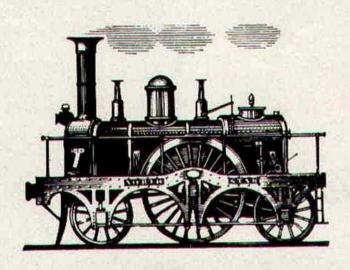


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### **NEWS&VIEWS**

We look forward to a grand game this afternoon. Our visitors are enjoying a very fine season, very much on the upgrade. Their league position is quite good, with 26 points from 24 games, and a goal average of 28 for and 22 against. They are within striking distance of the leaders with games in hand.

On Saturday last Bury were beaten 0-1 at Leicester in the F.A. Cup, fourth round, after giving a fine display, unlucky losers indeed.

Today they meet a much more confident, and in form team Swindon, who having won their last two games, feel the tide has turned, and look forward to more success.

We certainly have to return many compliments, with old scores to wipe out. Last season, when we had high hopes, Bury came to the County Ground, on the opening day, and won by two goals to nil — a miserable beginning for the home club. However, Swindon recovered and in the return game made a draw, 0-0. By the end of the season we finished in fourth position with 55 points from 46 games. Bury gained fourteenth place with 44 points.

Today not only are Bury in a higher position than Swindon, but we hope to retaliate for that 0-5 defeat in October. That month and the following one, were disastrous from our point of view. We lost 0-2 at Wrexham, followed by Bury, then came defeats by Southend (A) 0-3 Crystal Palace (H) 1-2, Preston NE (H) 1-3 Peterborough (A) 1-3.

With the coming of the F.A. Cup Competitions results improved, and with the exception of one dismal defeat, they are beginning to show much improvement.

So today two teams beginning to reach peak form meet, and we look forward to an entertaining game, plus we hope more points, and an improvement in our league position. Bury situated as it is, has to face great opposition from a host of League Clubs including such big names as the two Manchester teams, Bolton, Oldham, and many others close at hand in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

It requires tremendous hard work and optimism on the part of the Board and the officials to maintain the club. The present position is a tribute to them. At one period in its history Bury enjoyed First Division football and even as late as 1929, were members of that league. They won the cup in 1900 beating Southampton 4-0, and in 1903 established the record Cup Final victory of 6-0 over Derby County.

In 1971 Bury was relegated to Division 4, but in his first season, the present manager Bobby Smith, achieved the distinction of gaining promotion to Division 3. Now they might well be on the way to Division 2. Certainly a great boost for the "Shakers".

However the great need for us at Swindon is a victory today, and a further boost to escaping relegation. Certainly the outlook is much brighter with the gap beginning to close.

May it continue in that vein.

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## Talk of the Town

## By the Chairman

Since writing my notes before our last game, we have won four points, and hope that todays home game will keep us all happy.

It is always nice to win at home, but there is something about winning away from home that gives one that extra bit of satisfaction. I am sure that our regular supporters at Sheffield on Saturday last enjoyed the game and their journey home.

We had the pleasure of Mr. Rackham and Mr. Krauesslar who journeyed in from Lambourne to travel with us as our Sponsors for the game, and I know that they were very happy with us. I said that they could come any week if they could bring that kind of success. The game was a personal delight both for Danny and Colin Prophett, who were returning back to their old Club.

In my notes previously I mentioned eight of our own boys who have played in the First Team this season, but before someone corrects me I apologise to Ian Farr the youngest of our lads to play in the First Team this season for omitting his name.

I am sure we will be seeing more of Ian in the future.

When we get a clean bill of health with our playing staff, our youngsters should benefit playing alongside our team of professionals. We need just that extra bit of strength and experience to tip the balance in our favour.

At the last home game we announced another close season tour, which we expect to be during the second week of May, and played in Majorca. This tour is on a similar line to our trip to Tunisia, only this time, I think we can accommodate even more of our supporters. We are looking to form a party of fifty one in addition to the team. Many people enjoyed the holiday last year, and if you or your friends are interested please contact Bob Jefferies our Secretary as soon as possible.

The tournaments are being held both in Majorca and the Costa Brava. We have opted for Majorca and expect to be accepted for this one.

Talking of coming events, we shall soon be completing arrangements for the Clubs Annual Dinner and Dance, and we will make an announcement as soon as the date and venue are fixed. If you would like to attend this popular function, would you please contact Bob Jefferies again for details.

