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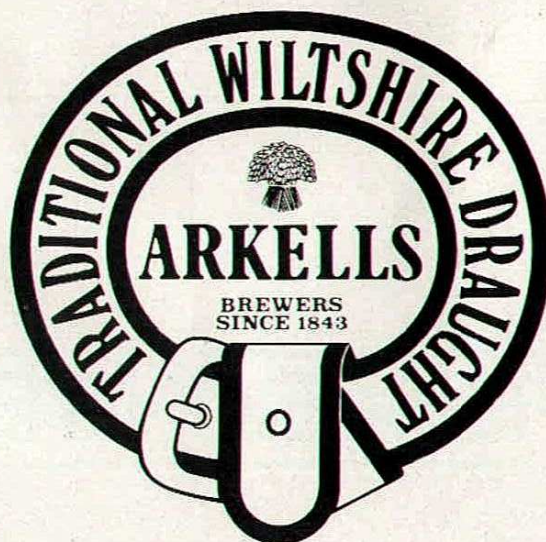
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Bits and Pieces

When two junior clubs in Carlisle, Red Rose and Shaddongate United, joined forces in 1903, Carlisle United was born.

The new club played in the Lancashire Combination and later the North Eastern League and at one time, before the First World War, almost went out of existence. Survival was only due to the players turning out for a spell without pay.

United move from Devonshire Park to its present home, Brunton Park, in 1909. The new ground was officially opened in September of that year and the club purchased it some twelve years later.

Only four months after the move, Carlisle had a chance to fill the ground after holding West Ham United to a 1-1 draw in London in the F.A. Cup. But for a few hundred pounds (half the gate receipts in those days), the Cumbrians chose to replay the First Round tie at Upton Park - and lost 0-5 into the bargain.

Carlisle United was elected to the Football League in June 1928 and spent thirty years in the Third Division North until the formation of the new Fourth in 1958. The best position attained during that time was third in 1950-51, when 62 points were gained, but this still fell nine short of champions Rotherham United.

The Carlisle manager at that time was Bill Shankly, in his first post since retiring from playing with Preston. He had succeeded Ivor Broadis, now a

journalist, who as player-manager transferred himself to Sunderland in 1949!

On December 10th of that year, Swindon Town made the long trek north for the first meeting of the two clubs. It was a Second Round F.A. Cup tie and attracted a record 18,604 crowd to Brunton Park. Two first-half goals from United centre-forward Lindsay settled the issue and gave the home side a crack at Leeds United in the next round. The gate record at Brunton was further increased to 22,832 but the Yorkshiremen proved far too strong, recording a 5-2 victory.

United achieved promotion for the first time in 1962 when squeezing into fourth place in the Fourth Division with 52 points from 44 games. But Carlisle's elevated status was only temporary as twelve months later, the club finished one off the bottom of the Third.

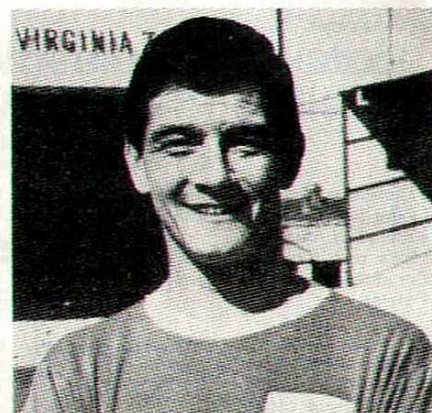
Then followed two consecutive promotion seasons - 1963-64, when a club record 113 goals were scored and United reached the F.A. Cup fifth round before losing to eventual finalists, Preston North End - and 1964-65, when the club took the championship of the Third Division.

In 1967, Carlisle finished just one place, but six points, away from stepping into the First Division, where the club eventually arrived in 1974, albeit for a brief stay.

Transfers between Carlisle and Swindon have been few and far between.

One has to go back to the Edwardian era to find the first, Harry Lyons, a forward who spent two seasons - 1905-06 and 1907-08 - with the Town and made about fifty first team appearances before joining Blackpool. Another was the much travelled goal-scoring forward Frank Large, who after a very brief (seventeen games) Town career, joined the Cumbrian club in September 1964. After just 51 games in a Carlisle shirt, he was on the move again to Oldham Athletic.

In the close season of 1966, after 77 League appearances for Carlisle, Stan Harland joined Swindon and went on to appear in the Town's League side some 237 times (the first 170 of which were made without a break) and also starred in the League Cup winning side of 1969.



STAN HARLAND

The former Town manager Fred Ford spent one season - 1947-48 - with Carlisle, during which he made 28 League appearances.

Fact finder

CARLISLE

LEAGUE FORM — LAST FIVE SEASONS:

	DIV	PLD	W	D	L	F - A	Pts	Posn	CUP ROUND REACHED	FAC	FLC	Avg. Home Lge. Gate
76-77	: 2	42	11	12	19	49-75	34	20th	4th	2nd		7,679
75-76	: 2	42	12	13	17	45-59	37	19th	3rd	3rd		8,279
74-75	: 1	42	12	5	25	43-59	29	22nd	6th	3rd		14,529
73-74	: 2	42	20	9	13	61-48	49	3rd	4th	3rd		8,270
72-73	: 2	42	11	12	19	50-52	34	18th	5th	2nd		7,606

COMPLETE FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD:

(Up to end of last season)

