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MALCOLMS MESSAGE

'GIVE ME THE STICK-NOT THE PLAYERS!'

The intense disappointment to the crowd in losing two successive home games is realised but it must be remembered that over the past two years morale at Home Park has been low. This was being overcome but at the first setback the crowd got on the players' backs and this does affect confidence.

I feel for you in your disappointment but if we are going to work together in this community and lift the team I must ask for patience.

I can assure you that everything that is possible is being done to build a side here but this cannot be done in five minutes.

At Crystal Palace the crowd have been very patient in their hard times and now they are on their way back and have a fine successful young team.

Never do you hear Liverpool or Manchester United crowds criticising their teams even when they are having a bad game.

If you knew the effect it has on the players I am sure you would not do it.

If you want to shout at anyone shout at me - not at the team.



Welcome



STEVE AIZLEWOOD [Defender]. Steve started with home-town Newport County in 1969 and made 191 appearances for them before joining Swindon in March, 1976.

JIMMY ALLAN [Goalkeeper]. Born in Inverness he was signed from Brora Rangers in October, 1970 as an apprentice and on full forms nine months later. Although he made his debut in September, 1971.

ROY CARTER [Midfield]. Roy who comes from Torpoint, Cornwall played part-time Western League Football with Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975.

DAVID CUNNINGHAM [Forward]. Dave, from Kircaldy, played 44 games for Bechin City in the Scottish League and moved to Southend in 1973. After 56 League appearances and a period on loan to Hartlepool he moved to Swindon in 1977.

CHRIS GUTHRIE [Forward]. Chris made only 5 League appearances for his home town Club Newcastle but he became a regular member of the Southend side following his transfer in 1972/73. After 107 appearances and twice being leading scorer he moved to Sheffield United in the summer of 1975 but never settled and was transferred to Swindon 58 games later.

CHRIS KAMARA [Midfield]. Chris comes from Middlesbrough but made his League debut for Portsmouth in September, 1975 as one of a number of young players given a first team chance by that Club due to financial problems. Those problems forced Portsmouth to sell Chris to Swindon just before last season.

RAY McHALE [Midfield]. Ray comes from Sheffield and made his League debut for Chesterfield in season 1971/72. After 123 League games he signed for Halifax Town where he was top scorer in one season although a midfield player. He did not miss a single match before signing for Swindon in September, 1976 after 86 games. Ray made 81 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season.

COLIN PROPHETT [Defender]. Colin comes from Crewe and his first professional club was Sheffield Wednesday for whom he made 113 League appearances. In 1973 he moved to Norwich but only stayed until September, 1974. He made 34 First Division appearances before his move to Swindon.

KENNY STROUD [Midfield]. Ken is a Londoner but has been with the Club since he was an apprentice and is now one of the longest serving players at the Club. Although signed as a professional in 1970 and made his League debut in 1971/72 it was not until 1974/75 that he gained a regular place in the team.

BRIAN WILLIAMS [Midfield]. Brian is from Manchester and played 148 games for Bury until present Swindon Manager Bobby Smith sold him to Q.P.R. during the 1977 close season before signing for Swindon in June, 1978.

IAN MILLER [Forward]. Ian comes from Perth but he first played League football for Bury making 9 full appearances and a number as substitute. He moved to Nottingham Forest but did not make the first team until a further move to Doncaster Rovers in August, 1975.

FLASHBACK BY DON SMITH

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VISITORS SWINDON TOWN
SEASON 1951-52 HOME WON 3-0

This game was played in the purple period at Home Park, February 13th, 1952. The big push was on for Division Two football. Argyle were four points clear with a game in hand when Swindon visited Home Park. Argyle Team:- Shortt, Ratcliffe, Jones, Dougall, Chisholm, McShane, Astall, Dews, Tadman, Rattray, Govan. Team Swindon:- Uprichard, Hunt, May, Kaye, Hudson, Gray, Lunn, Onslow, Owen, Millar, Bain.

Argyle, as expected, ran out easy winners by 3 goals to nil. Scorers were Maurice Tadman, George Dews and Gordon Astall. Who can forget that day a few months later, "Jumbo" in the open top coach, the championship won by five clear points and 107 goals netted by the Argyle strike-force. Division Two football had returned to Home Park!!

