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NEWS & VIEWS

We welcome once again to the County Ground our visitors Halifax Town. Many seasons have passed since the two clubs last met. It was in fact in 1962-63, the year Swindon was first promoted to Division 2, but unfortunately our visitors were relegated to Division 4. Although there was a difference of 30 points between the two clubs at the end of the season. Halifax took 3 out of the 4 from us. In the away match played on Saturday 29th September 1962, Swindon lost 3-4 after leading 3-1 with ten minutes to go to the final whistle. When the full time result came through it caused great consternation to the supporters at the Reserve game. The return fixture at Swindon in May produced a 1-1 draw, but by then we were almost assured of promotion, which was clinched on the following Monday by a 2-0 win at Colchester.

Earlier this season we drew 0-0 at Halifax, one of our eight away drawn games.

Halifax came into League football in 1921-22, when the Northern Section was added to the Third Division. The start was rather disastrous, as re-election had to be sought, and the club suffered a serious financial loss.

Throughout the years Halifax has struggled on with little support or

success. Today they occupy 18th position in the League table, and appear to be safe from relegation. One is bound to admire the spirit and dedication of the men who run the club in the face of such difficulties. Men like the present Chairman, Mr. Percy Albion, who has been on the Board of Directors, for something over 20 years.

The end of the season is approaching, and on Tuesday we play our last home game.

What of this season? Looking back every realistic supporter is bound to say. It was much better than I expected. It really has been a bright enjoyable season, with much entertaining football. Maybe the discarding of those awful "black shorts" did something!

Some supporters will be disappointed after the encouraging signs of promotion, and the build up and interest in the Cup-ties, especially against West Ham. But let us be honest, many of our true supporters, really felt, at the beginning of the season, of us almost descending to Division 4. In fact, many of the experts in their predictions gave Swindon as possible candidates for relegation. Fortunately they were proved very wrong. But you know the outlook at the beginning was very bleak. We had just experienced one of the worst seasons

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Halifax Escape the Drop

by Tony Pullein

It now seems reasonably certain that Halifax will retain their Third Division place, following a worrying season which has seen them struggling right from the start. During the campaign they have appointed a new manager, John Quinn, and the team has undergone many changes.

One of their most recent signings has brought some confusion as Halifax now have an Alex Smith in both their number one and two shirts!

Goalkeeper Alex Smith is now in his eighth season with the club. He joined them from Bolton Wanderers and previously played for ill-fated Accrington Stanley in the season they resigned from the League.

Defender Alex Smith has only recently joined the club from Colchester United. He began with Bradford City and spent a couple of years at Huddersfield before going to Southend in 1970 and to Colchester three years later.

The remainder of the defence could comprise John Rhodes, Albert Phelan and John Collins.

Rhodes served County loyally for almost a decade but played only five League games during that period. He has been a permanent member of the Halifax defence since his transfer in 1970. Phelan is another recent signing, joining Halifax after spending over 10 years in Chesterfield's first-team.

Welsh under-23 left-back John Collins had the odd experience of playing in five internationals before he ever played a League game! He was with Spurs then but didn't enjoy League football until moving to Portsmouth in 1971. He went to Halifax this season.

Ray McHale, Alan Jones and David Ford are the probable midfield players.

McHale is another ex-Chesterfield player to arrive this season. Two years ago he was their leading scorer. Alan Jones, signed from Huddersfield as a defender, had some success as a striker last season and now usually plays in midfield.

Ford began his career with Sheffield Wednesday and made over 100 First Division appearances for them prior to transferring to Newcastle in 1969. Two years later he returned to Sheffield to join rivals Sheffield United. Halifax signed him last season.

Top scorer is David Gwyther with 13 goals. He could be joined in attack by Bobby Campbell and Kenny Blair.

Halifax had to pay Swansea £10,000 for Gwyther, a Welsh under-23 player, in 1973 but he fulfilled his part of the bargain by repeating the sort of form which made him the Swans' top scorer for his last four seasons at Vetch Field.

Campbell is currently on loan from Aston Villa while Blair was signed from Derby last summer.

John Quinn has turned his hand to soccer management this season for the first time, following a long and successful playing career, half of which was spent in the First Division.

Sheffield Wednesday was his first big club and he made rapid progress with them. Only weeks after joining them from Prescott Cables, he was in their first team. Though he made only a couple of appearances during the 1959/60 campaign — in what was previously described as an inside-forward position —

he was clearly destined to carve a niche for himself at Hillsborough.

