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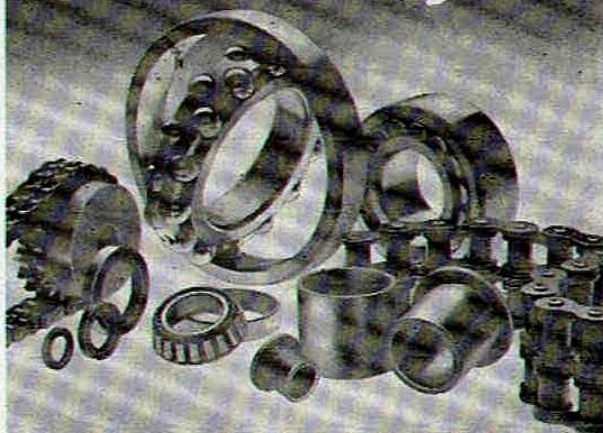
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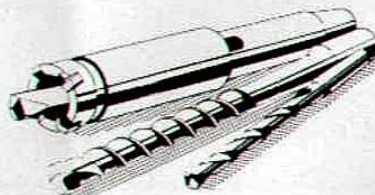


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Come twenty-to-five this afternoon, I hope I will not be in the same position as I was after the last home game.

We had been beaten 2-0 by Brentford and I had to face a crowd of Pressmen outside the dressing rooms and explain what I thought had gone wrong.

I had to be honest and tell them I simply did not know. I had just had a long session with the players, going through the match, and I had to admit I had no explanations and no ideas on what I could do to change the pattern of our form at home. The Brentford defeat meant we had scored none and conceded five goals in three League games here, and failed to win any of our five League and Cup matches here.

Yet away from home we've lost only once in six games—and that at Manchester City in the League Cup a little unluckily—and we've already proved we are a force to be reckoned with in the Third Division.

I think we probably would have won at Colchester last week if Ian Fleming had not been sent off, and on Tuesday we faced one of the best sides in the division so far, in Millwall, and controlled at least half of the game.

So it is very nearly the same story as before as we go into today's match. We've had two good away performances and, on paper at least, there is every reason to suppose we will get a result on our own ground.

A couple of managers—Bill Dodgin of Brentford and Bobby Roberts of Colchester—have expounded their own theories about why we haven't done that so far. They have talked about visiting teams raising their game when they realise they're playing on a top-class ground, and about our players being under pressure from the crowd to do well. I know some of the lads share one view or the other.

For my part I can only plead for your patience once again. I know we're capable of playing as well here as we do away from home and I believe one of these days we will get an early goal and then really bury someone. I hope it will be today.

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The Third



Jon Culley of the Morning Telegraph takes a topical look at the Third Division and a closer look at today's visitors.

THE FOLLY OF PREDICTIONS

Rotherham manager Jim McGuigan had only one thing to say to everyone who quizzed him about promotion prospects as his side topped the Third Division table last week: "We may have made a great start, but we've got two tough away games coming up. Our results there will put our start into perspective".

The matches McGuigan referred to were at Blackpool last Saturday and Carlisle in midweek.

Rotherham lost both, with the result that the top of the table now seems a bit further away.

All that doesn't mean Rotherham's promotion hopes can be written off. It simply goes to prove the folly of making predictions after just half a dozen games.

PROMOTION COMPARISONS

It's interesting to compare Saturday's Third Division table with the positions at the same stage of last season. Watford and Swansea, promoted eventually, were admittedly top and second, but third was Hull, who slipped as low as 20th later on, and fourth was Peterborough—who were relegated!

EARLY PACE SETTERS

Having said that, I concede that Millwall have a "Watford" look about them after the early matches, and could stay at the top all season.

However, Rotherham, Oxford and Grimsby of the first five will not, in my opinion, be involved come next March, and I don't fancy Blackpool that much either.

I would still put my cash on today's visitors Swindon, and last season's fourth club Gillingham (12th a year ago), and I may have to revise my thoughts on our city rivals, United, who have impressed me recently.

FLYING THE FLAG

Finally, I'm sure everyone here will wish our local rivals Chesterfield the best of luck when they carry the Third Division flag against Liverpool in the League Cup at Anfield on Tuesday. Manager Arthur Cox always preaches the simple approach—"The way Liverpool do it"—to his players as they prepare for any match.

This time they'll be able to watch Liverpool's style at close quarters and, win or lose, they're bound to at least pick up a few tips.

... AND TODAY'S VISITORS

Swindon just missed out on promotion to Division Two last season, failing by three points after faltering on the run-in. Subsequently they started this season among the favourites to go up and their opening results suggest they mean business once again.

