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NEWS&VIEWS NEWS&VIEWS NEWS&VIEWS

Today we welcome to the County Ground, another team with still an outside chance of promotion. At one period this season, Bury occupied a high position in the League Table but have slipped back a little, and at the moment are in seventh place with 45 points from 39 games, just four points less than the two clubs in second and third places. Last season we were heavily defeated at Bury 0–5, but managed to win the return fixture by 2 goals to 1.

This season saw quite a reversal of form as we won 1—0 at Gigg Lane in October. Today our visitors will be keen to revenge that defeat, and also improve their League position, and strengthen their challenge for promotion.

The records of the two clubs, make interesting comparisons:

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P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
39	19	7	13	53	53	45
Swi	ndon					
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
36	12	14	10	57	54	38

Bury's goals for and against 53–53 while Swindon's record is 57–54, yet our visitors have won 19 against our 12 and the goals for include the three scored against Port Vale on Friday. Set against that however the three goals scored by Northampton on Saturday feature in the against goals.

The fortunes of Bury improved with the signing of Tucker from Hereford United, and the introduction of midfield player, veteran Billy Rudd. The skill of Peter Farell and the strong running of Brian Williams provide many opportunities for free scoring Andy Rowland.

The problems of promotion and relegation, seem a little nearer to settlement, but with the coming of the hard dry grounds, after the wet and heavy pitches this Winter, the form of certain teams could change almost overnight. While some teams play better on heavy ground, others are much more at home on the dry surfaces.

Referring back to promotion and relegation, it is sad to see so many of our near neighbours in danger. First Bristol City in Division I and Bristol Rovers - Division 2, and possibly Cardiff City. The worst tragedy seems to be the return of Reading to Division 4, after only one season back with us, we wish them well. Our friends from Portsmouth, can still be relegated as of course, four clubs go down. Poor old Newport are still struggling near the bottom of Division 4 and the possibility of seeking re-election. We should be very sorry to lose them, they deserve a better fate.

Our visitors this afternoon hold a special record which seems unlikely to be broken. In Season 1962-3, they won the F.A. Cup, without conceding a goal, and scoring 12. Six of those coming in the Final.

I imagine it will be a long time before we see a team score that number again in the Final of any Cup Competition.

Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

After a very disappointing Easter programme we must try to regain the form which we all know we are capable of. Before the Easter games, we felt that at least we had an interest in the promotion stakes, but after two reverses this has left us to consolidate our League position.

All Clubs go through a period, when things go wrong and this is the time when good management shines through. We know what our troubles are and I can assure everybody that everything possible will be done to get us back on to a successful run again.

We all very quickly forget the good games that we have seen this season and tend to remember the bad ones for much longer. The Press does not help in this way either, and only this week a Daily Newspaper reporter wrote in his report on the League Cup Final replay with Everton and Aston Villa that although record crowds had seen these games it was at the expense of good football and yet he also said in his report that over fifty thousand people never stopped cheering in the final play off.

It surely is the excitement that is brought about, that counts, rather than the fact that the game is not a classic.

Johny Giles the Player Manager of West Bromwich Albion writes this week, that Football Managers are often not given a fair chance to get results from their work, which is more often that not planning and working over a period of two or three seasons and before Managers have had this time, they too often find themselves dismissed because Boards of Directors are too impatient to wait for these results. The Youth Policy of any Club is an example of having to be patient. We at Swindon obviously cannot compete with the First Division Clubs when the choice is there, but Jack Smith is aiming to encourage Boys at school to become interested in our Club at a very early age, so that by the time that they are old enough to become apprentices, Jack Smith will only be signing Boys that really look as if they will make the grade into League footWe are lucky in Swindon and the surrounding areas because we have a very good relationship with the School Teachers who are interested in their boys, and we work in close harmony.

Sponsorship has come into the headlines recently and a push is being made to try and get permission from the Football League to accept Sponsorship on a wider basis than is allowed at the moment.

No Club, can afford to turn down any kind of revenue these days and even the most affluent of Clubs have had to give second thoughts towards sponsorship.