It took him about three years to win a regular place but, once in the side, he stayed in. His greatest day was probably at Wembley in 1966, even though it ended in disappointment.

Having gained a reputation, by then, for his versatility, he turned out at outside-left in the F.A. Cup final against Everton. Wednesday led 2-0, soon after the interval, and it seemed certain he would gain a winners' medal. But Everton embarked upon their famous recovery to win 3-2.

Mr. Quinn made some 200 first-team appearances for Wednesday and then transferred to local rivals Rotherham United in 1967. He remained at Millmoor for five years until signing for Halifax during the 1972 close-season.

He was still playing in the opening weeks of this season but when Geroge Mulhall resigned, and he was invited to take over as manager, he dropped his playing duties in order to concentrate full-time upon the task of hoisting Halifax out of the relegation zone.

The Halifax club was formed in 1911 and became a founder member of Division Three (South) ten years later. They reached the fifth round of the F.A. Cup in

1933 and a year later they very nearly won their way into the Second Division for the first time, finishing runners-up to Doncaster only two points from the top.

The war was a prelude to the club's worst era. Three times in the first four post-war seasons they were forced to apply for re-election and their future as a League club was in grave doubt. They managed to scrape clear for several years but in 1954 they made their sixth application for mercy.

Halifax enjoyed another fine Cup run in 1953, though, when their existing ground record of 36,885 was set for the visit of Spurs in round five. They had already beaten First Division sides Cardiff and Stoke but Spurs were too good for them, winning 3-0.

When the two sections of the Third Division were merged in 1958, Halifax joined the national Third Division. They were relegated to Division Four in 1963 and two years later had to apply for re-election yet again.

They then spent several seasons around the middle of the table until Alan Ball senior took over as manager and led the club to promotion for the first time in its history in 1969. They finished second, two points behind Doncaster.



Although Swindon came out deserved winners against Huddersfield the score of 4 - 1 could have been higher but for fine goalkeeping by Taylor.

Team photo **HALIFAX TOWN**



Harrold, Gwyther, White, Smith, Rhodes, Moir, Shanahan, Hendy
Downes, Quinn, Luckett, Jones, Pugh, Ford, Burgin, Thomas.

NEXT SEASON'S PRICES

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The Chairmans Column

Today I wish to make clear the real reason that price rises are coming into being next season. In the football Pink our sports reporter has taken up a lot of space to write a lot of nonsense about the comparisons of watching football and going to the cinema. We are not the least bit interested in worrying about other kinds of entertainment.

It is not our wish that we make it harder for our supporters to come and see us, it is simple economics that we all are facing in todays world of high inflation. Bob Spivey the sports reporter says "that the supporters of football have been the "mugs" of football for too long" and also says "Don't blame Swindon Town fans if they launch a stay-away protest next season".

This surely is the wrong attitude to take, especially from one who gets his living from reporting sport.

We at Swindon have tried to be progressive over the years and now have one of the best stadiums in the leagues. This has only been achieved with the help of you, our loyal supporters and I am sure that this loyalty will continue in face of any difficulties that we may have ahead. We read a lot about the high wages that some players get but I can assure you that the average players wage is much more realistic to industry today than it has been in the past.

We are dependant on our gates obviously for our income and then after this we have to work hard on fund raising schemes, including running our Sports Shop, Souvenir Shop and organising our own refreshment bars. Also, of course, the running of our Rendezvous Club.

The higher running costs of any club, electricity, gas heating, stationery, postage, telephones, meals for players on journeys, high cost of hotels to stay overnight etc. etc. is the obvious reason that one has to have increased revenue. If we could raise sufficient funds from all

our other interests I have mentioned, then we could manage to keep our admission charge stable, but we do come under the administration of the Football League and they will set a minimum charge for admission to football grounds. They will do this trying to bear in mind all the difficulties and circumstances of their ninety two clubs. It is the minimum and not the maximum that they set and I would like to point out that we at Swindon have always kept our prices as low as possible and certainly lower than many. We have always looked after the Senior Citizens and school children and this we intend to do in the future.

Todays game is our last but one home fixture and if this game is as entertaining as our last games at home have been, then we shall enjoy it I am sure.

Again, away at Southend we failed to get the away points we have needed so badly this year, but it is not for the want of trying by our lads.