DIV.	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
First	: 42	12	5	25	43	59	29
Second	: 462	175	115	172	624	608	465
Third	: 92	38	19	35	137	142	95
Third Nth.	: 996	365	217	414	1645	1795	947
Fourth	: 228	94	54	80	351	331	242
TOTAL	: 1820	684	410	726	2800	2935	1778

SWINDON TOWN v. CARLISLE UNITED

Sep. 18 1962	: United 0 Town 0	— Att. 6602
Apr. 30 1963	: Town 2 (Stevens, Hunt) United 0	— Att. 14421
Aug. 16 1969	: Town 2 (Horsfield 2)	
	United 2 (Balderstone, Murray)	— Att. 17055
Oct. 7 1969	: United 2 (Hatton, Brown)	
	Town 2 (Ternent o.g., Horsfield)	— Att. 9723
Sep. 19 1970	: United 2 (Martin, Hatton)	
	Town 1 (Rogers)	— Att. 10070
Apr. 24 1971	: Town 0 United 0	— Att. 11561
Aug. 28 1971	: United 0 Town 0	— Att. 9936
Jan. 8 1972	: Town 0 United 0	— Att. 13089
Aug. 19 1972	: United 3 (Owen, Balderstone 2)	
	Town 0	— Att. 7747
Mar. 12 1973	: Town 2 (Noble, Moss) United 0	— Att. 7942
Nov. 3 1973	: Town 2 (Eastoe 2)	
	United 2 (Clarke 2)	— Att. 6480
Mar. 30 1974	: United 5 (Clarke 4, Laidlaw)	
	Town 1 (Syrett)	— Att. 6544

	W	D	L	F - A
At County Ground	: 2	4	0	8 - 4
At Brunton Park	: 0	3	3	4 - 12
Total	: 2	7	3	12 - 16

Swindon's success rate : 45.83%

Talk of the Town By the Chairman

It seems a long time since we have had the pleasure of the company of Carlisle United Players and Officials. They have had the proud distinction of playing in the First Division since their last visit to us and this is something which we are anxious to attain. Our followers that witnessed our game at Hereford last week must have been flabbergasted at the whistle happy and flagging display of the person in charge of this game. We all agree that to referee a game and please everybody is one of the most difficult tasks in the world, in fact, I would say impossible, but to please nobody but ones self must be also nearly impossible. When newswriters report such a display, then surely there must be something wrong somewhere and in my opinion Daragh Croxon expressed everybodys opinion in his report in the Monday evening paper.

What is to happen to our game if players are not to be allowed to challenge for the ball without the fear of being shown the yellow card.

I cannot be accused of sour grapes in this instance because both sides suffered as much as each other, surely such displays call for the introduction of the Professional Referee.

Hereford United have transferred Roy Carter to us, and we all will wish him a very happy stay with us. Danny's senior playing staff is a bit thin in numbers and if we are unfortunate with injuries it will be so important to have experienced players ready to carry on the good work.

Since writing my last notes and winning our replay against Boreham Wood, we had the exciting news that the winner of our League Cup tie with Wrexham would meet the

winners of the Liverpool/Coventry tie. You will know now, whether this question is still open, I sincerely hope so, but if not then we have to put all our efforts towards winning promotion and progressing as far as possible in the F. A. Cup. On Monday evening we hold our 80th Annual General Meeting. We shall be holding this meeting in our own Club premises. The Company balance sheet shows the value to the club of these premises and the support given to the activities held in our club.

No football club can run without its supporters and the support of their activities and we certainly have active supporters. We are expecting to obtain our licence for our Squash Courts Club this week, which will enable Jack Conley and his staff to open up the bars and lounge facilities. The squash courts are proving very popular without the bars, but the social side of the club is important to the well being of the Football Club.

Since my last notes our youngsters have said farewell to the F.A. Youth Cup. Although losing by several goals to Charlton Athletic the game enabled Jack Smith to give experience to one or two schoolboys that I am sure with experience will bear results later on. A Youth policy is all about experiments with coaching, having faith in ones judgement, inconsistencies, disappointments and of course the high-lights when the lads really make the goals.

The enjoyment that so many people get from playing at local levels and County levels is due to the enormous amount of voluntary work put in by club secretaries, and committee members. It is from such organisations that the promising young players come into the professional game

and all clubs should be grateful to such organisations. The County Football Association is of course of the utmost importance to the well being of all organised football and the healthier the County body, the better the standard one finds.

We are proud of our own County Association in Wiltshire and many good players over the years have been proud to wear their County colours.

At one time Counties turned out a Senior County side only, but today, the County is represented at Youth as well as at Senior Level. Coaching courses are held regularly in different parts of the county and qualified coaches are sent out to any club that would like to take advantage of this scheme.

It is disappointing and surprising that only a few clubs take advantage of these services. If you are a member of a local side why not enjoy an interesting evening and contact Frank Peart your County Secretary.

The Wiltshire County Football Association is fielding a County Youth Team versus the Royal Navy at Portsmouth today in the South West Counties Championship, we wish them luck.

Brentford have taken fourteen hundred tickets for their cup-tie against us, and I would suggest that it would be wise to obtain your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

I have just received the news that we have been granted a licence for our Squash Club, why not look in this evening for a chat and a drink. Hoping you enjoy todays game and thanks for your support.



Boreham Wood goalkeeper Steve Waller punches clear from the head of Swindon's Chris Guthrie as Kenny Stroud (white shorts) looks on during the Town's FA Cup win at the County Ground.

