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Main picture: Garth Crooks scores City's equaliser at Swansea.

Bottom left: Well Done 'Randy'.

A congratulatory pat on the head from Mike Doyle after Paul Randall had scored City's second goal at Swansea.

Bottom right: "THREE-ONE" as David Coleman would have said. Garth Crooks "clinch" in League Cup Round Two.



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ALAN DURBAN



"Transfer fees will also be a main talking point but I cannot really see any remedy to control them, unless the selling clubs insist on a total fee to be paid immediately."

Swindon Town, our visitors this evening were League Cup winners in 1969. They have had a good start to the season and their side consists of many players with considerable League experience.

MISSED CHANCES

We haven't been able to turn our chances into goals in recent matches and this is something the side needs to restore confidence and League position our general play has merited. We will not, however, underestimate our visitors and we hopefully will have Garth Crooks fit, despite his injury on Saturday.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

This weekend at Coventry, the managers will again be meeting to try and discuss the many problems we have within the game. The proposed new players contract will be discussed and the main issue within the framework is "freedom of speech to the press". Players are to be given freedom of speech in their contracts. Danny Blanchflower wrote recently "No doubt some players will abuse it and think only of their own point of view." Even so we must not be against freedom of speech.

IT IS AN EMOTIONAL GAME

John Bond Norwich manager, was held to have put the "game into disrepute" when he said he could have throttled Brian Kidd after the Everton player's foul on Kevin Bond. Now John would have said the same who ever the players involved were. The fact that Kevin Bond was the Norwich manager's son made no difference, but it did appear as if that could have influenced his after the game remark which got him into trouble with the F.A. It is however rather a more difficult situation immediately after a game to be entirely rational. When the emotional involvement enters into it it is almost impossible. The disappointment of a bad result often dictates statements, but then of course football is an emotional game and these sort of things help to make it the game it is.

TRANSFER FEES

Transfer fees will also be a main talking point but I cannot really see any remedy to control them, unless the selling clubs insist on a total fee to be paid immediately.

Our recent home results have I am sure, disappointed many of you, but we are due a better reward and I am sure that we can regain our best form tonight and progress through to the fourth round.

Thank you for your attendance and may you have an enjoyable evening.

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It is quite probable that the majority of the 100,000 and more people who buy Stoke City Wishbone Lottery Tickets do not realise that behind the Stoke City Promotions Staff who are responsible for the sales and distribution, there are several committees. These committees meet regularly to check on the progress of the lotteries. All these committee members are local men who have volunteered to devote some of their spare time to help Stoke City Football Club in particular. Many of their duties are boring and painstaking, checking figures and checking tickets, signing cheques and returns etc, etc. Last week the various committees (there are five altogether) held their A.G.M.

RECORD HIGH IN CASH PRIZES

Chairman of the Progress Association, David Capper announced on behalf of all the Associations — The Sportsman's, The Development, The Progress, The Improvement and the Stand Association that during the past financial year the sum of £456,179.68 had been given to other sporting organisations in the Stoke-on-Trent area.

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THANKS FROM THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

At their A.G.M. the Vice-Chairman of the Football Club and Commercial Director Mr. Percy Axon thanked the committee for their splendid results and explained that the new Stand and floodlights, in fact all the improvements on the Victoria Ground were being paid for through the donations made by the Associations. Needless to say the committees who had such a successful year were elected to remain in office for a further twelve months.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

I had no idea until last Friday how many listeners Beacon Radio the commercial station for Wolverhampton had in this area. I had been invited to be a studio guest in a phone-in programme on soccer and fund-raising for Football clubs. Since then I have had several telephone calls about the programme. If any junior or senior professional clubs or indeed any sports organisations would care to phone me I will pass on to them advice on fund-raising, which they may have missed on the programme from Beacon. Incidentally hosting the football show was Pat Foley, the Sports Producer at Beacon who once had Geoff Scott under his wing as a player when Pat was managing Warley Borough. It's a small world!