Last week we took a party of 22 to Melksham Conservative hall where we were entertained by the Millers Sports Club to a skittles evening. This was arranged by Mr. Moore our Liaison Officer in Melksham and a very successful evening was enjoyed by everyone. We managed to win the game by about 15 points. Danny took part and managed a score of 14 on one occasion much to the delight of everyone. There was obviously a lot of leg pulling especially if a ball was bowled clean through without hitting a skittle. The lads are always prepared to support these social occasions and if Danny is approached will always put himself out to try and arrange a date suitable.

Since starting these notes we have now made decisions on our admission prices and these you can find in this edition of our programme and you will be able to see for yourselves that we have tried to keep faith with our supporters.

Thanking you for your support, here's to a good game.

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match Wales v. Scotland at Ninian Park,
Cardiff on Saturday, 17th May 1975,
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GOOD AFTERNOON SUPPORTERS

A committee chaired by Mick Lewis of the Supporters Club and comprising of two supporters, Mrs. Tanner, John Trollope and Bob Spivey met on Thursday 3rd April to decide who will be Supporter of the Year. This as you can well understand was a very difficult decision for them to reach and after two hours consultation they came up with two lads who equally qualified for the trophy. They are Paul Ploughman, 6 Milton Gardens, Tonbridge, Kent and Andrew Fitzgerald, 10 Dale View, Hangleton, Hove, Sussex. So this year it will be a joint award. Neither of these lads are resident in the Swindon area but are keen supporters. Believe me you've got to be keen to sit on the station until 5am to catch a train home after an

evening match and to travel to places like Grimsby, Preston, Wrexham and Port Vale places that as well as being great distances are also expensive to get to. Paul Ploughman has seen 259 consecutive games home and away. What a record!

The club chairman Mr. C. Green will be presenting the trophy to the two winners today and it will be held jointly by them until this time next season.

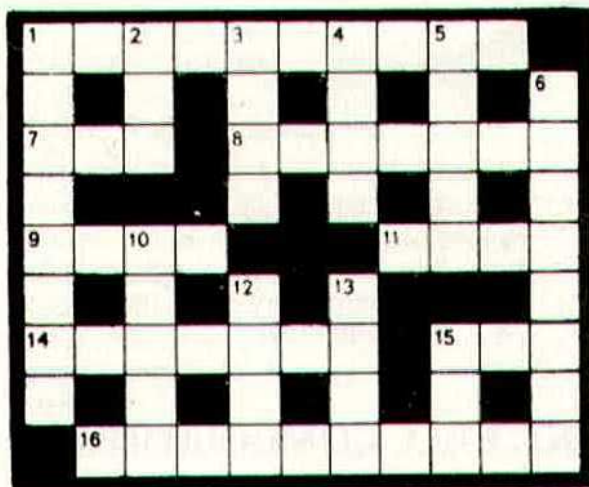
I would like to thank everyone who sent in nominations and that next year. We will have an even bigger response. Meanwhile congratulations to Paul & Andrew.

Yours in Sport

GRAHAM DREW — Commercial Manager.



Peter Eastoe looking for a fourth goal finds Taylor well positioned to cut out this header.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Compiled by David Peck

The first four correct entries opened by The Secretary, The Swindon Town F.C. County Ground, Swindon will each receive two tickets to a home Football League match. Please mark your envelope "Ninety-Niner"

CLUES - Across

1. Soccer side at Rugby Park (10)
7. Hamilton or Holmes (3)
8. England outfitters (7)
9. He sounds like a 'method' manager (4)
11. Rating of a player's skill (4)
14. Hawthorns handler (7)
15. & 15 down. Norwich's record victory (v. Coventry, 1930) and record defeat (v. Swindon, 1908) both involved this score (3-3)
16. He's always seen to be 'On the Ball' (5,5)

CLUES - Down

1. Wednesday defender (8)
2. Famous all Spurs striker: --- Duquemin (3)
3. Jarvis or Jones (4)
4. The referee will note this of a scorer as well as a scrapper (4)
5. Inter Milan international who succeeded Suarez and preceded Mazzola as mid-field general (5)
6. Liverpool signing from Scunthorpe (8)
10. Scorer of West Germany's equaliser in the 1966 World Cup Final (5)
12. Goalkeepers' territory (4)
13. With this punters hope to draw the draws (4)
15. See 15 across.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD IN CHARLTON PROGRAMME

SOLUTIONS - Across

1. Tangerines; 8. See 9 across; 9 & 8 across won four-two; 10. Mees; 11. Gray (Leeds); 14. Lea; 15. Everton; 16. Biscuitmen

SOLUTIONS - Down

2. Alun Evans; 3. Gates; 4. Rio (Brazil); 5. Newcastle; 6 & 7 sent off (at Port Vale); 11. Gwent; 12. Club; 13. PNE; 15. Edu.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD IN HUDDERSFIELD PROGRAMME.

