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## NEWS&VIEWS NEWS&VIEWS NEWS&VIEWS

The visit of a club, with the name of Preston conjures up memories of the past, with its wonderful fooball, and a host of illustrious names.

What great players have graced the shirt of Preston North End? and the sacred turf at Deepdale J. McCall a splendid centre-half for England, Andy Beattie, Alex James, Frank O'Donnell, Bill Shankly, Frank O'Farrell, Tommy Docherty, Eddie Quigley and probably, the best known of them all Tom Finney. These are just a few, one could think of many more.

Whilst it is said "we must not live in the past", there is still much tradition in football, and P.N.E. revives nostalgic memories for many football supporters.

During the present season Preston has held quite a high place in the League table, and seemed to be well in the running for promotion. They have slipped back, and now are near the middle of the table. To date they have 47 points from 41 games.

We visited Preston on Tuesday 8th February 1977, and were defeated 0 - 2, so we have something to repay.

Last season our visitors won both games. First at Swindon in November. 3 goals to 0 and the second at Preston in February 4 goals to 2. Fortunately, we are in a much stronger position, than we were this time last year (although results have been very poor recently) so we hope, we shall improve on last years games. Last Saturday brought a welcome return to form to the team. Strange how results can change, almost overnight. We lost to

bottom club on Tuesday 2 - 4, yet four days later drew 1-1 at Rotherham occupying fourth place in the League, and with a slight chance of promotion, but which we halted. It seems Swindon obtain far better results when playing against a team in a higher position. Witness a 2 - 2 draw at Wrexham, now almost certain of promotion, and dare I mention it, that abandoned game versus Brighton, when leading four goals to nil.

Having emerged from that "bad period", we hope we shall now improve even more. These notes must be written before the Mansfield game, but we trust that result is in our favour. We should if we have played true to form against a team at the top of the League, obtain a win, or at least a draw.



# Talk of the Town

# By the Chairman

Tonights game is the start of our backlog of fixtures which sees us meeting Brighton at the County Ground on Tuesday, 10th May, kick off at 7.30 p.m.

This fixture will not be forgotten for a long time to come by our spectators, but let us be fair to Brighton and congratulate them on a fine season of consistency. It was embarrassing for Brighton to be let off the hook at the first attempt, but no less fortunate. The man who was the cause of all the trouble, will sure to be absent on the next occasion.

Preston, our visitors tonight have had a good season and at one time looked favourites for promotion. Their turn will come soon as we expect ours to come, Preston North End are worthy of a higher Division, but it is this strong rivalry which makes all leagues so competitive.

We have certainly had some dramatic headlines in our local paper this week and on Friday evening it stated that 'Swindon Town's flu stricken players will be summoned from their sick beds only hours before the kick off'. I can't see our more biased supporters accepting this. Whoever gave you this information Daragh must have a funny sense of humour.

Yes, one or two of the lads had the sniffles, but anyone who is hit by the flu bug I am afraid, is far from able to shake it off and play football overnight. We are always being blamed for making excuses, but it looks as if we have really prepared one for ourselves this time.

Injuries and illness sometimes proves a blessing in disguise when it gives the club the opportunity to experiment and our spectators may well get the opportunity of seeing Russell Lewis getting an extended run in the senior side.

Our supporters will be pleased to know that Gerry O'Brien has come through his cartilage operation very well indeed, but it is the convalescent stage which is so important to Gerry. Talking of convalescents we are expecting to have Maurice Owen back with us soon.

Maurice has had a rough time, but I think this is his only major sickness since joining us soon after the last war. Many of our older supporters will remember Arthur Hetherington who played with us in 1938, some know him as Peggy Hetherington not 'Peggy' as a girls name, but a knickname because of his deadly left 'peg'

Arthur died in Rotherham last week and leaves a widow and a daughter. Arthur was well known in Rotherham and in fact worked with Danny at Rotherham.

Our Youth side has found that the congestion of fixtures has meant more games than we really wanted. The result has been a staleness in some of the less experienced players and we lost our chance of winning the Inter Midland Youth League Cup last week to Derby County in the final play off, but it still looks as if we might be runners up to Leicester City in the League. On Sunday we travelled to Pontin's Camp at Brean Sands where we were competing in the Southern Section of the Pontin's Six-aside. The Finalists all over the Country play off at Wembley before the Cup Winners versus League Winners game at the beginning of next season.

Here's hoping you enjoy tonights game and thank you for your support.