This programme series is written by Plymouth Football Archivist Don Smith of 15 Abingdon Road, Plymouth who still urgently needs early football items, i.e. Handbooks, Programmes, Photos, Cuttings etc. for research. All letters acknowledged.

ARGYLE RECORD v SWINDON TOWN

SEASON	ARGYLE SCORES FIRST	
	HOME	AWAY
1950-51	5-1	2-1
1951-52	3-0	2-2
1956-57	1-0	3-0
1957-58	2-2	0-1
1958-59	3-2	4-3
1963-64*	2-4	1-2
1964-65*	2-1	3-2
1968-69	2-1	0-3
1974-75	4-3	0-2
1977-78	0-2	1-3

*DIVISION TWO REST DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	33	21	9	3	70	29
Away	33	8	6	19	36	66

The sides have met twice in the F.A. Cup - season 1903-04 won 2-1 season 1908-09 won 1-0 but have not met in the League Cup.



Swindon Town



From Left to Right, Back Row, John McLaughlin, Chris Kamara, Steve Aizlewood, Colin Prophett, Jimmy Allan, Roy Carter, Kevin Roberts, Russell Lewis, Andy Ford, Chic Bates, Chris Guthrie.

From Left to Right, Front Row, David Cunningham, Kenny Stroud, Brian Hughes, Bobby Smith [Manager], Ian Miller, Ray McHale [Captain], Gus Gilligan.

IN MY OPINION

1ST DIVISION GRAVEYARD

by Derek Henderson

The League Cup has been a veritable graveyard for First Division clubs this season. Upsets have swept through like the plague, so much so that the remaining top clubs facing ties against 'lesser' opposition must be quaking in their boots.

Cup competitions always contain their share of giant-killing acts, but this term they seem to be the rule rather than the exception.

Just consider this imposing list —

Exeter	2	Blackburn	1
Peterborough	1	Middlesbro	0
Orient	1	Chesterfield	2
Rotherham	3	Arsenal	1
Watford	2	Newcastle	1
Blackpool	2	Ipswich	0
Chester	2	Coventry	1
Reading	1	Wolves	0
West Ham	1	Swindon	2
Tottenham	1	Swansea	3

Why does it increasingly seem to be happening in the League Cup? I can't recall any season in the F.A. Cup in which there have been so many shock results - IN ONE ROUND!

Is it because the big clubs are less interested in League Cup glory?

Can't be. The winners of the League Cup get an automatic passport to Europe.

So why all these upsets? I think there is one very valid reason which could account for the majority of them.

It is the time of the year. By the time the F.A. Cup comes around, the season is half-over and the big clubs have solved any early problems of form. They are far more vulnerable in September when the season is barely a month old and formations are still settling down.

For example, the Reading-Wolves result was shattering for the Midlands. But in my view it was always on. For Wolves made a dreadful start to the season, couldn't find the net, were a dejected side when they went to Elm Park and were ripe for the kill at the hands of a side who knew exactly the gloom hanging over Molineux.

The Watford-Newcastle result was another. Watford, cock-a-hoop after coming up from the Fourth, were - in reality - slight favourites to knock out a Newcastle side still trying to salvage pride after relegation and finding that life in Division 2 is not all roses.

The Chester-Coventry result WAS a shaker considering that the Sky Blues are being tipped as dark horses for the League title. But these results DO happen on the night occasionally. If the tie were to be played another five times, you'd probably see Coventry winning four of them and drawing the other!

There could be another contributory factor in determining why so many leading clubs have been left stricken by the way-side. The gulf between the divisions is narrowing.

Is this true? Certainly I believe that a good Third Division side can be a match for a struggling First Division side any day, particularly if the Division 1 side are travelling.

Over 90 minutes of cup-tie atmosphere, a team bubbling with spirit and confidence can certainly produce a result against a team packed with internationals who are not finding their blend. Effort can often overcome class.

Add to the above list Liverpool's shock exit at the hands of Sheffield United and it adds up to one thing - never before has there been a chance of two lower division sides making it to Wembley.

Swindon did it, of course, in 1969 when they beat Arsenal 3-1.

The top brass at Lytham may not be rubbing their hands, however. The loss of so many crack clubs at such an early stage devalues the competition in terms of class and finance.

But for those who relish the underdog having his day, it has been an enjoyable month, with the prospect of more big heads rolling.

Despite it all, I have a sneaking feeling that the team who wins the League Cup will still be one of the established First Division giants.