From the POOLS OFFICE!

CHRISTMAS DRAW DECEMBER
19th, 1977

All persons who have Tickets are reminded that counterfoils for the above draw should be in The Pools Office by Noon on the 19th.

The Draw will be in The Supporters Club approx. 8 o'clock.

With Christmas almost upon us we have already started looking forward to 1978. Things are moving which you the supporter could benefit by. Details at this stage are very sparse but watch this column in 1978 you could be on to something.

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DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Tuesday 6th December, 1977

	Home					Away					Lge. Posns. This Season HIGH LOW	HOME L'GE		TOP GOAL SCORERS		
	P	W	D	L	F - A	P	W	D	L	F - A		Pts	GATE			
Wrexham	19	7	3	0	20 - 8	3	3	3	12	12	26	1st	18th	7295	9198	Bobley Shinton 13(10)
Gillingham	20	6	3	1	19 - 10	3	4	3	16	17	25	1st	15th	5550	7938	Danny Westwood 13(11)
Peterborough	19	5	4	0	11 - 5	4	2	4	6 - 9	24	22	2nd	22nd	5495	7308	Tommy Robson 7(6)
Tranmere R.	19	6	2	2	18 - 9	3	2	4	10 - 9	22	1st	6th	4256	6215	Russ Allen 9(7), Ronnie Moore 8(8)	
Cambridge Utd	19	7	1	1	23 - 7	2	3	5	10 - 19	22	4th	24th	4418	5737	Alan Biley 12(9)	
Preston N.E.	19	7	2	1	18 - 10	0	6	3	4 - 9	22	4th	19th	6931	10342	Alex Bruce 11(9)	
Colchester Utd.	19	5	3	1	16 - 5	3	2	5	11 - 13	21	1st	10th	4794	5719	Bobby Gough 12(8)	
Shrewsbury T.	20	5	2	3	22 - 13	3	3	4	13 - 17	21	1st	11th	4025	6116	Ian Atkins 7(7), Chic Bates 7(6)	
Bury	19	3	5	1	9 - 7	3	3	4	11 - 15	20	2nd	14th	5112	6769	Andy Rowland 8(7)	
Swindon Town	19	7	2	1	23 - 7	0	3	6	7 - 18	19	2nd	17th	7215	9396	DAVE MOSS 11(6)	
Oxford Utd.	19	6	2	1	13 - 6	1	3	6	13 - 18	19	2nd	13th	5199	7769	Peter Foley 10(8)	
Exeter C.	19	5	1	4	15 - 12	3	2	4	9 - 11	19	2nd	20th	5048	5875	Tony Kellow 9(8)	
Rotherham Utd	19	4	4	2	11 - 7	2	3	4	14 - 19	19	2nd	14th	5009	6786	Alan Crawford 7(6), Richard Finney 7(5)	
Walsall	19	4	2	3	13 - 10	2	5	3	10 - 14	19	9th	17th	4831	5502	Alan Buckley 10(9)	
Chester	19	5	4	0	15 - 8	0	5	5	7 - 19	19	7th	18th	4116	9514	Mike Kearney 6(4)	
Carlisle Utd.	19	3	5	2	15 - 13	2	2	5	9 - 12	17	13th	23rd	4533	5743	Bill Rafferty 12(8)	
Chesterfield	19	6	2	1	12 - 4	1	1	8	6 - 17	17	1st	19th	4416	4856	Steve Cammack 5(4)	
Hereford Utd.	19	5	3	2	13 - 9	0	4	5	2 - 13	17	14th	24th	4653	5655	*Billy Holmes 9(7)	
Plymouth A.	19	3	3	4	13 - 12	2	3	4	7 - 11	16	8th	19th	6501	12399	Terry Austin 7(7)	
Bradford C.	19	4	4	2	18 - 13	1	2	5	4 - 14	16	11th	23rd	5049	12857	Joe Cooke 6(5), Don Hutchins 6(5)	
Port Vale	19	2	5	2	8 - 9	1	5	4	10 - 18	16	12th	23rd	3881	5136	Jeff Hemmiman 6(5)	
Lincoln C.	19	3	3	3	12 - 12	2	2	6	8 - 16	15	17th	24th	4716	6290	Peter Graham 6(6)	
Portsmouth	19	2	5	2	11 - 11	1	3	6	7 - 21	14	13th	24th	10170	12020	Dave Kemp 16(13)	
Sheffield Wed.	19	3	4	3	9 - 7	0	3	6	8 - 16	13	13th	24th	10823	13166	Tommy Tynan 12(7)	

*Billy Holmes 7 (5) goals for Wimbledon

No. of League goals scored in brackets.

