your holiday in 1975

The team will be travelling to Tunisia in May next to take part in a tournament with Hereford United, Charlton Athletic and Bournemouth. A plane load of players and officials are leaving Gatwick on 14th May and there are a few seats left over for travelling supporters. The cost of the trip is £77. per person, and this cost includes transportation to and from Gatwick, return flight to Tunisia, full board at the plush Sahara Beach Hotel for one week (yes, the same hotel at which the players will be staying), insurance, medical care, and transfers in Tunisia including to and from matches.

There aren't many seats available so don't delay, if you wish to go along on this exciting trip make sure that your name is booked now.



JIM BARRON

Jim was born in Tantobie, County Durham and played for Northumberland County as a school-boy. Shortly after he left school he signed professional forms for Wolverhampton Wanderers and, before joining the Town he played for Chelsea, Oxford United and Nottingham Foret. Whilst at Forest he toured Australia for six weeks with a Football Association XI.

Jim is married and he and his wife Jenny have two children Lee aged 8 and Tracy aged 11.

Jim enjoys reading, solving crosswords (not hard ones says he) and listening to 'easy' music, Sinatra and Dean Martin being two of his favourites.

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Nottm. Forest	1970/71	42
	1971/72	37
	1972/73	41
	1973/74	35
Swindon	1974/75	26
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The Evening Advertiser

The man in the middle



ROY CAPEY (Madeley Heath, Staffs)

Took up refereeing during National Service with the R.A.F. and progressed through the Cheshire County League to The League line in 1959/60. Went on to the referees' list in 1967/68. Was on the line for the Denmark v. Sweden International in 1963 and Inter Milan v. Hansa Rostock, Fairs Cup in 1969. Refereed in the 1973 Anglo-Italian Tournament and the final of the F.A. Youth Cup last season. An occupational supervisor at an industrial rehabilitation centre, he is married with a teenage daughter. A former North Staffs, table tennis champion, he is also involved as sports commentator for B.B.C. Radio Stoke-on-Trent.

News and Views - continued

Details of previous encounters between the two clubs are as follows:-

Division Two

	Home	Awa	y
1963-64	1-4	0-1	
1964-65	2-2	1-2	
1969-70	1-0	1-3	Swindon's
1971-72	1-1	2-2	score is
1972-73	3-2	1-1	shown first
1973-74	3-1	1-1	

F.A. Cup: 1934-35 (Fourth Round) home Lost 2-0.

Football League Cup 1961-62 (Second Round) away. Lost 3-1.

Summary of League encounters.

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Home	6	3	2	1	1110	8
Away	6	0	3	3	610	3
	12	3	5	4	17 20	11



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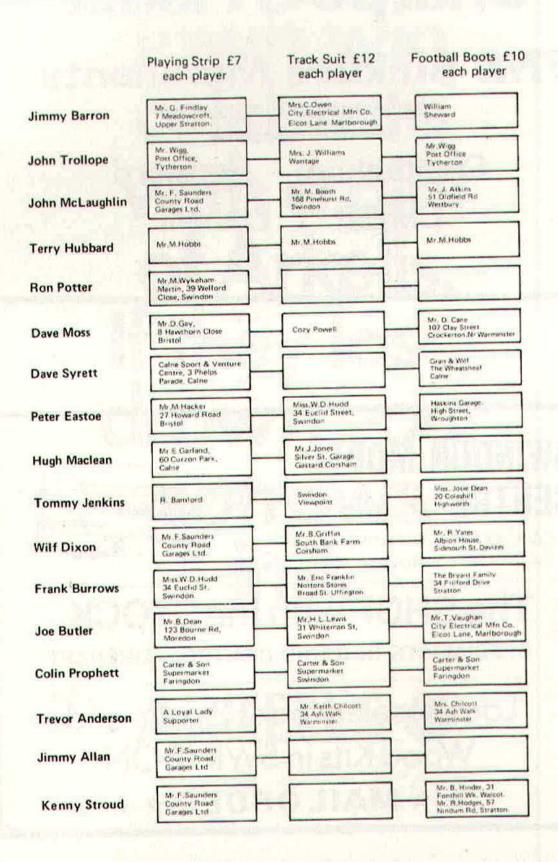


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- 3. Trollope
- 4. Hubbard
- 5. Burrows
- 6. Prophett
- 7. Moss
- 8. McLaughlin
- 9. Eastoe
- 10. Butler
- 11. Anderson

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- 2. McMahon
- 3. Burns
- 4. Stiles
- 5. Bird
- 6. Sadler
- 7. Spark
- 8. Morley
- 9. Elwiss
- 10. Holden
- 11. Charlton

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