

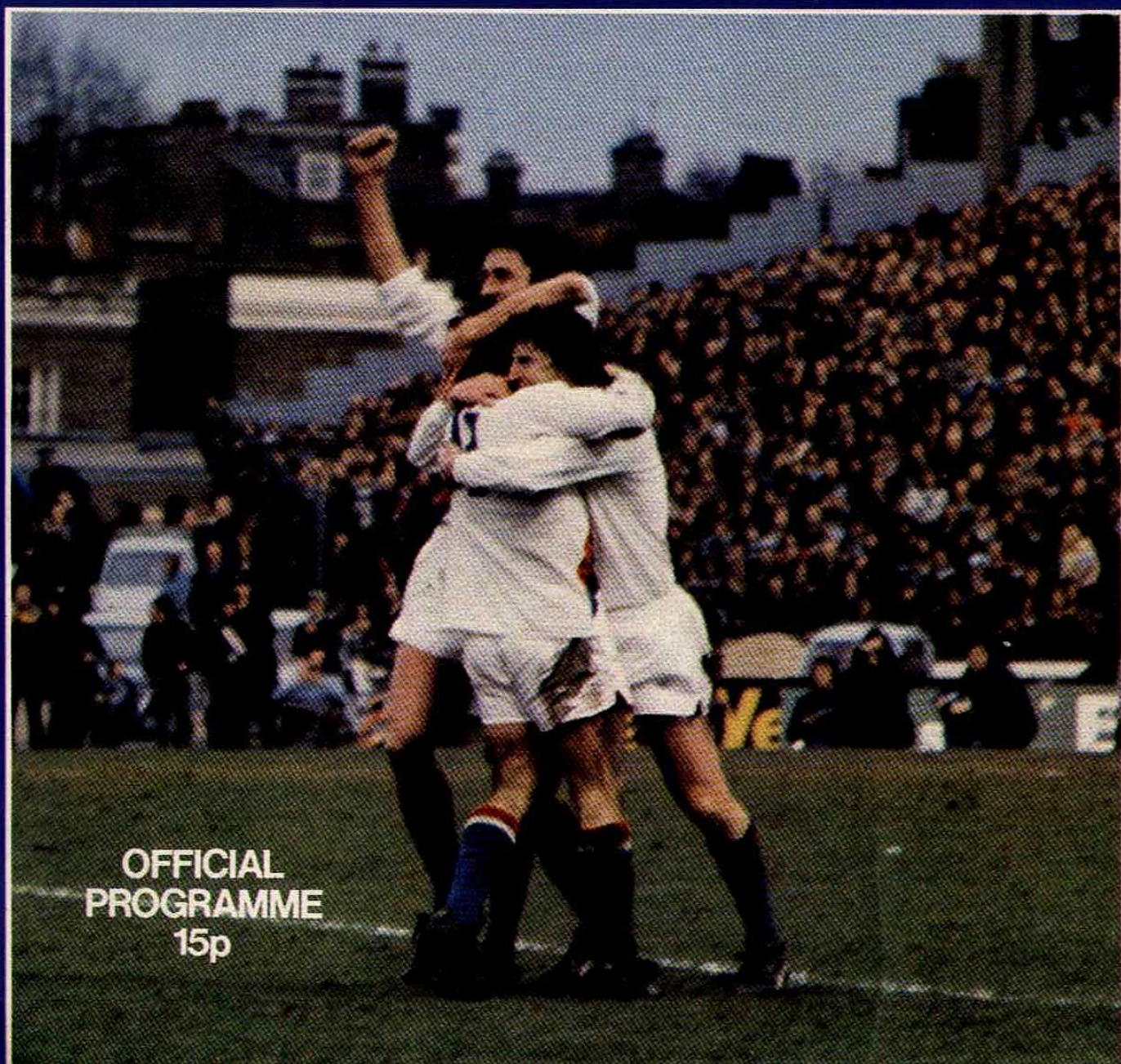
CRYSTAL PALACE



Swindon Town

Division 3

Tuesday 12 April 1977



OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME
15p

PONTIN'S

Football Holiday Weeks 1977

Hemsby Holiday Village
Beach Road, Hemsby, Norfolk NR29 4HL
Tel : (0493) 730698

22-28 May (6 days)

Featuring the Pontin's 6-a-side Football Competition

Final played at Wembley prior to the Charity Shield Match.
Details from The Pools Office or Social Club

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Team	Goals	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Swindon Town	1	1	0	0
Rotherham	1	1	0	0

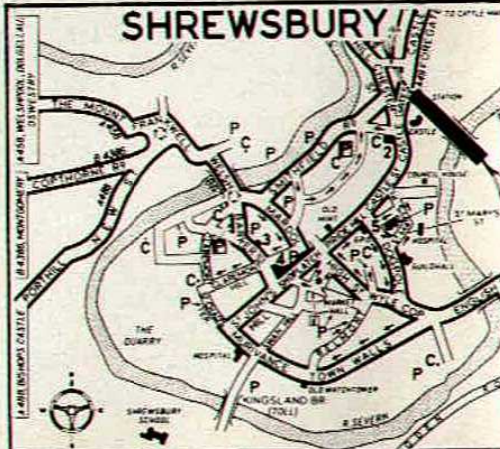
Our Profile Commercial Manager Tony Shaw....Spotlight on Swindon Town....Action from Rotherhamup to date Statistics



The Palace Guard Club....

