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Bobby Roberts says...



is an extremely competitive one in which to participate.

After Saturday's rather disappointing draw with Preston here, we must go flat out for both points tonight to set us up for our two away matches ahead—at Halifax on Saturday and Bury next Monday.

Bobby Roberts

Tonight we welcome Swindon Town and this is another four pointer of course. Swindon, like ourselves are deep in relegation trouble and there is no need for me to stress the importance of this clash.

With so many well known and experienced players in their squad perhaps it is a little surprising to see Swindon in this position. But as everyone knows this division

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In Retrospect

Earlier this season we won 1-0 at the County Ground and that was our 31st meeting with the Wiltshire club. We first encountered them in 1950-51—our initial season in League football and marked the occasion by taking three points.

The all-in record now stands:

Home: played 15; won 9, drawn 4, lost 2. Goals for, 28; goals against, 13.

Away: played 16; won 3, drawn 4, lost 9. Goals for, 16; goals against 36.

Details of last season's meetings . . .

Saturday, 30th November, 1974:

Swindon Town 4 (Moss (3, two pens.), Eastoe), United 1 (Svarc).

Swindon Town: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Burton, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson. Sub.: Jenkins.

United: Walker; Dominey, Packer, Leslie, Harford, Bunkell, Thomas, Svarc, Froggatt, Lindsay, Cook. Sub.: Smith.

Gate: 10,072.

Tuesday, 4th March, 1975:

United 2 (Svarc 2), Swindon Town 0.

United: Walker; Cameron, Cook, Bunkell, Harford, Smith, MacDonald, Svarc, Froggatt, Lindsay, Foley. Sub.: Leslie.

Swindon Town: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Jenkins, Stroud, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson. Sub.: Syrett.

Gate: 4,041.

Man in The Middle

Mr. Bryan James (South Croydon) is paying his second visit of the season. He officiated at our first home League game, against Mansfield Town. He began refereeing in Kent and Surrey Leagues. In 1967-68 he went on the League line and was on the supplementary list for last season. This season he is promoted to the full list.

Mr. James has handled all three Surrey senior cup competitions and was on the line for the 1974 Charity Shield match. He works as an administrative officer with the local council and is married with three children. His interests include motoring and gardening.

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To Start You Talking

It isn't only the League soccer towns with a small population that sometimes hit trouble. Classic example this season, and I personally find it a great tragedy, is the sad, sorry story of Sheffield.

This teeming Yorkshire steel city of 600,000 has two great teams, with proud traditions and most of the honours in the game behind them.

Yet here we have Sheffield United definitely down to Division Two and Bramall Lane a place of gloom.

Likewise, there is famous Wednesday, fighting for their very lives to stay in Division Three. Quite an extraordinary double decline.

When Colchester United played their first-ever game at massive Hillsborough, one of the finest stadiums in the country, there was a 6,905 crowd—and that set a new all-time low.

Yet, a week later, the same ground bulged at the seams for the F.A. Cup Semi-Final between Manchester United and Derby County.

It's all part of the game but most people, I feel, don't relish the thought of great clubs like Sheffield Wednesday, Preston and Huddersfield struggling.

It is so hard to realise that, only ten years ago, Wednesday were at Wem-

bley for a gripping F.A. Cup Final against Everton.

Hillsborough and Goodison Park are, surely, the most impressive club grounds of all, with tremendous seat-facilities and with the spectator's every need catered for.

The Wednesday club programme, also, is first-rate and their grim struggle is never better summed-up than by an extract from this excellent magazine-type production when we were there.