Their midweek win over Chester gave Bobby Smith's side nine points from seven games and put them on the heels of the leaders.

The area in which Swindon will need to tighten up this season is their vulnerability away from home. They scored the most home wins—17—of all the Third Division teams last time, but lost ten away matches, and ultimately this cost them promotion.

Two of those away defeats came in their last two games when they needed to pick up at least three points. The first was here when goals from Brian Hornsby and Ian Nimmo gave Wednesday a 2-1 win and then Blackpool dealt them a 5-2 thrashing in the last match.

Swindon's two away reverses this season have, incidentally, both been suffered in South Yorkshire—at Bramall Lane on the opening day of the season when United won 2-1, and at Rotherham where the Millers gave them a comprehensive 3-0 beating.



Obviously we hope the trend continues today, but with Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes in goal-scoring form it will be no easy task.

JIMMY ALLAN

Inverness-born Jimmy made his début in 1971 and has since clocked up almost 200 League games, sharing goalkeeping with Chris Ogden last season.

CHRIS OGDEN

Signed from Oldham in August, 1978, and played in 22 of the opening 23 games last season, after 128 League appearances for the Lancashire club.

JOHN TEMPLEMAN

Close-season signing from Exeter, where he missed only two matches last season, full-back John began his career at Brighton, and is on course to complete 500 League appearances before the end of next season.

BILLY TUCKER

Central defender signed from Bobby Smith's former club Bury. Made 135 League appearances for his first club Hereford, and a further 96 at Bury. Replaced Steve Aizlewood, who joined Portsmouth for £45,000 during the summer.

KEN STROUD

Centre-back or midfield player who recorded his 200th League game for Swindon in the final match of last season. London-born Ken made his League début in 1971-72.

ANDY FORD

Minehead-born Andy played in all 46 League matches last season, wearing the No. 3 shirt throughout. Started with Bournemouth, but did not play League football until he joined Southend in 1972, subsequently making 135 appearances. Signed two seasons ago as a replacement for long-serving John Trollope.

RAY McHALE

Sheffield-born midfielder Ray started his career at Chesterfield, and had a spell at Halifax before joining Swindon. One of three ever-presents in the side last term.

IAN MILLER

Perth-born Ian was a favourite with Doncaster Rovers until his flying runs along both wings at Belle Vue caught Swindon's attention in the 1978 close season. Not a regular scorer but provides a fine service for his central strikers.

ROY CARTER

Played his first League football with Hereford in 1975 after signing from Cornish club Falmouth. Joined Swindon in December, 1977, and did not miss a match in midfield last season.

ANDY ROWLAND

Cost £85,000 of the £165,000 Bobby Smith spent on improving his strike-force last season when he moved from Bury in September last year. Scored 14 goal last season after topping Bury's scoring list the previous two campaigns.

ALAN MAYES

Cost £80,000 from Watford in February this year and scored 11 goals in only 21 games at the end of last season, hitting a hat-trick at Rotherham on his début. Had added a further six goals in League and League Cup by last Saturday.

BRIAN WILLIAMS

Midfield player sold by Bobby Smith from Bury to Q.P.R. in 1977 and then bought back for Swindon a year later. Manchester-born Brian will be hoping to complete 200 League games by the end of this season.

CHRIS KAMARA

Middlesbrough-born midfielder Chris is on Swindon's transfer list after two years and over 60 games but that did not stop him scoring the winner when coming on as substitute against Chesterfield last Saturday.

STATISTICS ON SWINDON TOWN

League Record: Division II—1963-65, 1969-74.
Division III—1920-62, 1966-69, 1974-

Longest-serving player: Ken Stroud.

Last season's top scorer: Chic Bates (16).

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BIG JACK SENT OFF

Paul Bradshaw's Testimonial match proved an entertaining evening with the curtain-raiser being a mini-match between Jack Charlton's squad v Paul Bradshaw's squad. Jack's team won 6-2 and it was Jack himself who scored the final goal from the spot before being sent off. Big Jack and Maurice Setters were both wearing number 10 shirts and the ref. gave them marching orders in the last minute.