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# OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

### PRESTON

### ALEX SMITH (Goalkeeper)

Alex is the last survivor in League football of ill-fated Accrington. He was with them when they folded in 1962. He then moved to Bolton but enjoyed his best days after transferring to Halifax in 1967. Preston signed him last summer.

League record: Accrington 33 aps.; Bolton 19 aps., Halifax 341 aps.; Preston 8 aps.

### ROY TUNKS (Goalkeeper)

Roy has been out with a broken finger. He began his career with Rotherham and while with them went on loan to York, Ipswich and Newcastle. Preston paid £15,000 for him in 1974 and he was first-choice until his injury.

League record: Rotherham 138 aps; York (Ioan) 4 aps.; Ipswich (Ioan) nil aps.; Newcastle (Ioan) nil aps.; Preston 104 aps.

#### JOHN McMAHON (Defender)

John developed in the Preston juniors and made his League debut in 1970/71. That season he also spent a loan period with Southend United. Now one of the club's longest serving players, he is to have a testimonial match next week.

League record: Southend (loan) 4 aps.; Preston 217 (1) aps., 6 gls.

### MIKE BAXTER (Defender)

Another of Preston's own discoveries, Mike came into the side initally two seasons ago and won a regular place last season. This term he seems to have gained preference over David Sadler for one of the central defensive positions.

League record: Preston 43 (1) aps., 2 gls.

#### DAVID SADLER (Defender)

A teenage scoring sensation with Maidstone, David won England amateur caps. Manchester United snapped him up, converted him into a defender and he won four full caps, plus under-23 and youth honours. He was a member of United's European Cup winning team in 1968. Preston signed him in 1973.

League record: Manchester United 265 (5) aps., 22 gls.; Preston 104 (1) aps., 3 gls.

#### MARK LAWRENSON (Defender)

Mark got a few games in the first-team during the 1974/75 season, established himself last season and is ever-present this term.

League record: Preston 69 aps., 1 gl.

#### GARY WILLIAMS (Defender)

Gary was given his first chance in 1971/72 but he was no more than a reliable stand-in until last season when he took over the left-back position he has been filling with distinction this term.

League record: Preston 103 (4) aps., 2 gls.

#### STEVE DOYLE (Midfield)

Steve came through the Deepdale juniors to earn his first-team opportunity in 1974/75. During the latter part of last season he established himself as a regular and he has recently been recalled to the team again.

League record: Preston 50 (5) aps., 1 gl.

### **GORDON COLEMAN (Midfield)**

Yet another example of the type of player being produced in the Preston nursery, Gordon was promoted to the League eleven in 1973/74. He had scored three goals this season before the weekend.

League record: Preston 71 (12) aps., 7 gls.

### JIMMY BROWN (Midfield)

Jimmy was only 15 when introduced to League soccer by Aston Villa when Tommy Docherty was manager. For some time he was skipper of the side. He joined Preston last season after losing his place in the Villa side.

League record: Aston Villa 72 (4) aps., 2 gls; Preston 62 aps., 3 gls.

#### FRANCIS BURNS (Midfield)

Francis won Scottish full and under-23 caps in his Manchester United days. He eventually left Old Trafford for Southampton in a £50,000 deal in 1971 but his family could not settle in the south so he joined Preston for £40,000 a year later.

League record: Manchester United 111 (8) aps., 6 gls.; Southampton 20 (1) aps.; Preston 154 aps., 9 gls.

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## **PRESTON**

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M. Robinson, M. Elwiss

H. Hubbick (Trainer), A. Spruce, F. Burns, J. McMaho D. Sadler, G. Coleman, J. Smith, N. Stiles (Chief Coac Front Row



S. Tickle, R. Thomson, M. Baxter, D. Cameron, A. Lamb (now with Port Vale)

J. Brown, S. Doyle, G. Williams, R. Tunks, A. Smith, M. Lawrenson, M. Robinson, M. Elwiss

H. Hubbick (Trainer), A. Spruce, F. Burns, J. McMahon, H. Catterick (Manager), D. Sadler, G. Coleman, J. Smith, N. Stiles (Chief Coach)

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

# **Swindon v Preston**

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

21,243
14,781
13,907
13,946
9,250
17,443
10.833
9,566
8,198
6,468
12,034
8,299
11,892
11,139
6,332
5,868

### SWINDON TEAM IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE BETWEEN CLUBS :

Turner; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff; Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Smart, Rogers.