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Layer-de-la-Haye.
The Alma, Village Green Copford.
Ferry Boat Inn, Point Clear,
St. Osyth.
Three Horseshoes Inn, Bures.
Red Lion Inn, Thorrington.
Oakwood Inn, Frinton Road,
Holland-on-Sea.
Compasses Inn, Pattiswick,
Coggeshall.
The Bowling Green, Clacton
Road, Elmstead Market.
White Hart, West Bergholt.
Lion's Den, Great Holland.
Ship Inn, Great Clacton.
The Half Butt Inn, Gt. Horkesley.
Travellers' Friend, Mill Road
Mile End.
Royal Oak, Parsons Heath.
Robin Hood, London Road,
Clacton-on-Sea.
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Crown Inn, Ipswich Road,
Ardleigh (old A12) Tel: 230211.
Sun Inn, Lexden.
Yew Tree, Gt. Horkesley.

RIVER/SEA VIEWS

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Anchor Inn, Rowhedge.

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Colchester.
Swan Inn, London Road,
Stanway.

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Oakwood Inn, Frinton Road,
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Wivenhoe.
Three Horseshoes, Bures.
Ferry Boat Inn, Point Clear,
St. Osyth.
The Alma, Village Green, Copford.
(as mentioned in "Good Beer
Guide".)
Dog and Pheasant, Mile End.
The Fox, Malting Green Road,
Layer-de-la-Haye.
Whalebone, Fingringhoe.
Beehive Inn, Little Horkesley.
Robin Hood, London Road,
Clacton-on-Sea.
Swan Inn, London Road,
Stanway.
Sun Inn, Lexden.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Whalebone, Fingringhoe
(week-ends).
Ferry Boat Inn, Point Clear,
St. Osyth (week-ends).
Dog and Pheasant, Mile End
(week-ends).
Swan Inn, London Road,
Stanway (week-ends).
Royal Standard, Mersea Road
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BEER GARDENS

Robin Hood, London Road,
Clacton-on-Sea.
Swan Inn, London Road, Stanway.
Yew Tree, Gt. Horkesley.

This is a special feature listing TOWN and COUNTRY PUBS and INNS of CHARACTER within a 20 mile radius of COLCHESTER, showing special features, to interest those in search of an enjoyable evening out or a friendly lunchtime session with the family.

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS

Visitors I Remember

WHEN PALACE CAME— IN 1964

A little over twelve years ago Crystal Palace, one of the most talked-about teams of the moment, were in Division Three and heading for promotion.

They came to Layer Road on Saturday, 21st March, 1964, for a key game memorable for big names and, also, for the fact that the encounter was never completed. Torrential rain turned the ground into a millpond and it was called off, inevitably; with the score 1-1.

The Palace were then managed by Dick Graham and had a string of personalities. They lined up: Glazier; Long, Townsend, Stephenson, Wood, Howe, Kellard, Holton, Dowsett, Burridge, Whitehouse.

One of the big stars, and the hero from the Palace point of view, was 'keeper Bill Glazier, who later went to Coventry City for £35,000. He finished playing, in fact, about a year ago.

Alan Stephenson, later to go to West Ham and Portsmouth, scored the first goal after 28 minutes but Martyn King quickly snapped the U's level.

Backbone members of the Palace defence were Brian Wood and Bert Howe, both of whom later signed for Colchester, when Dick Graham took over here. Up front there was that marvel of scoring consistency, Cliff Holton, and another striker of repute was Peter Burridge.

Man of many clubs was skilled Bobby Kellard—and he's still operating, by the way, as player-manager of Southern League Chelmsford City.

The re-arranged match was played on 15th April and it finished 1-1, this time after the full 90 minutes! Stuart Imlack, who had played for Nottingham Forest in the 1959 F.A. Cup Final against Luton Town, was included in the Palace team for this one and got their goal from the penalty spot. The U's equaliser was snapped up by Mike Grice.

Palace that season were a typically hard, well-knit, Dick Graham outfit. They finally won promotion and were only deprived of the championship outright by Coventry City, on goal average.

Palace scored 73 goals on their way and 40 of them came from the deadly duo of Messrs. Holton and Burridge, with 20 apiece.—B.W.