DIVISION 3 1977/78

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score	Scorers	Attendance
1977					
Aug. 13	League Cup (1) Swansea City	A	3 - 1	11 - 3 - 9	5878
Aug. 16	League Cup (2) Swansea City	H	2 - 1	7 - 11	5415
Aug. 20	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1 - 1	8	12095
Aug. 23	Peterborough United	H	2 - 0	9 - 10	7117
Aug. 27	Portsmouth	H	3 - 1	8 - 10 - 7	9396
Aug. 31	League Cup 2 Cardiff City	H	5 - 1	9 11(2) 7 10	8919
Sept. 3	Walsall	A	0 - 2		4717
Sept. 10	Chesterfield	H	2 - 1	9 - 12	6847
Sept. 13	Preston North End	A	1 - 1	11	6014
Sept. 16	Bury	H	1 - 1	9	8139
Sept. 24	Wrexham	A	1 - 2	7	8002
Sept. 27	Cambridge United	A	2 - 5	7 - 10	4423
Sept. 30	Shrewsbury Town	H	5 - 0	8-5-7-9-3	6809
Oct. 4	Bradford City	H	0 - 1		7569
Oct. 8	Lincoln City	A	1 - 3	9	4852
Oct. 15	Port Vale	H	1 - 1	5	6132
Oct. 22	Chester	A	0 - 1		3539
Oct. 25	League Cup 3 Portsmouth	A	1 - 1	7	14955
Oct. 29	Exeter City	H	4 - 0	7 - 10 - 11(2)	7021
Nov. 1	League Cup 3 Portsmouth	H	4 - 3	8 - 11 - 7 - 10	9378
Nov. 5	Gillingham	H	3 - 2	5 - 7 - 11	7080
Nov. 11	Colchester United	A	0 - 2		4788
Nov. 19	Rotherham United	H	2 - 0	10 - 9	6008
Nov. 26	F.A. C. 1 Boreham Wood	A	0 - 0		2242
Nov. 29	Replay Boreham Wood	H	2 - 0	7 - 10	7016
Dec. 3	Hereford United	A	1 - 1	10	
Dec. 7	League Cup 4 Wrexham	A			
Dec. 10	Carlisle United	H			
Dec. 17	F.A. Cup 2				
Dec. 26	Oxford United	A			
Dec. 27	Plymouth Argyle	H			
Dec. 31	Gillingham	A			

1978

Jan. 2	Tranmere Rovers	H			
Jan. 7	Peterborough United (3)	A			
Jan. 14	Sheffield Wednesday	H			
Jan. 18	League Cup 5				
Jan. 20	Portsmouth	A			
Jan. 28	Walsall (4)	H			
Feb. 4	Chesterfield	A			
Feb. 8	League Cup SF				
Feb. 10	Bury	A			
Feb. 15	League Cup SF				
Feb. 18	Wrexham (5)	H			
Feb. 25	Shrewsbury Town	A			
Mar. 4	Lincoln City	H			
Mar. 7	Preston North End	H			
Mar. 11	Port Vale (6)	A			
Mar. 17	Chester (LCF)	H			
Mar. 22	Exeter City	A			
Mar. 25	Plymouth Argyle	A			
Mar. 27	Oxford United	H			
Mar. 28					
Mar. 31	Tranmere Rovers	A			
April 4	Cambridge United	H			
April 8	Colchester United (SF)	H			
April 15	Rotherham United	A			
April 22	Hereford United	H			
April 26	Bradford City	A			
April 29	Carlisle United	A			
May 6	F. A. Cup Final				

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FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 3 - Div. 3 v. Hereford

Allan, McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud (Ford) Guthrie, McHale, Anderson

Nov. 29 - F.A. Cup v. Boreham Wood

Allan, McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson

Nov. 26 - Football Comb. v. Leicester City

Lymer, Norman, Reilly, Hatter, Collicutt, Gilligan, Barry, Brinkworth, Walker, Durbridge

Dec. 3 - Football Comb. v. Plymouth Argyle

Lymer, Kelly, Reilly, Collicutt, Gardner, Lewis, Durbridge (Barry) Gilligan, Moore, Brinkworth, Cunningham

Nov. 24 - Midland Youth v. Bristol City (Lost 0-3)

Lymer, Reilly, Norman, Kelly, Henry, Walker, Barry, Gilligan, Brinkworth, Durbridge, Cox (Collicutt)

Dec. 1 - F.A. Youth Cup v. Charlton Athletic (Lost 1-5)

Lymer, Kelly, Norman, Barry, Henry, Diaper, Durbridge, Reilly, Gilligan, Walker, Cox (Wood)

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score
1977			
Aug. 20	Birmingham	H	1 - 1
Aug. 23	Fulham	A	P
Aug. 31	Reading	A	1 - 2
Sept. 3	Ipswich Town	H	0 - 3
Sept. 10	Luton Town	A	2 - 1
Sept. 13	Crystal Palace	H	1 - 0
Sept. 20	Orient	H	0 - 0
Sept. 24	Oxford United	H	0 - 1
Oct. 4	Queens Park Rangers	A	1 - 8
Oct. 8	Bristol Rovers	H	4 - 3
Oct. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 - 3
Oct. 22	Cardiff City	H	2 - 1
Oct. 26	Chelsea	A	0 - 2
Nov. 12	Norwich City	H	2 - 2
Nov. 16	Crystal Palace	A	1 - 4
Nov. 19	West Ham United	A	0 - 3
Nov. 26	Leicester City	H	0 - 5
Dec. 3	Plymouth Argyle	H	1 - 1
Dec. 10	Hereford United	A	
Dec. 13	Bristol City	A	
Dec. 17	Southampton	A	
Dec. 31	Fulham	H	

1978

Jan. 17	Reading	H	
Jan. 21	Ipswich Town	A	
Feb. 4	Luton Town	H	
Feb. 7	Arsenal	H	
Feb. 11	Orient	A	
Feb. 14	Birmingham City	A	
Feb. 18	Oxford United	A	
Feb. 25	Chelsea	H	
Mar. 7	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mar. 11	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Mar. 15	Cardiff City	A	
Mar. 25	Southampton	H	
Mar. 27	Arsenal	A	
April 1	Bristol City	H	
April 5	Norwich City	A	
April 8	Leicester City	A	
April 15	West Ham United	H	
April 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	
April 25	Queens Park Rangers	H	
April 29	Hereford United	H	