I have been asked to remind Rendezvous Club Members, that their Membership will need renewing at the end of May. We shall try and contact all members who come to the Club during the next few weeks, but invariably someone misses out, and consequently is offended or disappointed, so we say, please make sure that you renew your membership.

Our new club premises are fast taking shape, and we hope to be in residence by Easter.

Mr. Bill Dore, has kept a squad of workmen busy on these premises ever since the first day that he commenced operations. This week the skittle alley floor was laid. The skittle alley has its own bar fitted, and already we have had enquiries from Clubs who would like to play matches when we do open up. The main bar area spans the width of the building under the stand, and there will be no excuse that one cannot get served with such a serving area.

We shall be meeting the Supporters Club Committee during the next few days, and hope to be able to advise them on their moving home dates.

A suggestion has been made that we might be able to work out a scheme whereby our Club will be able to put on Boxing and Wrestling shows etc., and as the hall will hold four to five hundred people, this should enable us to put on first rate performances.

The premises for the 'Betting Shop' has taken shape, and the position at the moment is that the proprietors are awaiting the hearing of their Licencing application.

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JIMMY McILWRAITH (Striker). Jimmy's appearance in the side may be a nightmare for commentators — and many opponents! — but he has pleased manager Bobby Smith since his arrival from Motherwell last summer. League record: Motherwell 18(5) aps., 5 gls. Bury 8 aps., 1 gl.

JOHN FORREST (Goalkeeper). Loyal John has been at Gigg Lane for over a decade and has been the Shakers' number one goalkeeper for most of the past seven seasons. He made his first appearance during the 1967/68 campaign. League record: Bury 219 aps.

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BRIAN WILLIAMS (Striker). Brian is a Bury discovery who was drafted into the side in 1971/72 and who won a regular place two seasons back. League record: Bury 94(11) aps. 14 gls.

ANDY ROWLAND (Striker). Andy is Bury's top scorer with 13 goals, following last season's effort when he was second-highest with 11. Bury signed him at the beginning of last season from Derby County where he did not get into the first team.

League record: Derby nil aps.; Bury 54(5) aps., 18 gls.

DEREK SPENCE (Striker). Derek was picked for Northern Ireland four times last season, proving a tremendous hit in the three British Championship games. He Joined Bury from Oldham for a derisory £2,500 but he had been Bury's top scorer for the past two season. League record: Oldham 5(1) aps.; Bury 114 aps., 37 gls.

GEORGE BUCHAN (Striker). George is the brother of Scotland's Martin Buchan and was a colleague of Martin's at Old Trafford for a while. His senior chances were strictly limited, however, but he has been a big success since signing for Bury in 1974.

League record: Manchester Un. -(3) aps. Bury 48(4) aps., 4 gls.

BURY



BILLY RUDD (Midfield). Billy was a one-time Manchester United groundstaff lad who began his League career in 1959 after joining Birmingham City. York signed him three years later and he moved to Grimsby in 1966. Another move took him to Rochdale in 1968 and he eventually landed at Bury in 1970. League record: Birmingham 24 aps., 3 gls; York 193 aps., 30 gls.; Grimsby 59(1) aps., 9 gls; Rochdale 108 aps., 8 gls.

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STEVE HOOLICKIN (Defender) Steve joined Bury from Lancashire rivals Oldham Athletic during the summer of 1973. Though he got only occasional games in Oldham's senior side, he walked straight into the Bury side and has remained ever since.

League record: Oldham 8 aps., Bury 112 aps., 3 gls.

JOHN HULME (Defender). John enjoyed many seasons in the First and Second Division with Bolton Wanderers and then became a key figure in Reading's defence following his £10,000 transfer in 1972. He remained at Elm Park for two seasons, taking his place in the Bury side last season.

League record: Bolton 186(2) aps., 7 gls; Notts. Co. (loan) 8 aps.; Reading 86(1) aps.; Bury 65 aps., 5 gls.

## BURY



TONY BAILEY (Defender). Tony began his career with Derby County, but with defenders like Colin Todd and Roy McFarland around there was precious little opportunity for him. A move to Oldham in 1974 enabled him to enjoy regular League football-but, before the turn of the year, he had signed for Bury. League record: Derby 1 ap; Oldham 26 aps., 1 gl.; Bury 45(1) aps., 1 gl.

KEITH KENNEDY (Defender). Soccer life started in earnest for Keith after he had been transferred from Newcastle to Bury in 1972. At St. James Park he had had little chance but he hasn't missed a match since joining the Shakers. League record: Newcastle 1 ap.; Bury 146 aps., 2 gls.