SOLUTIONS - Across

1. Abbey; 4. Sepp; 7. Rudd; 8. Rowley (A) (434); 9. Peter Eastoe; 14. Robins (Swindon); 15. Owen; 16. Lees; 17. Kelly;

SOLUTIONS - Down

2. Bruce; 3. Eddie; 4. Spora; 5. Pilot (Antwerp); 6. Hyde; 9. Park; 10. table; 11. Rinus; 12. slope; 13. O'Neil.

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DIVISION 3

DATE		OPPONENTS	RESULT		RESULT	
1974			F	A	F	A
Aug.	17	Bury	H	0	2	
	20	League Cup 1				
		Portsmouth	H	0	1	11 Southend United A 0 2
	24	Port Vale	A	2	2	19 Halifax Town H
	31	Blackburn Rovers	H	2	0	22 Port Vale H
Sept.	3	Tranmere Rovers	H	0	0	26 Wrexham A
	7	Crystal Palace	A	2	6	May 3 F.A. Cup Final
	14	Plymouth Argyle	H	2	0	
	17	Aldershot	H	3	2	
	21	Charlton Athletic	A	3	3	
	24	Walsall	A	0	2	
	28	Watford	H	2	2	
Oct.	Oct.	Chesterfield	A	2	0	
	5	Southend United	H	2	0	
	12	Halifax Town	A	0	0	
	19	Wrexham	H	2	1	
	21	Tranmere Rovers	A	0	3	
	26	Huddersfield Town	A	2	2	
Nov.	2	Grimsby Town	H	3	2	
	5	Chesterfield	H	1	0	
	9	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1	1	
	16	Gillingham	H	1	0	
	23	Reading F.A. Cup	H	4	0	
	30	Colchester United	H	4	1	
Dec	4	League Cup 5		1	2	
	7	Hereford United	A	1	2	
	14	F.A. Cup 2 Maidstone	H	3	1	
	21	Peterborough United	H	0	1	
	26	Plymouth Argyle	A	3	4	
	28	AFC Bournemouth	H	2	1	
1975						
Jan.	4	F.A. Cup 3 Lincoln	H	2	0	
	11	Hereford United	H	1	0	
	18	Colchester United	A	0	3 (A)	
F.A. Cup	25	West Ham United	A	1	1	
28 Replay		West Ham United	H	1	2	
Feb.	1	Brighton & Hove A.	H	1	0	
	8	Grimsby Town	A	0	2	
	12	Aldershot	A	1	0	
	15	Preston North End	H	1	0	
	18	Preston North End	A	0	2	
	22	Gillingham	A	1	3	
Mar.	1	Blackburn Rovers	A	0	2	
	4	Colchester United	A	0	2	
	8	Walsall (6)	H	3	0	
	15	Watford	A	0	1	
	18	Bury	A	0	0	
	22	Crystal Palace	H	1	1	
	28					
	29	Peterborough United	A	0	0	
	31	AFC Bournemouth	A	1	1	
Apr.	1	Charlton Athletic	H	2	0	
	5	Huddersfield Town (SF)	H	4	1	

DATE		OPPONENTS	RESULT	
1974			F	A
Aug.	17	Ipswich Town	A	0 5
	20	Bristol Rovers	A	Postponed
	24	Oxford United	H	0 4
	27	Bristol Rovers	H	0 1
	31	Arsenal	A	0 1
Sept.	7	Q.P.R.	H	0 3
	14	West Ham United	A	0 5
	18	Oxford United	A	0 1
	21	Crystal Palace	H	0 3
	28	Bournemouth	A	2 2
	12	Cardiff City	H	1 0
	19	Chelsea	A	0 4
Nov.	2	Bristol City	A	0 1
	9	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0 2
	16	Luton Town	A	1 3
	30	Birmingham City	A	2 2
Dec.	7	Leicester City	H	1 2
	17	Fulham	A	0 2
1975				
	4 (3)			
	11	Leicester City	A	1 1
Feb.	1	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0 1
	8	Luton Town	H	1 3
	12	Reading	A	0 2
	15(5)	Norwich City	A	0 2
	22	Bristol City	H	1 1
	25	Crystal Palace	A	0 3
Mar.	1	Arsenal	H	1 3
	4	Plymouth Argyle	A	0 5
	11	Southampton	A	3 1
	18	Ipswich Town	H	0 2
	25	Southampton	H	2 4
	29	Bournemouth	H	Postponed
Apr.	8	Cardiff City	A	2 4
	12	Reading	H	1 0
	15	Plymouth Argyle	H	
	16	West Ham	H	
	19	Norwich City	H	
	26	Chelsea	H	
	28	Birmingham	H	
	29	Q.P.R.	A	
May	8	Fulham	H	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

