

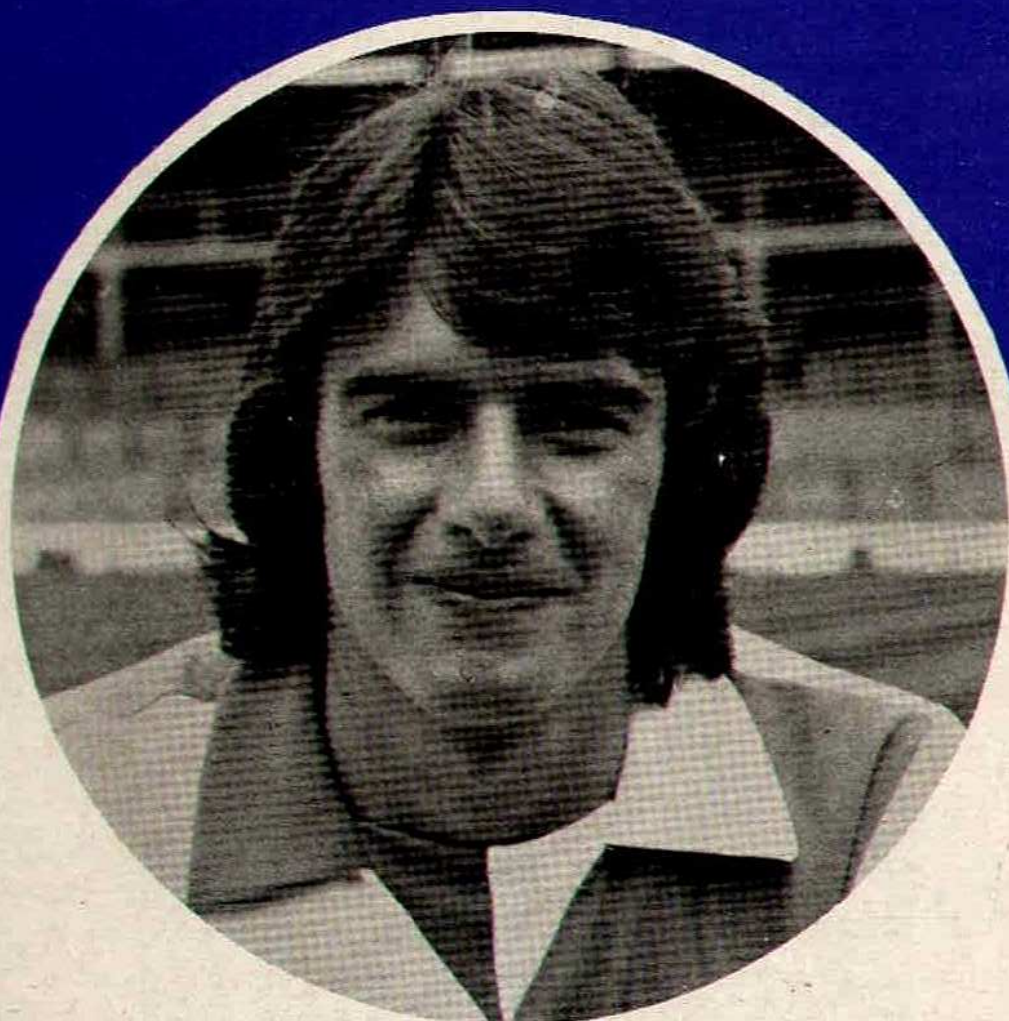
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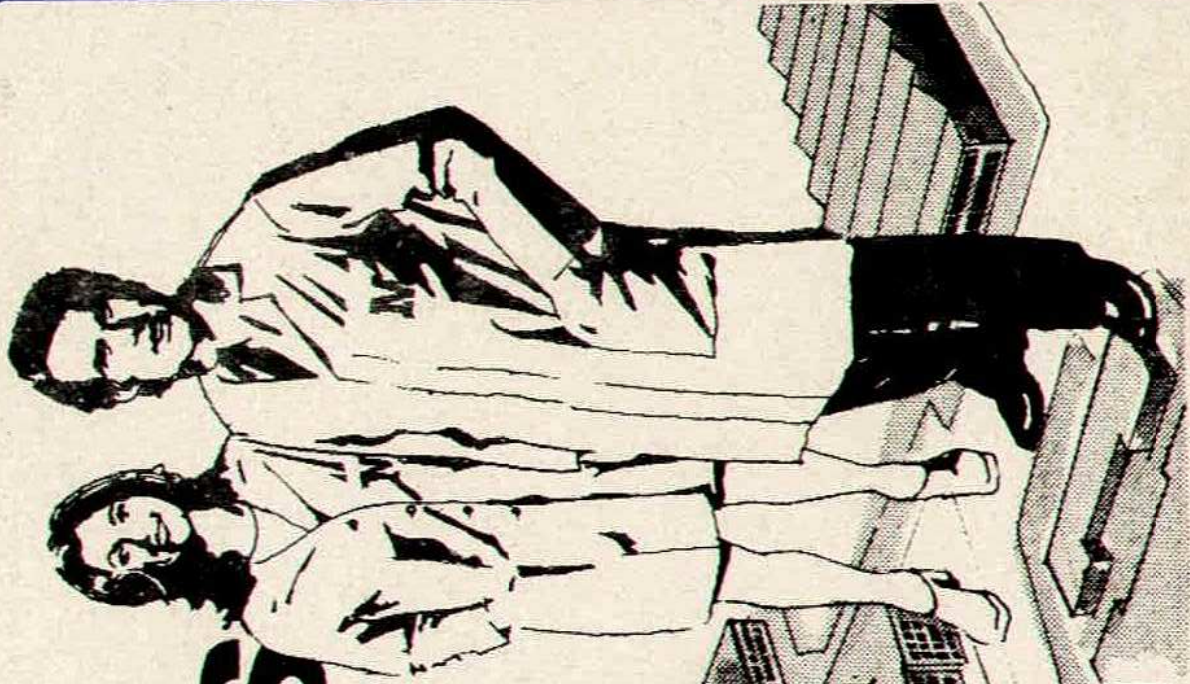
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Lee on the Line

