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Our recent two away defeats were very disappointing. We met Chester who are playing as well as they ever will and didn't start to play until the second half. During this period we contrived to miss a penalty which could have put a different light on the game had we scored. We also failed to generate the aggression which of late has enabled us to take hold of games. At Portsmouth we completely outplayed the home side for the whole game apart from a ten minute period before half-time and in fact they scored twice during this spell. Mind you, they only scored with a lot of help from our so called defenders. We dominated the opening proceedings and in fact could have had a couple of goals before we eventually went ahead. Unfortunately we surrendered the big advantage almost immediately because we failed to do some fundamental defensive work on a throw in and it cost us a goal. Their second goal would have gone down well on Candid Camera!

GERRY

GILLS GOALSCORERS

Division 3: Richardson 11, Westwood 11, Price 4, Galvin 3, Weatherly 2, Brindley 1, Crabbe 1, Durrell 1, Overton 1, Spearritt 1, Williams 1, Opps. 1.

League Cup: Richardson 2, Galvin 1, Weatherly 1.

Midweek League: Jolley 5, Westwood 3, Hilton 3, Hill 2, Durrell 1, Fogarty 1, Muskett 1, Richardson 1, Weatherly 1, Williams 1.

Youth Team: Jolley 17, P. Walker 12, B. Hughes 6, S. Hunt 4, P. Carolan 3, J. Hutton 1, W. Godden 1, D. Snell 1.

Average Home Attendance (Div 3): 5,718.



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We came out in the second half and continued to have the better of play. We deserved our equaliser and continued to play some first-class football only for the referee to award a most peculiar penalty against us. Even after their late goal we must have missed at least four clear cut chances. I don't think anyone but the most ardent Portsmouth fan could believe the result at the finish. It's nice to get the National Papers praising our standard of play but our supporters at home only want to hear about good results.

John Overton has started to play again after quite a long stay up at Rotherham. Jim McGuigan the Rotherham manager and their physio John Smith have been a great help in allowing us to use their remedial facilities.

Today's game should be an attractive one and we certainly need it after the Port Vale affair. Swindon will certainly try and play the game as it should be played, going forward and we will need a great deal of help from you our fans if we are to see them off. Up the Gills.



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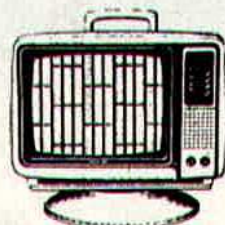
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INSIDE CHAT

League Cup Final

We have a few standing tickets available at £1.50 each for the League Cup Final which is to be played at Wembley next Saturday, 12th March. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets should contact the Secretary not later than 5 p.m. on Monday.

Please Have the Correct Money

Delays are occurring at one or two turnstiles because people arriving at the ground a few minutes before kick-off are handing in £5 and £10 notes for 65p admission. It would be a great help to the turnstile operators if you could have the correct money ready.

Southern Junior Floodlight Cup

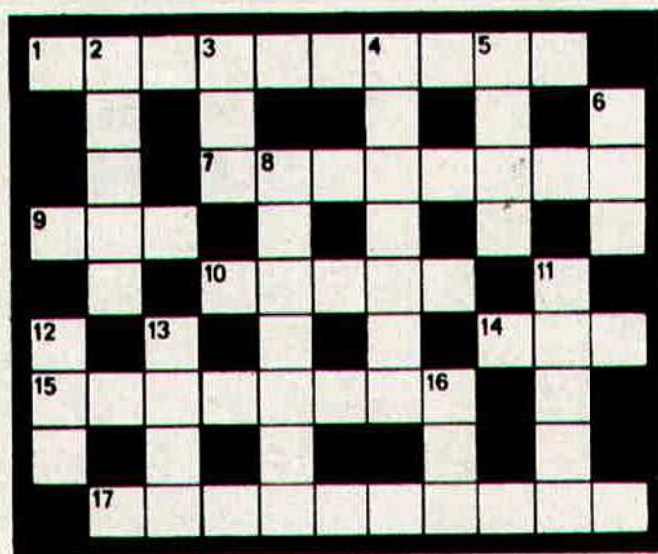
It has been arranged to play Crystal Pal-

ace juniors here next Saturday, 12th March in the Quarter Final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. Admission is 35p for adults and 10p for juniors and senior citizens. Anyone who hasn't seen our junior side this season should try and make a special effort to be here because it should be a good game. We hope to be able to arrange frequent announcements of how the first team are getting on at Chesterfield.