Third Division Round-up

MANSFIELD DESERVED THAT SAFETY RUN *says Bernard Webber*

One of the most astonishing revival runs in the Division has been by Mansfield Town—and Chesterfield have, of late, perked up boldly in a late bid for safety.

Mansfield, the homely Nottinghamshire club where Dave Smith is the boss, were being written off as dead men not so long ago. But the consistency displayed in the last few weeks has been remarkable. Fittingly last Saturday was Smith's second anniversary as manager, and he has done a fine job on a shoestring staff; their promotion from Division Four last term being a splendid achievement.

One marked aspect, I believe, of Mansfield's return from the grave, so to speak, has been their excellent gates. There's a moral there somewhere, too. The 12,990 for the recent Palace visit, by the way, was their biggest of the season.

That other Midland club, Chesterfield, who have been a thorn in our side this season, seem to be edging towards safety. Bobby Roberts, who watched their recent 3-1 victory against Wednesday at Hillsborough, was most impressed by their attacking football.

Here manager Joe Shaw's acquisition on loan of Graham Cross, the Leicester City stalwart, has been a key

factor and he has been something of an inspiration to all. He joins an ex Filbert Street Colleague in Rodney Fern, and it's not without interest that this pair played alongside Bobby Roberts in that F.A. Cup final against Manchester City, in 1968-69.

Fern's sudden leap to form has come about with his move from midfield to striker. He looked rather jaded when first coming from Luton Town but has since shed a stone in weight.

Meanwhile, events do not go so well for some of the others in the danger zone. Micky Bullock, who was signed from Orient, cannot find that magic goal touch Halifax so badly need and Sheffield Wednesday, despite their 1-0 win against us at Hillsborough, are in grave peril still. Their main hope seems to lie in Eric Potts, who clearly looks out of his class and is playing really well, after coming off the transfer list.

At Southend there's a slump, too, and their 2-2 draw at Grimsby was offset by losing 2-0 to Cardiff City at Roots Hall, where angry patrons hurled on cushions at the end and demanded manager's Arthur Rowley's resignation.

Little do they know the pressures when you are struggling!

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Introducing Our Opponents

SWINDON TOWN

Swindon Town's struggle in the lower reaches of the table has proved to be one of the season's surprises. Last term they were well in the promotion reckoning (they ended up in fourth spot only two points behind promoted Charlton) and it was confidently expected that they would carry on in the same vein.

But their form has been topsy turvy, with bad spells in both September and November and the magic touch missing.

Their F.A. Cup third round exit to Tooting and Mitcham, after a replay, didn't help morale, either.

For all that (not including last Saturday's games) they have won three times away: at Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday and Halifax and also picked up a very good point in that exciting televised 3-3 draw with Crystal Palace, at Selhurst Park.

Manager Danny Williams was one of the busiest bosses before deadline time and there has been something of a shake-up. Williams first sold Peter

Eastoe, his number one striker, to Queen's Park Rangers so that he could, at the same time, get back to the County Ground Don Rogers, the original Swindon idol winger.

He also paid sizeable fees to Newport County for central defender Steve Aizelwood, and to Southampton for midfield man Gerry O'Brien.

Another departure was Tommy Jenkins, who has tried his luck in the United States with the Seattle club.

Eastoe had, of course, been Town's main scorer but David Syrett has weighed in with some valuable efforts, too.

John McLaughlin, one-time Layer Road favourite, who has had long periods in midfield has, of late, reverted to the back four.

BRIEF CLUB HISTORY

Swindon have twice had spells in Division Two and were promoted in 1962-63 (relegated after only two terms), and again in 1968-69 (relegated 1974). Without a doubt the campaign of 1968-69 was the most memorable of all, for they scored that

amazing Football League Cup final win at Wembley, beating Arsenal 3-1.

The record in the F.A. Cup is impressive, too, and they have reached the sixth round twice and the fifth round on four occasions.

PEN PICTURES

Trevor Anderson (Forward): Born Belfast. Signed November 1974 from Manchester United. A Northern Ireland International.