Once again we face a team fighting—like ourselves, for promotion from the Third Division and a glance back at our recent fixtures at Ewood will show you just how competitive this division is turning out to be. Since Christmas, we have met Preston North End, Charlton, Plymouth, Peterborough and now Swindon—all teams who are in with a good chance of Second Division football next term.

There are not going to be any easy games from now to the end of the season, for the teams not involved in the promotion struggle most are fighting against relegation so points are vital to everybody.

I am sure you appreciated the gesture by the players at the Plymouth match when they stayed on afterwards to say thank you for your efforts. I can tell you that they certainly appreciated the

support you gave them particularly when Plymouth went two goals in front and we missed a penalty. It is this sort of united effort by all concerned with the club that can bring success.

Unfortunately, a tremendous afternoon for Blackburn Rovers was marred by one or two incidents caused by hooligans. I have just one message for anyone who comes to Ewood Park with the idea of causing trouble. Get out, we don't want you and neither do the thousands of true fans who have given us such loyal support this season.

We had another big following to Aldershot last week—a round trip of 500 miles—but although we did quite well in the first half we were very disappointing in the second and, frankly, didn't deserve to win.

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analysis on Pat Hilton

by Peter White

Although Pat Hilton has not been able to claim a first team place for some time, after being a regular during the opening few months of the campaign, I reckon that it will take much more than that to keep this effervescent young forward down.

When the Rovers paid a big fee—by Third Division standards—to Brighton for striker Kenny Beamish they also enlisted the services of Pat Hilton on a free transfer and he has proved himself a valuable member of the club's senior squad.

His never-say-die attitude somehow seemed to sum up the spirit of the whole side when the promotion-chasing show was first set in motion back in sunny August and September at places like Grimsby and Preston. It was Hilton's non-stop endeavour that first commended him to the Ewood supporters, a real 90 minute player and one who still has time on his side.

Even if he doesn't make it back into the first team this season, he has made his mark on the club's promotion effort. At Grimsby in the opening match he put in a five star performance, not to mention the vital goal he grabbed in the 2-1 win at Chesterfield, and in all his games he has put in 100 per cent effort.

Pat's greatest asset is his speed off the mark and his style of play is obviously suited to the firmer grounds when more depends on skill and speed than stamina. I have a feeling we have yet to see the best of a young player who could still turn up trumps.