JIMMY NICHOLSON (Mdfield).
Jimmy brings a wealth of experience to
Bury's midfield. Capped 41 times by
Northern Ireland, he began his career
with Manchester United, then gave his
best years to Huddersfield. Bury signed
him in 1973.

League record: Manchester Un. 58 aps. 5 gls.; Huddersfield 280(1) aps., 26 gls. Bury 69(2) aps.

HUGHEN RILEY (Midfield). Rochdale gave Hughen his chance in League soccert in 1967/68 and he spent several happy seasons with them before moving on to Crewe Alexandra in 1971. Bury signed him last season.

League record: Rochdale 81(12) aps., 12 gls. Crewe 116(5) aps., 9 gls.; Bury 44(2) aps., 4 gls. RON PHILLIPS (Midfleld). Ron joined Bury during the last close-season from Bolton Wanderers, for whom he made his League debut in 1966/67. League record: Bolton 135(9) aps., 17 gls. Chesterfield (loan) 5 aps., Bury 21 aps. 3 gls.

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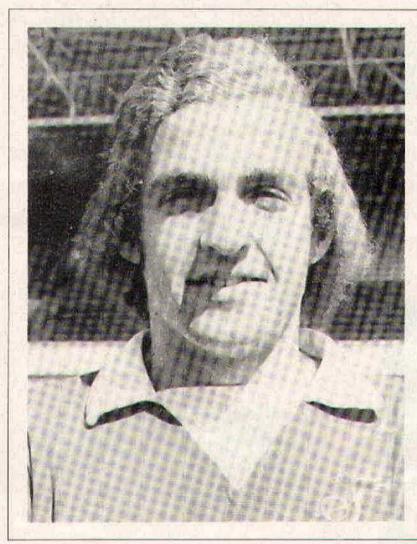
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## IAN FARR (Apprentice)

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Birmingham City	26	16	6	4	34	15	38
Bristol City	27	15	7	5	50	18	37
West Ham United	24	17	1	6	64	27	35
Ipswich Town	25	14	6	5	42	25	34
Southampton	27	13	8	6	42	29	34
Plymouth Argyle	27	12	8	7	34	30	32
Chelsea	28	12	7	9	52	40	31
Arsenal	27	10	9	8	34	25	29
Luton Town	26	12	5	9	40	30	29
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Norwich City	25	9	7	9	30	30	25
Tottenham Hotspur	25	8	8	9	42	37	24
Cardiff City	25	10	4	11	38	40	24
Fulham	24	5	12	7	26	34	22
A. F. C. Bournemouth	27	5	11	11	27	33	21
Crystal Palace	26	7	7	12	32	48	21
Reading	27	7	7	13	26	54	21
Swindon Town	27	8	5	14	25	52	21
Leicester City	26	8	4	14	40	42	20
Oxford United	25	7	6	12	27	39	20
Orient	25	3	12	10	29	44	18
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Walsall	28	8	5	2	25	13	4	3	6	16	22	32
Hereford	23	6	3	2	19	13	7	2	3	23	17	31
Brighton	25	10	0	2	35	9	4	2	7	14	20	30
Peterboro	25	8	4	1	26	11	2	6	4	17	22	30
Cardiff	25	8	3	2	24	9	3	3	6	15	20	28
Port Vale	26	7	4	2	19	10	3	3	7	14	17	27
Shrewsbury	24	9	0	4	24	16	2	5	4	11	15	27
Wrexham	26	7	4	1	18	8	3	3	8	14	22	27
Millwall	26	7	5	1	18	11	1	6	6	12	22	27
Bury	24	6	4	2	17	6	2	6	4	11	16	26
Preston .	25	7	2	2	19	12	3	4	7	12	20	26
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Gillingham	25	6	6	2	23	16	1	5	5	9	17	25
Grimsby	26	9	4	0	27	11	1	4	11	12	35	25
Rotherham	25	6	3	3	18	13	3	3	7	11	21	24
Aldershot	24	6	5	2	20	15	1	3	7	12	24	22
Halifax	25	3	2	6	14	18	4	6	4	13	18	22
Colchester	27	5	3	5	10	14	2	4	8	11	29	21
Chesterfield	26	5	4	5	27	19	2	2	8	11	24	20
Southend	22	5	3	3	23	16	2	2	7	12	20	19
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## Third Division Scene by Tony Pullein

## Palace for the Cup!

Soccer folk are suddenly beginning to take Malcolm Allison very seriously. When the Palace manager proclaimed several weeks ago that "We are good enough to win the F.A. Cup this season" most critics put it down as just another Allison-ism, not to be taken too seriously. But Palace's 1-0 win at Leeds has altered the whole atmosphere for this was no shock result, it was won on merit. And, surely, any team making Leeds look fools on their own pitch is good enough to win the trophy?