Jim Barron (Goalkeeper): Born Tantobie, Co. Durham. Signed July 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United.

Frank Burrows (Centre Half): Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United. Formerly with Raith Rovers. Regular member of promotion-winning side of season 1968-69. Played in the Football League Cup-winning team of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup Winners' Cup-winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter-Club Competition winning team, season 1969-70.

Joe Butler (Full Back): Born Newcastle. Came from Newcastle United in August 1965, where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team. Regular member of promotion-winning side of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup Winners' Cup-winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter-Club Competition-winning team season 1969-70.

Wilfred Dixon (Full Back or Midfield): Born London. Signed September 1973, from Reading.

Terry Hubbard (Inside Forward): Born Newport. Joined club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional in 1969. A Welsh Under 23 player.

John McLaughlin (Right Back): Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the club from Colchester United in December 1973.

David Moss (Inside Right): Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional in 1969.

Colin Prophet (Forward): Born Belfast. Signed in November 1974, from Manchester United. A Northern Ireland International.

Ken Stroud (Midfield): Born London. Came as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970.

David Syrett (Forward): Born in Salisbury. Joined the club as an apprentice professional in July 1972, and as a professional in November 1973.

John Trollope (Full Back): Born Wroughton, near Swindon. Came from school and has become the club's longest-serving professional, signing in August 1960. Since his League debut, at the age of 16, he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon.

Don Rogers (Forward): Former County Ground idol who moved on to Crystal Palace and Queen's Park Rangers. Returned to the club before the deadline.

Steve Aizelwood (Defender): Signed before the deadline from Newport County. Has long been a target of First Division clubs.

Gerry O'Brien (Midfield): Another deadline signing, from Southampton. A Scot, previously with Clydebank.

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Centre row (left to right): DIXON, MOSS, HUBBARD, McLAUC

Front row: GARDNER and CHALKLIN.