First Team Appearances and Goals 1977-78

Totals include subs (Goals in parentheses)

	Total	League	F.L.C.	FAC
1. Allan	24	18	4	2
2. McLaughlin	26	19	5	2
3. Trollope	26(2)	19(1)	5(1)	2
4. Stroud	25	18	5	2
5. Aizlewood	26(3)	19(3)	5	2
6. Prophett	25	19	4	2
7. Moss	25(1)	18(6)	5(4)	2(1)
8. Kamara	24(4)	17(3)	5(1)	2
9. Guthrie	20(8)	15(6)	3(2)	2
10. McHale	26(9)	19(6)	5(2)	2(1)
11. Anderson	25(9)	18(4)	5(5)	2
12. Ford	18(1)	14(1)	3	1
13. Cunningham	2	2		
14. French	4	3	1	
15. Gilligan	2	2		
16. Roberts	2	1	1	
17. Lewis	1		1	

IN TOWN TODAY

ALLAN ROSS (Goalkeeper)

Long-serving Allan has been recalled to the side at a time when it seemed he might be phasing out. Allan joined Carlisle in 1963 and played throughout their astonishing rise from the Fourth to the First Division. He began with Luton Town.

League record: Luton nil aps; Carlisle 457 (1) aps.

ANDY COLLINS (Defender)

Young Andy is enjoying his first spell of League soccer at right-back. He made his debut at Gillingham in October and has since been holding his place.

League record: Carlisle 5 aps.

BOBBY PARKER (Defender)

When Carlisle signed Bobby from Coventry in 1974 the £52,000 fee was then a club record. A former England youth international, Bobby enjoyed some five seasons of First Division football with Coventry before his transfer.

League record: Coventry 78(3) aps; Carlisle 112 aps., 2 gls.

JOHN LATHAM (Defender/Forward)

Though normally a striker, John has been playing centre-back in recent matches. Sunderland gave him his first chance in League football in 1969/70 and he moved on to Mansfield in 1974.

League record: Sunderland 42(12) aps., 14 gls; Mansfield 72(2) aps., 14 gls; Carlisle 40(6) aps., 7 gls; Barnsley (Loan) 6(1) aps.

MIKE McCARTNEY (Defender)

Mike is now nicely settled in the left-back position though it was some while after joining the club, before he was able to make his mark. Injuries hindered him in his early days but he has been a member of the Carlisle first-team squad for almost three years now.

League record: W.B.A. nil aps; Carlisle 50(8) aps., 5 gls.

IAN MacDONALD (Defender)

Ian was an ever-present member of Carlisle's Second Division side last season though he has been missing in recent weeks. He began in the Scottish League with St Johnstone in 1972/73 and Carlisle invested £47,500 in his transfer in 1976.

League record: St Johnstone 107(1) aps., 2 gls; Carlisle 55 aps., 3 gls.



CARLISLE UNITED F.C. (From Left to Right)

Back Row: G. Fell, M. McCartney, P. Carr, S. Hoolickin, G. McVitie, M. Barry, J. Lathan and S. Ludlam

Centre Row: H. Nicholson (Physio), M. Harvey (Coach), M. Tait, A. Ross, T. Swinburne, F. Clarke, H. Neil (Chief Scout) and R. Moncur (Manager)

Front Row: D. Martin, W. Rafferty, I. MacDonald, P. Bonnyman, R. Parker and L. Mutrie

STEVE LUDLAM (Midfield)

An injury has kept Steve out of the past couple of games in this his first season at Brunton Park. He made his entry into League soccer two seasons ago in the First Division with Sheffield United and Carlisle signed him for £20,000 during the last close-season.

League record: Sheffield United 26(1) aps., 1 gl; Carlisle 16 aps.

PETER CARR (Midfield/Defender)

Versatile Peter can play in midfield and at right-back and has given the club splendid service since joining them for a mere £6,000 from Darlington in 1972. He made his League debut with the Quakers in 1968.

League record: Darlington 131(4) aps., 1 gl; Carlisle 185(1) aps., 1 gl.

JIMMY HAMILTON (Midfield)

Jimmy joined Carlisle in September from Bristol Rovers in a player-exchange deal. He was only 16 when Sunderland gave him his chance in their League eleven in 1971/72 but he got few

League record: Sunderland 9(8) aps., 1 gl.; Plymouth 6(2) aps; Bristol Rovers 16(4) aps., 1 gl; Carlisle 6(1) aps., 1 gl.

GEORGE McVITIE (Forward)

George is in his second spell with Carlisle where he began his League career in 1965/66. He moved on to W.B.A. for £33,000 in 1970 but two years later he switched to Oldham in a £20,000 deal.

League record: Carlisle 124(4) aps., 21 gls; W.B.A. 43 aps. 5 gls; Oldham 108 (5) aps. 19 gls; Carlisle 67 (3) aps. 11 gls.

BILL RAFFERTY (Forward)

Bill is Carlisle's leading scorer for the second season in succession, with 10 goals this term to add to the 21 he claimed last season. He got his League career off the ground with Coventry in 1969/70

League record: Coventry 27 aps. 3 gls; Blackpool 35 (1) aps. 9 gls; Plymouth 89 (1) aps. 35 gls; Carlisle 60 aps. 24 gls.