We have to be careful of too many gimmicks coming into the game and at the moment the Football League have frowned on the suggestion of Football Teams parading with products of Firms emblazoned all over their jerseys, but I think that this method of advertising will eventually be accepted. We at the Club welcome Sponsorship and one form of benefit to the Club is a scheme put up by MOTORWAY TYRES LIMITED whereby all our supporters can obtain considerable discounts on the purchase of tyres and batteries varying from 20% to 30% on production of a discount card which can be obtained from Doug Buswell at our Pools Office. Why not call in and see Doug and the many such kind of offers that are available.

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OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

BURY

JOHN FORREST (Goalkeeper)

John worked his way through Bury's junior teams and got his first chance in their senior side in 1967/68. He has been the Shakers' number one choice for the past six years. Before Easter he had played in 95 consecutive League games.

League record: Bury 278 aps.

GERRY KEENAN (Defender)

Gerry got his initial chance two seasons ago but he really came into his own this season when Bury sold Steve Hoolickin to Carlisle. Gerry has taken over at right-back.

League record: Bury 26(2) aps.

JOHN THOMSON (Defender)

John has been given his chance to hold his place this season after gaining experience in occasional games over the past three seasons. Bury signed him from Newcastle in 1974.

League record: Newcastle nil aps., Bury 49(7) aps., 4 gls.

BILLY TUCKER (Defender)

Billy linked up with the Shakers in December after serving Hereford United during their remarkable run from the Southern League up to the Second Division of the Football League.

League record: Hereford 133(2) aps., 12 gls; Bury 18 aps., 1 gl.

DAVE HATTON (Defender)

Dave was signed from Blackpool for £12,000 last summer and immediately installed as captain. A player of tremendous experience, he made over 200 appearances for Bolton before joining Blackpool in 1969.

League record: Bolton 231 aps., 7 gls; Blackpool 250(1) aps., 6 gls; Bury 36 aps., 1 gl.

KEITH KENNEDY (Defender)

Keith initially joined Bury on loan from Newcastle in 1972 and, since the transfer was completed, he maintained a run of 162 consecutive League appearances for the club before an injury interrupted the sequence a few weeks ago.

League record: Newcastle lap., Bury 200 aps., 2 gls.

WAYNE ENTWISTLE (Forward/Midfield)

Wayne signed professional for Bury last August and just recently has been holding down a regular place. He had scored three goals before Easter.

League record: Bury 10(3) aps., 3 gls.

N.B. Statistics do NOT include Easter goals.

JIMMY MCILWRAITH (Midfield/Forward)

Bury paid a club record £25,000 fee to sign Jimmy from Motherwell last season, after he had established himself in the Scottish First Division.

League record: Motherwell 21 (7) aps., 6 gls. Bury 40(6) aps., 9 gls.

PETER FARRELL (Midfield)

Peter is another local discovery. He made a couple of League appearances last season and has been holding a fairly regular place this term.

League record: Bury 23(2) aps., 3 gls.

ALAN WOOLFALL (Forward)

Alan usually plays on the right wing. Another player who has come through the club's nursery. Alan has been given his head this season after impressing when called up as understudy over the past two seasons. He has scored nine goals this season.

League record: Bury 34(9) aps., 8 gls.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward)

Andy joined Bury from Derby in 1974. He scored 11 goals in his first season for the Shakers, led their scorers with 21 last term and was in front again with 19 before Easter.

League record: Derby nil aps., Bury 112(5) aps., 41 gls.

TONY BAILEY (Midfield)

Tony got only one outing in Derby's League eleven and transferred to Oldham in 1974. Bury signed him two seasons ago for £10,000.

League record: Derby lap., Oldham 26 aps., 1 gl; Bury 79(5) aps., 1 gl.



Top Row:

Derek Spence, Steve Hoolickin, Keith Kennedy, John Thomson,

Tony Bailey, Joe Murty.

Middle Row:

Les Hart (Physiotherapist), Dennis Butler (Coach), Ron Phillips, Lawrence McMahon, Andy Rowland, Gerry Keenan, John Forrest, Colin Darcy, Malcolm Brown, Jim Mullen, Wayne Entwistle, Billy Rudd.