Annual Fete

On Saturday, 28th May we will be holding a Fete at Priestfield Stadium. The event was a great success last year and we hope for even more support this year. If your organisation would like to have a stall at the Fete would you please contact Dave Pomeroy on Medway 51462 as soon as possible.

No. 16



PRIZEWORD

WIN TWO FREE SEATS

Send your answers, on a postcard if you don't want to cut the programme, to Prize-word 16, Gillingham Football Club, Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham, Kent.

The competition closes next Thursday, 10th March, and the first correct entry opened then will win two free stand tickets for the next home game.

CLUES—Across

1. New Division Two side in Scotland (10)

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A Star is Born

Congratulations to Alan Hodgkinson and his wife Brenda on the birth of a son recently. No doubt Andrew will be appearing at the ground soon for training, and in years to come there may well be another England international in the Hodgkinson family!

It's Nice to be Appreciated

We received a letter from Mr. G. Robinson of Portsmouth this week, and he wanted us to know how much he enjoyed the company of members of the Gills Travel Club at Portsmouth last week. "It was a pleasure to meet visiting supporters who come along purely to watch football and not look for trouble." Thanks Mr. Robinson.

Book Early for Brighton

There is certain to be a large demand for seat tickets when Brighton visit us on Saturday, 9th April. Tickets at £1.30 each will be available from Monday, 28th March.

7. In May 1963 referee Jim Finney had to abandon their "friendly" against Austria after two Austrians had been sent off (8)
- 9 & 16 down. Score worth one point in the League but two in the pools (3-3)
10. Gillingham youth team secretary (5)
14. Graydon or Goddard (3)
15. Former Chesterfield forward who made a summer move to Millwall (8)
17. League of Ireland club based at Turners Cross (4, 6)

CLUES—Down

2. Portsmouth utility defender (5)
3. — Bremner (Hibernian and Scotland) (3)
4. Roberto — (Juventus and Italy) (7)
5. Wrexham manager (4)
6. Former West Ham forward — Coker is now with Minnesota Kicks (3)
8. Bristol City international (7)
11. West Ham included Reipas — among their Cup-Winners' Cup victims last season (5)
12. Nick Deacy went from Hereford to Holland to join this club last season (1, 1, 1)
13. Grzegorz — (Stal Mielec and Poland) (4)
16. See 9 across

PRIZEWORD 15—Solution

Across: Walsh, 4. Roger, 7. Derby County, 8. Astle, 12. Douglas Park, 14. Young, 15. Allan.
Down: 1. Wednesday, 2. Lord, 3. Hayes, 4. Rio (Brazil), 5. Gunn, 6. Ray Hankin, 9. Loska, 10.

YOUR LUCK

PISCES (20 Feb-20 Mar)

Things will go very well for you over the next month or so. Get working on changes and new projects that you have in mind.

ARIES (21 Mar-20 Apr)

Business and pleasure can be profitably combined at this time. Make a point of visiting an old friend as you may hear some good news.

TAURUS (21 Apr-20 May)

If recently drawn into a new friendship or relationship avoid showing over-eagerness. A slow and steady development of the association is more to your advantage.

GEMINI (21 May-20 June)

Difficulties in your work and particularly in connection with some sort of technical issue. You may have to call in outside help.

CANCER (21 June-22 July)

People will want you to be cautious when your whole instinct is to 'have a go' regardless of the risk. The wise course now is to exploit the opportunity of the moment.

LEO (23 July-22 Aug)

A general tendency for uncertainty will prevail because colleagues mess you about. Be prepared for mid-week carelessness and mistakes.

VIRGO (23 Aug-22 Sept)

Far too easy to waste time arguing or quarrelling. For the time being accept that other people's ideas and interests are going to clash with yours and be realistic about it.

LIBRA (23 Sept-22 Oct)

Hobbies and spare-time interests will flourish but whilst you can have a lot of fun at games and competitive activities be cautious about backing your skill and luck with hard cash.

SCORPIO (23 Oct-21 Nov)

If a parent, be prepared for a minor emergency involving a younger member of the family. If single, watch your step with a special friend mid-week.