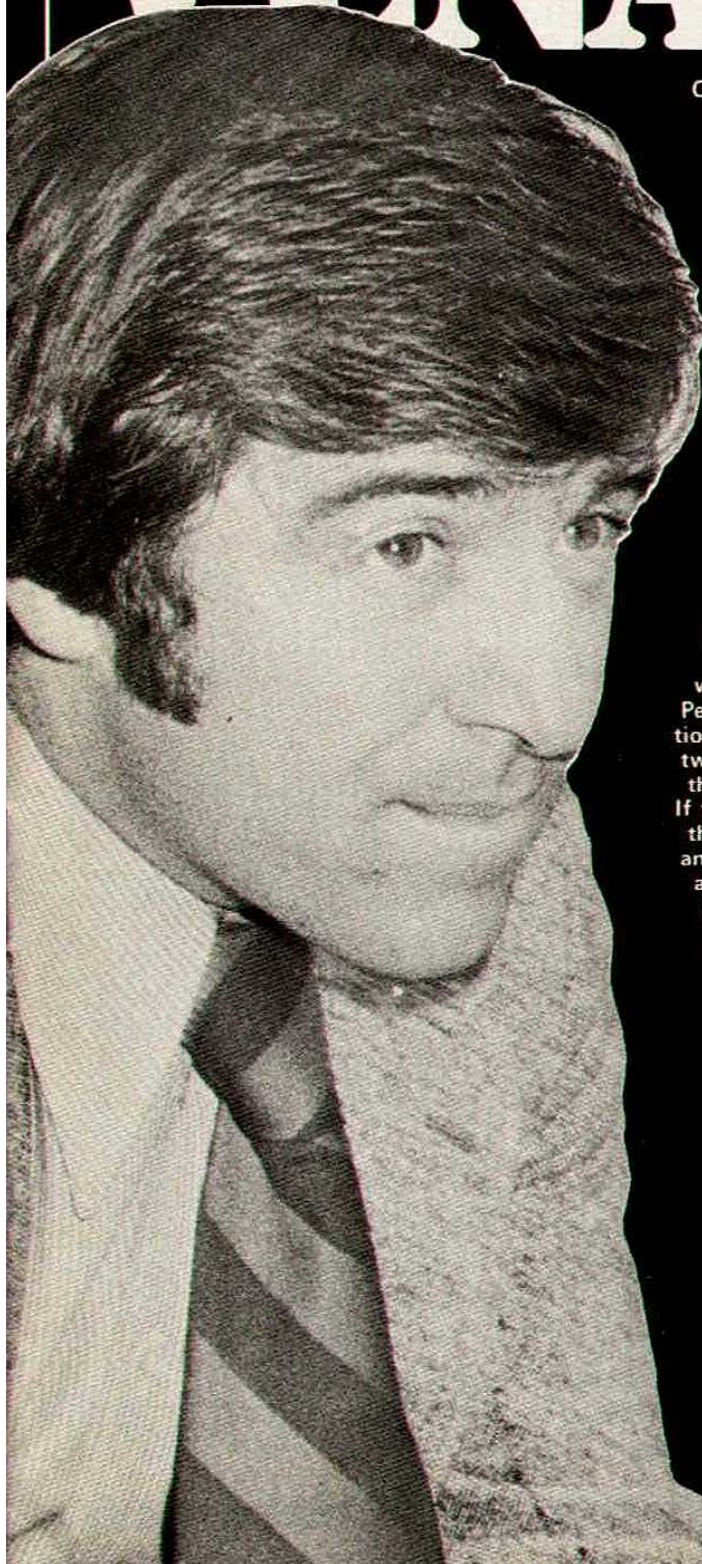


Nigel Sands Memory Match....



Travel details to Shrewsbury and Port Vale.

TERRY VENABLES



Our recent displays have enabled us to claw ourselves back into contention for promotion and with the 3rd Division leaders showing signs of inconsistency it is now up to us to do our utmost to string together a good run of results.

At Rotherham we well deserved our point but here again it was a match which we could easily have won. I was very pleased with our display against Gillingham and delighted at the form Jeff Bourne is showing. He has added a lot of life and opportunism to our attack.

Last Wednesday week there were some good results at international level. England's 5-0 victory over Luxembourg was a good result: but the outstanding result had to be the 3-0 victory which Wales achieved against the reigning European Champions Czechoslovakia by a 3-0 margin — a success in which our own Ian Evans played an integral part.

While one cannot argue that a 5-0 win such as England's was a success I think that most of us who saw it would say that we were looking for more from the England side. We persisted in playing 100 miles per hour football and I don't think that is going to get us very far against Italy.

Against the Luxembourg players we were lacking in control in the last third of the game and the goals we got, I thought, we scraped in rather than created. We weren't able to create where it matters and while the goals, when they came, were well taken, there weren't too many sparks flying round the area.

Personally, I don't think we are any further forward as an international side. I appreciate the problems Don Revie has had but after two years in the saddle he should by now have formulated something like an established squad. Which is something he hasn't got.

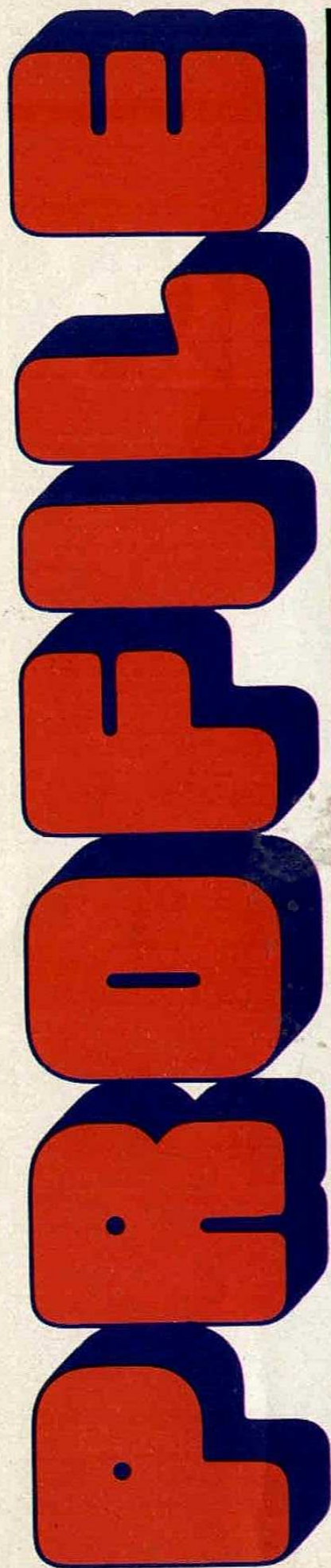
If you look at most of the teams which have won the honours over the last decade you will see that they have all had settled squads and that a pattern of play has been formulated — and then continued and improved upon. The basics have stayed the same.