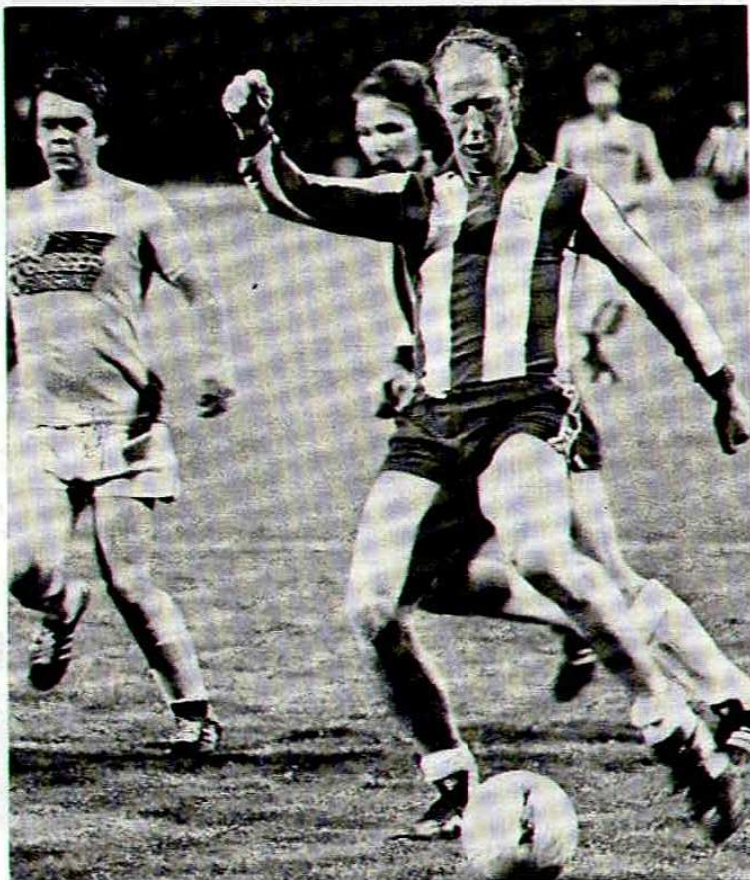
In the main game the Owls beat Leeds 4-2, with goals from a Rodger Wyldie hat-trick and Denis Leman. John Hawley and Gwyn Thomas replied for the visitors.

ROVERS 3 KILMARNOCK 3

Our nursery side, Middlewood Rovers, faced Scottish side Kilmarnock Juniors in a friendly game at the Middlewood Road training ground last Sunday.

The match was well balanced and finished in a 3-3 draw. No goals were forthcoming until after half-time when Pete Moores put Rovers ahead. Moores added another goal before the Scots pulled one back through Billy Muir. Mark Eades restored Rovers two goal lead and then Kilmarnock came back late in the game with a long range effort from Sam McGirvan and an injury-time equaliser from Muir.

The Scottish officials made a presentation to the man of the match after the game, who was Middlewood's captain Simon Mills.



Our pictures show Jack shooting for goal, and (below) Paul with Jack Charlton's Squad. Left to right: Maurice Setters, John Fantham, Peter Springett, Jim McAnearney, Jack Charlton, Keith Bannister, Jack Whitham, Tony Toms, Mick Prendergast, Peter Swan, Rod Belfitt, Albert Broadbent and Len Badger.



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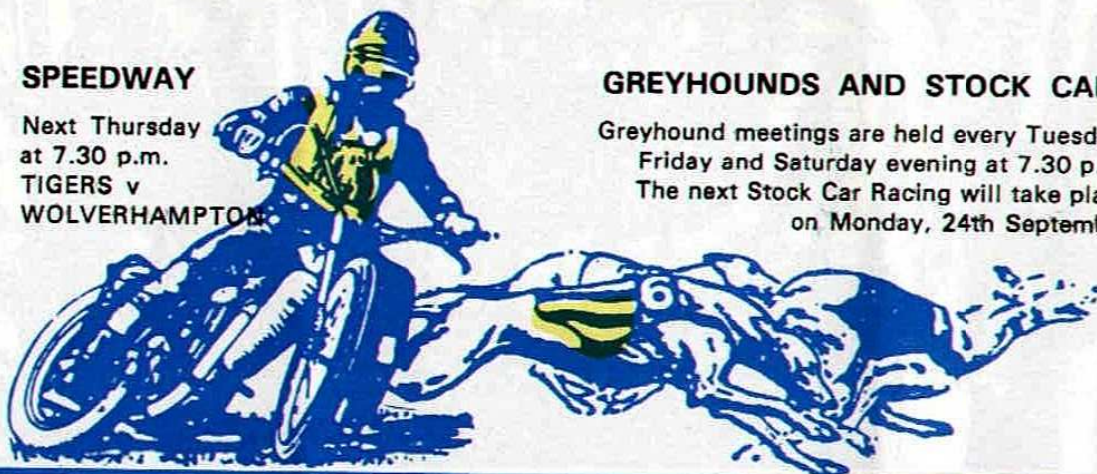
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Brian Cox

Brian Cox could have been excused for feeling nervous when manager Jack Charlton told him he was in the first team to face the "millionaire" line-up of Manchester City in the League Cup. After all, he had seen five goals sail past him in his previous Central League match. A daunting task for an 18-year-old, but Brian took it all in his stride.