Seated:

Brian Stanton, Alan Woolfall, Peter Farrell, Bob Smith (Manager),

Brian Williams, Jimmy McIlwraith, George Hamstead.

Derek SPence and Steve Hoolickin are now transferred to Blackpool F.C. and Carlisle United F.C. respectively.



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S 23 Oct	Н	Northampton Town		2 - 0	5 - 1	Anderson (2 Pen), Moss, McLaughlin Syrett
Tu 26 Oct	A	Bury		0-0	1 - 0	Dixon
S 30 Oct	H	Tranmere Rovers		1 - 1	1 - 1	Anderson (P)
Tu 3 Nov	H	Crystal Palace		1 - 1	1 - 1	Syrett
S 6 Nov	A	Brighton & Hove Albion		0 - 3	0-4	
S 13 Nov	H	Rotherham United		1-2	2-4	Anderson (P), Stroud
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S 11 Dec	A	Hitchin Town	(FAC 2)	1 - 0	1 - 1	Dixon
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M 27 Dec	Н	Oxford United		0-0	1 - 0	Prophett
S 8 Jan	A	Fulham	(FAC 3)	3 - 1	3-3	Anderson, Moss, McHale
Tu 11 Jan	Н	Fulham		2-0	5-0	Anderson, Syrett 2, Moss 2
S 22 Jan	A	Port Vale		2 - 1	2-2	McHale, Syrett
S 29 Jan	н	Everton	(FAC 4)	1 - 1	2 - 2	Syrett, Stroud
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S 5 Mar	A	Gillingham		0 - 1	2-2	McHale, Moss
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S 7 May	A	Grimsby Town				
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Sep.	10	1960	Away	0-3		6,74
Jan.	21	1961	Home	4-0	Jackson 2, Summerbee 2	9,80
Oct.	5	1963	Home	2-1	Smith, Morgan	17,81
Feb.	18	1964	Away	0-1		4,05
Aug.	22	1964	Away	1-6	Atkins	7,10
Dec.	12	1964	Home	2-0	Rogers, East	10,97
Oct.	7	1967	Away	1-1	Smart	8,22
Feb.	24	1968	Home	2-3	Noble 2	14,46
Aug.	17	1974	Home	0-2		6,44
Mar.	18	1975	Away	0-0		3,61
Oct.	21	1975	Away	0-5		5,73
Jan.	31	1976	Home	2-1	Stroud, McLaughlin	5,40

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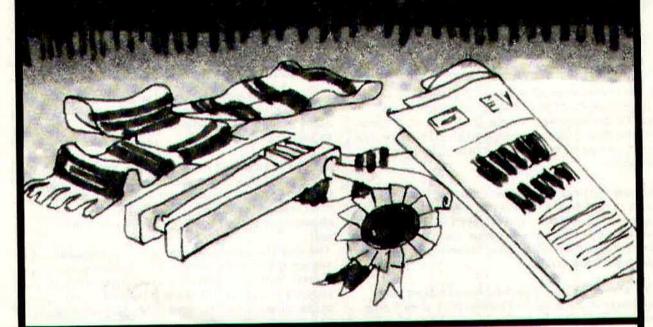
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04	KENNY STROUD	31/3	117/9
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	33/4	235/21
06	COLIN PROPHETT	37/7	259/17
07	DON ROGERS	2/1	500/182
08	WILL DIXON	34/2	288/10
09	HOWARD GODDARD	11	75/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	1.5	108/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	33/13	123/32
12	DAVE SYRETT	34/8	113/30
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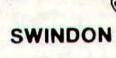
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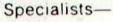


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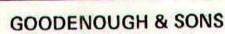
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Finland Surprise is England's Last Hope

by Tony Pullein

Like the balance of power in Parliament - where the influence of the smallest party is critical at the the moment - England's hopes of survival in the World Cup now depend entirely upon the part played by one of the minor participants: Finland.