MIKE TAIT (Forward)

Carlisle paid a club record £65,000 fee to sign Mick from Oxford last season and he has played both in midfield and attack for the Cumbrians. At Oxford it was his goalscoring capabilities that drew attraction - he was their leading scorer in 1975/76, his first full season in League football. League record: Oxford 61 (3) aps. 23 gls; Carlisle 23 (4) aps. 8 gls.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	60/1	61/2	62/3	63/4	64/5	65/6	66/7	67/8	68/9	69/70	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Aldershot									2(1)	2			2	2	2				4
A. Villa									2										8(1)
Barnsley	2	2	2																4
Barrow							2												6
Birmingham										2	2	2			2				7
Blackburn										2	2	2	2	1					8(1)
Blackpool					2(1p)					2				2					15
Bolton						2	2	2	1						2				4
Bournemouth	2	2	2																3
Bradford P.A.			2														1		6(1p)
Brad. City	2	2				2(1p)									2				14
Brentford		2				2	2	2				2	2	1	2	2			17
Brighton			2							2	2	2					2		9
Bristol City	2	2					2	2	1										4
Bristol Rov.			2				2	2				2	2						15
Burnley															2	2	2	1	1
Bury	2				2	2		2											15
Cambridge																2			10
Cardiff				2	2					2	2	2	1	2					5
Carlisle			2							2	2	2	1	1					5
Charlton				2	2										2	2	2	1	5
Chester																2	2	1	8
Chesterfield	2						2	2							2	2	1	1	12
Colchester	1														2				8
Coventry	2		2			2				1									13(1)
Crewe																2	2		2
C. Palace			2(1)	2		2								1	2	2	2		4
Darlington							2												2
Derby				2	2														2
Doncaster						2													3
Exeter												2	1	2					5
Fulham															2(1p)	2	1	1	14(1)
Gillingham						2	2	2	2						2				18(1)
Grimsby	2	2		2		2	2	2(1)							2	2	2		10
Halifax	2	2																	2
Hartlepool									2						2	2		1	6
Hereford										2			2						10
Huddersfield										2	1	2	1	2					16(1)
Hull	2	2	2(1)			2									2				2
Ipswich					2														2
Leeds										2	2								4
Leicester																	1	1	4
Lincoln		2									2	2	2	2					8(1)
Luton				2	2														4
Man. City						2(1)	2	2								2	2		10(1)
Mansfield				2	2					2	2	2	1(1)	2					15(1)
Mid-burgh										2	2	2	1	2					15
Millwall			2			2				2	2	2	1	2		2			4(1)
Newcastle				2	2	2(1p)													4
Newport																			13
Northampton	2	2	2	2	2			2	1		2	1	2				2		9
Norwich				2	2					2									3
Nottm. For.	2	2	2											1	2				8
Notts. Co.																			6
Oldham						2	2	2	2(1)	2	2	2	1	2					15(2)
Orient										2	2	2	2	2			2		18(1)
Oxford										2	2	2	2	2					16(1)
Peterborough		2	2			2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	7
Plymouth						2	2												17
Portsmouth		2				2				2	2	2	2	1			1	1	12
Port Vale	2	2	2												2	2	2	1	19(1)
Preston					2	2										2(1)			16
Q.P.R.	1	2	2			2	2	2		2	1	2	2						13
Reading	2	2	2			2	2	2									2	1	10
Rotherham									1										8
Souththorpe						2		2	2										4(1)
Sheff. Un										2(1)	2	2	2			2	1	1	12(1)
Sheff. Wed.																	1	1	17(2)
Shrewsbury	2	2	2			2	2	2	1										4
Southampton				2	2														12
Southend	2	2	2			2									2	2			2
Southport								2	2										4
Stockport											2	2	2	1					9
Sunderland					2														8
Swansea					2	2													8
Torquay	2	2					2	2											9
Tranmere	2								1						2	2		1	14
Walsall	2														2(1p)				21(2)
Watford		2				1	2	2		2(1)	2	2							2
W.B.A.								2	2										4
Workington																2	1	1	8
Wrexham				2															4(1)
York								2(1)											
	44	46 (1)	46 (1)	42	42 (2)	46 (3)	46 (2)	46 (2)	19+ (1)	42 (2)	39 (1)	42 (1)	34 (1)	36	46 (2)	46 (1)	35 (1)	19 (1)	716+ (22)

John Trollope has played more top-class games than any other player currently in the Football League, celebrating his 800th first-team appearance earlier this season. After making his League debut in August 1960, John actually remained ever-present for 368 consecutive League and Cup matches!

That wonderful run was only ended because he broke an arm playing at Hartlepool.

It is just possible that John could go on to beat the all-time record number of League appearances for any one club held by Jimmy Dickinson who made 764 League appearances for Portsmouth.

The overall record is held by Terry Paine who retired at the end of last season after playing 824 League games for Southampton and Hereford.

Here we analyse John's outstanding career in detail, showing his goals in brackets. "s" denotes he played as substitute.