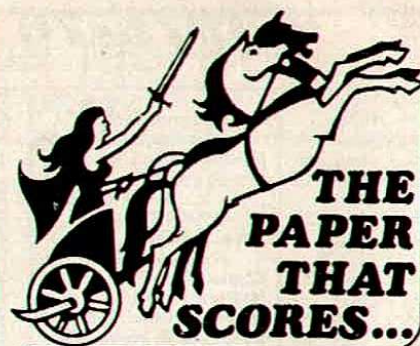
Swindon Town



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1975-76 DIARY

1975	Opponents	F.	A.	Goal Scorers	Gate
Sat. Aug. 16	Preston North End	1	2	Svarc	6,324
Tues. Aug. 19	Crystal Palace	0	3	—	10,006
	(L.C.—1st Leg)	0	2	—	3,333
Sat. Aug. 23	Mansfield Town	3	1	Svarc 2, Smith	3,912
Mon. Aug. 25	Crystal Palace	2	3	Svarc, Bunkell	13,713
	(L.C.—2nd Leg)	0	1	—	2,819
Sat. Aug. 30	Crystal Palace	0	0	—	5,577
Sat. Sept. 6	Halifax Town	2	0	Froggatt, Svarc	3,176
Sat. Sept. 13	Hereford United	0	1	—	3,954
Sat. Sept. 20	Brighton & Hove Alb.	1	0	Packer	5,750
Wed. Sept. 24	Chester	0	0	—	3,035
Sat. Sept. 27	Swindon Town	2	0	Froggatt, Dominey	2,980
Sat. Oct. 4	Bury	2	2	Foley 2	3,586
Sat. Oct. 11	Walsall	0	0	—	3,468
Sat. Oct. 18	Aldershot	1	0	Foley	3,053
Tues. Oct. 21	Rotherham United	1	1	Smith	7,492
Sat. Oct. 25	Port Vale	1	6	Smith	2,906
Sat. Nov. 1	Millwall	1	1	Smith	3,088
Wed. Nov. 5	Chesterfield	0	2	—	6,781
Sat. Nov. 8	Shrewsbury Town	3	3	Leslie, Dominey, Smith	3,765
Sat. Nov. 15	Cardiff City	1	4	Packer (Pen.)	3,779
Sat. Nov. 22	Dover (F.A. Cup 1)	1	0	Foley	5,402
Wed. Nov. 26	Dover (F.A. Cup 1 Replay)	2	1	Smith, Cook	3,534
Sat. Nov. 29	Gillingham	1	1	Froggatt	2,143
Sat. Dec. 6	Sheffield Wednesday	0	2	—	2,608
Sat. Dec. 13	Wrexham	0	2	—	6,127
Sat. Dec. 20	Wrexham	1	0	Foley	3,136
Fri. Dec. 26	Southend United	0	2	—	—
Sat. Dec. 27	Grimsby Town	1	0	—	—
1976					
Sat. Jan. 10	Crystal Palace	0	3	—	6,240
Wed. Jan. 14	Peterborough United	1	3	Packer	7,453
Sat. Jan. 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	0	6	—	16,302
Sat. Jan. 24	Hereford United (4)	1	4	Telford	2,626
Sat. Jan. 31	Rotherham United	0	2	—	3,943
Sat. Feb. 7	Chesterfield	2	3	Bunkell (Pen.), Leslie	2,245
Sat. Feb. 14	Shrewsbury Town (5)	0	1	—	4,485
Sat. Feb. 21	Cardiff City	3	2	Garwood 2, Froggatt	3,248
Tues. Feb. 24	Chester	1	0	Gough	3,534
Sat. Feb. 28	Port Vale (L.C.F.)	2	3	Dyer (2)	3,803
Sat. Mar. 13	Walsall	1	1	Leslie	5,371
Tues. Mar. 16	Aldershot	2	0	Gough, Leslie	3,040
Sat. Mar. 20	Gillingham	2	2	Bunkell (Pen.), Leslie	3,981
Tues. Mar. 23	Millwall	0	1	—	4,573
Sat. Mar. 27	Sheffield Wednesday	0	1	—	6,905
Sat. April 3	Preston N.E. (S.F.)	1	1	Leslie	2,657
Tues. April 6	Swindon Town				
Sat. April 10	Halifax Town				
Mon. April 12	Bury				
Fri. April 16	Peterborough United				
Sat. April 17	Southend United				
Mon. April 19	Grimsby Town				
Sat. April 24	Mansfield Town				
Sat. May 1	F.A. Cup Final				

Home fixtures in bold type.

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Quiz Result

The winner in our soccer quiz (the programme v. Gillingham) is Mr. Nigel Munson of Kingsway, Whitesfield, East Bergholt. He gave the following correct answers:

1. Port Vale, Millwall, Norwich and York, Crystal Palace are the 5th.
2. Sammy Morgan, Joe Kinnear.
3. Alan Durban (Shrewsbury).
4. Terry and Barry Dyson (Wealdstone).
5. Andy McCulloch.

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The participating clubs have been drawn in two groups, with the winners from one group playing the winners from the other group. The eventual winning team from Brean Sands will represent the Southern area in the final to be played at Wembley Stadium on 14th August, 1976 (prior to the Annual Charity Shield Match). The Southern area winners will play the Northern area winners. The clubs from the Northern area will be competing during the same week at Pontin's, Southport.

The Southern Section draw is as follows:

Group A

COLCHESTER UNITED
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Cambridge United
West Ham United

Group B

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Arsenal
Southampton
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Fulham
Bristol Rovers
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All teams in each group will play each other, and the winners of each game will receive two points, with one point for a draw, so all in all it is going to be a very competitive competition.

