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Bits and Pieces

Brentford Football Club dates back to 1888. It competed in the West London Alliance and won that league in 1893. In 1898, Brentford joined the Second Division of the Southern League and was promoted to the First after holding Swindon Town (bottom of that section) to a goalless draw in the Test Match played at Reading in the spring of 1901. The club moved to its present home, Griffin Park in 1904.

Brentford gained election to the new Third Division of the Football League in 1920 but had to seek re-election at the end of the first season, along with Gillingham. Only four years later, the club had to ask a second time. In 1929-30, Brentford created a record which has never since been equalised. All 21 home games were won - with a goal average of 66 against 12. The Bees finished in second place, seven points behind Plymouth Argyle.

In 1933, Brentford won Division Three South championship and only two seasons later took the Second Division title. Then followed the club's finest achievements since joining the League - fifth place in Division One in 1935-36 and sixth position at the end of the next two seasons. The Brentford side prior to the Second World War included seven International players - two each for England, Scotland and Wales and one for Ireland.

After the War, however, the club nose-dived back into the Third Division South within seven years. In 1947, Brentford finished eight points short of the First Division safety margin but, after suffering a further drop in 1954, the club almost returned to the Second, failing by only one place in 1958 and again the following year.

For the 1962/63 campaign, Brentford

had to play in the League basement, but won the Fourth Division championship at the first attempt, scoring a club record 98 goals in the process.

Shortly after being relegated once more in 1966, Brentford came close to folding up. The club became the subject of a takeover bid by neighbours Queens Park Rangers. But after a new board of directors had been elected and several economies made, disaster was averted. Early in 1968 a proposal was made to move to Falling Lane in nearby Yiewsley - home of Southern League club Hillingdon Borough. Then, with the aid of a loan, the club finances improved dramatically and in 1970 promotion was missed by only three points.

Although having never reached even the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup Brentford has, in fact, appeared at Wembley Stadium. The match in question was in the League Division 3 South early in 1931, when Orient (then known as Clapton Orient) had just switched headquarters to Lea Bridge but the new ground was not ready in time for Brentford's visit.

The new England manager, Ron Greenwood, wore a Brentford shirt in 142 League games between 1948 and 1953. He cost the Bees £9,500 from the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue. Also in the Brentford side at that time was TV personality Jimmy Hill, who appeared in 83 League games before joining West London rivals Fulham in 1952.

The former Leicester Fosse goalkeeper, Archie Ling, who made around 150 appearances for Swindon, joined Brentford in 1909. His replacement between the Town 'sticks' was Len Skiller. George Rushton forward who later filled in at half-back, also moved from Swindon to Brentford that year, but returned a few months later. He left for his native Yorkshire - to assist

Goole Town - in 1912. Another Town keeper to join the Bees was Teddy Nash, who made his Swindon debut in 1920. He later replaced the long-serving Len Skiller and saw many goalkeepers come and go - making 232 League appearances before joining the Griffin Park staff in 1930.

During that close season Brentford inside-forward Percy Whipp came to Swindon but made only nine first-team appearances (in which he scored five times) before moving to Bath City. In 1932, two more Brentford men joined the Town playing staff, Norman Thompson and Les Wilkins - who scored eight times in a brief career (four of which came in consecutive League games).

In the summer of 1948, Tommy Dawson came to Swindon after a single season on Brentford's books, during which time he scored ten goals. Then in 1953 wing-forward Mickey Bull joined the Town and topped the goal-scoring list with twelve at the end of his first season.



The prolific goal-scorer Pat Terry - 217 in 495 League games - moved from Swindon to Brentford in 1968.