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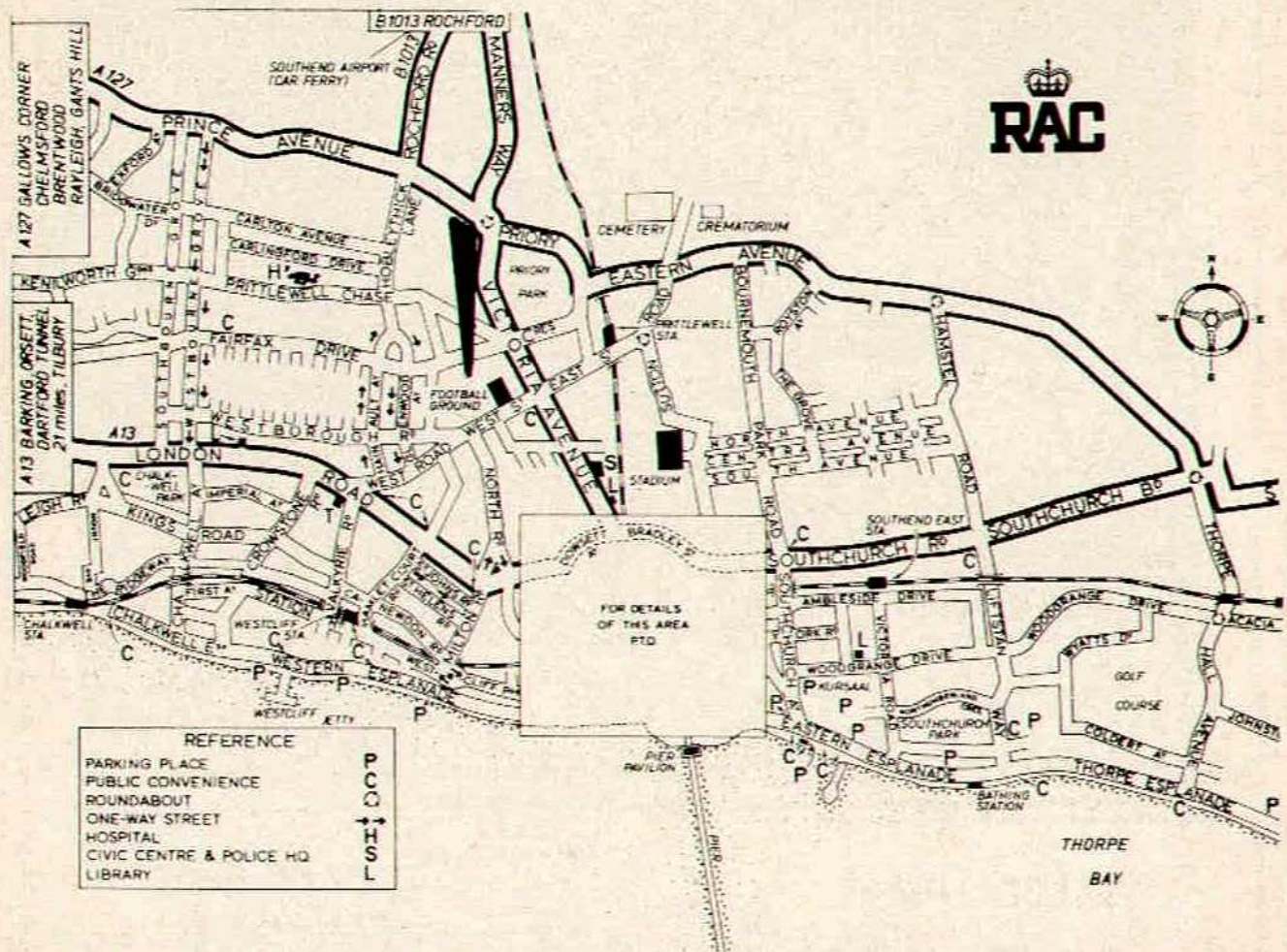
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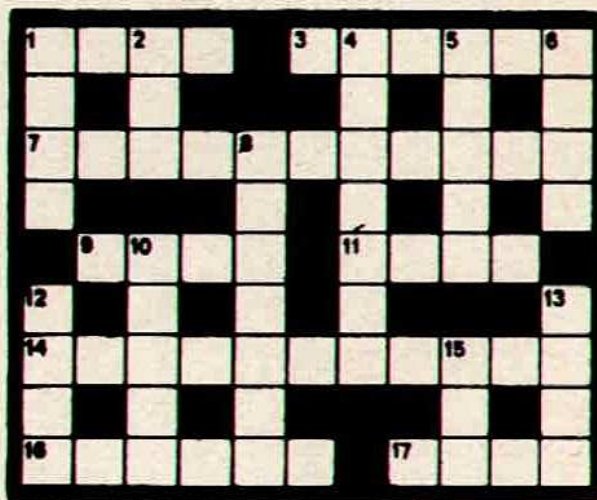
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CLUES—Across

1. Arsenal administrator (4)
3. Fulham full-back (6)
7. Soccer encyclopaedist with an appropriately 'striking' name (11)
9. Newport are the "—sides" (4)
11. Derek Dougan wrote a book called "The — He Never Wore" (4)
14. General Manager at Huddersfield (3, 8)
16. Derby defender (6)
17. Once a Barrow boy, now a Blade (4)

CLUES—Down

1. The maximum one was abolished in 1961 (4)
2. Former manager of Darlington and Norwich: — Morgan (3)
4. Luton international (7)
5. Blackburn forward (5)
6. Rainer — (fortuna Düsseldorf & W. Germany) (4)
8. U.S.A. side: — Earthquakes (3, 4)
10. — Heredia (Atletico Madrid & Argentina) (5)
12. A non-replaceable one must be made of "rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar soft material" (4)
13. — Provan (Torquay United) (4)
15. First name of cricketing clubmate of 17 across (3)

SOLUTIONS—Down

1. Wage; 2. Lol; 4. Thomson; 5. Oates; 6. Geyse; 8. San Jose; 10. Ramon; 12. stud; 13. Andy; 15. Ted (Hemsley) (Worce. CCC)

SOLUTIONS—Across

1. Wall; 3. Strong; 7. Goleworthy; 9. Iron; 11. Sash; 14. Tom Johnston; 16. Daniel; 17. Eddy (Sheff. U.)

looking back



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Action at EWOOD

Above: Ken Beamish nods the first of the five to reduce the arrears.

Below: It's 2-2 as Don Martin crashes home a spectacular volley.

Above Right: Mick Hickman slides the ball past Goalkeeper Furnell for No. 3.