Indeed, it could be that we will see another new, powerful coaching partnership emerge at Selhurst Park where the more modest Terry Venables is complementing the loquacious Allison. Normally, one might have expected Palace's trip to Leeds being preceded by all manner of Allison forecasts. This time the game got scarcely a preview headline.

Explained Venables: "We wanted to play this down. We were quietly confident that we could do it but we didn't want to say too much, otherwise we may have motivated the Leeds players to prove us wrong."

With a local derby at Chelsea — the club where Venables won fame as a player — in the next round, Palace seem virtually certain of equalling a club record of reaching the sixth round. But don't expect to hear Allison or Venables making any predictions. This game, like the one at Leeds, will draw little comment from them until after they have won!

Palace won all the fourth round headlines and one tends to forget that Third Division Southend United are also through to the fifth round, equalling a club record. It is 24 years since they last got this far and, on that occasion, they were beaten 1-2 at home by Sheffield United.

The Shrimpers have a far more daunting task this year, with a visit to the League Champions, and current F.A. Cup favourites, Derby County. It is a completely hopeless prospect for Southend — on paper. Yet, could this not be lined up as one of the classic shock results of all time? First Division clubs have been falling like ninepins this season to suggest that it is just possible that tradition could be thrown to the winds and

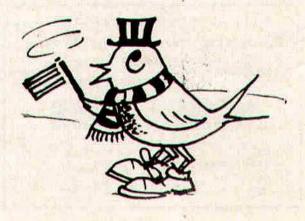
that a Third Division club will reach the final of the F.A. Cup for the first time in the competition's 104-year lifespan.

How ironical if both Crystal Palace and Southend should reach the semi-final and be drawn to play at Hillsborough, traditional home of one of the semi-finals. For the owners of this famous stadium, Sheffield Wednesday, are now on the point of dropping into Division Four for the first time.

Hillsborough will be packed with 55,000 fans to watch two strange teams in the semi, yet Wednesday's own attendance are now down to a paltry 8,000 — the worst in their history — and a run of 11 League games without a win, stretching back to early November, has left them firmly entrenched in the bottom four. A tragic sight.

Leading Third Division goalscorers last weekend were:

	Lgd	LC	FAC	Total
Binney (Brighton)	15	1	3	19
Buckley (Walsall)	16	1		17
Evans (Cardiff)	14	4.5	3	17
Cullerton (Port Vale)	13	73	- 1	17
Silvester (Southend)	12	-1	3	16
McNeil (Hereford)	12	1	2	15
Swindlehurst (C.Palac	e) 12	1	2	15
Robson (Peterborough	1) 12	2		14
Kemp (C. Palace)	9	2	2	13
Rowland (Bury)	8	2	. 3	13
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## Bobby Smith (Bury Manager)

Bobby Smith got an unexpected chance to step into club management only a few weeks after his playing career ended. When freed by Hartle-pool at the end of 1972/73 he accepted an appointment as coach at Bury. When manager Allan Brown left a few weeks later, to take over Nottingham Forest, Mr. Smith was invited to take over.

He met with immediate success by leading Bury to promotion from the Fourth Division at the end of that season.

Mr. Smith set out as a potential Busby Babe at Old Trafford. When he didn't make United's first team he was transferred to Scunthorpe in 1964. From that time he started to play regu-

larly in their League eleven.

Midway through season 1966/67 he was tansferred to Grimsby where he remained until joining Brighton at the Goldstone Ground in 1968. Over three seasons he made well over 70 League appearances for them, then he moved on again to Chester.

But he played only twice for Chester before joining Hartlepool, initially on loan in 1971. Two years later, having studied coaching, he decided the time had come to pack away his boots.

After that events moved rapidly for him.

