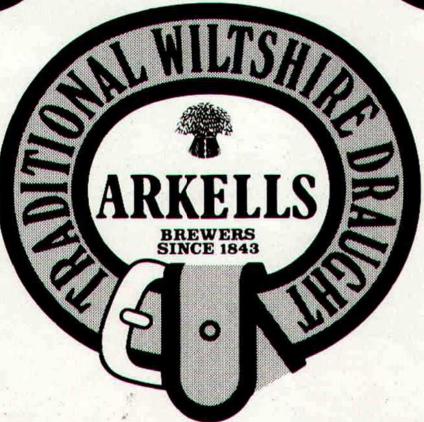


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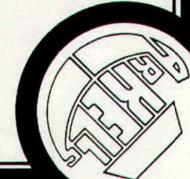




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Bob Smith says.....

I hope that the boost in getting three points from two away games at Bury and Gillingham will show itself in tonights performance. We have now reached the position where every game is of immense importance whoever the opposition might be.

We have thirteen games left in which we must gain as many points as possible and there may be times when the football itself may not be as attractive as you might hope but I feel that, at this stage of the season, the important thing will be to win matches. I expect the players now to scrap for everything more than they have done up to this season to make the push for the promotion place we all seek.

You will remember that right at the start of the season. I spent my first programme notes describing the team we had at the Club i.e. the Directors, Management, Players and, most important of all - you the supporters. So now, not only do the players have to re-assert their efforts but the other members of the team, myself included, and in saying this I am reminding you of the need for your vocal support. In the coming weeks the players will begin to feel the strain of the hard season and they will need your help to get them through that fatigue barrier to play above themselves. I make no apolo-



gies for again repeating myself - your vocal encouragement is of paramount importance so please don't let them down.

Thank you for coming along this evening and let us hope that, 'THE TEAM' will be successful once again.

Bits and Pieces

The date April 3 has not been too lucky for Swindon in recent years. The Town have lost all of the last three games played on this day. In 1976, Swindon crashed 0-4 at Chesterfield, whilst five years earlier the Town suffered a 2-5 reverse at Sunderland. Swindon also failed at home to Middlesbrough 0-1 fourteen years ago today. The Town's last success on April 3 was in 1961, when Mike Summerbee scored the vital goal in a 1-0 home victory over Q.P.R. Swindon's best result in games played on this day was back in 1915 when Southend provided the opposition here for a Southern League fixture. Billy Batty and Bob Jefferson scored two apiece as the Town coasted to a 4-0 win.

If you scored a maximum of five correct answers to our quiz in the Tranmere programme, you did exceedingly well - as the first poser contained an incorrect clue. It should have read 'born in Newcastle, first club Middlesbrough' - and the player in question was, of course, ARTHUR HORS-FIELD. He left the Town to join Charlton at the time that Ray Treacy came in the opposite direction. PETER NOBLE was the subject of the second question - he scored the last hat-trick by a Swindon player away from home prior to this season. His three goals came at Swansea in the Town's first defence of the League Cup in Sep-

tember 1969 - 3-1 victory. The last to achieve the feat in a League game was DENNIS BROWN, who scored all of Swindon's goals in a 4-1 victory at Bournemouth on October 29, 1966. Last years scorer against Tranmere was slightly easier it was RAY McHALE from the penalty spot. The last forty thousand-plus crowd at a Town game was, not as expected, in a F.A. Cup tie but was in fact in NAPLES for the Anglo-Italian Final where some 55,000 attempted to halt Swindon's progress before the game was scheduled to finish. Kenny Stroud's last goal for the town was almost a year ago - on April 11 to be exact. It gave Swindon a 1-0 interval lead here against WALSALL, but the visitors came back after the break to snatch a 3-2 win.

The former Swindon Town and Bristol City forward ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT spent the 1959/60 season with Exeter City. He was at the County Ground four years and his best goalscoring record for the Town was thirteen in twenty-eight appearances during 1957/58. That year Swindon recorded the 'double' over Exeter and Andy Micklewright scored in both games - a 5 - 1 win at home on January 4 and the winner in a 1-0 victory at St.James's Park on April 27.

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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

We are pleased to welcome our friends from Exeter this evening.

This is a re-arranged fixture and one of several, which means that we have two games a week to play until the end of the season.

We were naturally delighted with our results from our mid week fixture at Bury last week.