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Group A

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Blackpool
Leicester City
Derby County

Port Vale
West Bromwich Albion
Preston North End

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Everton
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Bolton Wanderers
Stoke City
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U's Personality Profile

COLIN—IT HAS BEEN GOALS ALL THE WAY

Goals are Colin Garwood's business. And the ex Peterborough, Oldham Athletic and Huddersfield Town striker has been getting them, right from the time of his League debut at 16. He was, in fact, the youngest-ever Peterborough player to make a debut. The match was at Bournemouth and Colin scored the second in a 3-3 draw!

The dark-haired East Anglian, who hails from Headham in Norfolk, has returned to the part of the country he knows best. During the week he stays, currently, at the Marks Tey Motel but he hopes shortly to move into a club house to be joined by his family: wife Carole, who is a Norfolk girl, and his two young sons, Mark and Paul.

Colin was signed by boss Bobby Roberts, after a short loan spell. His two opportunist goals against Cardiff City made him a must and a fee of around £5,000 got him from Huddersfield.

That transaction totted up Colin's transfer fees to £40,000.

He moved from Peterborough to Oldham for £25,000 and from Boundary Park to Huddersfield for £10,000.

He was always a starry-eyed soccer kid, watching every professional game he could. He represented Norfolk schools and was an England Amateur Youth International. He went to Peterborough as an apprentice and his first scoring partnership was struck up with big Jim Hall who is, of course, still banging them in for Northampton Town. "I owed big Jim so much and he was a great help in my early days," Colin recalls.

At Oldham he linked with another consistent goal man, Jim Fryatt and then, at Huddersfield, the duo was Garwood and Alan Gowling who, as everyone knows, has been such a First Division hit with Newcastle United this season.

Colin, whose main hobby away from soccer is the professional footballer's favourite game of golf, has had so many near misses since he got that sparkling brace against Cardiff on 21st February. But, knowing his sharpness and his track record, I reckon they will start rolling in as the U's battle for precious points to stay in Division Three. "We can do it," predicts Colin, "if we win our home matches."

I know one thing. He would revel in the sort of season's finale he enjoyed at Oldham in 1973-74.

He got five goals in the three Easter matches, as the Lancashire club clinched promotion to Division Two, and the last match—at Plymouth—when they got the point they needed to take the title, was the game that always stands out as the most memorable in his eventful career thus far.

—B.W.

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We have played two recent home games in the London Mid-Week League. The first result was disappointing—a goalless draw against Cambridge United. But, last Monday, the side really delighted the manager with a dominant display in beating a strong Brighton squad 2-0.

The first goal, very well taken, came from Tony Evans, who is a local lad on associate schoolboy forms. Then Barry Dominey went through from around half-way and outpaced everyone, to score a fine goal indeed.

Ray Harford, Derek Harrison and Terry Anderson added experience to our young side, while Brighton included men of considerable League experience in Lewis, Winstanley, Beal and Mason.

This was our last home match in the League. Two games remain: we visit Orient on Monday, 12th April (kick-off 2 p.m.) and go to Gillingham on Wednesday 14th April (kick-off 7.30 p.m.).

SENSATIONAL HOLIDAY WITH THE U's

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Next in Town

POSH HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

On Good Friday a local Derby to whet the appetite. While Peterborough United have slipped out of the promotion race, they are always a crowd drawer at Layer Road and this holiday clash will be of tremendous importance to us.

James O'Keefe from Birmingham was manager Noel Cantwell's major deadline signing but he had earlier acquired—for a big fee—Ernie Moss, the Chesterfield striker, to link up with David Gregory. The latter is undoubtedly one of the most talked about youngsters in the lower Divisions.

Peterborough have plenty of personality appeal. Skipper Chris Turner is the backbone of the defence, alongside ex Arsenal Jack Carmichael.

In midfield Peter Eustace, ex Sheffield Wednesday, and Lydon Hughes (formerly West Bromwich Albion), have made a mark; both were close season captures.

Up front, apart from Moss and Gregory there's long serving Tommy Robson who has proved to be as menacing as ever this season.

