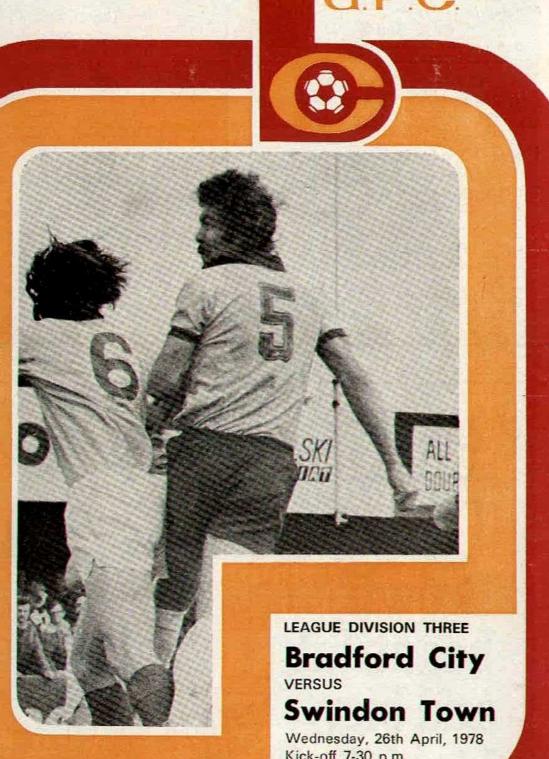
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The camera "freezes" Terry Dolan in the act of scoring our first goal at Bury from a cross from David McNiven.

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#### STEPHEN SMITH

We take the opportunity to introduce to you Stephen Smith, our £5,000 capture from Birmingham City last month, and who we are sure is going to make a valuable contribution to the club in the near future.



Stephen was born at Lydney, Gloucestershire, played rugby union, cricket and football at school and became an associated schoolboy with Cardiff City. At the age of 15, Tottenham Hotspur and Birmingham City

came for him and, after visiting Spurs while Bill Nicholson was there, decided to sign for Birmingham. "I couldn't tell you why I decided to join them, but I did, as an apprentice professional," he says.

When 17, he was selected to go to Las Palmas with the England Youth side, accompanied by such names as Butch Wilkins, Peter Barnes and John Trewick and gained three caps, after which he played for Birmingham's first team in the club's Centenary Match in which he saved a penalty taken by Kenny Dalglish.

He made his League debut at St. Andrew's in March 1976 against Liverpool, and went on tour with the club to Holland and Belgium as first team goalkeeper. Earlier this season, Stephen, who is holder of an FA Preliminary Coaching Badge, played against Derby County in their FA Cup tie.

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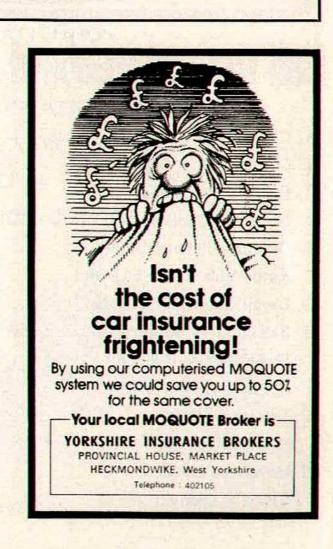
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Don Hutchins cuts in between two defenders to latch on to a centre from Rod Johnson to place the ball past the Portsmouth goalkeeper in our single goal victory earlier this month.

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### Half time scoreboard

A	Chester v Portsmouth	
В	Chesterfield v Gillingham	
C	Exeter v Tranmere	
D	Lincoln v Carlisle	
E	Oxford v Peterborough	
F	Aston Villa v Leeds United	******
G	Derby County v Wolves	
Н	Blackburn v Bolton	
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Back row (I. to r.) Micky French, Kenny Stroud, Richard Brinkworth, Russell Lewis, Gus Gilligan, Paul Collicut.

Middle row (I. to r.) Jimmy Allan, John Trollope, Colin Prophett, Chris Kamara, Chris Guthrie, Steve Aizlewood, Andy Ford, Kevin Roberts.