"I didn't feel particularly nervous at all", says Brian. "I've always been quite confident in my own ability. I've been a goalkeeper for as long as I have been playing football. There's never been anything else for me, and so I convinced myself that if I just played my natural game everything would be fine". Fine it certainly was. He could not be faulted for the Colin Viljoen goal he conceded at Hillsborough—a swerving free-kick which was over the line before Brian had a chance to see it—and he went on to turn in an impressive display in the second leg at Maine Road.

"That was obviously my biggest game so far, and I really enjoyed it. It was a pleasing personal performance". The City games apart, Brian's most pleasing moment of his first-team spell to date was his penalty save against Brentford two weeks ago.

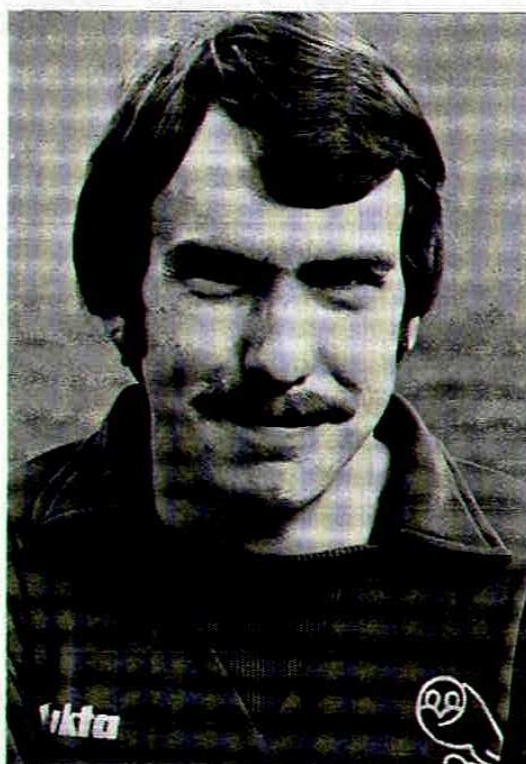
"I decided to dive to the left and I was right", he says. "But the funny thing is I had a word with the lad who took the kick—Steve Phillips—after the game and he told me he usually hits them the other way!"

Brian's first associations with Wednesday were as a 14-year-old when George McCabe spotted him playing Sunday

League football. He started to train at Hillsborough, graduated to the Middlewood Rovers nursery side and signed as an apprentice when he was 16.

Last season was his first as a Central League player, and he had four first-team games in October when Bob Bolder broke his arm and Chris Turner was on loan to Lincoln.

His ambitions? "Just to improve and get on in the game for the moment, but ultimately, of course, to play as an international".



SCORES

A BARNSELY v
MILLWALL
B BLACKPOOL v
BLACKBURN
C CHESTER v
READING
D EXETER v
CARLISLE
E GRIMSBY v
COLCHESTER
F HULL v
GILLINGHAM

G MANSFIELD v
SHEFFIELD UNITED
H OXFORD v
BURY
J ROTHERHAM v
CHESTERFIELD
K WIMBLEDON v
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L DONCASTER v
NEWPORT
M ASTON VILLA v
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Q LIVERPOOL v
NORWICH
R MANCHESTER CITY v
COVENTRY
S TOTTENHAM v
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T WOLVERHAMPTON v
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FACTS & fixtures

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Home fixtures are in bold type

1979

Aug. 11	HULL CITY (LC1—1L)	1-1
14	Hull City (LC1—2L)	2-1
18	Barnsley	3-0
21	HULL CITY	0-0
25	BLACKBURN ROVERS	0-3
28	MAN. CITY (LC2-1L)	1-1

Sept. 1	Plymouth Argyle	3-1
4	Manchester City (LC2-2L)	1-2
8	BRENTFORD	0-2
15	Colchester United	0-0
18	Millwall	3-3
22	SWINDON TOWN	
26	LC3	
29	Chesterfield	

Oct. 2	MILLWALL	
6	MANSFIELD TOWN	
9	Hull City	
13	Rotherham United	
20	OXFORD UNITED	
23	GRIMSBY TOWN	
27	Wimbledon	
31	LC4	

Nov. 3	BARNSELY	
6	Grimsby Town	
10	Blackpool	
17	SOUTHEND UNITED	
24	FAC1	

Dec. 1	Chester	
5	LC5	
8	EXETER CITY	
14	FAC2	
21	Reading	
26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	
29	Carlisle United	