A settled squad creates its own spirit, togetherness and understanding. Perhaps Don has made too many changes and tried too often to pick the side for the game. As he said on T.V. afterwards he could have picked a very good side from the injured players he had named.

All the same there was a lack of subtlety about our play on the edge of their box. I sympathise with the players about this because I know how bloody hard it can be to go out there and take on underdogs who are prepared to defend until they drop and who consider a 3-0 defeat something of a triumph (which their captain admitted).

But it does seem strange to me that while England laboured before ramming home their superiority, Wales were doing a very workmanlike job of demolishing the Czechs. I'm told that Leighton James and Brian Flynn were magic in this match in their ability to create something out of nothing.

Perhaps Mike Smith, the Welsh team manager, has an ace in the hole in that he doesn't have so many players from which to select a side. I would say, however, that Don Revie must make his mind up before next Autumn's matches if we are to dust off our passports and travel to Argentina.



TONY SHAW

As well as being Commercial Manager of our Club, Tony Shaw is also very much involved with football away from Selhurst Park. He has recently been appointed Chairman of the Football League Commercial Manager's Association after holding office as Vice Chairman for the past three years.

In this capacity he led the recent campaign for Lotteries and together with many others activated the House of Commons, the Minister for Sport and the Home Office into alerting the Government and Gaming Board of the wishes of the majority of the public. Along these lines, he also joined a specially formed Sports Action Group as the representative for Football Commercial Managers.

Through his position within the Association he has motivated the London Area Commercial Managers to become the best supported group in the country, no mean feat when one considers the large number of clubs throughout England and Wales.

Significantly, when the British Programme Club decided to enlist outside help in organising the 'Programme of the Year Awards' it was Tony whom they contacted and he has now organised a committee which in conjunction with the British Programme Club and Commercial Manager's Association, will shortly announce the awards.

Obviously, Tony's first duty is to Crystal Palace and in this object he certainly spends considerable time at Selhurst Park. His duties cover a wide range of fund raising and facilities including the Social & Glaziers Clubs, the Ground Catering, Souvenirs, Programmes, P.A. System, Ground Advertising, Bingo and Golden Goal Sales.

Apart from this he initiated and controls the ever increasing Palace Guard Club which now has over 700 members, and Tony certainly keeps the members in touch through the General's page in the programme. (It is interesting to note that we are the only Club to devote a full page in the programme to our junior supporters and to have five junior supporters football teams in a Sunday League).

Tony says "when I agreed to come to Palace it was during the First Division days. However, before I had time to hang up my coat I found we were in the Second Division and now, of course, it's the Third! Obviously, in view of this, the grand ideas which I held when signing my contract had to be shelved for the time being. I and the rest of my staff had to turn to the hard slog of 6 days a week, 50 weeks of the year in order to help keep Palace afloat. In fact, a heartening result was shown in our last Annual Report when the Chairman made special mention to the Commercial Department and the tremendous work which we had achieved during the previous 12 months.

"Fortunately, by nature I am a person who likes a challenge, although I must admit that in a better financial climate I would love to see the monies raised on the commercial side, which is considerable, being used for improving our facilities, rather than just maintaining them as at present.

"High on my original list of ideas was improving the Holmesdale Road end, a separate bar in the Social Club for use by the returning away supporters, the renovation of the Glaziers Club and a special enclosure for Pools Agents. A Commercial Manager in the lucky position of being able to fulfil these ideas would be a very popular man indeed.

"However, it must be said that Palace already have a ground far superior in facilities to the majority of Clubs. Our ground-bars, Glaziers, Social & Vice Presidents Clubs are the envy of other clubs, especially those in the Third Division. Consequently our fans are already more involved than at most clubs and in this respect I must pay tribute to all my full time staff, in particular the key posts of Assistant Commercial Manager, Social Club Manager and Ground Bar Manageress, together with the Voluntary Stewards of the Glaziers Club, matchday assistance from the Social Club Committee and John McNichol's Bingo Agents.

"You can take it from me we are all pulling as hard as we can in the right direction."



The "Millionaire Men" from Everton and George Best & Co. from Fulham are among the big names who have had cause to respect Swindon Town's crusade for attacking football this season.

The Wiltshire side held Fulham to a 3-3 draw at Craven Cottage in the third round of the FA Cup and then "blitzed" the opposition by 5-0 in the replay. Big-spending Everton also had to go through a two-match ordeal before coming from behind at Goodison Park to save their First Division pride with two goals in the last ten minutes.

Swindon's high-scoring Cup exploits produced 22 goals from seven games and earned the Club a very useful profit from a total attendance of 120,000. The only puzzle is why a team of such obvious potential failed to launch a promotion challenge.

Manager Danny Williams has developed one of the best attacking formations in the division, only for the adventurous policy to rebound with the number of goals conceded. On the credit side, they have turned in five-goal home performances against Sheffield Wednesday, Northampton Town and York City, but, on the other hand, they were walloped for four goals apiece by Reading, Rotherham United and Brighton.

At the start of the season, Swindon were optimistic after taking ten points from seven games and they were equally productive in an unbeaten spell of eight matches by the end of March. In between, however, all hopes of promotion were dispersed while they won only five times from September to mid-February.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the "give and take" pattern of Swindon's season is to study a sequence of 23 League and Cup games stretching from November 13th to March 29th. They piled up 55 goals themselves, failing to score only once, but kept only half-a-dozen "clean sheets" while conceding 36 goals.