Right: It's that man again Mick Hickman blasts home No. 4 from close range.





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On March 12, the West Germans, first winners of the new World Cup and undisputed world soccer champions, will bring all their skills to Wembley for a match which has captured public imagination to a remarkable extent.

Though it is labelled a "friendly" international, it means more to the English public than many a supposedly competitive international match.

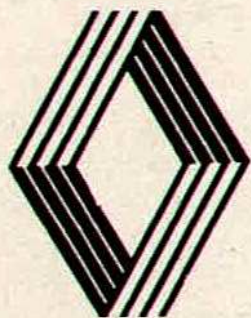
It will provide a supreme test for Don Revie's "new-look" England, for the result will provide an assessment of our chances in the next World Cup.

England will go into this vital match with one massive problem still unsolved. We do not yet know our best midfield formation.

In previous internationals this season Revie went for Martin Dobson of Everton, Colin Bell of Manchester City and Gerry Francis of Queen's Park Rangers. This combination didn't work against the Czechs; against Portugal, Revie tried Trevor Brooking of West Ham instead of Dobson, retaining the other two, but England laboured to a goalless draw.

The midfield is the engine room and until Revie gets things right there we shall still be unsuccessful at world level.

Players who must come into the reckoning are Alan Hudson of Stoke, Tony Currie of Sheffield United and Alan Ball of Arsenal, even if Ball is now over 30.



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This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to our rivals from Wiltshire. They are yet another club to visit us who have consistently been in the 'Chasing' group at the top of the table. Relegated last season from Division 2 along with Crystal Palace and Preston, all three teams are making quite an impression this season.

Formed in 1881 they turned professional in 1894. Two years later they changed grounds from the Croft to their present one—the county ground. Capacity is restricted to 30,000 but the record attendance was recorded in January 1972 when they entertained Arsenal in an F.A. Cup round 3 tie when 32,000 people paid £12,594 to watch the match.

Their league record shows their best season was in 1969-70 when they finished in 5th place in Division 2. They were runners up in Division 3 in 1962-63, and in 1968-69.

They will always be remembered for their tremendous victory over Arsenal by 3 goals to 1 in the Football League Cup Final in 1968-69. Don Rogers 2, and Smart for Swindon, and Bobby Gould for Arsenal were the goalscorers. The following season they won the Anglo-Italian Cup.

A piece of interesting information about Swindon is that before World War 2 a chap by the name of Harold Fleming played for England 11 times—whilst the club were still a non-league side.

Danny Williams who took over from Les Allen, is now in his second spell as manager of the 'Robins' and is obviously hoping he can lead a quick return to Division 2.

Rovers meanwhile will be hoping for revenge after their early visit to Swindon at the beginning of the season, when they went down by 2 goals to nil.

JAMES ALLAN—(Goalkeeper)— Born Inverness. Signed as an Apprentice Professional from Brora Rangers in October 1970 and signed professional in July 1971. He made his debut in the First Team in September 1971. Height: 5' 11". Weight: 11st. 7lbs.

JOE BUTLER—(Full Back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Height 5' 6½". Weight: 10st. 10lbs.

FRANK BURROWS—(Centre Half). Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the Club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played 3 seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in the first team. Regular member of promotion winning side of season 1968/69. Height: 6' 1". Weight: 12st. 8lbs.

KEN STROUD—(Midfield). Born London. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970. This skillful player is rapidly becoming a contender for a regular first team place. Height: 5' 11". Weight: 12st.

—Players & Management

JOHN TROLLOPE—(Full Back). Born Wroughton, Near Swindon. Joined the Club from school and has become its longest serving professional, signing in August 1960. Since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon. Height: 6'. Weight: 12st. 4lbs.

TERRY HUBBARD—(Inside Forward). Born Newport. Joined Club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional 1969. Has now established himself as a regular First Team and Welsh under 23 player. Height: 5' 9". Weight: 10st. 10lbs.

DAVID MOSS—(Outside Right). Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969. Height: 5' 9". Weight: 11st. 3lb.

TOM JENKINS—(Winger) Born London. Signed from Southampton in October 1972 after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Formerly with Orient and Reading he also had a spell with Southern League Margate. Height: 5' 10". Weight 11st. 10lb.

MICK McGOVERN—(Forward) Born Hayes. Signed from Queens Park Rangers in February 1973 and formerly played in London amateur soccer. Height: 5' 10½". Weight: 11st. 8lb.

RON POTTER—(Left Half) Born Wolverhampton. He started his career with West Bromwich Albion as a centre half where his opportunities were limited. Transferred to Swindon November 1970. Height: 6'. Weight: 12st. 3lb.

RAY CLARKE—(Forward) Born Hackney. Signed from Tottenham Hotspur 24th May, 1973. Ray was a leading goal scorer in the Spurs Football Combination side. Height: 6' 1". Weight: 12st. 8lb.

DAVID SYRETT—(Forward) Born in Salisbury. Joined the Club as an apprentice professional on the 13th July 1972 and as a professional on the 8th November 1973. During the past season he became a member of the First Team squad and was also a member of the England Youth Team. Height: 5' 10". Weight 11st. 7lbs.