Unless Finland take at least a point from Italy in two matches, England can have little hope of going to Argentina. And, even if Finland should achieve such a surprise, England must still beat Italy at Wembley next November to finish on top of the group.

All attention on group two now focuses upon Helsinki in June when Finland play their home leg against Italy. Is there any real hope of Italy failing in this one?

Last summer England coasted to an easy 4 - 1 win out there and, even though the Finns showed a big improvement when they came to Wembley and held the score to 2 - 1, they are going to have to pull out something very special to hold the superb Italians on present form.

The Italian-Finland return will be played in October when England visit Luxembourg for what will be another critical encounter. It becomes apparent just how important is that Luxembourg game when we try to envisage the possible situation when Italy come to Wembley in November.

If we assume that Italy will win both games against Finland, but by only the narrowest of margins (by one goal each time) they will come to England with eight points and a goal-difference of seven.

England's goal difference, after the 5 - 0 win over Luxembourg, currently stands at seven.

If we beat Luxembourg in the return game in October we shall, like Italy, also have eight points. And our goal difference will be seven plus whatever we manage in Luxembourg.

England, of course, MUST beat Italy at Wembley. That would take us to ten points, Italy would then go into their final match, at home to Luxembourg, needing to win - and they will know precisely how many goals they will need to take them into the finals. It can now be seen that Italy will probably only have to beat Luxembourg at home by as many goals as England win by in Luxembourg to take them through.

All this is assuming that Italy will build up only a two-goal advantage over Finland, don't forget. If they equal England's achievement of beating the Finns by four goals over the two legs, our chances are going to be that much more difficult.

The way the situation is developing, England are going to need at least a 10 - 0 victory in Luxembourg to maintain a sporting chance of topping the group. That's the tragedy of all those missed chances - and those two refused penalties - at Wembley.

Supposing England DO get ten goals against Luxembourg, we should go into the Italy game with a 17-goal advantage. If Italy emulate England by building up four goals against the Finns, their goal-difference would then be nine.

Taking this hypothetical situation even farther. If England beat Italy by one goal, the situation would look like this:

ENGLAND GIs. Pts. Goal-difference + 18

That would leave Italy to beat Luxembourg by 11 - 0 to give them top place.

That should not prove too daunting a task for Italy, with 100,000 vociferous fans roaring them on and their chances of World Cup glory there to be taken. And with Luxembourg, consigned to bottom place, having absolutely nothing to play for.

In this context it really does seem that England must get at least ten goals in Luxembourg. That's not impossible, of course, though it must be somewhat unlikely.

One eventuality - which we should not forget, but which would render all our calculations quite valueless - is that Italy could hold England to a draw at Wembley. Or even win!

Whichever way we look at it, the odds are stacked mightily in favour of Italy at the moment. The problem is that the answer no longer rests with what the England team achieves on the field. Now our fate lies very much in the hands of Finland.