Fact finder

BRENTFORD

F.A. CUP FORM - LAST FIVE SEASONS

1972-73	: Round 1	Nov. 18	away	Yeovil Town	1-2	Allen	(9,447)
1973-74	: Round 1	Nov. 24	away	Plymouth Argyle	1-2	Allen	(11,050)
1974-75	: Round 1	Nov. 23	away	Slough Town	4-1	Graham, Simmons, Woon 2	(3,300)
	Round 2	Dec. 14	away	Brighton & H.A.	0-1		(13,281)
1975-76	: Round 1	Nov. 22	home	Northampton Town	2-0	Sweetzer 2	(6,640)
	Round 2	Dec. 13	away	Wimbledon	2-0	Johnson 2 (1 pen.)	(8,375)
	Round 3	Jan. 1	home	Bolton Wanderers	0-0		(12,450)
	Replay	Jan. 6	away	Bolton Wanderers	0-2		(18,538)
1976-77	: Round 1	Nov. 20	home	Chesham United	2-0	French, Cross	(5,630)
	Round 2	Dec. 11	away	Colchester United	0-0	ABAN. 62 mins.	(5,286)
		Dec. 20	away	Colchester United	2-3	Rolph. Fraser	(4,730)

And This Season :

Round 1 Nov. 26 home Folkestone & Shepway 2-0 Phillips 2 (5,980)

Talk of the Town By the Chairman

An exciting week in the Football world has seen England's Manager named and we at Swindon Town wish Ron Greenwood every success in his quest to put English Football where it belongs. Much has been written as to how it should be done, which is always easy when the task is the responsibility of someone else. The World Cup Organisation needs reorganising when countries like Tunisia are paired in groups which are not in the same class as our own.

On our own domestic front our lads put up a brave fight at Wrexham and deserved at least a chance to replay but the breaks did not come our way. We wish Wrexham success in the next round.

Today we are fighting again in the Football Association Cup and I hope that we shall see a good game with always the possibility of an attractive draw in the next round of the competition for the winners. With so many draws away from home this season it is nice to be appearing in front of our own supporters today.

We welcome the players and officials of Brentford, it seems a long time since we entertained them on the County Ground.

On Saturday last Danny played Roy Carter, our new signing from Hereford and I am sure that everybody will wish the lad a happy stay with us. The signing of new players always creates problems for the manager because when they are played, unless taking over an injured players place, disappointment is caused to the displaced player but competition for places

must improve the fighting strength of the team and Danny must do this if we are to get promotion.

Our 80th Annual General Meeting held last Monday attracted only about fifty shareholders. Possibly the fact that there was nothing controversial on the Agenda kept people away. At question time Danny was kept fully occupied, even after the meeting was closed.

We have received a letter from Mr. Paddy Connors from Barnes, London, who played for Barnes and Richmond Schoolboys in 1946. He has organised the majority of that team to travel to Swindon today where they are hoping to meet some of their Swindon friends who played against them on the County Ground on the 9th November, 1946. The Swindon Team on that day was Thomas, Blackwell, Blount, Painter, Freebury, Fuller, Rowland, Puffett, Richens, Keene and Curtis. This news was reported in the Football Pink last week and we are hoping that some of these former schoolboy players will have noticed this and will come along today.

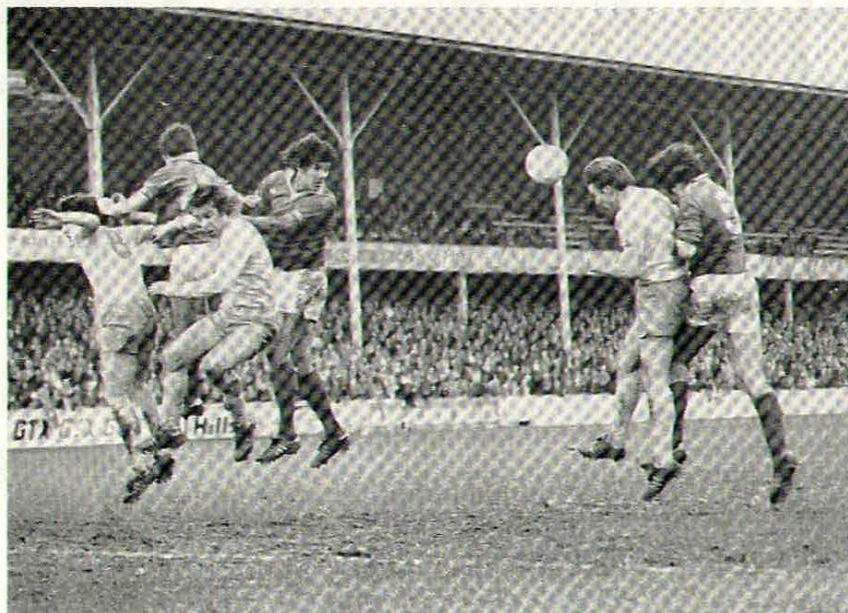
On Saturday last we used the covered shelters set up in front of our North Stand for the first time. These shelters have been provided for the use of our supporters who watch the games from their invalid carriages. The shelters have been built and sited through the generosity of the Management and Staff of the British Rail Workshops here at Swindon. Mr. Clapham,