It has made for excellent entertainment, of course, and, not surprisingly, Swindon have comfortably reached their "break even" attendance figure of 7,000. This target was arrived at by a committee of Directors who studied ways of trimming expenses to a realistic level.

As a result, Swindon are relatively free from any financial pressure after a three-year team-building programme by Danny Williams. The Yorkshire-born boss is in his second spell at the County Ground, having previously steered the club to its finest hour with the League Cup and promotion double in 1968-69.

He left them securely placed to meet the requirements of the Second Division, but relegation was almost a certainty by the time he returned in March, 1974, following management spells with Mansfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday.

Mr. Williams was involved in a major transfer on his return. With the £80,000 previously received from Derby for Rod Thomas, he bought Peter Eastoe from Wolves. Eastoe scored 43 goals for Swindon before departing for QPR last season. While it was a blow for the supporters when they lost such a dangerous striker, the gap was more than filled. Trevor Anderson, the Irish international winger

SWINDON



TREVOR
ANDERSON



from Manchester United, is teamed up with Dave Syrett, an England Youth international from Swindon's junior ranks, and Dave Moss, a talented winger who was snapped up from Oxfordshire non-League club, Witney.

This combination is worth more than 50 League and Cup goals this season — an excellent record which is backed up by the midfield contribution from Ray Mc Hale, who was signed from Halifax Town last September.

London-born Kenny Stroud, a former England Schools international, is also a useful marksman from midfield, while another Londoner, Will Dixon, who came from Reading, can also be relied upon for a goal or two.

Defensively, Swindon have a settled line-up. Inverness-born goalkeeper Jimmy Allan, who made his debut as a teenager in 1971, is now the regular choice in preference to Jim Barron, who has commanded several sizeable transfer fees on his moves between Wolves, Chelsea, Oxford, Nottingham Forest and Swindon.

The central defensive partnership is formed by Steve Aizlewood, a former Welsh Under-23 international signed from Newport County in March, 1976, and Colin Prophett, an experienced player who was under Danny Williams' management at Sheffield Wednesday and later re-joined

his old boss in a move from Norwich to Swindon in September, 1974.

At left back, Swindon have one of the great clubmen of modern times in John Trollope. The club's longest-serving professional, he signed professional in August, 1960, and has broken all appearance records for Swindon. He is now on the brink of his 700th League game and coming up towards 800 matches in all senior football. He was a member of promotion sides in 1963 and 1969 and the League Cup-winning team in 1969.

Trollope's full back partner is usually John McLaughlin, a costly signing from Colchester United in December, 1973. The former England Youth international from Edmonton can also play in midfield and, in fact, has quite often switched roles with Will Dixon.

Although Swindon make fewer changes than most teams in the division, Mr. Williams is quite satisfied with quality of his reserves and says it's the first time in his two spells as manager that the club has had cover for every position.

The most senior player in Swindon's "back-up" squad is our old friend, Tony Taylor, who moved from Southend on a free transfer last August. He has proved valuable to Swindon with his ability to step into all the defensive positions.

Among the other players brought in to

strengthen the squad over the last year are: Gerry O'Brien, a Scottish midfielder man signed from Southampton in March, 1976; Howard Goddard, a free transfer forward who moved from Bournemouth on his 19th birthday last May; Wynne Hooper, a forward from Newport; and Mickey French, another forward signed from Brentford in February this year.

From their own ranks, Swindon have local-born full back Geoff Chalklin and Abingdon-born midfielder John Gilligan, who has been with Northampton on loan.

They have also called on Frank Burrows, now the club coach but still available to take the No. 5 shirt which he wore in more than 400 League games with Scunthorpe and Swindon.

Back Row (left to right): John Trollope, Mark Thompson, Don Rogers, Kenny Stroud.

Middle Row (left to right): Jimmy Allan, Howard Goddard, Colin Prophett, Steven Aizlewood, John Gilligan, Frank Burrows, Jim Barron.

Front Row (left to right): Geoff Chalklin, Will Dixon, Dave Moss, Dave Syrett, John McLaughlin, Gerry O'Brien, Trevor Anderson.



**SWINDON KEEPER
JIMMY ALLAN
IN ACTION AGAINST
EVERTON THIS SEASON**

PALACE IN



IN THE PICTURE

ROTHERHAM 1 PALACE 1

Striker Steve Perrin may be somewhat puzzled by the ball, getting down on his hands and knees to take a close look, but Rachid Harkouk knew exactly what to do with the ball by putting it into the back of the net for Palace to earn an important point in the promotion race.