SAGITTARIUS (22 Nov-21 Dec)

A forceful, ambitious, outspoken person will be playing an important role in your life. A lot will depend on your ability to stand up to them, but without provoking a quarrel.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec-20 Jan)

If you have not had a holiday for some time, take a break now. The rest will do you good and give you time to think over a problem that is troubling you.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan-19 Feb)

Make sure that you pay attention to what people around you are doing and that you accept as many of the invitations which come your way as possible.

FACTS

DIVISION 3

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA	ATT	CAWSTON	WHEATLEY	HILLYARD	BRINDLEY	SPEARITT	WILLIAMS	GALVIN	JOLLEY	SHIPPERLEY	TYDEMAN	KNIGHT	OVERTON	RICHARDSON	WESTWOOD	DURRELL	WEATHERLY	HILTON	CRABBE	ARMSTRONG	NICHOLL	PRICE
Aug. 21	Reading H	2-2	5314	-	1	-	2	3	-	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	10*	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
24	Shrewsbury A	2-4	3858	-	1	-	2	3	-	4*	-	5	6	7	8	9	12	11	10	-	-	-	-	-
28	Walsall A	2-1	5787	-	-	-	2	3	11	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	12	11	10	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 4	Northampton H	1-1	5375	1	-	-	2	3	-	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
11	Port Vale A	2-1	3015	1	-	-	2	3	12	4	-	5	6*	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
18	Portsmouth H	2-1	6731	1	-	-	2	3	7	4*	-	5	6	-	8	9	11	10	12	-	-	-	-	-
25	Swindon A	2-2	8678	1	-	-	2	3*	7	4	-	5	6	12	8	9	11	10	12	-	-	-	-	-
Oct. 2	Chesterfield H	2-1	5887	1	-	-	2	3	7	4	-	5	6	-	8	9	-	-	10	11	-	-	-	-
9	Sheffield Wed. A	0-2	15133	1	-	-	2	3	4	-	-	5	6	7	8	9	10	11*	12	-	-	-	-	-
16	Lincoln H	0-1	6053	1	-	-	2	3	4	-	-	5	6	-	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	12	-	-
23	Wrexham A	1-2	7270	1	-	-	2	3	7	4	-	5	6	-	8	9	-	-	10	11	-	-	11	-
26	Chester A	1-2	Aban.	1	-	-	2	3	5	4	-	5	6	-	8	9	10	11	-	-	-	-	7	-
30	Preston H	1-1	5070	1	-	-	2	3	5	4	-	5	6	-	8	9	10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov. 2	Grimsby H	1-1	4729	1	-	-	2	3	-	4	-	5	6	-	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	7	-
6	Peterborough A	1-0	5651	1	-	-	2	3	8	4	-	5	6	-	-	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	7	-
13	Mansfield H	3-1	5457	1	-	-	2	3	6	4	-	5	-	8	-	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	7	-
26	Bury A	1-3	4613	1	-	-	2	3	6	4	-	5	-	8	-	-	10	11	9*	12	-	-	7	-
Dec. 4	Rotherham H	1-2	4715	1	HUGHES	-	2	3	8	4	-	5	6	-	-	-	10	11	12	-	-	-	7	9*
11	Oxford A	1-3	3519	1	-	-	2	3	8	4	-	5	6	2	-	-	10	11	-	-	-	3	7	9
17	Tranmere A	0-2	2054	1	-	-	2	3	6*	4	-	5	-	8	-	-	10	12	-	-	-	3	7	9
27	Crystal Palace H	0-3	11237	1	-	-	2	3	4	-	-	5	-	8	6	-	10	11	-	-	-	3	7	9
29	Brighton A	0-2	16880	1	HUGHES	-	2	3	4	-	11*	5	-	8	6	-	10	12	-	-	-	3	7	9
Jan. 8	York A	2-2	2030	-	-	1	-	-	8	4	-	5	-	2	6	11	10	-	-	-	-	3	7	9
22	Reading A	2-1	6178	-	-	1	5	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	6	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
29	Oxford H	1-1	4919	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	6*	11	10	12	-	-	8	3	7	9
Feb. 5	Walsall H	1-0	4717	-	6	1	-	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
12	Northampton A	2-1	4391	-	6	1	12	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
15	Shrewsbury H	2-1	4798	-	6	1	-	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
19	Port Vale H	1-1	5084	-	6	1	5	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
22	Chester A	0-1	4048	-	6	1	5	-	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	3	7	9
26	Portsmouth A	2-3	10102	-	6	1	-	-	12	4*	-	5	-	2	-	11	10	2	9	-	8	3	7	-
Mar. 5	Swindon H																							
12	Chesterfield A																							
19	Sheffield Wed. H																							
22	Peterborough H																							
26	Lincoln A																							
Apr. 2	Wrexham H																							
5	Crystal Palace A																							
9	Brighton H																							
11	Grimsby A																							
16	Chester H																							
23	Mansfield A																							
26	Preston A																							
30	Bury H																							
May 3	York H																							
7	Rotherham A																							
14	Tranmere H																							
	Hill 5 v Reading (H)																							
	Fogarty 7 v Lincoln (H)																							

LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 14	Aldershot A	1-1	2641	-	-	1	2	-	3	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
18	Aldershot H	2-0	4862	-	-	1	2	3	-	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 1	Newcastle H	1-2	11203	1	-	-	2	3	-	4	-	5	6	7	8	9	10	11*	12	-	-	-	-	-

F.A. CUP

Nov. 20	Watford H	0-1	6818	1	-	-	2	3	6	4	-	5	-	8	-	9*	10	11	-	12	-	-	7	-
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DIV 3 TOPICS

Within minutes of their 3-1 home defeat against Bury the Reading board of Directors sacked manager **Charlie Hurley**—the man who had steered the Elm Park club to promotion from the Fourth Division only last season. Club chairman Frank Waller made a statement to the effect that it had been mutually agreed that Hurley would leave at once and, until a new manager is appointed, that coach Maurice Evans would be in charge.

Last October, Reading met **Swindon** at Elm Park and beat them 4-1 with two goals from Murray and a goal apiece from Cumming and Carnaby. This win took Reading into the top three in the division and their record then read: P 9 W 5 D 2 L 2 F 16 A 10 Pts 12. In the 22 games since then Reading have managed just two wins! Their record during this time is worse than any other club in the Football League:

P 22 W 2 D 4 L 16 F 17 A 46 Pts 8.

Chesterfield ended their run of 11 games without a win last week when they entertained **Sheffield Wednesday** in a local derby. But, in many ways it could be said that they paid for it. £51,000 to be precise. In the past eight days Chesterfield made three new signings. First they signed striker Stuart Parker from Southend United for £15,000 and immediately followed that by signing another striker, Ricky Green, from Scunthorpe United for £20,000. Finally they captured the signature of Ricky Heppollette for a modest £16,000 from Crystal Palace! Young Ricky Green immediately made his presence felt by banging home both the goals—one in each half.

Today's opponents **Swindon Town** have enjoyed a money-spinning run in this year's F.A. Cup and were unlucky to be finally hustled out of the competition in a replay at Goodison Park against the might of **Everton**. Trevor Anderson's goal not being enough to stop Everton going through by a scoreline that read 2-1. The Robins' best results this season have all been at home. A crushing 7-0 victory over non-leaguers **Bromley** taking pride of place.

David Garth

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THE GILLS IN ACTION

AGAINST P AND AT POI

Top: Danny Westwood (light shirt) takes on Weatherly and Buster Crabbe. Gills have never v last Saturday.

Picture by Mike Gunnill/Evening Post.

Below: Damien Richardson pockets the equaliser a fortnight ago.

Pictures by Ray Christopher/Chatham News Chie



ST PORT VALE T PORTSMOUTH

shirt) takes on the Portsmouth defence watched by Mark Gills have never won at Fratton Park but certainly deserved to

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ickets the equaliser from Billy Hughes' fine pass against Port Vale

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2/3 NEWS

Gillingham reserves gained ample revenge for their home defeat by Millwall in the Midweek League by winning the return match at the Den.

A single goal, netted by Mark Weatherly midway through the first half, proved sufficient for both points.

Team: Wheatley; Williams, Wiltshire (Botham), Brindley, Tyler, Spearritt, Walker, Hilton, Weatherly, Jolley, Durrell.

Gillingham's Eire youth international Pat Walker played a significant part in the youth team's splendid victory over second placed Chelsea a fortnight ago.

His two goals ended Chelsea's long unbeaten run that stretched right back to early September.

The young Gills won 2-1 with Walker scoring from the penalty spot and then making it 2-0 from a free kick on the edge of the box. The Londoners eventually replied in the last minute.