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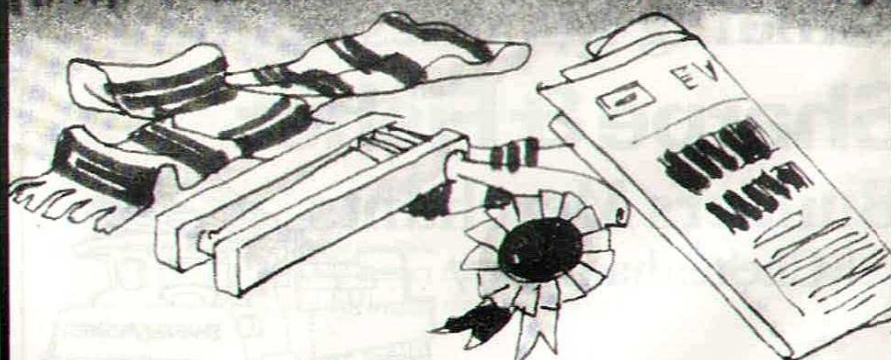
F.A. CUP

	60/1	61/2	62/3	63/4	64/5	65/6	66/7	67/8	68/9	69/70	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Aldershot				1								1							1
Arsenal							1												1
Ashford																			1
Bath City	2																		2
Birmingham													1						1
Blackburn								1											1
Boreham Wood																	1	2	2
Bromley																			1
Bury							1			1									1
Chester																			1
Coventry						1													1
Everton			1														2		3
Fulham																	2		2
Grantham						1												2	1
Hendon																			1
Hitchin																1	2		2
Horsham							1												1
Ipswich					1														1
Kettering		2																	2
Leeds										1	1								2
Lincoln															1				1
Luton								1											1
Maidstone			1												1				1
Man. City				1															1
Merthyr						1													1
Newport							3									2			2
Nottm. For.														2					3
Portsmouth											1								2
O.P.R.																			1
Reading			1								1								2
Salisbury								1							1				1
Sheff. Wed								1											1
Shrewsbury	1																		1
Southend									1										1
Scunthorpe										1(1)						2			1(1)
Tooting																			2
W.B.A.													1						5
West Ham			1				2								2				1
Yeovil			1																1
	3	2	4	3	1	3	8	4	1	4(1)	2	1	2	2	5	5	7	2	59(1)

LEAGUE CUP

	60/1	61/2	62/3	63/4	64/5	65/6	66/7	67/8	68/9	69/70	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Arsenal									1										1
Birmingham		2																	2
Bournemouth							1(1)											1	1(1)
Cardiff				1															1
Chelsea														1					1
Chesterfield												1							1
Colechester			1			1													2
Darlington													1						1
Derby																			2
Doncaster							2												1
Fulham												1							1
Liverpool												1							1
Millwall																2(1)			2(1)
Newport								2						2					4
Notts. Co			1																1
Oxford										1									1
Portsmouth															1				1
Preston																	2		4
Shrewsbury	3	1																	1
Southend				1															3
Swansea					1					1								2(1)	4(1)
Torquay																			1
Watford											1								1
W.B.A.							1												1
West Ham				2															2
Wrexham																	1		1
Wolves																2(1)			2(1)
	3	3	2	4	1	1	5(1)	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	1	4(2)	-	6(1)	44(4)

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Spotlight on Division 3

By Tony Pullein

Further defeats for both Portsmouth and Sheffield Wednesday kept these two famous ex-First Division clubs — both of which have won the League Championship and the F.A. Cup in happier times — firmly anchored to the bottom of the Third Division table. Their fates merely emphasise the ever-changing face of football for we find that four of the top five clubs have never played any higher than in Third Division football.

Perhaps the most surprising feature about this season's promotion chase is the prominence among the leaders of Cambridge United. They have been a League club only since 1970 but they have already experienced quite a varied career. They won promotion to Division Three in 1973 but dropped back after only one season.

Under the management of Ron Atkinson, the former Oxford player, Cambridge have really thrived, however. Last season they won the Fourth Division championship and last Saturday's 4-2 success at Exeter put them only one point behind the third club in the Third Division table.

Cambridge have scored 13 goals in their last four games and have already been tipped by some rival managers as a good promotion bet.

Justice will be seen to have been done if Wrexham, the current leaders, make sure this time. They appeared to be home and dry last term until they suffered a sensational collapse which brought them only two points from their final five games, enabling Crystal Palace to pip them on goal difference.

Graham Whittle's two goals ensured them of a point in the 2-2 draw at Rotherham and extended the Welsh club's unbeaten run to 14 matches.

Neither Gillingham nor Peterborough have ever reached Second Division status and the only one of the top five ever to attain that goal was Tranmere Rovers — and even their experience was limited to one solitary campaign in Division Two in the last full season before the war.

But, back to Portsmouth for a moment. Their goals machine David Kemp netted yet again at Preston, as he has done in eight of their last nine League games, but it was all to no avail. Preston were already 3-0 up at the time and there were only five minutes left for play.

Port Vale snatched a last-minute equaliser at Carlisle and have now gone 11 League matches without a win.

Leading Third Division scorers after last Saturday's games were:

	L'gue	L.Cup	FAC	Total
Kemp (Portsmouth)	12	3	-	16
Shinton (Wrexham)	10	2	1	13
Westwood (Gillingham)	11	1	1	13
Biley (Cambridge)	9	1	2	12
Gough (Colchester)	8	3	1	12
Rafferty (Carlisle)	8	2	2	12
Tynan (Sheff. Wed)	7	5	-	12
Bruce (Preston)	9	1	1	11
Moss (Swindon)	6	4	1	11
McNeil (Wrexham)	9	1	1	11
(includes 4 for Hereford)				

IT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER

A DIARY OF TOWN EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THIS MONTH

December 31, 1898

Club captain Jimmy Munro, one of the first ever professionals to play for the Town, made his last appearance as Swindon edged to a 4 - 3 Southern League victory over Tottenham Hotspur. He died five days later at the age of 28.