SHRIMPS

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1976-77

DATE	OPPONENTS	ATT	F A	1975-76	
				ATT	F A
Aug. 14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	12,936	2-2		
17	PORTSMOUTH	9,778	1-0		
21	YORK CITY	14,729	1-0		
24	GRIMSBY TOWN	6,045	1-0	8,412	2-1
27	TRANMERE ROVERS	4,940	0-1		
31	WATFORD (LC2)	14,105	1-3		
Sept. 4	CHESTER	13,035	1-2	13,239	2-0
11	BURY	12,578	2-1	21,275	1-0
18	PETERBOROUGH UTD.	8,499	0-0	13,308	0-2
25	MANSFIELD TOWN	13,760	2-0	16,020	4-1
Oct. 2	BRIGHTON & HOVE	27,307	1-1	33,309	0-2
9	OXFORD UNITED	17,468	2-2		
16	PRESTON NORTH END	10,524	1-2	10,971	0-0
23	ROTHERHAM UNITED	13,819	2-1	16,502	2-0
26	SHREWSBURY TOWN	15,809	2-1	16,588	1-1
30	WALSALL	6,003	0-0	5,496	1-1
Nov. 2	SWINDON TOWN	11,317	1-1	10,529	2-1
6	READING	15,453	1-1		
9	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15,080	0-1	11,909	1-0
20	BRIGHTON (FA Cup 1)	29,510	2-2		
23	BRIGHTON (FAC1) replay	29,174	1-1		
27	CHESTERFIELD	13,738	0-0	27,892	0-0
29	BRIGHTON (FAC1) 2nd replay	14,118	1-0		
Dec. 11	ENFIELD (FAC2)	13,670	4-0		
18	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	11,032	1-1		
27	GILLINGHAM	11,237	3-0	12,880	2-1
Jan. 1	READING	11,851	0-0		
3	WALSALL	17,783	3-0	16,300	0-1
8	LIVERPOOL (FAC3)	44,730	0-0		
11	LIVERPOOL (FAC3) Replay	42,664	2-2		
15	GRIMSBY TOWN	13,807	2-1	15,549	3-0
22	YORK CITY	3,451	1-2		
Feb. 1	PORT VALE	10,691	2-0	23,014	2-2
5	TRANMERE ROVERS	14,432	1-0		
12	CHESTER	5,755	1-2	6,346	1-2
19	BURY	5,120	1-0	10,036	1-0
22	PORTSMOUTH	16,656	2-1		
26	PETERBOROUGH UTD.	16,698	0-0	18,979	1-1
Mar. 2	LINCOLN CITY	8,288	2-3		
5	MANSFIELD TOWN	10,944	0-1	12,990	1-1
12	BRIGHTON & HOVE	28,808	3-1	25,600	0-1
15	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	6,253	0-3		
19	OXFORD UNITED	7,152	1-0		
22	PRESTON NORTH END	15,225	1-0	22,213	2-0
Apl. 2	ROTHERHAM UNITED	8,386	1-1	7,633	1-4
5	GILLINGHAM	17,477	3-1	20,919	0-1
9	PORTSMOUTH				
12	SWINDON TOWN				
16	SHREWSBURY TOWN				
18	PORT VALE				
23	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY				
30	CHESTERFIELD				
May 3	WREXHAM				
7	LINCOLN CITY				
11	WREXHAM				

FOLLOW THE RESERVES

Saturday 16th April
 FOOTBALL COMBINATION
 CRYSTAL PALACE v NORWICH CITY
 at
 Selhurst Park
 K.O. 3 p.m.

DIVISION 3 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	36	15	3	1	53	12	5	5	7	15	20	48
Rotherham	35	9	8	1	25	11	8	6	3	29	20	48
Mansfield	36	13	5	0	42	10	7	2	9	18	26	47
Wrexham	35	12	5	0	38	14	7	2	9	26	27	45
C. Palace	37	13	5	1	31	13	4	6	8	14	18	45
Preston	36	13	2	3	42	18	4	8	6	13	16	44
Bury	37	11	2	5	31	19	7	5	7	19	31	43
Lincoln	35	10	7	1	43	26	5	4	8	20	28	41
Sheff. Wed.	37	11	4	4	31	18	5	5	8	21	29	41
Chester	37	13	1	4	23	14	4	4	11	19	33	39
Shrewsbury	37	10	6	2	32	16	4	4	11	22	33	38
Swindon	34	9	6	1	40	21	3	7	8	17	30	37
Peterboro	36	10	3	5	25	17	1	9	8	16	30	34
Gillingham	37	7	8	3	24	20	5	2	12	21	38	34
Oxford	37	8	5	6	31	27	2	7	9	19	28	32
Port Vale	37	7	6	5	20	17	2	7	10	16	37	31
Tranmere	36	6	6	6	22	18	2	8	8	16	24	30
Chesterfield	36	8	4	6	26	17	3	3	12	19	34	29
Portsmouth	35	6	8	4	19	19	3	3	11	21	32	29
Walsall	36	6	6	6	32	26	3	5	10	10	28	29
Northampton	37	7	2	10	27	29	4	4	10	25	35	28
York	36	6	5	7	20	29	3	4	11	23	43	27
Reading	37	7	4	7	24	21	2	3	14	17	42	25
Grimsby	36	8	4	6	21	16	1	2	15	12	40	24

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday 19th March, 1977.

At Oxford

OXFORD UNITED 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 1

Attendance: 7152

PALACE: A. Burns, P. Hinshelwood, K. Sansom, P. Holder, I. Evans, J. Cannon, S. Perrin, G. Graham, J. Bourne, D. Swindlehurst, R. Harkouk. Sub: N. Chatterton for R. Harkouk in 75th min. Goalscorer: S. Perrin.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday 19th March, 1977.

At Priestfield Stadium

GILLINGHAM 1 CRYSTAL PALACE 0

PALACE: D. Fry, T. Fenwick, S. Hockham, S. Cox, M. Holloway, S. Vaughan, S. Payne, L. Carter, P. Waddington, G. Lowe, S. Leahy.

Subs: C. Page, A. Paul.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday 19th March, 1977.

At Selhurst Park

CRYSTAL PALACE 1 SOUTHAMPTON 0

PALACE: P. Caswell, P. Ransom, K. Dare, J. Murphy, C. Sparks, S. Jump, B. Silkman, S. Lovell, I. Walsh, S. Brennan, V. Hilaire.