1980

Jan. 1	Gillingham	
5	BURY (FAC3)	
12	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	
16	League Cup SF (1L)	
19	Brentford	
26	Blackburn Rovers (FAC4)	

Feb. 2	COLCHESTER UNITED	
9	Swindon Town	
13	League Cup SF (2L)	
16	CHESTERFIELD (FAC5)	
23	ROTHERHAM UNITED	

Mar. 1	Oxford United	
8	WIMBLEDON (FAC6)	
14	Mansfield Town	
15	League Cup Final	
22	BLACKPOOL	
29	Southend	

Apr. 1	READING	
5	Sheffield United	
7	GILLINGHAM	
12	Bury (SF)	
19	CHESTER	
26	Exeter City	

May 3	CARLISLE UNITED	
10	FA Cup Final	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	7	3	4	0	14	8	10
Swindon	7	4	1	2	13	9	9
Sheffield Utd.	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
Oxford	6	3	2	1	13	5	8
Gillingham	6	3	2	1	10	7	8
Rotherham	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
Grimsby	7	3	2	2	11	9	8
Hull	7	2	4	1	8	7	8
Blackpool	7	4	0	3	14	14	8
Chesterfield	7	3	1	3	13	10	7
Sheffield Wed.	7	2	3	2	9	9	7
Chester	7	2	3	2	11	12	7
Brentford	6	3	1	2	8	9	7
Colchester	7	3	1	3	7	10	7
Blackburn	7	1	4	2	6	5	6
Southend	6	2	2	2	5	6	6
Barnsley	7	3	0	4	4	8	6
Exeter	7	3	0	4	8	15	6
Bury	7	2	1	4	6	6	5
Plymouth	7	2	1	4	9	10	5
Mansfield	7	2	1	4	8	10	5
Carlisle	7	2	1	4	6	8	5
Reading	7	1	3	3	6	12	5
Wimbledon	7	2	0	5	5	11	4

Hull City LC1-1	1-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Curran ¹	King	Fleming ¹	McCulloch	Mellor	Porterfield
Hull City LC1-2	2-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Curran ¹	King	Fleming	McCulloch	Mellor	Porterfield
Barnsley	3-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Curran ¹	King	Fleming	McCulloch	Mellor	Porterfield
Hull City	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Curran	King	Fleming	McCulloch	Mellor	Porterfield
Blackburn	0-3	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Curran	King	Fleming	McCulloch	Mellor	Porterfield
Man. City LC2-1	1-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Mullen	Hornsby	Curran ¹	Porterfield	Fleming	McCulloch	King	Mellor
Plymouth	3-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Mullen	Hornsby	Curran	Porterfield	Fleming	McCulloch	King	Johnson
Man. City LC2-2	1-2	Cox	Blackhall	Mellor	Smith ¹	Mullen	Hornsby	Curran	Porterfield	Fleming	McCulloch	King	Johnson
Brantford	0-2	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Mullen	Hornsby	Curran	Porterfield	Fleming	McCulloch	King	Mellor
Colchester	0-0	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Mullen	Hornsby	Curran	Porterfield	Fleming	Owen	King	Mellor
Millwall	3-3	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith ¹	Mullen	Hornsby ¹	Wylde	Porterfield	McCulloch	Owen ¹	King	Mellor

Fixtures played at Hillsborough appear in **bold type**

Sheffield Wednesday's score is given first

Name in **bold** indicates goalscorer

* indicates substituted player and substitute

FIRST TEAM GOALS & APPEARANCES

including appearances as substitute	
R. Bolder	5
R. Blackhall	11
B. Cox	5
T. Curran	4
I. Fleming	1
D. Grant	1
B. Hornsby	1
J. King	1
A. McCulloch	2
I. Mellor	1
J. Mullen	1
G. Owen	2
M. Pickering	1
I. Porterfield	1
M. Smith	2
R. Wylde	2



Leading scorer: Terry Curran

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	7	5	1	1	14	5	11
Sheffield Wed.	7	4	2	1	13	9	10
Burnley	7	5	0	2	10	8	10
Manchester Utd.	7	3	3	1	18	8	9
Manchester City	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
Coventry	7	4	1	2	18	14	9
Liverpool	6	4	0	2	18	10	8
West Brom.	7	3	2	2	14	9	8
Aston Villa	6	3	2	1	10	5	8
Stoke	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Preston	7	2	3	2	9	11	7
Leeds	7	3	1	3	10	13	7
Newcastle	6	2	2	2	7	5	6
Blackpool	6	3	0	3	9	9	6
Wolves	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
Bolton	6	2	2	2	7	9	5
Huddersfield	8	2	1	5	10	13	5
Nottm. Forest	6	1	2	3	5	10	4
Bury	6	1	2	3	6	13	4
Derby	7	1	1	5	7	15	3
Blackburn	7	1	0	6	8	19	2
Sheffield Utd.	6	1	0	5	9	20	2