December 28, 1901

Town goalkeeper Bob Menham missed the train for an away League match at Kettering. Full-back 'Paddy' Fagan had to play in goal as Swindon went down by ten goals to one - which was scored by home left-back Draper!

December 13, 1902

After netting 25 F.A. Cup goals and conceding only one, Swindon were poised to enter the Competition Proper for the first time. But in an intermediate round, the Town were given a tough tie away to Second Division Barnsley. To add to Swindon's problems, first choice goalkeeper Bob Menham went down with rheumatic fever a few days before the Town were due to make the long journey north and reserve keeper Tom Lewis joined the party.

December 28, 1914

Swindon recorded a 7 - 1 Southern League victory at the County Ground over Croydon Common, a club which disappeared with the advent of the First World War. Bert Denyer, a close season signing from West Ham United, scored a second-half hat-trick and went on to make over 300 Football League appearances for the Town before joining Birmingham Combination side Evesham in 1931.

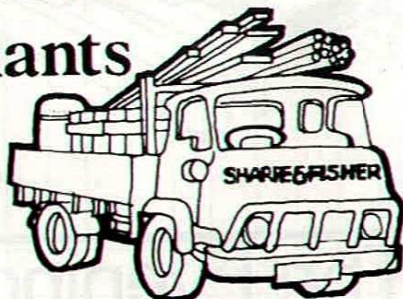
December 1926

The Town secured maximum points from six League games played and rattled up twenty-four goals against eight, centre-forward Harry Morris being responsible for fourteen of them. He scored in all six matches and actually hit the target in eleven consecutive League games between October 30 and January 8. His tally included four in a 6 - 1 win over Crystal Palace on December 4th and five in a 6 - 2 victory over Q.P.R. a fortnight later.

December 5, 1931

A Harry Morris hat-trick gave Swindon a 3 - 2 victory over high-riding Luton Town at the County Ground. It came as a pleasant surprise to the 2,532

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present, for only a week earlier the Hatters had inflicted the worst ever home F.A. Cup defeat on the Town - 5 - 0.

December 15, 1934

Town centre-forward Alan Fowler scored a hat-trick away from home - but still finished on the losing side! Harry Bowl also netted for Swindon but unfortunately keeper Fred Houldsworth had to pick the ball out of his net seven times. Only 3,823 saw the game take place at Vicarage Road, Watford.

December 26, 1938

The League leaders and eventual Division Three South champions - Newport County - visited the County Ground and were trounced 8 - 0. Arthur Barraclough, Ben Morton (3), Billy Lucas, Eddie Jones and Cliff Francis (2) were the scorers. Twenty-four hours later, in the return fixture at Somerford Park, a 20,261 crowd turned up to see the Welshmen gain revenge, but by the very much reduced margin of six goals to four.

December 12, 1953

Injury-hit Swindon travelled to Southern League Hastings United for a Second Round F.A. Cup match. The Town were without joint top-scorers Mike Betteridge and Maurice Owen and also defender George Hudson and inside-forward Ken Lambert. Don Tilley, in his only first-team appearance for the Town, deputised at centre-forward. The non-leaguers, watched by 9,917, marched comfortably into the Third Round with a 4 - 1 victory, Roy Sampson getting the consolation goal for Swindon.

December 28, 1959

Mike Summerbee made the first of his 218 Town appearances at centre-forward against Bournemouth at the County Ground. Also making his debut that day in the number ten shirt was Mick Woolford, who played only three times for the senior team.



Mike Summerbee

December 18, 1968

Swindon secured a place in the League Cup Final at Wembley when, after five-and-a-half hours of football, Burnley was defeated on a 6 - 5 aggregate score. The Hawthorns was the venue for the deciding battle and John Smith, Peter Noble and Burnley's Arthur Bellamy provided the all-important goals.



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MR. JOHN E MARTIN (Alton, Hants.)

Started with the Bromley and District League in 1958. Moved to Surrey in 1964 and progressed through Surrey Senior and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League in 1973. Refereed Isthmian League Final in 1977.

A married man with one son, he is manager of a purchase ledger department. Enjoys all sports, badminton in particular, and is a past member of the Polytechnic Harriers and Vice-Chairman of the Basingstoke Referees Association.

- 1 ROSS A
- 2 COLLINS A
- 3 McARTNEY N
- 4 CARR T
- 5 LATHAM J
- 6 PARKER R
- 7 McVITIE G
- 8 MONUMENT P
- 9 TATE N
- 10 RAFFERTY W
- 11 HAMILTON J
- 12 McDONALD I

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. B.R. Banwell, Chalford Hill, Nr. Stroud. Yellow Flag: Mr. R. Logan, Innsworth, Glos.

NEXT MATCH

Monday next 12 December 1977 - 7.30 p.m.
English School Shield - 4th Round
Swindon Boys v Havant Boys

Saturday next 17 December 1977 - 3.00 p.m.
F.A. Cup - 2nd Round
BRENTFORD

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- B Lincoln v Gillingham
- C Peterborough v Chester
- D Portsmouth v Rotherham
- E Shrewsbury v Preston N.E.
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