Sub: N. Smillie (not used) Goalscorer: I. Walsh.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Tuesday 22nd March, 1977

At Selhurst Park

Attendance: 15,225

CRYSTAL PALACE 1 PRESTON NORTH END 0

PALACE: A. Burns, P. Hinshelwood, K. Sansom, P. Holder, J. Cannon, I. Evans, S. Perrin, G. Graham, J. Bourne, D. Swindlehurst, R. Harkouk. Sub: N. Chatterton for D. Swindlehurst in 15th min. Goalscorer: J. Bourne.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Tuesday 22nd March, 1977

At Mitcham

CRYSTAL PALACE 1 SWINDON TOWN 3

PALACE: P. Caswell, P. Wall, S. Hockham, M. Nightingale, S. Jump, C. Sparks, B. Silkman, S. Vaughan, P. Waddington, G. Lowe, N. Smillie. Sub: J. Murphy (not used) Goalscorer: G. Lowe.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALS

	LGE.			FLC.			FAC.		
	A	G	S	A	G	S	A	G	S
BOURNE	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRENNAN	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
BURNS	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANNON	37	2	0	3	0	0	6	0	0
CHATTERTON	28	5	4	3	0	0	2	0	1
EVANS	37	2	0	3	0	0	6	1	0
GRAHAM	16	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
HAMMOND	25	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0
HARKOUK	21	7	4	0	0	1	4	2	3
HEPPOLETTE	15	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	1
HILAIRE	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
HINSHELWOOD M.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
HINSHELWOOD P.	34	1	2	0	0	1	4	2	0
HOLDER	30	3	4	3	0	0	6	1	0
JUMP	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
KEMP	4	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
PERRIN	29	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
SANSOM	37	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0
SMILLIE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SILKMAN	15	4	5	1	0	0	4	1	0
SWINDLEHURST	33	8	3	3	1	0	6	2	0
TAYLOR	6	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
WALL	17	0	6	3	0	0	5	0	0
WALSH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

up to and including 5th April

SECOND TEAM

	A	G	S
Brennan	12	0	2
Burns	5	0	0
Buxton	0	0	1
Carter	2	0	0
Caswell	20	0	0
Coombe	2	0	0
Dare	21	1	2
Fenwick	4	0	2
Fry	1	0	0
Gilbert	14	0	0
Graham	1	0	0
Hammond	1	0	0
Harkouk	2	1	0
Hilaire	12	1	1
Hinshelwood M.	8	2	0
Hinshelwood P.	1	0	0
Hockham	5	1	1
Holder	3	0	0
Hyams	3	0	0
Jeffries	10	0	0
Jump	11	0	0
Kemp	6	4	0
Leahy	5	0	4
Lowe	6	0	1
Lovell	2	1	0
Martin	8	2	1
Murphy	16	2	4
Nicholas	14	0	0
Nightingale	23	2	2
Payne	5	0	3
Perrin	5	4	0
Ransom	4	0	0
Silkman	5	0	0
Smillie	21	1	3
Sparks	18	0	0
Vaughan	8	0	0
Waddington	7	0	0
Walsh	14	3	0
Wall	6	0	0

THIRD TEAM

	A	G	S
Brennan	11	0	0
Buxton	5	0	1
Burne	0	0	1
Carter	15	6	0
Cox	6	0	3
Dare	12	0	1
Fenwick	21	1	2
Fry	31	0	0
Gilbert	19	0	0
Giddens	0	0	1
Gregory	5	0	0
Hilaire	14	14	0
Hockham	12	1	5
Holloway	3	0	1
Leahy	28	18	0
Lovell	28	4	1
Lowe	21	2	4
McCarthy	6	0	0
Murphy	13	3	3
Nicholas	14	0	0
Page	2	0	3
Paul	2	0	3
Payne	13	3	6
Ransom	18	0	1
Ruane	1	0	0
Rideout	0	0	2
Roberts	1	0	5
Sparks	10	0	3
Sansom	2	1	0
Vaughan	17	1	2
Waddington	11	3	6
Walsh	9	3	0

Up to and including 5th April

Substitutes who have played are included in the appearance figures, as well as substitution figures.

PALACE GUARD

Hello, again Palace Guards. Did you all have an enjoyable Easter? Just before the holidays I received a letter from Stephen Bell whose picture appears on this page. Stephen came up with a real poser which, to be honest, I was unable to answer. Perhaps our other Guard members know



the answer? How many managers have the Republic of Ireland's national side had since the war? We all know that Johnny Giles the Albion playing manager is now in charge but who were his predecessors? A mystery prize for the first correct answer which, in the meantime, I shall have to find out from the record books.

Another letter in the post was from Vice President Club member Harry Gibson.

He was in Johannesburg last month and came across Palace Guard member Wayne Fisher. Apparently Wayne is active in recruiting new Guard members for the

Club in South Africa and it is with great pleasure that we introduce the following new members: Michael Taylor, Thomas Barkhalrer, Ricky Burkner, Mats Ekluhnd, Garth Jones, Bridget Liddel, Alan Thorogood, John Stuart, Alan Lachnicht and Hylton Ras.

We already have a number of overseas members and Harry Gibson's idea of starting an overseas branch to promote goodwill is certainly worth considering. Incidentally, if any of our "Home Guards" would like to exchange letters with any Guard overseas then drop the Club a line and we will forward you an address list. I'm sure they would be most pleased to hear from you.

In the last programme I forgot to publish the winner of the questionnaire that appeared in the Brighton programme. For the record the answers were:

1. Cardiff City took the FA Cup out of England for the first time in 1927 by beating Arsenal.
2. The penalty kick was first introduced in 1891.
3. Huddersfield Town won the Football League three times in succession 1924-25-26.
4. The referee's whistle was first introduced in 1878 at a match at Nottingham Forest's ground.
5. Joe Payne was the player who scored ten goals for Luton Town in a

Third Division (South) fixture against Bristol Rovers in 1936.

First correct entry out of the bag was sent in by Nigel Thomas (0751). Well done, Nigel, the research turned out to be worthwhile because you're our prize-winner.

"Bring back the "Choose A Caption" competition". That was the cry sent in by Joanna Prockter (0723) in a recent letter to the Palace Guard. Joanna enjoyed this series that was carried in last season's programme and would like to see it started again preferably in the Palace Guard section of the programme. We always try to please Joanna, so how about dreaming up a suitable punchline for the picture below: David Swindlehurst and Phil Thomson of Liverpool seem to be all ends up but how Nicky Chatterton feels about receiving Dave's boot in his face I don't really know: You tell me!

If you've missed the Striker cartoon in the last two programmes don't worry. I'm told Striker is back in action for the next match. His suspension has been lifted! Seriously, though, the reason was that because of printing schedules being so very tight over the Easter period.