HOME & AWAY ATTENDANCES

Home games	
Hull (LC)	9,152
Hull	14,376
Blackburn	14,228
Man. City	24,095
Brentford	11,612
Away games	
Hull (LC)	7,059
Barnsley	22,360
Plymouth	6,208
Man. City	24,074
Colchester	3,473
Millwall	7,500

CENTRAL GOALS & APPEARANCES

R. Bolder	4	G. Owen	1	5
P. Campbell	2	J. Pearson	1	3
B. Cox	3	Paul Shirtliff	—	2
I. Fleming	2	Peter Shirtliff	—	7
J. Johnson	1	B. Stell	—	3
D. Leman	5	M. Sterland	—	3
J. Lowey	6	B. Strutt	—	4
T. Matthewson	2	K. Taylor	—	4
I. Mellor	2	C. Williamson	—	7
J. Mullen	3	R. Wylde	—	4



Leading scorer: John Lowey

PICTURE PAGE



ACTION v BRENTFORD . . . Ian Fleming wins the ball . . .



. . . and Mark Smith hits a shot goalwards after weaving his way through the Brentford defenders in our last home game

The Hillsborough SQUAD

HILLSBOROUGH SQUAD REPORTS

Saturday, 25th August, 1979

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
SCUNTHORPE UNITED 4 WEDNESDAY 1

After looking at one stage to have this game well within their pockets a second half fade-out gave the scoreline a rather unbelievable look. Wednesday had taken the lead early on when Gavin Oliver headed home Phil Campbell's cross and they always looked likely to add to this until the home side's 40th minute equaliser.

A fifteen-minute spell late in the second half in which Scunthorpe hit three goals all as a result of corner kicks put paid to the Owls, the second of which was a very unfortunate own goal.

Team: Sharman, Shirliff (Paul), Chester, Mills, Matthewson, Howard, Bentley, Oliver, Pearson, Jones, Campbell.

Saturday, 1st September, 1979

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY 2 HULL CITY 1

Neither side created any real chances in a very even first half, although Wednesday had the more reason to be pleased, against a more experienced Hull side.

The young Tigers opened the scoring in the 60th minute, but not for very long; the Owls producing a great equaliser. John Pearson ran on to a long clearance from his own goalkeeper, beat off a Hull tackle before coolly lobbing over the advancing 'keeper. Encouraged by this, Wednesday stormed into the attack and the winning goal came from the head of Mick Bentley, who met Paul Shirliff's cross perfectly. Before the teams restarted a Hull player was sent off following an off-the-ball incident.

Newcomers Wayne Lomas and Richard Beaumont could be well pleased with their Wednesday debuts.

Team: Lomas, Howard, Stell, Beaumont, Oliver, Mossman, Mills, Jones, Pearson, Bentley, Shirliff (Paul).

Saturday, 1st September, 1979

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1 WEDNESDAY 3

Wednesday got off to a wonderful start with a goal inside two minutes, a fine opportunist effort by Andy McCulloch who ran on to a diagonal ball from Grant and raced clear to score.

Plymouth lost the services of Uzzell soon afterwards following an unfortunate clash, after which came a series of niggling fouls and a warning from referee Glasson to cool things down.

Wednesday always looked the more positive side and their front three men often looked dangerous whilst the back four looked impressively secure.

Argyle made determined efforts after the break to get back into the game, but overall gave the Owls no undue problems and goalkeeper Cox dealt confidently with anything they had to offer.

Wednesday tightened their grip on the game in the 75th minute when Curran broke clear on the right and squared the ball back to the incoming Ian Porterfield and the skipper made no mistake to score from close range.

Nine minutes later Terry Curran combined with King, McCulloch and Fleming to score Wednesday's third, whilst during injury time Hodges easily the home side's best player, capped a fine display with an excellent goal to make the scoreline a little more respectable.

Team: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Mullen, Hornsby, Curran, Porterfield, Fleming, McCulloch, King.

Saturday, 8th September, 1979

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
WEDNESDAY 0 BRENTFORD 2

The frustrating home form continued with this third successive blank score sheet in League games for the Owls, after a start which promised so much.