SOUTHEND UNITED IN A VITAL LOCAL DERBY

The other Easter game—also, by the way, our last home League game of the season—is a vital local Derby with neighbours Southend United.

Southend are an attraction at any time but the way events are going this could be one of the most decisive clashes ever, with the Seaside who are, like ourselves, struggling against the threat of relegation.

In Peter Silvester, well-known ex Norwich City striker who was for a while on loan here, they have one of the leading marksmen in the Division.

Stuart Brace is the other main goal man.

Southend had a very good F.A. Cup run, ending in honourable defeat against Derby County at the Baseball Ground. This, maybe, impaired their League form but, for all that, they boast some personality names. Little, the former Aston Villa man, is a hub in midfield, and another well-known name is defender Fred Banks of Hull City, signed before the deadline.

It Happened

A YEAR AGO, Friday, 4th April, 1975.

United 2, Halifax Town 0.

Goals by Bobby Svarc and a fine effort by young Colwyn Rowe gave us a smart win before a Layer Road crowd of 3,541. Our team: Walker; Parker, Cook, Bunkell, Dominey, Smith, Leslie, Svarc, Froggatt, Lindsay, Rowe.

In the Saturday F.A. Cup semi-finals Fulham drew 1-1 with Birmingham City at Hillsborough and West Ham and Ipswich were deadlocked, also 0-0, at Villa Park.

Today's opponents, Swindon Town, were impressive in beating Huddersfield Town 4-1 at the County Ground, Peter Eastoe got a hat-trick.

There were some high-scoring Division Three games—Blackburn and Walsall 3-3 and Brighton pipping Gillingham 4-3.

In Division Two Norwich City beat Orient 2-0 at Carrow Road, with goals by Phil Boyer and Ted MacDougall.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Saturday, 3rd April, 1971.

Another blow to our promotion hopes as we crashed 2-1 to Northampton Town, at the County Ground; Dixie McNeil got both for Town and John Kurila replied for United.

Our team: Smith; Burgess, Hall, Cram, Garvey, Kurila, Gibbs, Jones, Mahon, Crawford, Lewis. The gate was 7,909.

Swindon, then Division Two, went down 5-2 to Sunderland, at Roker Park; Butler and Rogers their scorers. Also in Division Two a 0-0 draw for Norwich City, against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane.

In Division One a 3-1 home defeat for Ipswich Town by Southampton (Gabriel (pen.), Channon and Davies); Clive Woods scored for Town.

TEN YEARS AGO. Good Friday, 8th April, 1966.

A titanic Layer Road tussle between United and Luton Town. It ended 2-2, before a gate of 10,200. Reg Stratton was our hero, with both goals.

We lined up: Kennon; Forbes, Fowler, Blackwood, Loughton, Trevis, Grice, Bullock, Stratton, Phillips, Hall.

Ipswich Town, in Division Two, scored well at Orient, winning 4-1. Hegan got two and Brogan and Spearitt the others.

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January 10—Crystal Palace:

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Up to and including Saturday, 3rd April, 1976