Team: Kitts; Tyler, George, Hutton, Wiltshire, Starkey, Walker, Raymond, Nwajobi (Holmes), Jolley, Carolan.

Last Saturday's match at Orient was postponed.

Next home date for the under-18s is in two weeks time when they play Crystal Palace at the Garrison Ground, kick-off 11.00 a.m.

Unless the League Cup match against Northampton is rearranged, the reserves have no home fixtures until the end of March.



Bob Wiltshire John Hutton Pat Carolan

TABLES

Up to and including 26 February

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	30	18	6	6	58	24	42
Mansfield	28	17	5	6	52	25	39
Rotherham	29	14	11	4	46	27	39
Wrexham	27	15	6	6	48	30	36
Palace	29	13	10	6	34	21	36
Sheff. Wed.	31	14	7	10	44	38	35
Preston	29	12	10	7	44	29	34
Shrewsbury	30	14	6	10	47	34	34
Bury	29	13	6	10	41	42	32
Chester	28	14	3	11	31	35	31
Oxford	31	9	11	11	42	44	29
Lincoln	25	10	8	7	44	41	28
Swindon	27	10	8	9	39	40	28
Gillingham	30	10	8	12	38	47	28
Tranmere	28	7	12	9	31	33	26
Peterborough	29	8	9	12	30	39	25
Portsmouth	29	7	10	12	34	44	24
Chesterfield	30	9	5	16	35	43	23
Walsall	29	8	7	14	34	43	23
York	30	8	7	15	38	62	23
Northampton	30	8	5	17	40	57	21
Port Vale	27	5	10	12	28	39	20
Grimsby	30	8	4	18	28	46	20
Reading	31	7	6	18	33	56	20

Midweek League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	15	10	1	4	38	22	21
Southend	16	8	1	7	28	24	17
Northampton	15	5	6	4	33	31	16
Watford	15	7	2	6	28	31	16
Brighton	13	6	2	5	27	21	14
Millwall	14	5	3	6	20	27	13
Peterborough	16	3	6	7	20	26	12
Gillingham	13	4	3	6	19	22	11
Cambridge	12	5	1	6	23	31	11
Brentford	10	4	2	4	17	16	10
Charlton	9	3	1	5	23	23	7

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	21	16	3	2	62	25	35
Chelsea	21	14	4	3	44	22	32
Southend	20	10	2	8	36	26	22
Gillingham	19	9	4	6	32	34	22
Tottenham	20	8	5	7	41	33	21
Arsenal	17	8	5	4	21	20	21
Palace	18	7	6	5	37	28	20
Q.P.R.	17	8	4	5	34	25	20
Norwich	19	7	5	7	30	37	19
Portsmouth	15	6	4	5	35	25	16
West Ham	21	6	3	12	40	55	15
Millwall	21	5	4	12	26	33	14
Fulham	16	2	7	7	20	23	11
Charlton	17	3	5	9	25	41	11
Watford	16	2	4	10	16	43	8
Orient	16	2	3	11	15	43	7

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With the Gills. The all-action display at Portsmouth deserved better than to lose by a so-called 'penalty', so help the Gills back to winning ways by giving them your support today.

Mascot. Ten-year-old Graham Owen of Churchill Avenue, Chatham is making his second appearance of the season. Holds a judo Yellow Belt and also plays football as well as being a keen swimmer.

Youth Team. John Hutton is another of the apprentices who has done so well in the Youth team, which is attracting more and more support to the Garrison Ground.

Lordswood Library is kindly staging an exhibition compiled by the Association to promote the Gills.

Membership Register is still open. Join today and take advantage of our Insurance and Discount schemes.