A brilliant save in the early minutes by the Bees' goalkeeper Bond from a thunderbolt

Andy McCulloch header was followed by a scare in the Wednesday goalmouth that should have produced a goal.

Bond again distinguished himself, saving well from a Fleming volley and then a near post save thwarted King after the Owls number 11 had showed up well on the right.

On the half-hour, Wednesday's tale of woe at home continued when Brentford went ahead with a goal that had more than a suspicion of offside about it, but the Owls' protests were in vain.

Shortly before the interval a fine run by Curran very nearly produced the equaliser, Fleming just failing to force the ball home. As against Blackburn in the previous home game, the killer goal came in the 51st minute Brentford finding the defence flat-footed to go two up.

This goal demoralised Wednesday and for a long spell they fell away although defenders Grant and Smith did go near.

Inside the last quarter of an hour a good save by Brian Cox from a Phillips penalty saved the Owls further embarrassment.

Team: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Mullen, Hornsby, Curran, Porterfield, Fleming, McCulloch, King. Sub: Mellor.



Gordon Owen, first appearance of the season at Colchester.

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Since the resumption of League soccer in 1946 we have recorded a total of 77 League "doubles"—and one in both the major English cup competitions as well as one in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (now known as the UEFA Cup).

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Away wins do not guarantee "doubles", of course—as struggling Lincoln showed last year against us. But our only away successes in 1977-78 gave us two maximums over Rotherham and Hereford.

In 1971-72 our two away wins secured a four-point success over Orient—thanks largely to Brian Joicey netting five goals out of the six we scored. A year later Brian chipped in with another five to ensure two maximum returns from three away wins.

Way back in 1954-55 we were faced with relegation from the First and could only manage seven home wins and one away—but that solitary win at West Brom. was enough for a "double".

The best year for "doubles" was the promotion year of 1958-59 with eight, and two years later we claimed seven maximums in eight First Division away wins. That year we missed out on a "treble" when Burnley drew 0-0 here in a Cup match, but in the year we reached Wembley we beat Blackburn 2-1 in our two League games and won by the same score in the 6th round tie at Ewood Park.

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Brian Joicey; five goals from him gave us our third post-war "double" over Orient.

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Wednesday, 12th September, 1979

CENTRAL LEAGUE

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 WEDNESDAY 0

Against a well experienced Forest side the Reserves who included six apprentices put up a very creditable performance and maintained their place among the leaders.

The home side had a slight edge in the first half but some good work by Bolder and solid defensive work kept them out although neither team created much in the way of chances.

A bad injury to Trevor Matthewson in the 35th minute did not upset Wednesday and the substitution brought together the Shirtliff brothers. In the second half the deadlock continued although for the first time at this level.

Inside the last ten minutes Wednesday seemed to have strong penalty claims when Owen was brought down, but their appeals were turned down.

Team: Bolder, Strutt, Williamson, Sterland, Shirtliff (Peter), Matthewson, Owen, Mellor, Pearson, Fleming, Campbell. Sub: Shirtliff (Paul).

Saturday, 15th September, 1979

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

COLCHESTER UNITED 0 WEDNESDAY 0

Wednesday got off to a very workmanlike start and the home goal was in danger several times in the opening twenty minutes. Jeff King did get the ball into the net but the jubilant Owls supporters saw the referee disallow the goal. A tremendous shot by Owen from 25 yards was inches wide and the same player, causing problems for the U's defence, came close.

Colchester came more into the game and forced Wednesday 'keeper Cox into a good reaction save and then went near with a well taken free kick. Minutes before half-time Wednesday suffered a terrible blow when striker Ian Fleming was ordered off. The Scot had been booked earlier for what seemed an innocuous foul and could be justified in believing he suffered harsh punishment after being involved in a niggling incident shortly afterwards.

The 10-men Owls facing an uphill battle had a lucky escape in the early stages of the second half when

the ever-dangerous Lee missed a simple chance but midway through the half the coloured striker nearly made amends with a fine shot which hit the bar. Wednesday having weathered the storm showed good response and Owen volleyed extremely well for goalkeeper Walker to save.

Towards the end of the game it was Wednesday, despite their handicap, who were taking the game to Colchester and in the last minute a brilliant save by the home 'keeper robbed Owen of a spectacular goal.

Team: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Mullen, Hornsby, Wylde, Porterfield, Fleming, Owen, King.

Saturday, 15th September, 1979

CENTRAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 3 LEEDS UNITED 2

After a start in which the Owls were generally in control, Leeds enjoyed a purple patch and took the lead in the 15th minute. Ex-Blade Gary Hamson's header squeezed in between Bob Bolder and the post. Wednesday hit back three minutes later when John Lowey ran on to John Pearson's back header to finish in classic style.