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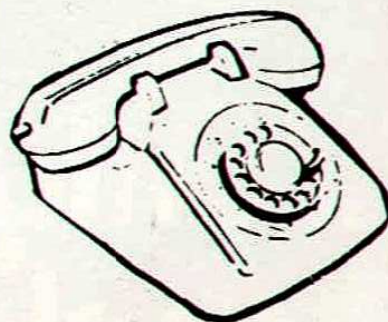
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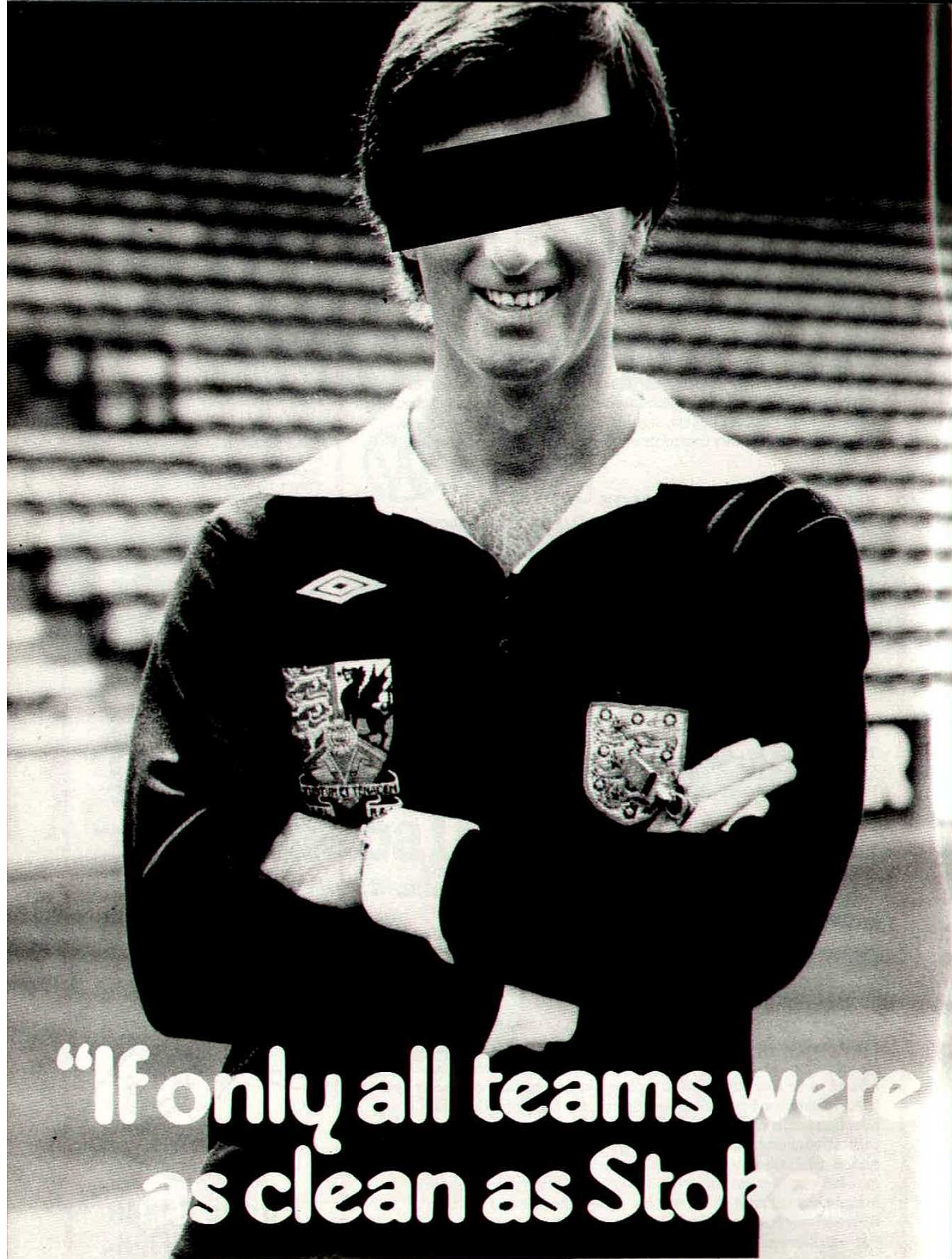
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Good evening and welcome to the Victoria Ground. Our success in the third round enables the visit of Swindon Town tonight. I hope we all see an entertaining game with plenty of goals.

Throughout a season a player is undoubtedly going to receive injuries of some kind or another. The problem of treating injured players, here at Stoke is in the hands of Mike Allen the physiotherapist. Mike has at his disposal everything he could possibly need. Out of the first team after a match Mike usually has to treat on average about four players and there are around forty players on the staff who make up four teams and play probably two games per week Mike treats about sixteen players each week.