Bob was obviously delighted to return to his former club and win with Bryan Williams, Andy Rowland and Ian Miller in his side who were also in his side while he was in charge at Bury.

Since our last visit to Gigg Lane, Bury have lost their chairman Mr. Bill Allen, who died suddenly while helping the club over the Christmas period. Mr. Allen was a great worker for his club and we commisserate with his family and the club for their loss.

Our game at Gillingham also produced us a valuable point and it was a game that the referee, as well as the spectators, will remember for a long time.

Gillingham collected four bookings including a red card and we also had a couple of bookings. Our supporters got behind our lads magnificently and I am sure that they will do the same this evening.

During last week I attended a meeting of club chairmen to discuss the future of television with football clubs. The management committee of the football league having appointed a sub committee to negotiate this business on behalf of league clubs, called all clubs together to try and finalise details. In spite of press announcements that we had thrown out the suggested agreements, we the clubs, came to a unanimous decision to accept the suggested terms for a period of two years and not for a period of four years. The league clubs felt that an agreement for four years at a fixed figure would be unwise in view of a possible inflationary rise during this period.

The outcome of our meeting has yet to be confirmed. The subject of televising of football matches is a very complex business, involving such controversial items as the play backs, which are obviously going to be unfair sometimes to referees and also of course those games are highlighted which is not a true recording of a full game sometimes. We have the controversial subject of whether the televising of a game detracts from the attendances at matches: particularly when the weather is against us. All clubs have sympathy for people that cannot attend our games, and feel that television does give a wonderful service to the sick and the aged and does possibly create an interest for people that would otherwise be lost.

We have not arrived at a date for our Annual Club Dinner and Dance yet, but expect to announce the date very soon. Supporters of our club who would like to attend this very popular event should write in now to make certain of tickets, because as usual, people who attended this function last year, will automatically get an invitation and it will of course depend on the demand as to how many we can accommodate.

Our Rendezvous Club is proving a very popular place for receptions for wedding, birthdays and other celebrations.

Monday evenings are free for these functions as this is the one evening in the week when the club is not open for club members. For details please contact Mrs. Coppock at the ground or through our club offices.

The transfer deadline date caused an interest with the transfer of our former players, Peter Eastoe and David Syrett moving to Everton and Walsall from Q.P.R. and Mansfield respectively. We wish them well with their new clubs.

Thank you for your attendance to-night and hope to see you all on Saturday when we play Chesterfield.



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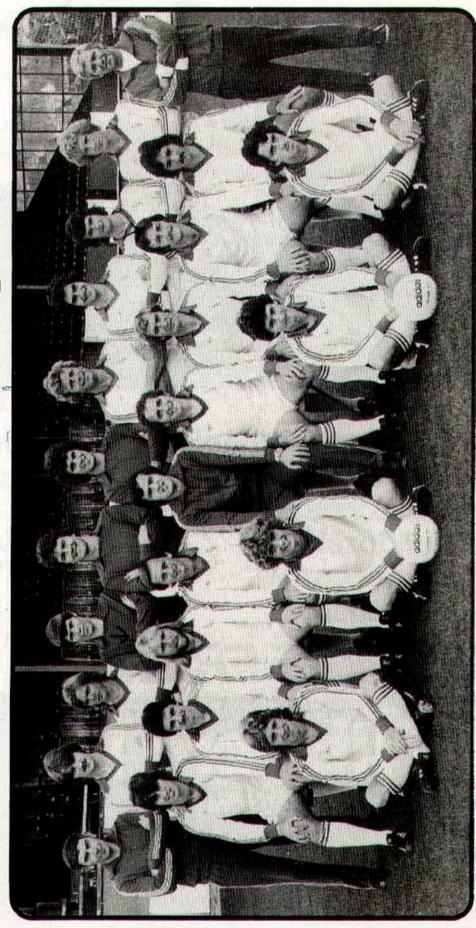
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Seated: Richard Forbes (Non-Contract), Paul Smythe (App), Roy Ireland (App), Colin Bickley (App).

IN TOWN TONIGHT

Exeter City still have only an outside chance of promotion, in spite of the fact that they had the upheaval of losing their manager and entire coaching staff in mid-season. Bobby Saxton moved on to Plymouth, taking his three coaches with him.