For you know what they say - class will always tell in the end. Well, nearly always!



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**CHRIS
HARRISON**

NAME — Christopher Colin Harrison

BIRTHPLACE — LAUNCESTON.

BIRTHDATE — 17th October, 1956.

HEIGHT — 5 ft. 10 ins.

WEIGHT — 10 st. 7 lbs.

MARRIED — No.

CHILDREN — None.

CAR — Ford Escort.

FAVOURITE PLAYER — George Best.

FAVOURITE OTHER CLUB — Manchester United.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT — Butch Wilkins (Chelsea).

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH — Debut v Carlisle,
25th April, 1976.

BIGGEST THRILL — Winning and playing well.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT — Being dropped near end of
last season.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED — West Germany.

FAVOURITE FOOD — Steak

LIKES — Cars and any Sports.

DISLIKES — Public Speaking.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW — 'The Good Life'.

FAVOURITE SINGER — Rod Stewart.

FAVOURITE ACTOR — Steve McQueen.

FAVOURITE ACTRESS — Susan George.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER — My Brother.

PREVIOUS CLUBS — None.

HONOURS — None.

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Team changes

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| 1 Tony Burns | |
| 2 Brian Bason | |
| 3 Allan Rogers | |
| 4 Brian Taylor | |
| 5 George Foster | |
| 6 Steve Perrin | ..... |
| 7 Gary Megson | ..... |
| 8 Keith Fear | ..... |
| 9 Fred Binney | ..... |
| 10 Mike Trusson | ..... |
| 11 Brian Johnson | ..... |
| 12 Kevin Hodges | ..... |



SWINDON

Colours: Red with White Trim

Team changes

- | | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1 Chris Ogden | ..... |
| 2 John McLoughlin | ..... |
| 3 Andy Ford | ..... |
| 4 Ray McHale | ..... |
| 5 Steve Aizlewood | ..... |
| 6 Kenny Stroud | ..... |
| 7 Ian Miller | ..... |
| 8 Roy Carter | |
| 9 Chris Guthrie | |
| 10 Chic Bates | |
| 11 Brian Williams | |
| 12 Chris Kamara | |



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MEET THE OFFICIALS

DONALD J. BIDDLE (Bristol). Started refereeing in 1957 with Bristol and District League, then via Western League to Football League line in 1968, and to full list in 1971. Was linesman at a European Nations Cup Quarter-final in 1972 and F.A. Amateur Cup Final in 1970. Is a married man with one (married) daughter and he is a Detective Inspector and fingerprint expert with Avon and Somerset Constabulary. His hobbies are cricket and squash.

LINESMEN: [Amber] P. Jackson [Templecombe], [Red] A.S. Montacute [Yeovil]

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LITTLE AT LARGE

Company Secretary GRAHAM LITTLE writes



WELCOME TO MR. HABIBI FROM TEHERAN

Seated in the Directors' Box today, watching his fourth successive Argyle 1st team home match, is a visitor from overseas Mr. Hassan Habibi. He was one of Frank O'Farrell's Assistants when Frank was the Iran National Team Manager from 1974-76. Mr. Habibi is now with the P.A.S. Club in Teheran and his team has won the League for the past 2 years.

He has spent two weeks watching the Argyle players training and prior to that was at Plainmoor for a similar period weighing up the training methods there.

Next week Mr. Habibi is going to a Second Division Club to observe their training methods.

★ ★ ★ ★
One of the posse of Managers, Coaches and Scouts at the recent away Oxford Cup Tie was Arsenal's Assistant-Manager Wilf Dixon. He remarked how well Paul Barron is settling in at Highbury. He has played two first team games including a tough one at Maine Road, Manchester. Pat Jennings, the Gunners regular first team keeper was also at the match and was full of praise afterwards for Paul. "He looks a great prospect and I am surprised he has been in a lower Division so long," said Pat who himself is in the middle of a 4 year Contract at Highbury.

★ ★ ★ ★
One of Argyle's keenest fans, Jack Jolliffe, is back home in Totnes having retired from his job in the Lord Chancellor's Depart-

ment in London. For the last three seasons he has travelled regularly to Home Park and to many of the away matches from his London home.

Jack joined the Vice Presidents' Club in 1971, whilst he was employed as Chief Clerk at the Newton Abbot County Court, and was transferred in 1975 to the Lord Chancellor's Department at the Law Courts in London. He has been a member of the Vice Presidents' Club ever since and has also been a member of the London Branch of the Plymouth Argyle Supporters' Association.