Front row (I. to r.) David Moss, David Cunningham, John McLaughlin, Trever Anderson (now with Peterborough), Ray McHale, Howard Goddard (now with Newport).

#### SWINDON TOWN

JIMMY ALLAN, goalkeeper, hails from Inverness and was signed as an apprentice professional from Brora Rangers in October 1970. Signed full time the following July and made his League debut against Queen's Park Rangers in the September. Missed only three League matches last season.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, defender, has played for England at Youth level, Started his League career with Colchester United and cost Swindon a £25,000 fee when signed in December 1973.

COLIN PROPHETT, defender, was once an amateur with Crewe Alexandra but made his professional debut for Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Norwich City in May 1973 for a fee in the region of £50,000. Went on loan to Swindon in September 1974, signing the following month for a fee of about £20,000. Missed one League game last season.

one League game last season.

ANDREW FORD, defender, is a former Somerset Schoolboy and Youth player who was with Western League side, Minehead, before joining AFC Bournemouth. After two years he joined Southend United winning the Player of the Year award last season and signed for Swindon last August, costing a fee in the region of £10,000.

JOHN TROLLOPE, defender, completed his 700th League appearance for the club

earlier this season having been signed as a professional in August 1960. Now the only playing survivor of the club's promotion winning sides of 1963 and 1969 and League Cup Final winners of 1969.

ROY CARTER, midfield, joined Hereford United from the Western League champions, Falmouth, in February 1975 and was transferred to Swindon last December.

KENNY STROUD, midfield, will be remembered by many TV viewers for his spectacular goal against Everton in last season's fourth round FA Cup tie. Served his apprenticeship at Swindon before becoming a professional in 1970 and made 42 League apparances last campaign.

ROY McHALE, midfield, was formerly with Chesterfield and moved to Halifax Town in October 1974 for whom he did not miss a League game until his transfer for about £8,000 to Swindon in September 1976.

DAVE CUNNINGHAM, forward or midfield, is a Scot, having been with Brechin City before his move to Southend United in April 1973. Spent a period on loan with Hartlepool before switching to Swindon last June.

CHRIS GUTHRIE, forward, is a former England Schoolboy player who started his career with Newcastle United. Went to Southend United where he was leading goalscorer for two seasons, and was then transferred to Sheffield United in May 1975. In July last year Swindon secured him for about £25,000.

DAVID MOSS, forward, was signed from non-League football from Witney, his local team, and made his League debut against Hull City as a substitute in January 1972. Was the club's leading scorer with 14 League goals last season.

CHRIS KAMARA, midfield, joined Ports-

mouth as an apprentice professional in November 1974 when he came out of the Navy, and signed for Swindon last August.

PHIL BATES, forward, cost Swindon a fee in the region of £30,000 when signing him from Shrewsbury Town in January. Was Shrewsbury's top scorer last season and he joined them from non-League Stourbridge in May 1974.



# Man in

Mr. Bob Perkin, of Stafford, was last here nearly 12 months ago when he had charge of our League game with Scunthorpe United.

Last month, he was in control of the Everton v Leeds
United match and other appointments
have included the Bristol City v Wrexham FA Cup tie and replay, Leicester City v Manchester City, Bolton v Hull City and Blackpool v Brighton.

Mr. Perkin, a machine shop foreman with GEC at Stafford, started refereeing in October 1953 with the Stafford and District Youth League, and following that was with the Midland Intermediate League as a referee, a Central League linesman for five years and Central League referee for three years. In 1970 he was appointed to the then Auxiliary Referees' List, being promoted to the Full List the following year.

Married, with one daughter, Julie, aged 17, Mr. Perkin has been a linesman in a European Cup game in France, and also senior linesman for one of the 1974 FA Cup Semi-Finals, He is chairman of the Stafford Referees Association, vice chairman of Staffordshire County Referees Association and chairman of his local community centre.