An injury to full-back Barrie Stell could have unsettled the home defence but substitute Craig Howard looked comfortable at the back.

Wednesday twice went close to scoring again; first Lowey shot over from a chance created by the Shirtliff brothers and then a shot-cum-centre from Phil Campbell dropped on to the bar. Paul Shirtliff was showing skill on the ball and the Owls midfield looked impressive.

Soon after half-time Jeff Johnson thumped a free kick against the underside of the bar and John Lowey, a constant menace to Leeds, scored from the rebound. A third goal followed when John Pearson intercepted a back pass and rounded the 'keeper to mark his Hillsborough debut. The match seemed won with the Owls two up and well on top, but Leeds threatened when Hamson hit the post. Five minutes from time Hawley crashed in a shot off the 'keeper, but the Owls held out to earn two deserved points.

Team: Bolder, Stell, Strutt, Williamson, Shirtliff (Peter), Shirtliff (Paul), Campbell, Johnson, Lowey, Pearson, Leman. Sub: Howard.



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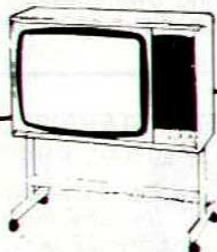
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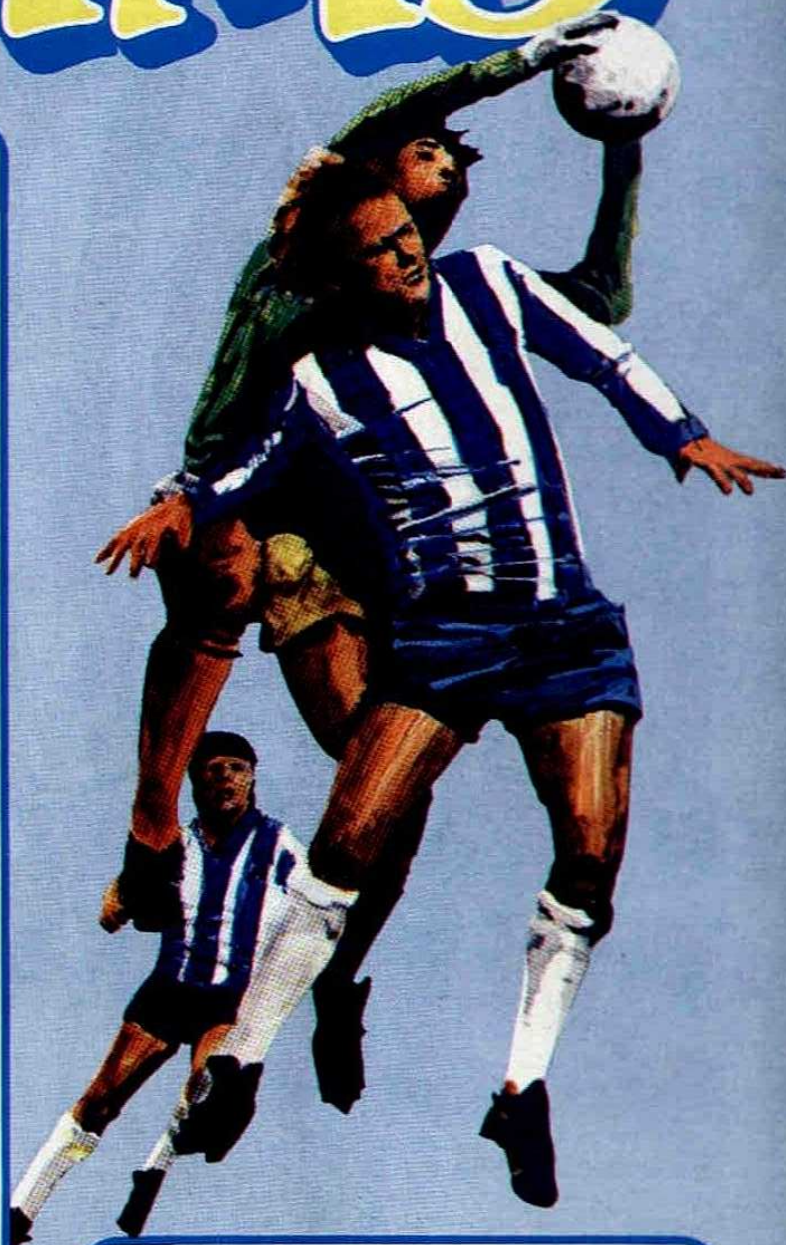
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