Brian Godfrey, the one-time Everton, Preston and Aston Villa forward, was appointed Exeter's new manager in January and he has now been joined by coaches Malcolm Musgrove and Alan Beer. Mr Musgrove is a former West Ham player who was assistant-manager of Manchester United and manager of Torquay. Mr Beer was an outstanding forward with Exeter until injury brought a premature end to his playing career last year.

It has generally been a mixed season for the St. James Park club. In the F.A. Cup they suffered the indignity of losing 0-1 to Southern League Maidstone in the second round, whereas in the League Cup Exeter created a new club record by surviving to the fourth round.

Exeter did their own bit of giant killing in that competition by defeating First Division Bolton Wanderers 2 - 1 at St James Park before eventually going out at home to Third Division rivals Watford.

Exeter's attack at one stage suffered from lack of punch, following the sale of two strikers — Tony Kellow, who went to Blackpool for a club record £125,000, and Harry Holman, who moved to Peterborough United for a smaller fee.

Now newcomers Steve Neville, John Sims and Ian Pearson all seem to have settled down and have become fairly consistent goalscorers themselves.

Neville, who was signed from Southampton, made a few League appearances for the Saints but was never a regular. Prior to the weekend games, Steve had scored five goals since his tranfer. Sims, signed from Notts County for £12,000, had netted six times. Steve began his career with Derby and made a few League appearances for the Rams. He spent loan periods with Luton, Oxford and Colchester before signing for Notts County for £10,000 in 1976.

Pearson made his League bow for Millwall on the opening day of last season and had scored three goals for his new club by the weekend.

Another blow to Exeter was an injury to forward Keith Bowker who returned to the reserve team for a run out a fortnight ago after a 12-week layoff. He didn't seem to show any ill effects for he returned to the senior side last week and hit their point-earning goal in a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. It was his 11th goal of the season.

UPHEAVALS AT EXETER

Further complications followed last week when midfield players John Delve and Colin Randell were missing through suspensions. This left the choice for these positions between Dick Forbes, Peter Hatch and Fred Ingham.

Delve made a few appearances in Q.P.R's senior team and was transferred to Plymouth for £25,000 in 1974. Exeter paid a club record £15,000 to sign him last season. Randell didn't make the League eleven at Coventry but got his chance following a move to Plymouth in 1973. Exeter paid £10,000 for him last season.

Forbes is a local discovery who made a couple of League appearances last season as a non-contract player. Hatch made a few appearances for Oxford United but has been a regular in the Exeter side since his transfer in 1973.

Ingham once played for Stockport County and then moved on to Blackburn in 1973. He then quit top soccer to join a Devon junior club. Exeter signed him last summer to give him a surprise recall to League football.

The defence has been fairly settled with John Templeman, Jimmy Giles, Lee Roberts and John Hore filling the back four positions.

Templeman was once a Portsmouth hopeful but he had to await a transfer to Brighton before getting his chance to play in the League in 1966/67. He moved on to Exeter in 1974.

Giles is, of course, a former Swindon player. He made just over a dozen League appearances for us before joining Aldershot in 1968. There he won a regular place and eventually signed for Exeter in 1971. Charlton signed him in 1975 but last season he returned to St. James Park.

Roberts was usually a reserve player at Shrewsbury but he soon established himself in the Exeter defence after signing for them last season. Hore played more than 400 games for Plymouth before joining Exeter on loan in 1976. The transfer was completed that summer.

Exeter signed goalkeeper Vincent O'Keefe from Southern League AP Leamington last summer and he went immediately into the first-team on the opening day of this season.

Exeter have won only one away League game so far, at Chesterfield (1-0) in September. They drew at Peterborough (1-1), Brentford (0-0), Carlisle (1-1), Colchester (2-2), Tranmere (2-2) and Mansfield (1-1). They were beaten at Chester (0-3), Oxford (2-3), Swansea (0-1), Sheffield Wednesday (1-2), Watford (0-1), Plymouth (2-4) and Bury (2-4).