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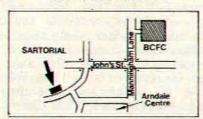
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LEAGUE	DIVISION THREE		
DATE	OPPONENTS	Result	Att.
		Goals	7/47
1977 Aug. 13	PETERBOROUGH	F A	2.04
17	League Cup 1, 1st Leg PETERBOROUGH	1-1	3,84
20	League Cup 1, 2nd Leg CAMBRIDGE UNITED	4-0	
23 27	Colchester United OXFORD UNITED	0—3 2—3	4,73 4,37 4,40
Sept. 3	Gillingham CHESTER	1-4	3,875
12	Port Vale Tranmere Rovers	2-2	3,814
24 28	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE PETERBOROUGH U.	0—0 0—1 2—1	4,03
Oct. 1	Rotherham United Swindon Town	1—2 1—0	5,878 7,569
8 15	PRESTON N.E. Carlisle United	1-1	5,818 4,234
22 29	HEREFORD UNITED SHEFFIELD W.	1—1 0—0 3—2	4,645 12,825
Nov. 5	Chesterfield BURY	0—2 2—1	4,580 4,185
19 26	F.A. Cup 1, CREWE	0-1	4,188 4,747 5,068
Dec. 3	LINCOLN CITY Walsall	2—2 1—1	3,203
26 27	WREXHAM Shrewsbury Town	2-1	4,218 6,328 3,929
31	CHESTERFIELD	1—3	3,929 4,543
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1978 an. 2	Portsmouth	1-3	12,004
an. 2 7 14 21	COLCHESTER U. (3) Cambridge United Oxford United	1-3 1-4 1-3	3,266 5,131 3,704
eb. 4 25	Chester ROTHERHAM UNITED	2—3 3—0	2,957 6,357
Mar. 1	GILLINGHAM Preston North End	2—1 1—3	6,060
8	PORT VALE CARLISLE UNITED (6)	1_1	11,920 6,205 6,389 5,228
14	TRANMERE ROVERS	2—2 2—0 1—2	5,228
21 24 25	Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	12,304
25 27	Wrexham SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-2 2-0	13,028 4,341
pr. 1	PORTSMOUTH Peterborough United	1—0 0—5	4,462
8	Bury EXETER CITY	2-2	6,314 4,358 4,924
15 22 26	Lincoln City SWINDON TOWN	1—2 2—3	4,121
29	WALSALL		
fay 1	Plymouth Argyle F.A. Cup Final	9-11	200

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G.diff.
Wrexham	42	23	13	6	76	41	59	+35
Preston	44	20	15	9				+26
Cambridge	44	21	12					+19
Peterborough	43	20	14					+15
Chester	44	14			53			
Gillingham	44	15	19					+10
Walsall	43	16	16				48	
SWINDON	43	16	15				47	
Tranmere	44	16	14	14	54	47	46	+ 7
Carlisle	44		18				46	
Colchester	43	14	16		51			+ 8
Shrewsbury	44	15	14	15	58		44	
Bury	44	13	17	14	61	55	43	+ 6
Chesterfield	43	15	13	15	49	45	43	
Sheffield W.	43	14	14	15	46	49	42	- 3
Lincoln	44	14	14	16	51	60	42	- 9
Exeter	44	14	14	16	44	55	42	-11
Oxford	44	13	12	19	61	64	38	- 3
Rotherham	42	12	12	18	48	63	36	-15
Port Vale	44	8	20	16	44	61	36	-17
Plymouth	43	9						-12
BRADFORD C.	43	11	10	22	52	76	32	-24
Hereford	44	9				58	30	-26
Portsmouth	44	6	17	21	40	73	29	-33
Including Saturday, 22nd April								