President of the Beavers Association for the Handicapped has supervised the matter and on behalf of our Club and I am sure of our friends who will benefit from these shelters we thank everyone that has helped on this project.

A note for your Diaries is a re-arranged reserve fixture against Fulham originally scheduled to be played on Saturday, 31st December now changed to Friday evening, 30th December at 7.30 p.m. This date has been changed to give the Ground Staff an additional day to prepare for the home game against Tranmere Rovers on Monday, 2nd January which is our New Year holiday fixture.

The Reserve Team won 3 - 1 at Bristol City on Tuesday last and there was certainly a large contingent of League Club Scouts present who were very interested in our lads very spirited performance. The football was of a very high standard and this augurs well for the fixture. Jack Smith had the splendid service of Andy Ford, David Cunningham and Roy Carter to help the youngsters but he also played two trialists from the Bristol area which could have been expected to break the rhythm of the team but this it did not and we came away very pleased with the result.

This is our last home game before Christmas and, on behalf of our Club, I would like to wish everyone who supports us both on and off the field a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Swindon players left to right, Kenny Stroud, Chris Guthrie and Russell Lewis challenge the Carlisle defence to a Town corner kick during the 2-2 draw at the County Ground.

From the POOLS OFFICE!

FROM THE POOLS OFFICE!!

Welcome to all supporters from Brentford.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Christmas Draw will take place in the Supporters Club at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 19th December. All counterfoils should be in the Pools Office by noon on that date.

January 1978 Two Part Time Workers to help with our new 1978 promotion. Good rates of pay.

This being the last programme notes before Christmas let me wish everyone who has assisted us in the Pools Office by being an Agent for our Bingo Tickets or Moonraker Draw. A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Also to all of you who purchase our tickets week in and week out. Our thanks are due because without your support Swindon Town F.C. would be in dire straits. Here's hoping we can progress to Round 3 today.

Doug Buswell
Pools Manager.

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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	4547
Dec. 7	League Cup 4 Wrexham	A	0 - 2		10015
Dec. 10	Carlisle United	H	2 - 2	7 - 4	5889
Dec. 17	F.A. Cup 2 Brentford	H			
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. 7 - F.L. Cup v Wrexham

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

Dec. 10 - Football League v. Carlisle United

Allan, McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Lewis, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson (Carter)

Dec. 13 - Football Comb. v Bristol City

Lymer, Kelly, Ford, Lewis, Gardiner, Carter, Gilligan, Brinkworth (Durbridge) Moore, Collicutt, Cunningham

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	P
Dec. 13	Bristol City	A	3 - 1
Dec. 17	Southampton	A	
Dec. 31	Fulham	H	

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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	26	19	5	2
2. McLaughlin	27	20	5	2
3. Trollope	28(2)	20(1)	2	
4. Stroud	27(1)	19(1)	6	2
5. Aizlewood	27(3)	19(3)	6	2
6. Prophett	27	20	5	2
7. Moss	27(12)	19(7)	6(4)	2(1)
8. Kamara	26(4)	18(3)	6(1)	2
9. Guthrie	22(8)	16(6)	4(2)	2
10. McHale	28(9)	20(6)	6(2)	2(1)
11. Anderson	27(9)	19(4)	6(5)	2
12. Ford	19(1)	14(1)	4	
13. Cunningham	2	2	1	
14. French	4	3	1	
15. Gilligan	2	2		
16. Roberts	2	1	1	
17. Lewis	2	1	1	
18. Carter	1	1		

IN TOWN TODAY

LEN BOND (Goalkeeper) Len joined Brentford from Bristol City during the last close-season. He grew up at Ashton Gate and made his first League appearance for the Bristol club 1970/71.