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	P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts.
Brighton & H.A.	38	16	3	1	57	12	6	5	7	16	20	52
Mansfield T.	38	14	5	0	44	11	8	2	9	22	27	51
Rotherham Utd.	37	10	8	1	27	11	8	6	4	29	21	50
Wrexham	37	13	5	0	40	14	8	2	9	28	28	49
Bury	40	13	2	5	37	19	7	5	8	19	34	47
C. Palace	38	13	5	1	31	13	4	7	8	14	18	46
Lincoln	36	11	7	1	45	26	6	4	9	22	32	45
Sheff, Wed.	39	12	4	4	32	18	6	5	8	23	29	45
Preston	38	13	2	4	42	19	4	8	7	13	18	44
Shrewsbury	39	11	6		34	16	4	4	12	23	35	40
Chester	40	13	2	2 5	25	17	4	4	12	19	35	40
Swindon	36	9	6	2	40	25	3	8	8	17	30	38
Peterborough	37	10	3	5	25	17	2	9	8	20	30	36
Gillingham	39	7	8	4	24	21	5	3	12	22	39	35
Oxford	39	8	6	6	31	27	2	7	10	19	30	33
Walsall	38	7	6	6	34	26	4	5	10	11	28	33
Tranmere	38	7	6	6	24	19	2 3	8	9	16	28	32
Chesterfield	38	9	4	6	27	17	3	3	13	20	36	31
Portsmouth	38	6	9	4	19	19	3 2	4	12	22	37	31
Port Vale	39	7	6	6	21	21	2	7	11	16	40	31
Northampton	39	8	2	10	30	29	4	4	11	25	37	30
Reading	38	8	4	7	26	21	2	3	14	17	42	.27
York	38	6	5	8	20	31	3	4	12	23	45	27
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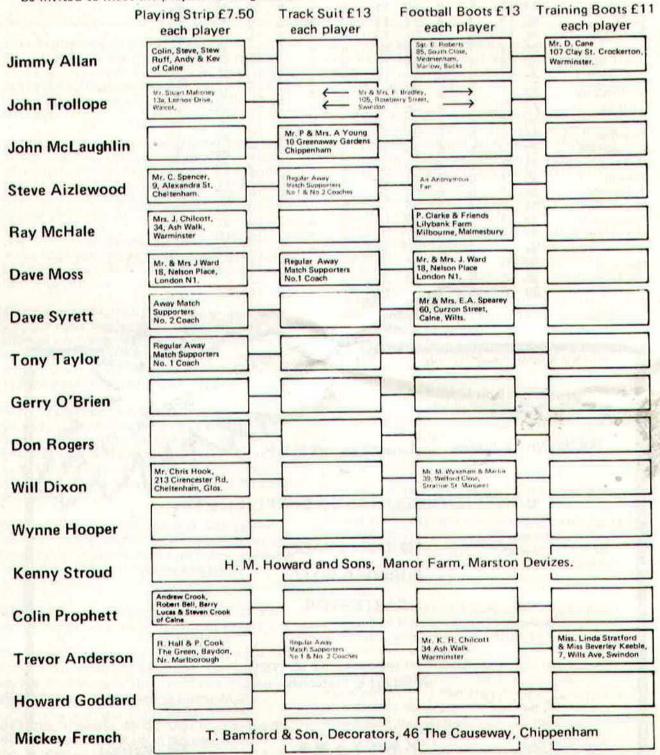
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- 1 Allan
- 2 Dixon
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Stroud
- 5 Aizlewood
- 6 Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 McLaughlin
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McHale
- 11 Anderson
- 12 Taylor

at 3.00 p.m.



Referee:

Mr. D.V. Reeves - Uxbridge Linesmen:

Mr. B.A. Champion - Bristol

Mr. C.E. Topliss - Poole

WIT. C.E. Tophiss - Foole

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Yellow Flag

BURY

- 1 Forrest
- 2 Brown
- 3 Kennedy
- 4 Thompson
- 5 Tucker
- 6 Hatton
- 7 Phillips
- 8 McIlwraith
- 9 Rowland
- 10 Entwistle
- 11 Farrell
- 12 Woolfall

REFEREE REEVES, DARRYL V. (Uxbridge, Middlesex)

Commenced refereeing in 1961 and progressed via local leagues through the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list. Refereed the 1973 Oxford v. Cambridge University match at Wembley.

A married man, with two children, he is a Manager whose home interests are interior decorating and gardening.

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 30th April 1977

Division III

MANSFIELD TOWN

Kick Off 3.0 p.m.

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Gillingham v Chester
- B Lincoln v Oxford Utd.
- C Northampton v York City
- D Portsmouth v Rotherham
- E Port Vale v Tranmere
- F Reading v Mansfield
- G Sheff, Wednesday v Preston N.E.
- H Shrewsbury v Crystal Palace
- I Walsall v Brighton
- J Wrexham v Grimsby
- K Birmingham v Stoke
- L Coventry v Aston Villa
- M Derby v Everton
- N Leeds v Ipswich
- O Liverpool v Arsenal
- P Manchester Utd, v Leicester
- Q Middlesbrough v Q.P. Rangers
- R Newcastle v West Ham Utd.
- S Norwich v Bristol City
- T Tottenham H, v Sunderland