In the treatment room there are two pieces of equipment that produce heat which aid the cure of certain injuries, one uses ultra sound and the other deep, short wave diathermy. "The man with the magic sponge", as Mike is often called states that anything that can

be applied cold on the field such as ice cubes are of great use and importance to him and the injured player.

Most people only see Mike running on to the field with his yellow bag, inside the bag there are around thirty different aids, some of which are eyewash, for removing anything from the eye, plasters for cuts and grazes, scissors for cutting things like bandages and pliers for removing studs.

The general health of the staff concerns Mike as well. He makes sure everyone looks after themselves properly by ensuring that players keep their hair reasonably short, clean their teeth well and are generally hygienic. If Mike has any problems he consults Mr. Clubb, who can usually find a cure or advise Mike on what to do. Before a match Mike has all sorts of jobs to attend to, if anyone needs a toe strapped up or a knee bandaged he must do that. Also his bag has to be checked to make sure he doesn't go without anything.

Besides broken bones, a cartilage

injury is probably feared most by the players. If a player does have cartilage trouble it can mean two or three months out of the game. In spite of all the injuries a player may receive during his career it is not normal for him to have a handicap when he "hangs up his boots". Mike, himself has been at Stoke for eight years. He wasn't a professional footballer but he did enjoy playing rugby. His job, is not after all, as many people thought just running on to the field with his yellow bag and "magic" sponge, it is a full time occupation in which he must make sure everything concerning health, within the club is just right.

To round off I must thank Mike for showing me his treatment room and explaining all I wanted to know. I enjoyed it tremendously and hope I have widened your knowledge on this subject.

Finally my prediction (which I hope is better than my previous efforts) is 2-0.

Good luck to the lads!

Junior Reporter — Robert Ryles

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CLUB CALL

LOEK URSEM

Loek Ursem, Stoke City's Dutch Under-21 international joined us in July 1979. He played in Holland for AZ 67 Alkmaar and impressed Alan Durban during the summer International Tournament.

Although still a young man Ursem has played in a UEFA Cup Final. In fact one of his cherished memories is playing against Barcelona in that final. Unfortunately "Luke" as his team mates call him was on the losing side.

He has quickly settled in the Cheadle area with his wife Diane and newly born daughter Dewi. He hasn't tasted much good English food yet, but he tells us he prefers

Chinese and Indian.

In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis and watching Western films, particularly if they feature Clint Eastwood. His favourite actress is Joan Collins (understandably!), and for his music he likes the E.L.O.

His ambition is to play in a full international for the Dutch team and he would also like to meet Queen Juliana. I wonder if she would consent to present the League Cup this season, if she did, who knows, Loek might achieve one of his ambitions to meet Royalty on 15th March 1980.



MILESTONES

PROMOTION FROM DIVISION THREE AT FIRST ATTEMPT

Relegation from Division Two in 1925-26 saw Stoke in the Third Division North for the first, and hopefully the last, time in their distinguished history. In this section Stoke had some strange bedfellows who made unique visits to the Victoria Ground. Ashington (7-0), Nelson (4-1), Durham City (4-0), New Brighton (1-1) and Wigan Borough (2-0) all came and went away pointless except for New Brighton who also produced a scoreline that season which if it were repeated now would give most Boother Enders a restless night or two . . . New Brighton 5 Stoke City 0. Stoke set the pace for the whole season although the above scoreline was not the only shaker. The F.A. Cup first round saw us drawn away to Rhyl. A 1-1 draw was disappointing but worse followed as Rhyl held Stoke to a similar score at the Victoria Ground and a second replay was necessary. In Manchester Stoke were dumped unceremoniously out of the Cup 2-1.

Stoke went into April 1927 at the top of the table but a 4-0 reverse at Rochdale, when Stoke's front line missed many chances, pulled them up smartly in their tracks. Nelson had had a remarkable March and were now within striking distance:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	35	22	5	8	76	54	52
Nelson	34	21	7	6	92	52	48
Rochdale	35	21	9	6	69	57	48

A 1-0 home win v Tranmere followed and as Easter approached it again looked like the holiday games would hold the key. Stoke needed of course to top the table to earn promotion as only one side from the Northern and Southern sections went up. A disappointing 3-1 defeat at Doncaster on Good Friday was hardly the start they sought although a 2-1 win at Durham the next day went some way to redress matters. A goalless draw on Easter Monday in the return fixture against Doncaster Rovers left Stoke with a three point haul from the Easter games.