League record: Bristol City 30 aps: Exeter (loan) 30 aps: Torquay (loan) 3 aps: Cardiff (loan) nil aps: Scunthorpe (loan) 8 aps: Colchester (loan) 3 aps: Brentford 19 aps.

PAT CRUSE (Defender) Pat made a couple of First Division appearances for Leicester in 1973/74 and later served Mansfield on loan before moving down to Torquay in 1975.

League record: Leicester 2 aps: Mansfield (loan) 6 aps., 1 gl: Torquay 79 aps. 4 gls: Brentford 28 aps. 3 gls.

PAUL SHRUBB (Defender) Fulham was Paul's first club. He joined them from school and served his apprenticeship at Craven Cottage, but he didn't make the first-team. He emigrated to South Africa and played for Hellenic but, when he returned to England, Brentford signed him last season.

League record: Fulham nil aps. Hellenic (not known): Brentford 28 (3) aps. 2 gls.

BARRY LLOYD (Defender) Barry spent most of his career as a mid-field player but he has been playing left-back for Brentford. While with Chelsea, Barry won England youth honours but after joining Fulham in 1969 he made progress.

League record: Chelsea 8(2) aps: Fulham 249 (9) aps. 28 gls: Hereford 12(2) aps: Brentford 19 aps. 3 gls.

DAVID CARLTON (Midfield) David is yet another Fulham player. He was an apprentice at Craven Cottage and made his League bow in 1971/72. He moved onto Northampton a couple of seasons later and remained there until transferring to Brentford last season.

League record: Fulham 5(4) aps: Northampton 99(5) aps., 6 gls: Brentford 46(1) aps. 2 gls.

STEVE PHILLIPS (Midfield) Steve scored both the goals when Brentford beat Folkestone 2 - 0 in the last round and he is now the club's top scorer with 13. Originally with Birmingham, Steve moved to Northampton in 1975 and to Brentford last season.

League record: Birmingham 15(5) aps. 1 gl: Torquay (loan) 6 aps: Northampton 50 (1) aps. 8 gls: Brentford 38 aps. 17 gls.



BRENTFORD

Back Row, L. to R.: John Fraser, Mike Allen, Andy McCulloch, Steve Aylott, Gordon Sweetzer

Centre Row, L. to R.: Gary Rolph, Dave Carlton, Graham Cox, Eddie Lyons (Physiotherapist), Pat Cruse, Nigel Smith

Front Row, L. to R.: Paul Shrubbs, Paul Walker, Jackie Graham, Barry Lloyd, Steve Phillips

JACKIE GRAHAM (Midfield) Jackie first established himself in Scottish football with Morton and Dundee United and made his first English contact with now defunct Guildford City in the Southern League. Brentford signed him in 1970.

League record: Morton 6 aps. 1 gl. Dundee Un. 21(2) aps. 10 gls: Brentford 288 (1) aps. 35 gls.

GARY ROLPH (Midfield) Gary joined the Bees as an apprentice and he made his first League appearances last season before turning professional. He has been called up for occasional games in midfield this season.

League record: Brentford 7(4) aps. 1 gl.

WILLIE GRAHAM (Midfield) Willie was an apprentice at Northampton but he didn't stay long enough to come under consideration for a first-team place. He joined Brentford during the summer and has recently been drafted into the side.

League record: Northampton nil aps.: Brentford 4(1) aps.

GORDON SWEETZER (Forward) Gordon was top-scorer with 23 goals last season and has hit eight this term. Though only in his third season as a first-teamer he has become something of a hat-trick expert, claiming his third hat-trick in the Bees' 6 0 4 win at Crewe in September.

League record: Brentford 61(4) aps 34 gls.