For today's competition have a go at a crossword I've compiled without any clues! It's similar to the one used in the Sunday Mirror newspaper. All you have to do is fit in the surnames of Palace players with the letters that appear in the word-game. No players name can be used more than once.


Answers to the General, Crystal Palace FC, Selhurst Park, South Norwood, London SE25 6PU.

Finally, don't forget the Palace disco/presentation evening on Friday 22nd April in the Social Club. Tickets are now on sale price 20p for children and 50p for adults.

The General



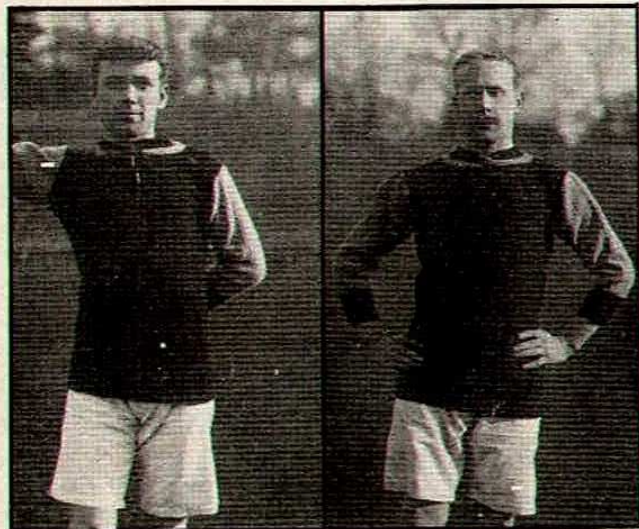
PALACE IN THE PAST

A man in a vintage football kit, including a dark V-neck sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and white shorts, stands next to a large, bold, red title. He is holding a football at his feet. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

PALACE WIN THEIR FIRST HONOUR

There had been great disappointment at the newly formed Crystal Palace Football Club when the Southern League authorities announced that Palace were not to be admitted to the 1st Division of that League for the season 1905-06. This meant that we would be playing mainly against Reserve sides or little known clubs in Division 2. However the challenge was met with resolution and skipper Birnie put it this way "If we win all our matches they'll have to have us in the 1st Division."

Palace didn't quite manage a 100% record. We actually lost our first Southern League fixture but



R. HEWITSON

W. INNARD

soon settled down into winning ways and by Christmas had the look of potential champions of the 2nd Division.

Our great rivals were Leyton from the East end of London. They led the table for most of the season by virtue of a point gained in an extra match played, but we overhauled them in the Spring and by early April the clubs were level on points with Palace still holding the advantage of a game in hand.

No other club was in contention by this time so when, on April 7th 1906, Palace travelled to Leyton for what was obviously the decider for the Championship of the 2nd Division enthusiasm and interest knew no bounds. Indeed the local newspapers pointedly remarked upon the hundreds of Palace supporters who travelled to the game and cheered the team onto the arena.

Palace lined up as follows: Hewitson, Walker, Edwards, Innerd, Birnie, A. Wilson, Wallace, Harker, Woodger, Needham, Roberts.

Palace appeared to be in no mood for slip-ups. Three times early on we came close to taking the lead but in spite of good headwork by Woodger we couldn't make the breakthrough. Then Leyton came at our defence but, as ever, Birnie, Hewitson and company were in excellent form. Then in a sparkling move, itself worthy of a Championship, Palace pounced. Edwards won possession and sent a long ball up the left wing. Needham controlled it, ran to the by-line and slid a precision pass back for Roberts who centred to Wallace for the outside-right to slash the ball home. A picture goal. Oh! If only we had a picture of it! It had cut the Leyton defence (second only to our own in the Division) to ribbons and the psychological advantage it gave to the Palace side must have been enormous.

Leyton tried hard to regain lost ground but they could never seize the advantage, although Hewitson had to deal with a siege of five corners before half-time.

Ten minutes after the break Palace did it again. A rapier-like ball out of defence found Needham unmarked 40 yards from goal. He beat two defenders in style and from some 25 yards let fly with an unstoppable shot. These goals always look so spectacular; this one perhaps the more so since it as good as clinched the Championship.

Leyton pulled a goal back, but Palace defended strongly and well in spite of an injury to Edwards that hampered his mobility. We were seldom in danger.

When the final whistle blew the Palace fans went wild with delight and cheered their men (and ours) with a great roar. No one could stop us now: we had won the title. The top three places in the table looked like this:

PALACE	21	18	2	1	59	11	38
Leyton	23	15	6	2	59	18	36
Portsmouth Reserve	20	12	5	3	48	18	29
(total matches to play: 24)							

PALACE OFF THE PARK



PALACE AGENTS EVENING



Our annual agents night, held recently in the Social Club, was once again a tremendous success with almost 200 agents and guests in attendance. The evening was arranged by the Club as a token of appreciation for the valuable work carried out by our Pools Agents throughout the year. Representing the Board of Directors were Richard Valey and Colonel Franklin Buckley. Also in attendance were Commercial Manager Tony Shaw and his staff including pools organiser and

ex-Palace player, John McNichol. On the playing side were Martin Hinshelwood, Jeff Bourne and Dave Swindlehurst. Len Chatterton compered the evening which included music, dancing and cabaret, a singalong and a 'knobbly knees' contest. But the biggest cheer of the night came when it was announced that the youth team had beaten West Ham and qualified for the final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. Pictured left is our latest signing, Jeff Bourne, signing again for one of our agents.