### FIRST MEETING OF CLUBS IN F.A. CUP :

Jan. 26 1935 (Round 4) SWINDON TOWN (0) 0 PRESTON NORTH END (1) 2

Att.: 24,480 Receipts: £1,576

Swindon Town: Houldsworth; Wallace, Herod; Cousins, Armstrong (W),

Nixon; Peters, Armstrong (T), Fowler, Bowl, Gunson.

### FIRST MEETING OF CLUBS IN F.L. CUP :

Oct. 5 1961 (Round 2) PRESTON NORTH END (1) 3 SWINDON TOWN
(0) 1 Smith

Att.: 8,136

Corbett, Hunt, Smith, Summerbee, Jackson

\* LEAGUE SUMMARY: W D L F - A

Home : 4 2 2 13 - 13 \* Up to end of last season

Burton; Jones, Trollope; Morgan, Chamberlain, Woodruff;

Away : 0 3 5 8 – 16

TOTAL: 4 5 7 21 - 29 SWINDON'S

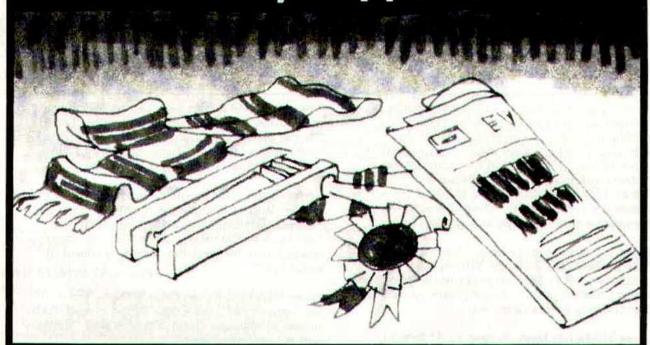
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### TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS :

Swindon Town:

Arthur Hetherington (outside-left) from Preston debut v. Northampton home Aug. 29 1926 Harry Lowe (full-back) from Preston debut v. Northampton away Aug. 26 1939 Jim Kelly (centre-forward) from Preston debut v. Torquay away Mar. 1 1958 Ray Treacy (forward) to Preston last appearance v. Sunderland away Nov 10 1973

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### The Name of The Game

by Tony Pullein

Running through the lists of playing staffs of Football League clubs can make fascinating reading these days. Quite apart from the odd names that are now beginning to creep in, much to the consternation of commentator Anton Otulokoqski, Eddie Niedswieck, Yilmaz Orhan, Manny Andruszewski to name but a few there are some odd-sounding characters knocking around in League football.

There are quite a few who are named like rival League clubs, for instance. Wolves have Alan Sunderland, Roy Morton plays for Birmingham, Kevin Charlton is a Hereford player while Eddie Blackburn is on Hull's books.

Garry Hibbs has been on loan to Aldershot, John Aston is the Luton winger and John Forrest keeps goal for Bury. West Bromwich now have David Bradford on their books whilst Geoff Barnsley and Mike England are junior players with Derby and Bristol Rovers respectively.

Aston Villa and Everton both have Hamiltons on their staffs and there are also two Boltons Joe with Sunderland, Ian with Notts County. Bobby Stokes was, of course, Southampton's F.A. Cup final hero last season, grabbing the winner against Manchester United.

Hereford's John Layton brings back memories of Orient's former title and the international scene is represented by Pat Holland, of West Ham, and Alan Brazil, of Ipswich.

Most of the trades and professions are represented at League clubs. Bristol Rovers bring a touch of divinity to the game with their defender Lyndsay Parsons and Scunthorpe have Mike Czuczman (pronounced "churchman", though don't ask me why!) on their books.

It was appropriate, somehow, that Paul Mariner should have commenced his career with Plymouth, a town steeped in naval history. Now, of course, he is an England international with Ipswich.

If you are a lover of anagrams then Plymouth could be said still to have naval connections in defender Peter Darke.

The trades and professions can be found in most clubs — Robin Turner (Ipswich), Terry Cooper (Middlesbrough), Paul Gardner (Blackpool), Malcolm Page (Birmingham) and Steve Seargeant (Everton) are but a handful.

Some names lend themselves splendidly to the imagination of humourists in the crowd. Thus Ray Blackhall of Newcastle is often told to "get back to Calcutta", Bryn Gunn (Forest) goaded until he gives the crowd "a round of rapid fire."