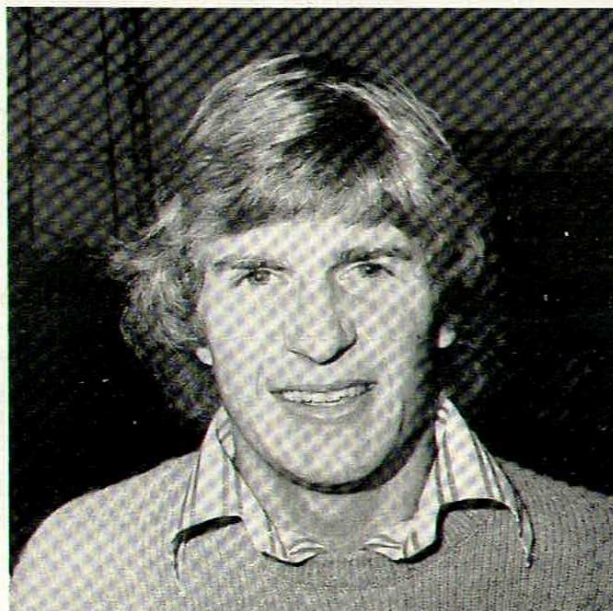
ANDY McCULLOCH (Forward) Q.P.R. signed him in 1970. They sold him to Cardiff for £45,000 in 1972 and he was for two seasons Cardiff's top scorer. Oxford paid £70,000 for him in 1974 but an injury interfered with his progress. League record: Q.P.R. 30 (12) aps. 10 gls: Cardiff 58 aps. 24 gls: Oxford 41 aps. 9 gls: Brentford 50 (2) aps. 20 gls.

DOUG ALLDER (Forward) Doug broke into League football with Millwall in 1969/70, the year he was capped for England youth. He spent six seasons in the Lions' first-team before moving across London to Orient in 1976. Brentford signed him a few weeks ago.

League record: Millwall 191 (11) aps. 10 gls: Orient 34 (7) aps. Brentford 4 aps.

FOCUS ON Roy Carter

By Tony Pullein



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Aldershot		1			1
Blackpool			1+s		1+s
Bolton			s.s(1)		0+2s(1)
Bradford City				1	1
Brighton		2(1)			2(1)
Burnley			1		1
Bury		2(1)			2(1)
Cambridge				1	1
Cardiff		2	1+s		3+s
Carlisle			1	1	2
Charlton			2		2
Chelsea			1		1
Chester		1		1	2
Chesterfield		1		1	2
Colchester		1		s	1+s
C. Palace		1			1
Fulham			2		2
Gillingham		1		1	2
Grimsby		2			2
Halifax	1	1			2
Hull			1		1
Luton			2		2
Mansfield		2			2
Millwall		2			2
Notts. Co.			1		1
Orient			1+s		1+s
Peterborough		1(1)			1(1)
Plymouth			s		0+s
Portsmouth				1	1
Port Vale		1		1(1)	2(1)
Preston		2		1	3
Rotherham		2(1)		1	3(1)
Sheff. Un.			2(2)		2(2)
Sheff. Wed.		2			2
Shrewsbury		1(1)		1	2(1)
Southend		2			2
Swindon		1			1
Walsall		1		1	2
Wolves			2		2
Wrexham		1			1
	1	33 (5)	18+6s (3)	12+s (1)	64+7s (9)

Roy Carter, our new midfield recruit from Hereford United, made his League debut for Hereford at Halifax in the final match of season 1974/75 and he opened the following campaign by scoring in the 1-1 draw at Rotherham.

He remained for most of the while a permanent member of Hereford's senior squad after that and made a total of 83 first-team appearances before joining us last week.

Here we analyse his career to date, showing his appearances against each club. "s" indicates he played as substitute and his goals are shown in brackets.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

F.A. CUP				
	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Torquay	1(1)			1(1)
Wealdstone			2	2
York	s			0+s
	1+s(1)	—	2	3+s(1)

LEAGUE CUP				
	75/6	76/7	77/8	TOTAL
Bournemouth			3(1)	3(1)
Burnley	1(1)			1(1)
Chester		2		2
Port Vale	2(1)			2(1)
	3(2)	2	3(1)	8(3)



Swindon's Trevor Anderson beats the Carlisle defence to cross the ball during a Town attack in the 2-2 draw at the County Ground.