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26 Tottenham Hotspur	H	1 - 3	Collicutt
Sep. 2 Plymouth Argyle	A	0 - 2	
9 Leicester City	H	0 - 1	
16 Birmingham City	A	1 - 1	Hehir
26 Bristol Rovers	A	0 - 0	
Oct. 7 Hereford United	A	0 - 2	
14 Norwich City	A	-0-4	
21 Oxford United	H	2 - 3	Cunningham, Lewis
24 Luton Town	A	1 - 0	Gittigan pen.
Nov. 4 Orient	A	1 - 3	Page
7 Chelsea	H	0 - 1	
11 Ipswich Town	H	0.5	
18 Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 - 3	Page
21 Plymouth Argyle	H	1 - 3	Williams
25 Queens Park Rangers	A	1 - 1	Barry
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9 Bristol City	A	0 - 0	S. Million. And Estation of Principles and Principl
12 Southempton	H	3 - 2	Gilligan 2, Collicutt
20 Cardiff City	A	4 - 3	Rowland 2, Gilligan 2
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24 Norwich City	н	0 - 0	Contract Service
27 Hereford United	H	1-0	Gilchrist
Mar. 3 Oxford United	A	1 - 2	Dornan
24 Fulham	A	4 - 3	Page 2, Abbeley, Trollope
27 Birmingham City	H	0 - 0	THE PARTY OF THE P
31 Queens Park Rangers	H	1 - 6	Henry
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10 Arsenal	H		
14 Southampton	A		
18 Reading	H		
21 West Ham United	A		
24 Cardiff City	H		
28 Bristol City	H		
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DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Saturday March 31

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Gillingham		11		1	29-14	3	9	4	15-17	44	Danny Westwood 14, Ken Price 8
Shrewsbury T	34			0	22-6	6	7		20-24		Paul Maguire 14, Ian Atkins 11
Carlisle U	37		9	1	27-11	4	10	5	16-21	43	Dave Kemp 19, Jim Lumby 7
SWINDON TOWN	33	13	1	3	35-11	5	4	7	20-26	41	Chic Bates 14, Andy Rowland 10*
Southend U	36	9	5	3	28-14	4	9	6	19-22	40	Derrick Parker 9, Gerry Fell 7, Colin Morris 7
Exeter C	34	12	6	2	33-14	1	6	7	15-25	38	Keith Bowker 11, John Sims 8
Blackpool	35	10	4	3	28-10	4	3	11	17-32	35	Tony Kellow 16*, Derek Spence 15
Plymouth A		8		2	26-17	4	4	11	22-33	35	Fred Binney 24, Gary Megson 6
Chester	37	10	7	3	36-17	2	4	11	11-34	35	Ian Edwards 20, Ron Phillips 10
Colchester U	35	9	6	1	23-12	2	7	10	15-30	35	Bobby Gough 15, Steve Foley 6, Trevor Lee 6
Oxford U	35		7	3	21-14	2	7	8	13-26	34	Jason Seacole 10, Peter Foley 9
Hull C	32		6	2	29.11	3	2	10	16-28	32	Keith Edwards 16, Bruce Bannister 13
Rotherham U	32	10	1	6	21-18	3	5	7	14-20	32	Dave Gwyther 14, Trevor Phillips 14
Sheffield Wed	32	5	7	2	14-10	4	7	7	18-25	32	Brian Hornsby 16, Rodger Wyle 14
Brentford	35	10	4	4	27-16	1	5	11	9-23	31	Andy McCulloch 10, Steve Phillips 10
Chesterfield	33	8	5	5	31-27	2	6	7	12-21	31	Rod Fern 13, Phil Walker 8
Bury	33	5		5	26-23	2	9		16-22		Ken Beamish 18*, Dave Gregory 17*
Walsall	36	7	5	6	30-24	3	4	11	18-29	29	Alan Birch 9, Roy McDonough 7
Mansfield T	31		8	2	16-12	2	8		15-23	And the second	Terry Austin 14*, Kevin Bird 5
Peterborough U	34		5	6	18-18	2	5		14-31		Joe Cooke 13*, Barry Butlin 7
Tranmere R	35			4	21-20	0			15-41	La de Carlos	Clive Evans 8, Steve Pelow 7
Lincoln C	33	100	6	5	14-22	1		15			John Fleming 4
											* Includes apple for previous

ACTION REPLAY



Swindon's midfielder Roy Carter (dark shirt) leaps to meet a Town corner kick in their 4-1 win over Tranmere at the County Ground



Swindon striker Andy Rowland (right) scores the Town's first goal of four in the opening minutes against Tranmere at the County Ground. On the left is Alan Mayes, who also scored.