Jack's wife had a serious heart operation at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in London, and spent part of her convalescence with relatives in Ipswich. Jack took the opportunity to go to the Portman Road ground where he met Paul Mariner who recognised him immediately. Paul made sure that Jack was given the "royal" treatment and was shown around the dressing rooms, gymnasium etc. He was also introduced to the Ipswich players by Paul and found skipper Mick Mills the English International particularly friendly. "He couldn't have been nicer," says Jack. Paul still has a very soft spot for Argyle, and the Argyle fans who treated him so well, and wishes to be remembered to all his friends at Home Park.

Jack Jolliffe was able to watch Ipswich play Norwich City in a pre-season game and was very impressed with Colin Sullivan another ex Argyle favourite. "He played his heart out just as he used to for Argyle," said Jack.



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Date	Opponents	F - A
1978 Sat Aug 19	READING.....H	3-1
Sat Aug 26	NORWICH CITY.....A	3pm
Sat Sept 2	SWINDON TOWN.....H	3pm
Sat Sept 9	CHELSEA.....A	2-0
Wed Sept 13	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....H	7.30pm
Sat Sept 16	ORIENT.....A	3pm
Tues Sept 19	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.....A	2.30pm
Sat Sept 23	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....A	3pm
Tues Sept 26	SOUTHAMPTON.....H	7.30pm
Sat Sept 30	WEST HAM UNITED.....A	3pm
Sat Oct 7	LEICESTER CITY.....H	3pm
Sat Oct 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....A	3pm
Tues Oct 24	BRISTOL ROVERS.....H	7.30pm
Sat Oct 28	LUTON TOWN.....A	3pm
Sat Nov 4	HEREFORD UNITED.....H	3pm
Wed Nov 15	READING.....A	7.30pm
Sat Nov 18	NORWICH CITY.....H	3pm
Tues Nov 21	SWINDON TOWN.....A	7.30pm
Sat Nov 25	FULHAM.....A	3pm
Mon Nov 27	IPSWICH TOWN.....A	7.30pm
Tues Dec 5	CARDIFF CITY.....H	7.30pm
Sat Dec 16	ARSENAL.....A	3pm
Sat Dec 23	OXFORD UNITED.....A	3pm
Sat Dec 30	CRYSTAL PALACE.....H	3pm
1979 Tues Jan 9	BRISTOL CITY.....H	7.30pm
Sat Jan 13	CHELSEA.....H	3pm
Sat Jan 20	ORIENT.....H	3pm
Tues Feb 6	SOUTHAMPTON.....A	7.30pm
Sat Feb 10	WEST HAM UNITED.....H	3pm
Sat Feb 24	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....H	3pm
Tues Feb 27	BRISTOL ROVERS.....A	7.30pm
Tues Mar 6	OXFORD UNITED.....H	7.30pm
Sat Mar 10	LUTON TOWN.....H	3pm
Sat Mar 17	HEREFORD UNITED.....A	3pm
Wed Mar 21	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.....H	3pm
Wed Mar 28	LEICESTER CITY.....A	3pm
Sat Mar 31	FULHAM.....H	3pm
Wed April 4	CARDIFF CITY.....A	2pm
Sat Apr 21	ARSENAL.....A	3pm
Tues Apr 24	BRISTOL CITY.....A	7.30pm
Sat Apr 28	IPSWICH TOWN.....H	3pm
Sat May 5	CRYSTAL PALACE.....A	3pm

**Sunday
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LEAGUE DIV. 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea City...	5	4	1	0	11	2	9
Shrewsbury T...	5	3	2	0	5	1	8
Hull City.....	5	3	1	1	9	3	7
Peterborough...	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Chester.....	5	3	1	1	7	5	7
Watford.....	5	3	0	2	13	9	6
Carlisle U.....	5	2	2	1	8	5	6
Rotherham U...	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Swindon T.....	5	2	2	1	5	6	6
Mansfield T...	5	1	3	1	6	4	5
Sheffield W...	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Brentford.....	5	2	1	2	4	6	5
Chesterfield...	5	1	2	2	6	6	4
Southern U...	5	1	2	2	8	9	4
Plym'th Argyle	4	2	0	2	7	8	4
Gillingham.....	5	0	4	1	6	7	4
Exeter City...	4	1	2	1	3	5	4
Blackpool.....	5	2	0	3	6	10	4
Walsall.....	5	1	1	3	8	9	3
Bury.....	5	0	3	2	6	9	3
Colchester U...	5	0	3	2	2	7	3
Tranmere R...	5	0	2	3	4	8	2
Oxford U.....	5	0	2	3	1	5	2
Lincoln City...	5	1	0	4	4	10	2

COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE

How They Finished 1977/78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	42	24	11	7	80	37	59
Southampton	42	27	3	12	85	35	57
Ipswich	42	25	7	10	80	41	57
Norwich	42	23	11	8	64	36	57
Leicester	42	24	6	12	74	50	54
Tottenham	42	19	14	9	86	52	52
Plymouth	42	21	8	13	63	44	50
Chelsea	42	18	12	12	58	42	48
Q.P.R.	42	16	15	11	71	53	47
Arsenal	42	15	14	13	60	45	44
Hereford	42	16	7	17	70	70	43
Crystal Palace	42	16	10	16	50	53	42
Birmingham	42	13	14	15	45	48	40
Bristol Rovers	42	15	8	19	58	66	38
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Bristol City	42	9	13	20	56	89	31
Swindon	42	11	8	23	51	87	30
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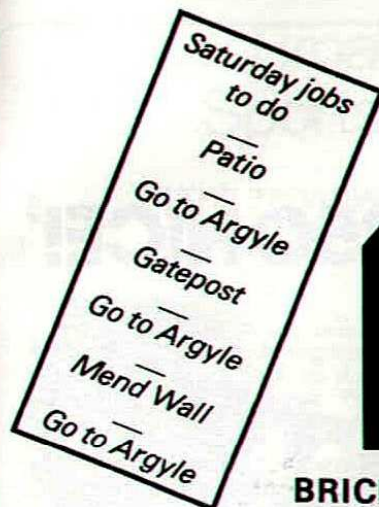
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Supporters Association Chairman **SAM RENDELL** writes

'THE BEST OF LUCK - TO VERNON PENPRAZE'

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On Monday September 18th Vernon has been selected by Jack Solomon to box at the World Sporting Club, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park Lane in aid of the Bud Flanagan Leukaemia Fund.

Jack Solomon rates Vernon very highly and is sure that Eddie Thomas will have his third World Champion in the very near future in the youngster.

After his fight Vernon will travel back to Plymouth in time to watch the Peterborough encounter and to attend the Draw for the 52nd Argyle Lottery on Wednesday 20th September.

We all wish Vernon well for his big fight, and for his boxing future.

LONDON BRANCH

How delighted we are to see so many members of the London Branch of the Association at our matches both at home and away.

The Branch which came into being two years ago continues to make progress and it has a membership at the present time of sixty five.

The membership secretary is Mr. Mick Pengelly, 23, Weymouth House, Bolney Street, Vauxhall, LONDON SW8 and full details of membership is obtainable from him.

Travel to Argyle matches is arranged whenever possible and a regular monthly news letter is published giving details of club activities.

We look forward to a visit from the London Branch in strength for the Watford game on December 9th when it is hoped to arrange a social and games evening at the Far Post Club and our London friends will take part in table tennis, darts and pool matches and possibly a football quiz contest will be arranged.

Our good wishes are extended to the London Branch and we commend them to our supporters in the London Area.

WELCOME GENTLEMEN!

We welcome to Home Park as visitors today two well known and highly respected sportsmen in Mr. Archie Gooch and Mr. Jim Wiltshire.

Mr. Gooch is the President of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs. The Federation which celebrated its Golden Jubilee last year has a fine history of service to football. Plymouth was one of the six founder clubs - the others being Brentford, Bournemouth, Brighton, Charlton and Northampton.

Mr. Jim Wiltshire, a former referee of international repute, needs no introduction to Plymouth supporters. Mr. Wiltshire who now resides at Crewkerne hails from Torpoint and he has always retained a keen interest in the fortunes of the Westcountry clubs. It does not seem twenty five years ago that on the occasion of Argyle's Golden Jubilee celebrations on 4th May, 1953, that Mr. Wiltshire took part in a novel experiment with two referees officiating in the same match in which Portsmouth were the visitors. The other referee was Mr. D.L. Scoble of Plymouth.

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