Penalty Prize Competition

This afternoon we are featuring the Penalty Prize Final organised nationally by the English School's Football Association, in conjunction with the HTV Companies. The West Country heats are sponsored by HTV West and shown on the Thursday evening sports programme 'Sport West'.

The event is open to boys who are under 14 on September 1st. It is estimated that 2,000 boys entered from West Country Schools this year and after a series of qualifying heats, four boys have won through to this Saturday's final.

They are:—

- (1) Stephen Miles, aged 13, of St. Mary's Gardens, Hilperton

Marsh, Trowbridge.

Stephen plays for Clarendon School, Trowbridge and is this year's Wiltshire Champion.

- (2) Trevor Perry, aged 12, of Dells-horne Close, Chard, Somerset. He attends Holyrood School, Chard and is the Somerset Champion.

- (3) Shaun Pinker, aged 13, of Chedworth Road, Kingswood near Bristol.

He plays for Chase School, Mangotsfield and won the Avon County final.

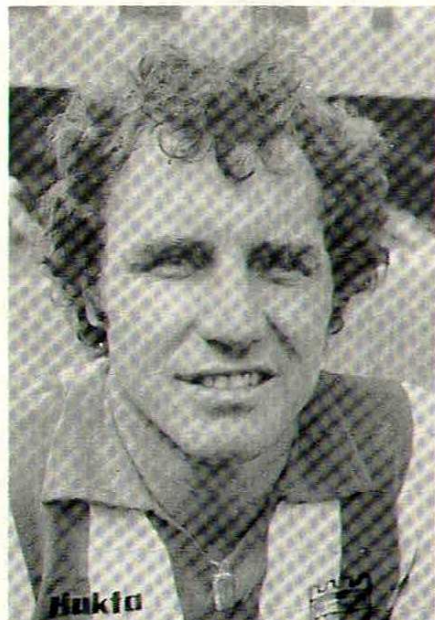
- (4) John Hardman, is now just 14, and lives at Cutwell Hill,

Tetbury.

He plays for Sir. William Romney's School, Tetbury and represents Gloucestershire.

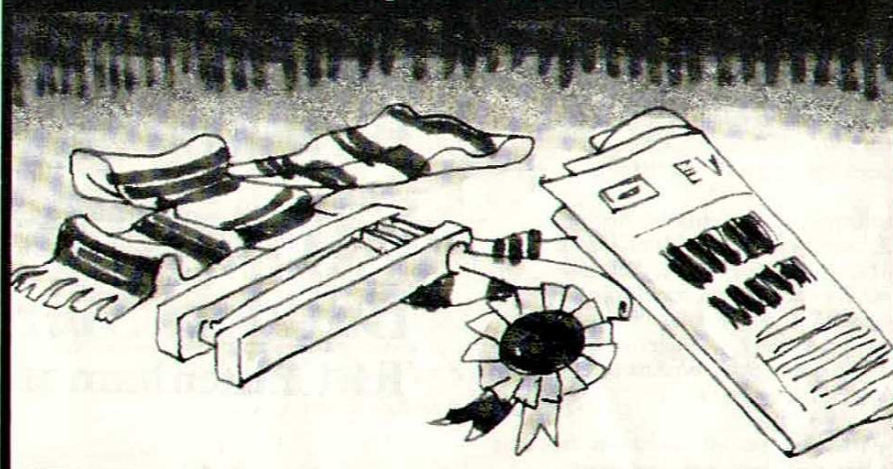
The boys will kick off in the above order. Each will take six kicks and, if there is a tie they will take part in a 'sudden death' kick off.

The winner of Saturday's HTV West final will go through to compete against boys from other HTV regions at one of this season's League Cup Semi-finals. Two boys qualify to go to the Wembley Final and the winner there goes through to compete in the European Penalty Prize final.



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It Pays to Protest

By Tony Pullein

Isthmian League Tilbury could find themselves knocked out of the F.A. Cup this afternoon --- for the second time this season! Tilbury were beaten 1-0 at home by Kettering in the last round but, after the match they discovered that Kettering's Len Glover, the former Leicester and Charlton player, had signed for them only a week earlier, whereas F.A. Cup rules specify a 14-day qualification period.