PETER EASTOE—(Forward) Born in Tamworth, Staffs. Signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers on 13th March 1974 having joined Wolves as a boy. Played only 19 games last season during which time he became the Club's top goal scorer. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 3lbs.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN—(Right-Back) Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the Club from Colchester on the 3rd December 1973, and has made the left back position his own. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 10st. 12lbs.

WILFRED DIXON—(Full-Back or Midfield) Born London. Signed 20th September, 1973 from Reading. Height: 5' 8". Weight: 10st. 6lbs.

JIM BARRON—(Goalkeeper) Born Tantobie, Co. Durham. Signed 22nd July, 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United. Height: 5' 11½". Weight: 12st. 7lb.

HUGH MACLEAN Born Stornaway. Joined the Club on 22nd July, 1974 from West Bromwich Albion. Height: 6' 1". Weight: 10st. 8lb.

TREVOR ANDERSON—(Forward) Born Belfast. Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International. Height: 5' 10". Weight 11st. 2lb.

COLIN PROPHETT—(Right Half) Born Crewe. Signed 30th September 1974 from Norwich City after a month's trial. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday. Height: 5' 11". Weight: 12st. 1lb.

MAN IN CHARGE

JOHN WILLIAMS (Wrexham). Made his way on to the full League list in 1971 via the Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues and the supplementary list. Has refereed an England-Scotland Under 23 international and officiated in European competitions in France, Italy, Spain, Denmark and Holland. A foreman electrician, he is married with two children and is interested in all sports. One of his main interests outside the game is walking in the North Wales countryside near his home.

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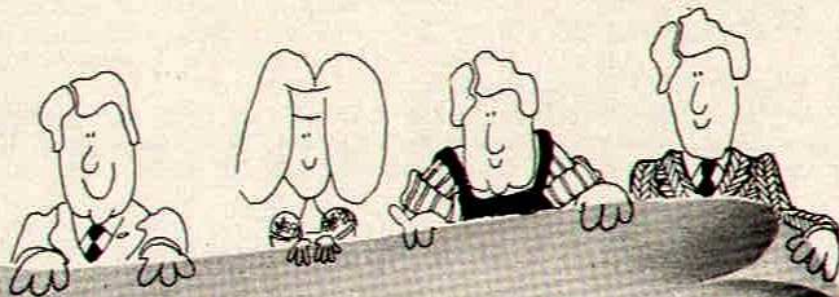
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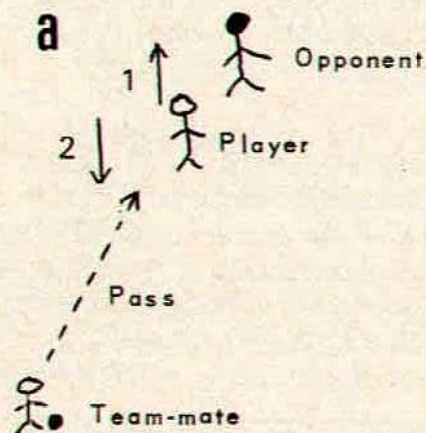
by R. Dinnis

How to create space

In modern football one of the hardest things to escape from is the close marking or pressure of an opponent. To do this requires thought, and movement off the ball, in order to get your opponent off his guard, or in two minds as to what to do.

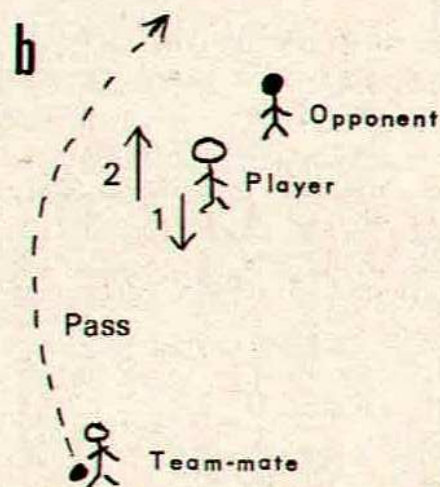
Here I shall deal with some aspects of this play.

1. When a team-mate is in possession.



Player runs away from Team-mate towards opponents goal (1). Opponent must go with him, so after 3-4 yards, the player stops and runs towards his team-mate (2), who plays the ball to his FEET.

Player runs towards team-mate (1), perhaps calling for the ball. Opponent goes closely with him, so after 3-4 yards the player stops and runs



towards opponents goal 2, where his team-mate plays a long pass into SPACE.

2. When player himself is in possession.

a. One of the most effective ways of creating space for yourself when are in possession of the ball is simply to pretend to kick the ball and then not do so. This can be done when the player is still, or on the move. The opponents natural reaction to this will be to stop or hesitate, thus giving the player the time and space to progress. Bobby Charlton and Mick Channon are both brilliant at doing this.

b. For defenders, sometimes the most useful space is that behind him. Very often if a defender lets an incoming pass run across him or towards his own goal, rather than control it into a tight space towards an opponent, he will gain valuable space and time. Bobby Moore is a fine example of this.