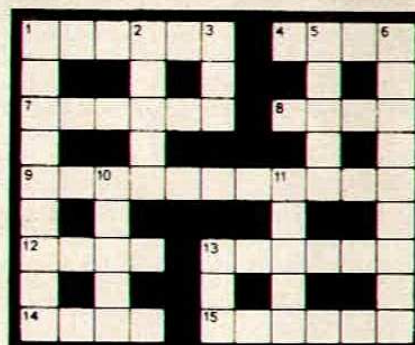
PALACE VOUCHERS

For those supporters who have been saving the Palace programme vouchers this season, make sure you purchase a programme when we play Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday 23rd April. Included in that day's programme will be an application for the Palace voucher draw which proved to be so successful last season. This year's draw will take place prior to our last game of the season when we play Lincoln on Saturday 7th May.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Glaziers Club members can now obtain from the club, voting forms for their "Player Of The Year". Forms must be returned no later than Saturday 23rd April and the result of the poll will be announced either on Saturday 30th April at the club's disco or on the following Saturday, 7th. Peter Taylor topped the poll last season.

CROSSWORD



CLUES — Across

1. Los Angeles ---- (6)
4. Red ---- Paris (4)
7. One of the seven or so League clubs managed by a former Plymouth Argyle player (6)
8. The taker should never fail to ---- home what's won in 12 across (4)
9. Player nicknamed 'Sniffer' (5,6)
12. Some forwards take a ---- in the area hoping for the 11 down of a penalty (4)
13. He scored a three-minute hat-trick for Gillingham against Leyton Orient in 1952 (6)
14. ---- Houseman (Huracan & Argentina) (4)
15. Club that in 1970-71 took all the top prizes in the short-lived Ford Sporting League (6)

CLUES — Down

1. England amateur soccer international and West Indies cricket captain (9)
2. Such time runs to 30 minutes (5)
3. What Matt Busby has been since 1968 (3)
5. Brighton back (5)
6. The "Merry Millers" (9)
10. Vale of ---- was a prominent early Scottish League side (5)
11. See 12 across
13. Stoke and Leicester man who played for England in several war-time games (3)

SOCIAL CLUB

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL AWAY TRAVELLERS "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARD DANCE

Starts at eight with late bar
Tickets 70p from Rail and Coach Travel Section & Social Club

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SOLUTIONS — Across
1. Alex 4, Star 7, Exeter (Saxton) 8, slot 9, Allan Clarke 12, dive 13, Scarth 14, Rene 15, Oldham
SOLUTIONS — Down
1. Alexander 2, extra 3, Sir 5, Tiler 6, Rotherham 10, Leven 11, See 12 across 13. Soo

TRAVEL AWAY

Supporters wishing to travel to Shrewsbury and Port Vale, our next two away games, can book for these trips in the Social Club (side door entrance) before and after tonight's match, tomorrow evening from 7.00 pm onwards and Friday evening in the Box Office from 7.00 pm.

The fare by coach to Shrewsbury is £2.80 for adults and £2.25 for children and senior citizens. The return fare by rail is £3.50.

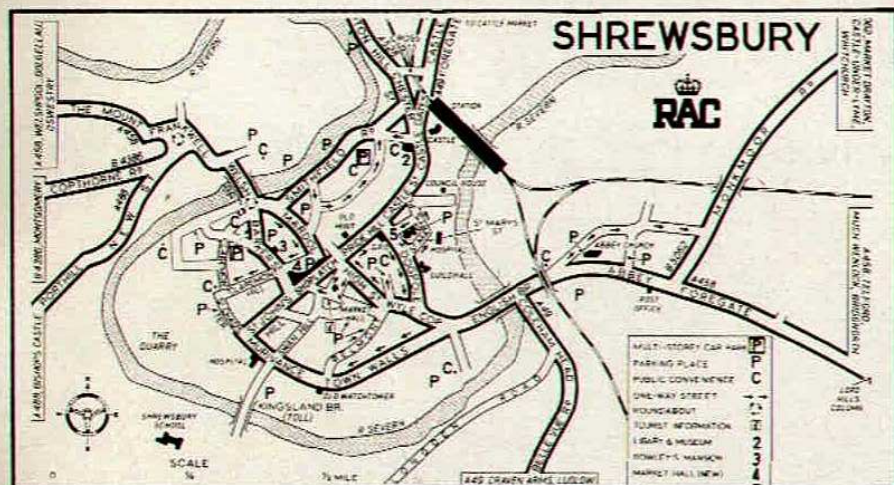
Return coach fare to Port Vale is £2.55 and £2.30. Information for the train journey can be obtained this evening from the Rail Travel desk in the Social Club.

BY CAR TO SHREWSBURY

Approximately 162 miles from West London

Leave Marble Arch by Edgware Road and proceed to the roundabout at Staples Corner. Follow the signs to the start of the M.1 and continue northward to Intersection No.19. Continue by the M.6 to Intersection No.12. Follow the A.5 to the junction with the A.5112 and continue ahead to the junction with Abbey Foregate (A.458). Keep left and continue under the railway bridge. Take the first on the right and continue ahead to the ground which is on the right.....

162 miles.



BY CAR TO PORT VALE

Approximately 159 miles from West London.

Leave from Marble Arch by Edgware Road and proceed to the roundabout at Staples Corner. Follow the signs to the start of the M.1 and continue northward to Intersection No.19. Continue by the M.6 to Intersection No.15. Proceed by the A.5006 to the second roundabout and take the second exit - Campbell Road (B.5041). Continue ahead by Leek Road to the next roundabout. Take the first exit - Lichfield Street - and continue to the second roundabout. Continue ahead by Hope Street and Waterloo Road (A.50) to the junction with Chapel Bank and Market Place (B.5051). Turn right onto Chapel Bank and take the second on the left - Hamil Road - and the ground is on the left....

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- 7 ~~Steve PERRIN~~ *Dave Swindlehurst*
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- 9 Jeff BOURNE
- 10 Nick CHATTERTON
- 11 Rachid HARKOUK
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Michael Taylor, who retired from the Royal Marines last year to take a job in Life Assurance, started refereeing in 1958 and progressed through the Southern League, in which he controlled the League Cup Final in 1972. He has acted as linesman in European matches.

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