When Hereford signed Clive Slattery from Swansea in 1972 the Edgar Street crowd maintained to manager Colin Addison that "Slattery will get you nowhere!"

Palace fans occasionally implore manager Terry Venables to "fire Jimmy Cannon".

Whenever I read about Rotherham striker Trevor Womble I imagine that one day he may sign for Wimbledon.

Food and drink are there in plenty. How about Alan Beer (Exeter) for a starter, followed either by Tony Currie (Leeds) or Malcolm Partridge (Grimsby) — insisting, of course, upon a portion of Warwick Bean (Arsenal) and rounded off by David Peach (Southampton).

It would just be possible for the following team to represent the Football League:

Niedzwieck (Wrexham) — Andruszewski (Southampton), Mielcaarek (Rotherham), Czuczman (Scunthorpe), Krzywicki (Lincoln) — Nardiello (Coventry), Otulokowski (West Ham) — Ruggiero (Stoke), Harkouk (Crystal Palace), Bertschin (Ipswich), Kowalski (Chesterfield).

Put Lawrie McMeneny in charge and the commentators really would go into a state of nervous shock. Imagine trying to identify that lot!

Youngsters, with time to kill, can derive hours of fun selecting their odd teams from the list of players who actually exist in the Football League today. Why not have a go at picking your strange team?

# OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

### **PRESTON**

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### ALEX BRUCE (Forward)

Alex is Preston's leading scorer, with 25 goals before the weekend. He began with Preston but, after twige topping their scoring list, he was transferred to Newcastle for £150,000 in 1974. But last season he returned to Deepdale and hit 15 goals for the club.

League record: Preston 55 (7) aps., 22 gls.; Newcastle 16 (4) aps., 3 gls.; Preston 80 (2) aps., 38 gls.

### MIKE ELWISS (Forward)

Mike had scored 19 goals before the weekend and has proved fine value for the £70,000 Preston paid Doncaster for his transfer in 1974. He was twice Doncaster's top scorer and hit 16 for Preston last term to top their list.

League record: Doncaster 96 (1) aps., 30 gls.; Preston 142 (1) aps., 48 gls.

### RICKY THOMSON (Forward)

Ricky seems set to follow Bruce and Elwiss in the goal-chasing stakes. He celebrated his recent return to the team with three goals in his first two full games. Prior to that he had played only a few matches over the past two seasons but now seems set to keep his place for the remainder of the season.

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

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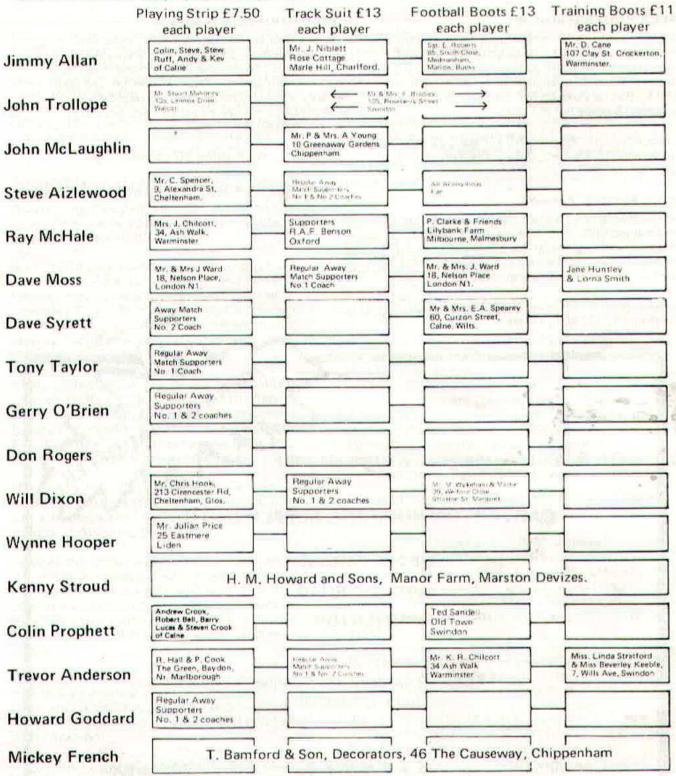
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### Preston

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- 3 Williams
- 4 Burns
- 5 Baxter
- 6 Lawrenson
- 7 Coleman
- 8 Doyle
- 9 Thomson
- 10 Elwiss
- 11 Bruce



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Married, with two children, he is a Prison
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