Around the

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

By TONY PULLEIN

Current form records of Third Division clubs reveal that we need to make a slight improvement if we are to finish in one of the top three positions.

This is how the leaders have been faring over their last three home and away League games:

	Home				Away				Ps
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L		
Preston	6	3	0	0	1	1	1	9	
C. Palace	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Gillingham	6	2	0	1	1	2	0	8	
Charlton	6	2	1	0	1	1	1	8	
Walsall	6	1	1	1	1	2	0	7	
ROVERS	6	2	0	1	1	1	1	7	
Plymouth	6	1	1	1	2	0	1	7	
Swindon	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	6	

One of the dark horses could yet prove to be Gillingham. The Gills have been steaming up the table and could even now close the gap on the leaders to earn promotion themselves. They haven't lost away from home since Boxing Day when they went down 1-2 at Aldershot.

Plymouth, who appeared to be striding well ahead a month ago, have received three severe blows. First

Charlton took a point away from Home Park, then they crashed 2-5 at Blackburn before last week losing at home to another close rival, Crystal Palace, by 1-0.

Bobby Charlton's Preston side is maintaining an average of two points per home match, and one away, which would see them win the championship if they continue. Blackburn and Swindon, both serious challengers, have fallen away a little. In Swindon's case it's their away form which is sabotaging their chances.

CHESTERFIELD RISE

The most successful of all Third Division clubs just now is, amazingly, Chesterfield! They were **bottom** of the table in mid-January. Now a brilliant flash of ten points from six games has seen them rise to 18th position. Last Saturday they enjoyed a shock 2-0 victory at Peterborough.

FALLING

Another defeat for Huddersfield Town—at home to Halifax last Saturday now makes them almost certain to equal Northampton's record for the most rapid drop from the First to the Fourth Division in four seasons.

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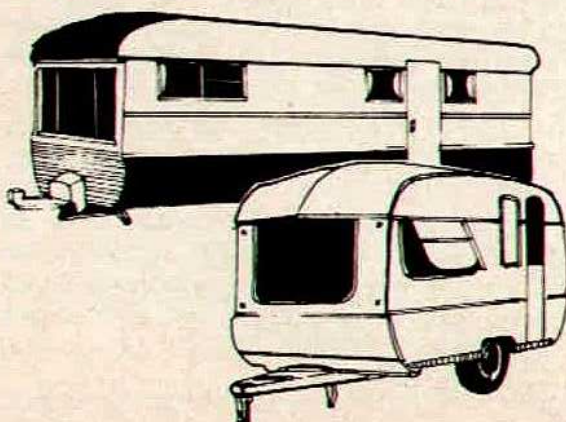
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TURNED DOWN WEMBLEY

John Benson could have been playing at Wembley this afternoon. Instead, he chose to go in search of Third Division relegation - saving points.

Benson was a member of the Norwich team which battled its way to this afternoon's League Cup final against Aston Villa. He would almost certainly have been in the side today. But when he received an offer to return to his old club, Bournemouth, as player-manager he decided to turn down the chance of glamour.

"Bournemouth naturally wanted a quick decision in view of their precarious position in the League so I had a straight choice," explained Benson. "The glamour of Wembley pulled hard but I've reached the stage of my career where I must begin thinking of the future so, when all things were considered, I felt it best to take the Bournemouth job."

Bournemouth are at home to Colchester United this afternoon and desperately need both points to help lift them out of the last four places. So Benson's mind will certainly not be wandering to Wembley. "The two points will be the only thing on my mind," he smiled.

—LEADNG POSITIONS

	League	FA	League Cup	Cup	T't'l
Buckley (Walsall)	18	1	5		24
Eastoe (Swindon)	18	—	5		23
McNeal (Hereford)	22	1	—		23
Holden (Preston)	16	1	5		22
Rafferty (Plymouth)	18	—	4		22
Moss (Chesterfield)	18	—	5		21
Lewis (Grimsby)	17	—	1		18
Duffey (Bury)	10	2	5		17
(includes 4 for Chester)					
Švarc (Colchester)	16	1	—		17
MARTIN (Rovers)	12	2	2		16
Richardson					
(Gillingham)	15	1	—		16

Up to and including last Saturday.