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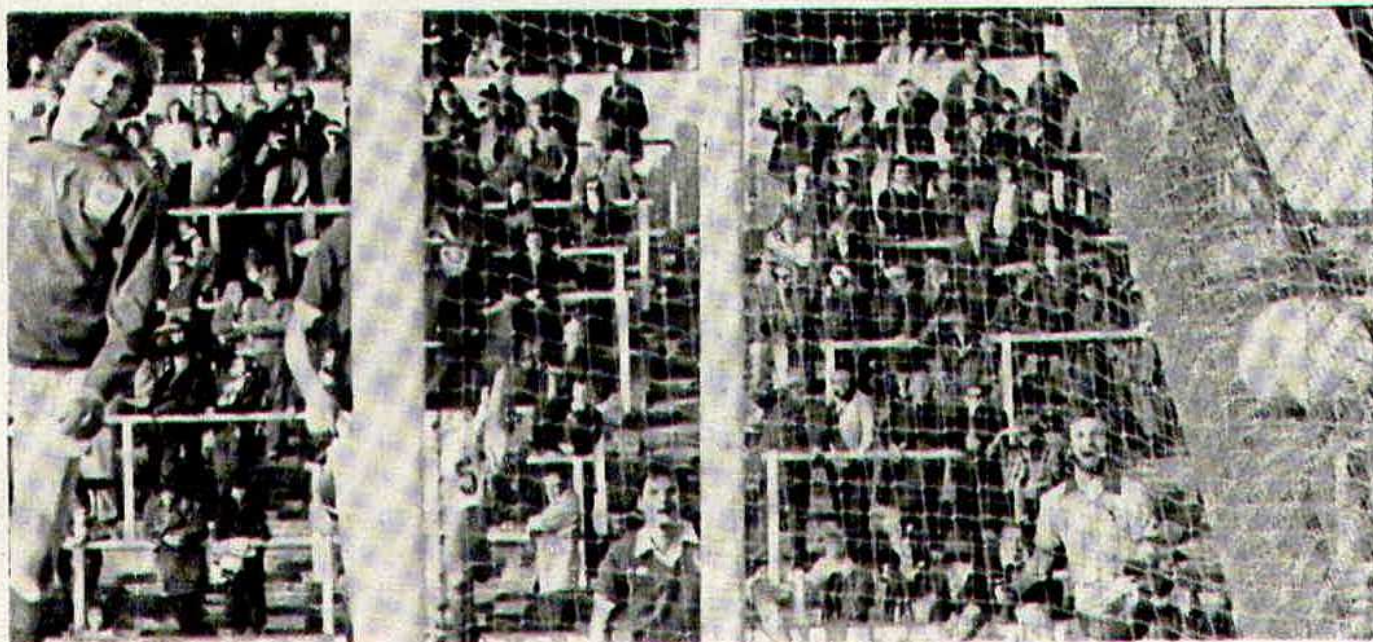
This week's winning Tote combination was 19 & 22. Two lucky winners share £52. Tote tickets are on sale tonight and all through the week in the Gills Social Club. The numbers are drawn every Sunday lunchtime at 1.30 p.m.

Every Friday night a friendly darts match is played between the members, with random partners drawn from a hat. Come along next Friday and have some fun with the chance of winning a joint of meat.

Darts, euchre and cribbage players are needed for our Tuesday evening darts and card league team. Contact Harry Mudge in the Social Club for details.

The pin-table which has recently been installed in the bar has been very popular since the highest score of the week wins four bottles of Courage Silver Jubilee Ale.

Membership renewals at 60p will be taken up to 31st March and new membership subscriptions are 85p.



Buster Crabbe (extreme right) looks suitably pleased as Danny Westwood's header hits the net, from his cross, for the first of his two goals at Portsmouth.

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PRIESTFIELD PROFILE

Full Name: Gary Stephen Armstrong.

Birthplace: West Ham.

Date of Birth: 2nd January, 1958.

Married: No.

Car: Triumph 1300.

Favourite Other Team: Manchester United.

Most Difficult Opponent: Crossley (Chester).

Why: He gave me a roasting.

Favourite Food: Steak and chips.

Best Country Visited: Austria.

Most Memorable Match: v. Grimsby Town last season.

Why? Football League debut.

Miscellaneous Likes: Horseriding, music.

Miscellaneous Dislikes: Smoking, politics.

Favourite TV Programmes: When the Boat Comes In, Fawlty Towers, Old Grey Whistle Test.

Favourite Singers: Joe Walsh, Thin Lizzy, Jim Reeves.

Favourite Actors: Clint Eastwood, James Coburn, Adam Faith.

If you weren't a footballer what do you think you'd be: A decorator.

Favourite other sport: Swimming.

Best friend in club: Mark Weatherly.

Person you would most like to meet: Clint Eastwood.

Person you would least like to meet: Jimmy Osmond.

What do you think is your worst quality as a person: I'm rotten to my girl-friend.

What do you think is your best quality as a person: I'm ambitious.

If you could take one book, one record, one person to a desert island what would be your choice? Book—1971 Beano Annual; Record—Jim Reeves' 40 Greatest; Person—Girl-friend Kay.