Tilbury's subsequent complaint to the F.A. was upheld and the tie ordered to be replayed. This time Tilbury managed to hold the Southern League side to a 2-2 draw and did even better in the replay at Kettering when they recovered from a 0-2 deficit to win 3-2.

Even with this kind of Cup luck, Tilbury are unlikely to emulate Sheffield Wednesday who were "Knocked out" by Notts County in 1889/90 in the third round and then went on to reach the final! Their angry tie with Notts County was, in fact, ordered by the F.A. to be replayed twice. Wednesday won the first game 5-0 but, following County's protest, Wednesday were beaten 3-2. Then Wednesday complained, the game was replayed again with Wednesday succeeding 2-1.

Today Sheffield Wednesday could be in for another shock for it is their misfortune to have to visit Wigan of the Northern Premier League. Wigan are anxious to force their way into the Football League and they did their cause a world of good by beating York City in the last round.

With Wednesday languishing at the bottom of the Third Division, Wigan must have an excellent chance of further success today.

Wigan were one of six non-League sides to eliminate Football League clubs in the last round. Runcorn, who drew at Southport and then won the replay, face a similar situation today. They visit another of the Fourth Division strugglers --- Hartlepool.

Scarborough, who crushed Rochdale 4-2, have a more difficult task with a visit to Crewe Alexandra. Scarborough are another side ambitious for League football and they will certainly be making a very special effort but Crewe have a good home record and will be difficult to beat.

The irony of the last round was that the two clubs who had won most recent fame as non-League giant-killers should both have been put out by minnows. Wimbledon's great F.A. Cup feats earned them their chance in

the Fourth Division this year but they were no match for Enfield who beat them 3-0. Even the Dons' manager Allen Batsford admitted gracefully: "Enfield fully deserved their win."

Hereford also won League recognition after an astonishing Cup run in 1972. But they seemed safe enough after holding Wealdstone to a goalless draw in London. But the Southern League outfit beat Hereford 3-2 on their own ground to go into the second round for the first time in their history.

Today they have home advantage again when they meet Reading, a club that has proved most vulnerable against non-League sides in recent years.

The sixth giant-killers were Nuneaton from the Southern League. They ousted Oxford 2-0 so for the second season in succession Oxford were booted out by a Southern League club. Nuneaton's reward is to face Tilbury at home today.

Several other non-Leaguers will be after success today. Topping the list are Blyth Spartans and Minehead. Blyth are at home to Chesterfield while Minehead have ground advantage over Exeter City in what is something of a local derby. Last season Minehead won away to Swansea City and they don't see today's task as difficult as that one.

AP Leamington are at home, too, but their visitors are Southend United and they will need all the Cup luck in the world to succeed. However, Leamington did give the Shrimpers a run for their money when they previously met three years ago. Southend only just made it by 2-1 on that occasion.

In Opposition

A Statistical Record of Past Meetings Between

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AT SWINDON

Southern League

Sep. 7 1901	0-0	
Apr. 18 1903	3-0	Reid, Cowley, Kirby
Fe. 27 1904	1-1	Lean
Nov. 12 1904	1-3	Reid
Nov. 11 1905	1-1	Logan
Oct. 20 1906	2-0	Birtles, Coates
Mar. 21 1908	0-0	
Feb. 27 1909	2-1	Lavery 2
Sep. 8 1909	4-0	Bannister, Jefferson 2, Bown
Jan. 7 1911	3-0	Fleming, Wheatcroft, Bown
Nov. 4 1911	2-0	Tout (pen), Jefferson
Nov. 2 1912	2-0	Bown, Wheatcroft
Apr. 5 1920	3-1	Fleming 2, Batty