—TOP ATTENDANCES

	Aggregate	Aver.
1. Crystal Palace	282,107	17,632
2. Brighton	178,176	11,878
3. Plymouth Argyle	174,149	11,610
4. BLACKBURN	174,111	11,607
5. Preston	175,175	10,304
6. Peterborough	131,952	9,425
7. Charlton	143,494	8,968
8. Swindon Town	134,476	7,910
9. Hereford United	126,279	7,428
10. Gillingham	118,442	7,403

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Scorer's name in bold.

date	fixture	att.	res.	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 17	Grimby T.	7,293	2-1	2		Jones	Heaton	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	Beamish	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 21	L. Cup 1. Stockport	4,038	2-0			Jones	Heaton	Wood	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 24	CHESTER U.	8,390	3-2	4		Jones	Heaton	Wood	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
Sep 7	Solihull Town	4,951	0-2	4	8	Jones	Burgin	Wilkinson	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 11	BRIGHTON and H.	5,858	1-0	6	4	Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	Hird	Hawkins	Oates	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 11	L. Cup 2. Northampton	5,706	2-2	6		Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Oates	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 14	Preston North End	18,042	0-0	7	4	Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	Burgin	Hawkins	Oates	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 18	L. Cup 2. Northampton	8,566	1-0	7		Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Oates	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 21	HALIFAX TOWN	7,884	1-0	9	6	Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 25	SOUTHEND UNITED	9,159	1-0	11		Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 27	Tranmere Rovers	4,156	1-1	12	4	Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
Oct 2	GILLINGHAM	8,587	4-1	14		Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 5	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	10,669	1-0	16	1	Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 9	L. Cup 3. Hartlepool	5,995	1-1	16	1	Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 12	CHESTERFIELD	6,547	2-1	18		Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 16	L.C. 3. HARTLEPOOL	11,142	1-2	18		Jones	Wilkinson	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 19	PORT VALE	9,777	2-2	19	1	Jones	Burgin	Heaton	W'dington	Hawkins	Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 22	Crystal Palace	16,151	0-1	19	2	Jones	Burgin	Heaton	Metcalfe	Fazack ley	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 26	Walsall	6,718	3-1	21	2	Jones	Heaton	Burgin	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
Nov 6	BURY	12,283	1-0	23	1	Jones	Heaton	Burgin	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	13,613	1-1	24	1	Jones	Heaton	Burgin	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 16	Peterborough U.	10,584	0-1	24	1	Jones	Heaton	Burgin	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 18	ALDRSHOT	10,584	2-0	26	1	Jones	Burgin	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 23	F.A. Cup 1. Marock T.	5,180	4-1	27		Jones	Burgin	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 30	WATFORD	10,231	0-0	27	1	Jones	Heaton	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 7	Charlton Athletic	8,497	1-2	27	1	Jones	Heaton	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 14	F.A. Cup 2. Darlington	9,096	1-0	27		Jones	Heaton	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 21	Hereford United	7,288	1-0	27		Jones	Heaton	Wood	Metcalfe	Hawkins	W'dington	W'dington	Oates	Martin	Parkes	Hilton	Endean
" 26	PRESTON NORTH END	24,005	3-0	29	1	Jones	Heaton	W'dington	Metcalfe	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 28	Huddersfield Town	8,122	2-1	31	1	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
Jan 4	Bristol R. F.A. Cup (3)	12,876	1-2	31		Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 11	Watford	5,828	0-0	33	1	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	28,477	1-2	34	1	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 25	Plymouth A. (4)	12,323	0-1	34	2	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Wood	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
Feb 1	PETERBOROUGH U.	11,963	2-1	36	2	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 8	Bury	17,734	5-2	38	1	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 15	PLYMOUTH	5,498	1-1	39	1	Jones	Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 22	Aldershot						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
Mar 1	SWINDON T. (LCF)						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 8	Southend Utd. (B)						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 15	TRANMERE ROVERS						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 19	GRIMSBY TOWN						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 22	Brighton and H. A.						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 28	HUDDERSFIELD T.						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 29	HEREFORD UNITED						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 29	Halifax Town						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
Apr 5	WALSALL (SF)						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 9	Gillingham						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 12	A.F.C. Bournemouth						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 19	CHESTERFIELD						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 22	Port Vale						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
" 26	Colchester United						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen
May 3	Cup Final						Burgin	Fazack ley	Hawkins	Heaton	Metcalfe	Burgin	Burgin	Beamish	Martin	Oates	Mullen

Diary

Next Home games at Ewood Park

Saturday, 8th March

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Rovers v. Stoke City

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, 15th March

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Rovers v. Tranmere

Kick-off 3 p.m.



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Saturday, 15th February, 1975; FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III
Rovers 5 Plymouth Argyle 2

Rovers Jones, Heaton, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Burgin, Metcalfe, Oates, Parkes, Beamish, Hickman, Martin.

Scorers Beamish, Martin (2), Hickman (2).

Plymouth Furnell, Burrows, Green, Saxton, More, Randell, Delve, McAuley, Rafferty, Mariner, Johnson.

Scorers Jones (O.G.), McAulay.

Saturday, 15th February, 1975; CENTRAL LEAGUE

Sheffield Wed. Res. 6 Rovers Res. 1

Rovers Res. Bradshaw, Wilkinson, Read, Hird, Waddington, Higgins, Dilworth, Bolton, Hilton, Edwards, Kenyon.

Saturday, 22nd February, 1975; FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. III

Aldershot 1 Rovers 1

Rovers Jones, Heaton, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Burgin, Metcalfe, Oates, Parkes, Beamish, Hickman, Martin.

Scorer Metcalfe

Aldershot Johnson, Waldeon, Jopling, Dean, Richardson, Walker, Coulson, Brown, Howarth, Jainty, Brodie.