GERRY SUMMERS' ASSESSMENT:

Gary has done tremendously well since coming into the first team. He is a boy with great confidence in his own ability and he shows it. He has worked hard at improving his defensive qualities and has done everything that could be asked of him since making the senior side.

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AFTERNOON

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Jimmy Allan (Goalkeeper). Born in Inverness, he joined Brora Rangers from school and was signed from them as an apprentice in October 1970. Signed professional in July 1971. Made his first team debut two months later, but it was only this season that he has made the goalkeeping position his own.

John Trollope (Defender). The club's longest serving player, having signed as an professional in August 1960 after serving his apprenticeship. Has since broken the club's appearances record playing over 750 games for the 'Robins'. An ever-present at left back for the past two seasons, he is the club captain.

Ken Stroud (Defender). Joined Swindon as an apprentice in 1967, signing full professional forms in 1970. Became established in the first team last season and has now made nearly 100 appearances for the Wiltshire side. A very strong player who is equally at home in midfield.

Steve Aizlewood (Defender). First appeared for his home town club, Newport County, at the age of 16 in season 1968-69. Went on to make nearly 200 League appearances before his transfer to Swindon in March 1976. Also holder of four Welsh caps at Under-23 level.

John McLaughlin (Defender). Started his career with Colchester United for whom he made 66 League appearances during which time he was capped for England Youth. Joined Swindon in December 1973. Originally a full-back, he moved to midfield towards the end of last season, but has since reverted to defence.

Colin Prophet (Defender). Played for Crewe as an amateur, but made his League debut with Sheffield Wednesday in 1968. Moved on to Norwich City in 1973 and made 34 appearances in the First Division before his transfer to Swindon in September 1974. Made 26 League appearances last season.

Will Dixon (Midfield). Originally with Arsenal, he made his League debut with Reading for whom he made 150 League appearances. Transferred to Swindon in September 1973. Gained a regular place that season and had made 96 League appearances to the end of last season, mostly at full-back. Switched to midfield last season with considerable success.

Ray McHale (Midfield). Joined Swindon in the early autumn from Halifax Town where he made nearly 100 League appearances. A native of Sheffield, he was an apprentice with Huddersfield before becoming a part-timer with Chesterfield and turning full-time in 1971. Joined Halifax in October 1974 and was their leading scorer last season.

Dave Moss (Forward). Signed from his local non-league club as an apprentice and then as a full professional in 1969. Made his

Formed: 1881.
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Record Victory: 10-1 v. Farnham United Breweries (F.A. Cup) 1925-26.
Record Defeat: 1-10 v. Manchester City (F.A. Cup) 1929-30.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £88,000 to Wolverhampton Wanderers for Peter Eastoe, March 1974.
Record Transfer Fee Received: £150,000 from Crystal Palace for Don Rogers, 1972.
Record Goalscorer: Harry Morris with 47 goals in season 1926-27.
Honours: Division 3 Runners-up 1962-63 and 1968-69. League Cup Winners 1968-69. Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1970.
Manager: Danny Williams.



Back Row (left to right): Trollope, Thompson, Rogers, Stroud. **Middle:** Allen, Goddard, Prophet, Aizlewood, Gilligan, Burrows, Barron. **Front:** Chalklin, Dixon, Moss, Syrett, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Anderson.

first team debut in April 1972 and has now made nearly 150 League appearances for the 'Robins'. A true orthodox winger who can play both sides of the pitch and scores as well as makes goals.

Dave Syrett (Forward). Another former apprentice, joining full-time in November 1973. Capped by England at Youth level, he gained a regular place in January 1976 after Peter Eastoe's departure to Q.P.R. Finished the season with 16 goals to his credit.

Trevor Anderson (Forward). Arrived from Manchester United in November 1974 and is a Northern Ireland International, having scored twice on his debut against Cyprus in May 1973. Ever-present last season, in which he scored 15 goals including a hat-trick of penalties against Walsall.

Roger J. Triggs

PAST PERFORMANCES



Although Gillingham have an excellent home record against Swindon it's not often that points are acquired from visits to the County Ground.

However, three of the last five visits have ended all square and this season a late equaliser from **Mark Weatherly** earned Gills a point from a 2-2 draw.

League Record

Gills/Swindon

At Priestfield:
At Swindon:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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2 John McLaughlin

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