	Home				Goals		Away			Goals		Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Hereford United	39	11	5	3	36	20	11	4	5	37	26	53
Brighton	40	17	1	2	53	13	4	5	11	17	32	48
Crystal Palace	39	7	9	3	29	18	10	5	5	28	22	48
Millwall	41	14	5	1	30	13	3	9	9	17	29	48
Cardiff City	40	12	6	2	35	13	6	5	9	29	35	47
Walsall	41	11	7	3	43	21	6	5	9	25	32	46
Wrexham	39	12	5	3	33	16	5	5	9	20	27	44
Shrewsbury Town	39	12	1	6	31	22	5	8	7	22	25	44
Peterborough Utd.	40	11	6	3	34	20	3	9	8	24	36	43
Preston North End	39	13	3	4	38	23	4	5	10	15	28	42
Gillingham	40	10	8	2	33	19	2	10	8	18	34	42
Port Vale	40	9	8	3	27	17	4	6	10	20	26	40
Bury Town	38	9	6	3	27	13	3	7	10	18	29	37
Mansfield Town	40	6	10	4	27	22	6	3	11	22	27	37
Rotherham United	40	10	4	6	30	20	3	6	11	16	36	36
Chester	38	11	6	2	29	14	2	4	13	9	38	36
Chesterfield	40	9	5	6	38	24	5	2	13	22	38	35
Aldershot	40	10	7	3	33	21	2	4	14	22	47	35
Grimsby Town	40	11	7	2	35	19	1	3	16	17	46	34
Halifax Town	39	6	4	10	20	27	5	6	8	16	24	32
Southend United	38	8	5	7	35	28	2	5	11	18	34	30
Sheffield Wed.	38	8	6	5	29	24	0	8	11	13	27	30
Swindon Town	39	9	3	7	32	26	3	3	14	17	43	30
United	39	8	5	7	21	23	2	5	12	14	37	30

DATA DETAILS

Appearances and Scorers up to and including
Saturday, 3rd April, 1976

	League	League Cup	F.A. Cup
Anderson	13	—	—
Bond	3	—	—
Bright	16	—	—
Bunkell	31	2	2
Cook	38	2	2
Dominey	32	2	2
Dyer	27	2	2
Foley	21	—	1
Froggatt	34	2	1
Garwood	10	—	—
Gough	15	—	—
Harrison	5	—	1
Leslie	31	—	2
O'Donnell	1	—	—
Packer	37	2	2
Roberts	—	1	—
Smith	32	2	2
Svarc	8	2	—
Thomas	7	2	—
Walker	36	2	2
Williams	29	1	2

Scorers:

League: Foley (5), Leslie (5), Smith (4), Froggatt (4), Bunkell (3), Svarc (3), Garwood (2), Packer (2), Dyer (2), Gough (2), Cook, Telford, Dominey (one each)

League Cup: Svarc (2), Smith (1).

F.A. Cup: Dominey, Leslie, Packer, Smith (one each).

The Mid-Week League

1975			Score
Tues. Sept. 2	Millwall		2-1
Tues. Sept. 9	Orient		2-4
Wed. Sept. 17	Southend United		0-5
Tues. Sept. 23	Luton Town		1-1
Wed. Oct. 8	Portsmouth		0-2
Wed. Oct. 15	Northampton Town		3-0
Wed. Oct. 22	Peterborough Utd.		1-3
Tues. Oct. 28	Peterborough Utd.		5-5
Tues. Nov. 4	Watford		2-3
Tues. Nov. 11	Portsmouth (L.C. 1)		4-0
Wed. Nov. 19	Watford		0-4
Tues. Dec. 2	Millwall		0-2
Mon. Dec. 8	Cambridge United		0-3
Tues. Dec. 16	Portsmouth		4-3
Mon. Dec. 22	Gillingham		1-4
1976			
Mon. Jan. 12	Millwall (L.C. 2)		1-0
Tues. Jan. 20	Brighton & Hove Albion		1-4
Tues. Jan. 27	Southend United		0-1
Tues. Feb. 3	Brentford		2-1
Mon. Feb. 9	Charlton Athletic		1-1
Thurs. Feb. 12	Peterborough Utd. (L.C. Semi-Final)		1-3
Mon. Feb. 16	Luton Town		1-2
Tues. Feb. 24	Brentford		0-5
Wed. Mar. 3	Northampton Town		1-3
Wed. Mar. 24	Cambridge United		0-0
Mon. Mar. 29	Brighton and Hove		2-0
Mon. Apr. 12	Orient		
Wed. Apr. 14	Gillingham		
Tues. Apr. 27	Charlton Athletic		

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9. John FROGGATT
10. Micky COOK
11. Steve LESLIE
12. Sub.: Ian ALLINSON

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