Football League

Feb. 12 1921	1-0	Batty
Mar. 11 1922	2-1	Cooke, Fleming
Feb. 3 1923	3-0	Fleming, Davies, Johnson
Mar. 22 1924	2-1	Fleming, Crossley
Sep. 20 1924	2-0	Johnson, Bew
Mar. 6 1926	2-1	Petrie 2
Mar. 9 1927	4-2	Denyer, Eddleston, Flood 2
Mar. 17 1928	1-1	Walker
Apr. 6 1929	3-1	Roberts, Denyer, Dickenson (pen.)
Dec. 28 1929	0-2	
Dec. 20 1930	3-2	Morris 2, Richardson
Nov. 7 1931	1-3	Dransfield (pen.)
Oct. 8 1932	0-0	
Apr. 2 1955	1-1	Owen
Apr. 21 1956	0-1	
Aug. 29 1956	1-3	Gibbs
Mar. 8 1958	4-1	Kelly 3, Skull
Dec. 26 1958	1-1	Micklewright
Jan. 9 1960	0-0	
Jan. 7 1961	1-1	Hunt
Feb. 23 1962	5-2	Smith 2, Hunt (E) 2, Atkins
Feb. 12 1966	2-1	East, Trollope (pen.)

SUMMARY OF LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED - 1920 to date

	W	D	L	F-A
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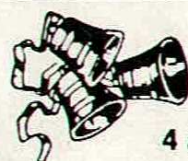


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AT BRENTFORD (* Approx. figures only)

Dec. 21	1901	0-2	
Feb. 28	1903	0-1	
Sep. 7	1903	1-2	Green
Mar. 11	1905	1-1	Poppitt
Mar. 17	1906	1-3	Capes
Apr. 8	1907	2-5	Smith 2
Nov. 23	1907	0-2	
Oct. 24	1908	0-1	
Sep. 27	1909	1-1	Wheatcroft
Sep. 10	1910	1-1	Fleming
Apr. 24	1912	0-2	
Mar. 8	1913	3-0	Fleming, Lamb, Bown
Apr. 2	1920	0-2	
Feb. 19	1921	1-0	Wareing
Mar. 4	1922	0-3	
Feb. 10	1923	0-3	
Mar. 15	1924	2-2	Ruddlesdin, Johnson
Jan. 24	1925	0-0	
Oct. 24	1925	1-3	Clarke
Oct. 2	1926	2-2	Wall, Morris (pen.)
Nov. 5	1927	4-1	Eddleston 2, Thom, Morris
Sep. 10	1928	0-2	
Aug. 31	1929	2-3	Morris, Dickenson (pen.)
Apr. 25	1931	2-5	Richardson, Morris
Mar. 19	1932	0-2	
Feb. 18	1933	0-1	
Nov. 13	1954	2-4	Owen, Gemmell
Mar. 12	1956	2-1	Edwards, Owen
Aug. 21	1956	1-4	Micklewright
Oct. 26	1957	0-0	
Dec. 25	1958	2-2	Edwards 2
Apr. 2	1960	1-2	Hunt
Dec. 23	1960	1-2	Jackson
Oct. 7	1961	0-1	
Mar. 5	1966	1-0	Smart

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- 1 Allan J
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- 3 Trollope J
- 4 Kamara C
- 5 Aizlewood S
- 6 Prophett C
- 7 Moss D
- 8 Stroud K
- 9 Guthrie C
- 10 McHale R
- 11 Anderson T
- 12 Cunningham D



REFEREE:

MR. CLIFFORD A.E. MASKELL (Stapleford, Cambridge)

Started refereeing in London in 1961, then through the Football Combination and was promoted to the Football League list in 1972. Was linesman for the European Cup - Dynamo Kiev v. Belgrade Partisan in Russia in 1976. Referees the F.A. Vase Semi-Final in 1976/77.

A married man, with two children, he is a Regional Sales Manager. Likes to play tennis and golf, also swimming. Before refereeing played for two senior amateur London clubs, also representative soccer for the R.A.F.

- 1 Bond L
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- 3 Allen M
- 4 Selman D
- 5 Cruse P
- 6 Lloyd B
- 7 Graham W
- 8 Graham J
- 9 Alder D
- 10 McCulloch A
- 11 Phillips S

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. S.G. Phelps, Longlevens. Yellow Flag: Mr. C.J. Taylor, Kidlington

NEXT MATCH

Tuesday 27th December

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

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- J Portsmouth v Swansea
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