DATE	1974	OPPONENTS			
Aug.	17	Ipswich Town	A	0	5
	20	Bristol Rovers	A	Postponed	
	24	Oxford United	H	0	4
	27	Bristol Rovers	H	0	1
	31	Arsenal	A	0	1
Sept.	7	Q.P.R.	H	0	3
	14	West Ham United	A	0	5
	18	Oxford United	A	0	1
	21	Crystal Palace	H	0	3
	28	Bournemouth	A	2	2
	12	Cardiff City	H	1	0
	19	Chelsea	A	0	4
Nov.	2	Bristol City	A	0	1
	9	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0	2
	16	Luton Town	A	1	3
	30	Birmingham City	A	2	2
Dec.	7	Leicester City	H	1	2
	17	Fulham	A	0	2
1975	4 (3)				
	11	Leicester City	A	1	1
Feb.	1	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0	1
	8	Luton Town	H	1	3
	12	Reading	A	0	2
	15(5)	Norwich City	A	0	2
	22	Bristol City	H	1	1
	25	Crystal Palace	A	0	3
Mar.	1	Arsenal	H	1	3
	4	Plymouth Argyle	A	0	5
	11	Southampton	A	3	1
	18	Ipswich Town	H	0	2
	25	Southampton	H	2	4
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	12	Reading	H	1	0
	15	Plymouth Argyle	H		
	16	West Ham	H		
	19	Norwich City	H		
	26	Chelsea	H		
	28	Birmingham	H		
	29	Q.P.R.	A		
May	8	Fulham	H		

FOR THE RECORD**DIVISION III 5th April 1975**

SWINDON TOWN 4 (Eastoe 3, Moss)
Barron, McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows,
Prophet, Moss, Jenkins, Eastoe, Dillon,
Anderson, Dixon (s).

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1 (Lawson)
Turner, McGifford, Hutt, Dolan, Saunders,
Ellon, Smith, Firth, Dungworth, Lawson, Grey,
Fowler (s).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION - 7th April 1975**CARDIFF CITY 4**

SWINDON TOWN 2 (Broom, Syrett)
Lawrence, Dixon, Tanner, Stroud, Broom,
Young, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Syrett,
Anderson, Chalklin (s).

MIDLAND YOUTH - 10th April 1975

SWINDON TOWN 1 (Gardner)
Lawrence, Hooman, Cowley, Chalklin,
Thompson, Hester, Gilligan, Brinkworth,
Donovan, Algar, Gardner, Farr (s).

BRISTOL CITY 2**DIVISION III - 11th April 1975**

SOUTHEND UNITED 2 (Brace, Moody)
Webster, Worthington, Taylor, Moody, Town-
send, Mackenzie, Little, Brace, Lamb, Cunning-
ham, Pountney, Elliott (s).

SWINDON TOWN 0

Allen, McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows,
Prophet, Moss, Jenkins, Eastoe, Dillon,
Anderson, Dixon (s).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION - 12th April 1975**SWINDON TOWN 1** (Gill)

Lawrence, Chalklin, Dixon, Young, Broom,
Pooley, Gill, Gilligan, Farr, Maclean, Slattery,
Thompson (s).