Scorer Howarth

Saturday, 22nd February, 1975; CENTRAL LEAGUE

Rovers Res. 1 Liverpool Res. 1

Rovers Butcher, Wilkinson, Read, Dilworth, Waddington, Parkin, Wright, Higgins, Hilton, Kenyon, Bolton.

Scorer Dilworth.

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rovers	31	16	8	7	47	32	40
Preston	31	17	5	10	47	35	39
Charlton	31	16	7	8	55	42	39
Plymouth	31	16	6	9	55	44	38
Crystal Palace	32	14	9	9	46	41	37
Swindon	32	15	7	10	45	44	37
Walsall	32	13	9	10	48	34	35
Gillingham	32	13	8	11	48	41	34
Colchester	32	11	11	10	49	44	33
Port Vale	31	11	11	9	43	38	33

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Nov. 6	Crystal Palace —A. Halliwell, Turf Accountant, Whalley Banks, Blackburn.
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Dear Sir,

What a fantastic game that was on Saturday against Plymouth and one which must have embraced all the emotions of a superb match. On glancing through my old programmes and memories of previous games, this must rank with the 1963/64 game when the Rovers beat Spurs 7-2. The Ewood Sign on my bungalow is fairly glowing!

Yours Faithfully,
D. J. Holmes.

Glad you enjoyed the game, if the "Ewood" sign was glowing after this match, I suggest you have the Fire Brigade standing by at the end of the season, if we maintain our progress. Nice to hear from our fans in the West Country, regards to you all.

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Dear Editor,

Could I draw your attention to the focus photograph of Mick Wood shown on the cover of the Rovers v. Peterborough Programme. Contrary to the Rovers official blue and white halves combination, the shirt Mick is shown wearing, has the blue and white halves in a reversed formation.

I wonder how many more of our supporters were sharp enough to spot this anomaly.

M. Leeming, (Riversider).

As far as I know only the writer spotted the mistake, full marks for observation! Having spoken to the Printer it would appear that the negative was used on the reverse side to reproduce this strange effect.

Dear Sir,

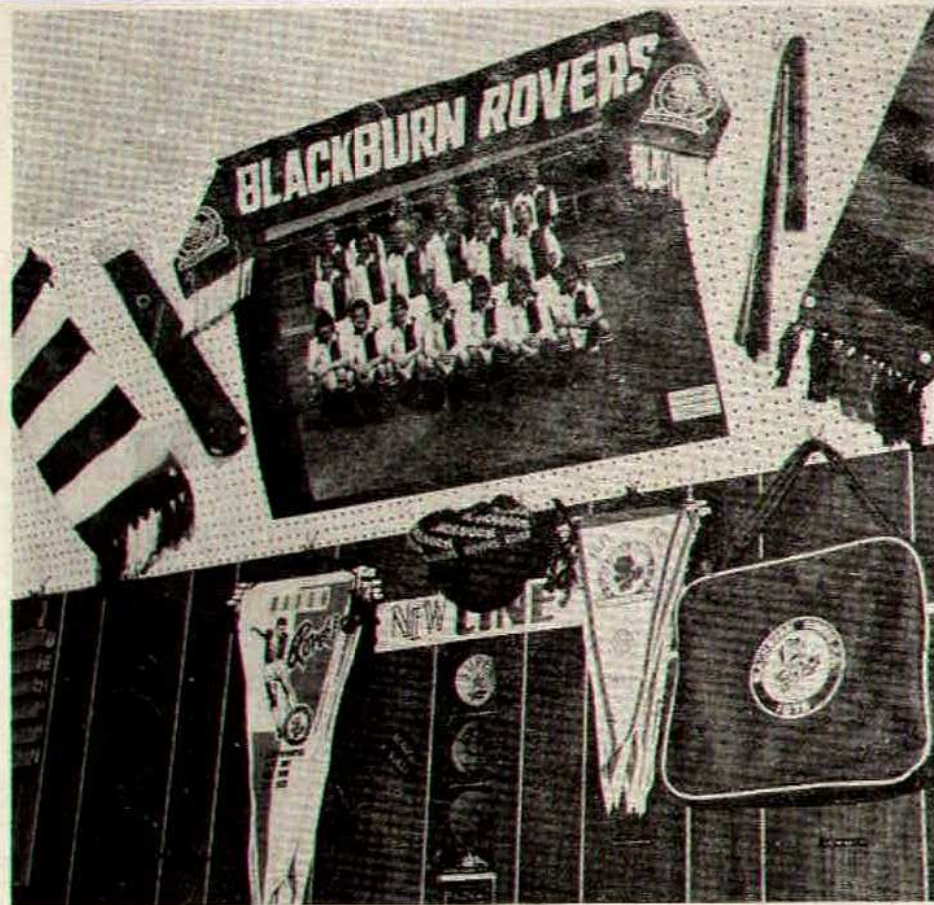
I would like to know why you have not put in this seasons review league appearances and goals you did this last season.

Yours sincerely, Joey McCoirty.

P.S. How many league appearances has Stuart Metcalfe done for Rovers.

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