#### LEAGUE APPEARANCES RECORD

			App.	Goals	S VENIE
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Fretwell			35(1)	1 1 - 4	
Podd			31		
Watson			30	4	
Hardcastle		1	26	THE REAL PROPERTY.	
Cooke			25(8)	8	
Spark			25		
Johnson		1000	17	3	
McNiven			15	3 5	
Martinez			12(4)		
Nicholls		1	9(1)		
Wood			9		
Baines	***		9	_ 1	
Smith			8		
Ratcliffe			8(5)	1	
Grimes			7	1	
Gallagher		***	1		
Jones			-(3)	Marie In	
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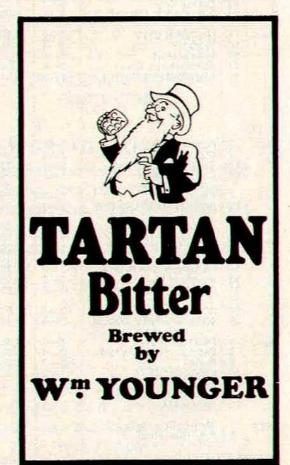
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#### **GRATIFYING RESPONSE**

Your suggestions for improving our programme for next season have continued to arrive and I am most gratified by the response supporters have shown. It just shows how interested they are and I am more than pleased at the result. This week we will be getting down to picking out a winning letter, for which the writer will receive a bottle of champagne, and until then, here are a few more excerpts from some we have received.

Miss Janet Irvine, of Farsley; "I think it would be better if the present statistics on the matches was increased to cover a full page, so that the details of City goal scorers can be included beneath the fixtures . . ."

Mr. Harold Richards, of Bradford, writes: "Congratulations on the photographs by Gary Hill — these are excellent and a big improvement . . ."

"As City almost invariably take a good-sized following to away games, what about a 'How to get there' feature? In addition to supporters club coaches and an AA route and mileage, this could include relevant train times and fares, and a map of the ground detailing where visiting fans are usually accommodated," suggests Kevin Collier of Headingley, Leeds.

Mr. C. Spencer, of Shipley, says, "Looking back through last season's programmes and comparing them with this season, the first thing that I noticed was the increase in advertising matter within the programme. On average, last season, the programme contained approximately five pages of advertisements, which this season has increased to slightly over eight pages, which is half the programme . . ."

John Murphy, of Bradford, points out that numbers are no longer printed on the front of the programme, which led to the chance of winning a prize. "The idea is rather old cap, but I think is still effective Not only would it promote circulation of each edition, it would give each subscriber an interest during the afternoon, rather than just the game. A chance to win something always interests the public . . ."

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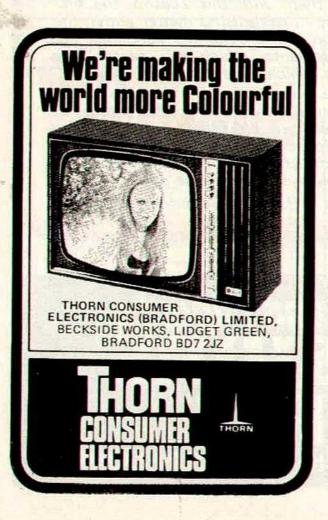
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# The Managers Column

#### LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

I missed last Saturday's game at Lincoln, not because of choice but out of necessity. As you will probably have read in the Press my directors have given me the goahead to obtain new players for next season and last week I took in five matches running the rule over possible candidates who would be able to do a job for me.

Obviously, I have to look forward a few months. I know what the present staff can do and know what I need and I shall be basing my judgement on that.

This has been an extremely disappointing season indeed, and I feel that we were not prepared fully, for it. The Third is a far better League than the Fourth, where generally, there are half a dozen good sides, but in the Third it is very different with almost every game providing a tough encounter as we have found to our cost.

#### SLIM CHANCE

That defeat at Lincoln now means that we have only a slim chance of staying in the Third and, as I have pointed out more than once, we just cannot afford to give these teams goals start and hope to be able to win some reward. We managed it at Bury, I know, but at Lincoln, going three down was just too much, even though credit is due at the way we fought back to score twice.

It now means that we must win our remaining three matches to try and save our status, though, even if that was achieved, it would not necessarily guarantee us safety. At least I hope we can make the challenge, starting with Swindon tonight.

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McLAUGHLIN, John

FORD, Andrew

TROLLOPE, John

5 STROUD, Kenny

6 PROPHETT, Colin

7 MOSS, David

CARTER, Roy

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