READING 0

Parsons, Peters, Moreline, Carnaby, McHale,
Swain, Davies, Bromley, Cooper, Riley, Oswald,
Madders (s)

HOME ATTENDANCES

Opponents	Attendances	League Average
Bury	6441	6441
Portsmouth (L.Cup)	4779	—
Blackburn Rovers	4951	5696
Tranmere Rovers	5511	5634
Plymouth Argyle	5496	5599
Aldershot	5733	5626
Watford	6326	5743
Southend	6690	5878
Wrexham	6731	5985
Grimsby Town	7198	6119
Chesterfield	8277	6335
Gillingham	8847	6563
Reading (F.A.Cup)	13,365	
Colchester	10072	6856
Maidstone (F.A. Cup)	10016	
Peterborough	9023	7022
Bournemouth	9929	7230
Lincoln City (F.A.Cup)	11,791	
Hereford United	11,781	7534
West Ham United		
(F.A. Cup)	26749	
Brighton	9552	7659
Preston	11892	7908
Walsall	8964	7967
C. Palace	11542	8155
Charlton	9819	8323
Huddersfield	7099	8165

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ever. Poor results, dreadful displays with a consequence of very small gates. So things looked very black, especially as the financial position was almost desperate.

The beginning was not good — first home game a defeat 0-2, then that real hiding at Crystal Palace. Fortunately the boat was steadied, results started to improve, two successive wins and an away draw at Charlton. New players were acquired and that must have required great courage to find money for new players in view of the situation at the start of the season.

So the results came and gates improved from 5,000 at the beginning to almost 11,000. We moved up the table and promotion seemed a possibility, but not quite.

Nevertheless it has been a splendid season — good attacking football and some fine games. Maybe our away form has been a little disappointing, but in the main the margins have been small; and you know all teams like to win their home games.

So now we look forward to next season. Surely we have much on which to build. We certainly should start with a much better nucleus. The financial position should be better, but it is a terribly

expensive business to run a good football team.

The prospects are bright, there is great potential in Swindon, so we look forward once again to a grand season, and attendances of 15,000+.

To you all may we say "thank you for your attendances, your support, and the way you have encouraged the team has been splendid."

Thankfully, we have had little of that dreadful "handclap" and barracking. You have been real supporters.

We look forward to seeing you all next season, and a real rousing beginning.

One last interesting fact, in season 1960, fifteen years ago John Trollope made his first team debut against Halifax. How about another fifteen John?



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Third Division Scene

by Tony Pullein

ARGYLE AND ROVERS ALMOST THERE

Blackburn's 0-0 draw at Bournemouth was their 14th game without defeat — only two short of the best achieved in Third Division football this season by their close promotion rivals Plymouth Argyle between October and February.

The weekend's results meant that Argyle and Rovers needed just two points to make absolutely sure of promotion.

Gillingham's Damien Richardson achieved a most unusual feat when he netted from the penalty spot for the third match in succession. His latest successful conversion gave the Gills a 2-1 win over Colchester and Richardson his seventh penalty goal of the season.

But Terry Shanahan kept his nose in front of all rivals with his eighth penalty goal of the season. This gave Chesterfield a 2-1 victory over visiting Crystal Palace whose last promotion hopes must surely now have disappeared.

Huddersfield fans are rapidly deserting the club now that relegation to Division Four is virtually certain. Though promotion-chasing Plymouth were recent visitors, the crowd of 2,947 was one of Huddersfield's smallest on record.

Only a few hundred more (3,961) turned up on Saturday to see the club end its run of 8 winless games by defeating Grimsby 1-0. The only goal was scored by Alan Gowling, his 17th of the season.

Huddersfield's best crowd of the season was 8,122 for Blackburn's visit at Christmas.

Four years ago, as a First Division club,

they regularly attracted gates in the region of 20,000. In Division Four they will do well to average 3,000 so what hope can there be now for a club which was once the most famous in the country?

Hereford's player-coach Terry Paine made his 750th League appearance at Preston so, if he decides to play on for another season, it seems he will now certainly pass the all-time record of 764 League games held by his old pal Jimmy Dickinson.

Dickinson's record has looked in jeopardy before, however. Port Vale defender — and now their manager — Roy Sproson reached 761 in 1972 but was not given the chance of setting up a new high.

Both Dickinson and Sproson achieved their records with one club so, even if Paine does go on to surpass his total, Dickinson's name will continue in the record books as the best one-club achievement. Dickinson still serves Portsmouth, of course, as he is now the club's secretary. Paine played most of his games for Southampton.

By holding Blackburn to a draw last Saturday, Bournemouth suggested that even now they might escape relegation which had seemed inevitable. Until they surprisingly won 3-2 at Charlton, Bournemouth had won only once in 12 games which produced only three goals.

They then drew at Wrexham and with Blackburn to take them to within two points of the 20th club Aldershot. And Bournemouth had two games in hand.

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11. Anderson
12. Dillon

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