	Football Apps	League Gls	Leagu	e Cup Gls	F.A.C Apps		
J. Allen	10		1				
T.Anderson	25	8	3 3		5 5 5 1 (1)		
J. Barron J. Burrows	15 22 (1)	2	3		5		
J. Butler	12 (2)	4.	2(1)		1 (1)		A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
G. Chalklin	3		- 111		(1)		Players'
W. Dixon	23 (1)	3	3		4 (1)	2	Tidyers
P. Eastoe	22	9	4	1	5 4	1	
J. Emmanuel	6				4		Appearances
J. Gilligan	2 (4)				2		Appearances
T. Hubbard	8 (2) 9 (1)		3 1 (3)		(1)		
T. Jenkins J. McLaughlin	23	1	4		2		
D. Moss	19 (1)	3	4	2	2 5	2	
C. Prohpett	5 (1)	-50	4				The second secon
K. Stroud	23	1	4	1	5 3 (1)		
D. Syrett	10 (1)	3			3 (1)	2	
G. Taylor	13	190			4 5		
N. Trollope	25	1	4	2	5	200	

#### FOR THE RECORD

DIVISION III 17th January 1976. SWINDON TOWN 2 (McLaughlin - Syrett) Barron, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, McLaughlin, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, Chalklin, Anderson, (s) Jenkins.

PORT VALE 1 (Brownbill)

Ryan, Brodie, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Horton, Morris, Tartt, Cullerton, Bailey, Brownbill, (s) Dulson.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 17th January. CHELSEA 2 SWINDON TOWN 0

Allan, Andrews, Tanner, Prophett, Thompson, Brinkworth T, Gilligan A, Harris, Farr, Brinkworth R, Hooman (s) Gilligan J. DIVISION III 24th January 1976 SHEFFIELD WEDS, 0

Watling, Waldron, Muller, Thompson, Cusack, O'Donnell, Shaw, Wylde, Prendergast, Sunley, Potts (s) Nimmo.

SWINDON TOWN 2 (Dixon, Syrett)
Barron, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Chalklin,
Prophett, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, McLaughlin,
Anderson, (s) Jenkins.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 24th January. SWINDON TOWN 0

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## Danny's Desk

Well we did it last Saturday, a win away from home! Any away win is good, but ours at my former Club, Sheffield Wednesday, gave me a lot of satisfaction. Sheffield had a lot of young players who may be an asset to them in the future, but at present they desperately need a few old heads to steady them down.

Having said that it doesn't in any way detract from the great performance given by our lads. They went about their job from the start as though they meant business, and our efforts were rewarded with a good win. It was good to see Colin Prophett back in the First Team again after a lay off of four months. He gave a good account of himself and in view of his lack of match practice, lasted the pace well. I had one bad moment when Colin went down. I feared the worst, but it was his nose, not his previous injury - an X-Ray this week shows he has broken it. It will take a lot more than a broken nose to keep Colin out of the team, when I asked him if he would be fit this week, he left me in no doubt about his feelings on that score.

So many people ask me are we going to stay up this year, and I always say the same thing, we are too good to go down. I know the critics may say that our results don't Indicate this, but if we look at current form, I think we are turning the corner. Some weeks ago we were in the same position we were before today's match, second from bottom, but we were five points adrift from the team above us. Last week's result closed that gap and we are now in the position of having played three more games away from home than at home. If we remember that last season we had the best home record in the Football League, and since our present injury problems are nearly over, we must be in with a chance of striking our home form again now. How ironic if we lose today. Even so I will still stick my neck our and say our home results will get us out of trouble.

A perusal of the Third Division table, which is printed here, shows that our future is now in our hands, and not as in the past dependent on others making mistakes. I am certain we can take this challenge and prove what I previously said, we are too good to up down.



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#### SWINDON TOWN

- Barron
- Taylor
- 3 Trollope
- Stroud
- Burrows
- Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 Dixon
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McLaughlin
- Anderson



#### BURY

- Forrest
- Hoolickin
- Kennedy
- Keenan
- 5 Hulme
- Bailey
- McIlwraith
- Rudd
- Rowland
- 10 Woolfall
- **Phillips** 11

Referee:

Mr. B.H. Daniels (Brentwood)

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. L.A. Fricker (Whitchurch, Bristol) Yellow Flag: Mr. T. Hardman (Strensham, Worcs.)

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BRIAN DANIELS (Brentwood). Has served on the League list since the 1967-68 season after progressing through local leagues and the Isthmian League. A linesman for a UEFA Cup quarter-final match in the 1972-73 season in Spain. he works as an advertising and recruiting manager and is married with three children. A former military policeman, he is a founder member and President of the Ilford seven-a-side charity cup competition and vice-president of the South Essex Combination Charity Cups. His interests outside the game include coarse fishing and ballroom dancing.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET **Division Three** ALDERSHOT Tuesday, 10th February 1976 K.O. 7.30 p.m.

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