Good evening ladies & gentlemen

Here's hoping for a good result tonight. On Thursday last 29th March we held our free holiday draw for our agents. There were eight free self catering holidays at Pontins Brean Sands Camp for April 21st - 28th. The lucky winners were:

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SATION MILE By Tony Pullein

A remarkable individual effort by John Alexander put Reading back on top of the Fourth Division last week. Alexander scored all four goals in their 4-0 success over Grimsby --and that's more than he had scored in 21/2 years of previous League and Cup football! Alexander joined Reading from Millwall earlier this season and his only previous goal for the club was also a vital one, giving Reading a 1-0 victory over Portsmouth in the second round of the F.A. Cup. In two previous seasons with Millwall, Alexander had scored two goals. Ambitious Cambridge striker Alan Biley hit out at his club for allegedly pricing him out of the market. 'They are asking about £300,000 and it's frightening clubs off," said Biley. "I'm just not worth that sort of money though I do feel I am ready for First Division football." Biley, a former Luton reserve player, is leading the Cambridge scoring list for the third season in succession with 20 goals. Last season, when the club won promotion from the Third Division, he scored 24 after netting 20 the previous season.

Norwich made an offer of £175,000 for him this season and Spurs went up to around the £250,000 mark but Cambridge have steadfastly refused to let him go.

Plymouth's Barry Silkman was still hopeful of making the First Division this season when Manchester City went in with a second bid for his services. A few weeks ago City offered £100,000 but called off the deal when Silkman failed a medical.

Silkman then joined Luton on loan until falling into dispute with the Hatters. He returned to Plymouth and on the eve of last Thursday's transfer deadline, Manchester City made a further bid for him, this time £60,000. Plymouth accepted this and the player was expected to sign.

Silkman was playing in the Southern League for Barnet just over five years ago. He went to Hereford but they gave him a free-transfer in 1976. Crystal Palace signed him and collected £53,000 when he moved to Argyle last season. Plymouth were also poised to make another sale. Steve Perrin, another former Palace

player, was expected to join Gillingham for £30,000, a similar fee to the one paid by Argyle to Palace last season.

Sunderland, whose First Division promotion hopes took a huge knock when top scorer Gary Rowell was injured and ruled out for the remainder of the season. Rowell had scored 22 goals for Sunderland this season and was spearheading their promotion drive.

The Roker club took swift action to try and sign a replacement and Q.P.R. accepted their £250,000 bid for forward Peter Eastoe, the former Swindon player. Eventually Eastoe rejected the move for domestic reasons.

One deal that Sunderland did complete, however, was the transfer of former England leftback Steve Whitworth from Leicester for £150,000.

Walsall defender David Serella achieved an unwanted record when he "scored" for Watford last week. It was his third own-goal of the season and put him level-top of this list with Mike Baxter of Preston, Serella, a former Nottingham Forest player, did have the consolation of also scoring at the right end of Watford, even though Walsall were beaten 1-3. Southend United's re-emergence as promotion contenders, following an unbeaten run of nine games, raises the possibility that, for the first time, three of the Fourth Division's promoted clubs could achieve immediate further promotion, Watford, Swansea and Southend all came up from Division Four last season. Peterborough United, in considerable danger of relegation from the Third Division, had Willie McEwan sent off in the 47th minute of their game at Sheffield Wednesday. He had been booked in the first-half and received the red card for a foul on Dave Grant.

The Posh were holding on at 0-0 at the time of the incident, but finally lost 0-3. Wednesday, who at one time were in a serious position themselves, should keep clear if they can maintain the form that took them through eight games without defeat.

Bristol Rovers' smallest League crowd (5,405) of the season gave their team the slow handclap in the second-half as they continually failed to create chances against lowly Oldham. David Williams even failed to score into an empty net after he had dribbled around goalkeeper Peter McDonnell. The 'keeper recovered splendidly to dive at his feet as he was about to roll the ball home.

Rovers have won only one of their last eight home League games and have been slipping rapidly down the Second Division table.

In spite of Millwall's position close to the bottom of the Second Division, they sportingly agreed to sell top-scorer John Seasman, who was wanted by Norwich and Bolton.

The Lions' manager George Petchey explained:
"He is a top class player and it would be
wrong of us to impede his progress if he is
wanted by a First Division club."



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- 7. I. MILLER
- 8. R. CARTER
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- 10. A. MAYES
- 11. C. KAMARA
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at 7.30 pm



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