This meant that they needed four of the remaining six points to ensure promotion as Easter had proved fruitful for Rochdale who were 3 points behind Stoke on 54 points and Nelson a further 3 points back but with a game in hand of both their rivals. So the scene was set for the visit of Accrington Stanley on 23rd April 1927 (this was



BOB McGRORY



HARRY SELLARS

the last time Accrington played Stoke in a League game and they resigned from the Football League in 1962).

Added spice was given to the game as Accrington were fighting a neck and neck battle (which they eventually lost) with Durham City as to who should finish next to the bottom — bottom spot had been Barrow's for a little time. The visitors included ex-Potter Powell at inside left whilst Stoke were able to recall Charlie Wilson to lead their attack.

The full teams were:

STOKE: Dixon, McGrory, Spencer, Sellars, Williamson, Eastwood, Armitage, Davies, Wilson, Eyres, Archibald. ACCRINGTON: Hayes, Ball, Whittaker, Wilson, Curran, Hughes, Slater, Gee, Clarkson, Powell, Martin.

Most of the nation's football followers eyes were on Wembley that day as for the only time in history Cardiff City took the F.A. Cup out of England beating Arsenal 1-0. So only a small crowd of 6/7,000 attended at the Victoria Ground to see a fine display of goalkeeping by Hayes behind a rather physical Accrington defence. Bobby Archibald in particular was singled out for rough treatment and was brought down in the box just before half-time. Len Armitage took the subsequent spot kick but placed his shot straight in the arms of Hayes.

However just after the break Davies put Armitage away down the right. His deliberate cross was saved on the line by Hayes but Eyres the Stoke inside left kicked the ball out of his hands and into the net to put Stoke ahead. The score stayed the same at full time and with Rochdale's 4-1 defeat at Walsall and Nelson's 2-1 defeat at Southport, Stoke were up. Victories 3-1 at Lincoln and 5-1 at home to Halifax gave Stoke a 5 point margin in a season which was not the disaster it might have been.

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FACE TO FACE

Bob Smith, manager of Swindon Town, Face to Face with Chris Florence of BBC Radio Stoke-on-Trent.

"Cup ties are a bonus to us, and sometimes I feel that I want to relax a little more in a cup game," admits Bob Smith, Swindon Town's young manager who'll be making his first return to the Potteries tonight since his spell as manager of Port Vale. But he will still be treating it as a normal cup tie.

"I have few feelings for the area, particularly since coming to Swindon. And I have been too busy planning for the future to think of the past," he says, when questioned about his spell at Vale Park.

Last season — his first with Swindon — he took them within three points and two places of Second Division football.

"We became one of the most consistent sides in the table, and I like to think we have continued the pattern this time. One thing I have noticed this time is that other clubs are more aware of us this time after last year and it's making our task more difficult," he says.

Under Bob Smith, like Bury and Port Vale before them, Swindon are developing a reputation for playing attractive football. "That's the way I like to watch it played, and I'm sure other people like to watch it as well. In the long term it does pay to play football," he says.

He readily agrees that his side's away form has cost them points, both last season and this time. "Saturday's defeat at Sheffield Wednesday was a bad one for us. But I'm sure it'll make us compete all the more tonight. We're certainly looking for a result, and we have the

experience to help us against a First Division side," he says.

He predicts that tonight's match will be a hard game. "We're proud to have reached the Third Round and know that a good result for us can only do us good," he adds.

Bob Smith has a thoroughly professional approach to the game, as many local followers will remember from his days at Vale Park. But he may still be allowing himself that little relaxation tonight — win or lose by ten minutes past nine.

Chris Florence



FAMOUS VISITOR

ALAN MAYES

Goalscorers are popular wherever they go and Alan has become a most popular member of the Swindon side since last December, recapturing the form of his early Watford days.

A Londoner by birth, he was an apprentice with Q.P.R. in the early seventies, but it wasn't until after joining Watford that he made his League debut in November 1974. He got one of the goals in a 3-2 win over Port Vale in Division Three, but in a struggling team that was on its way down to Division Four he met with limited success for the rest of the season. He did, however, have a useful spell on loan to Northampton that brought him four

goals in mid-season.

1975-76 also saw him in and out of the team in Division Four, but then came a transformation with the arrival of GRAHAM TAYLOR as manager. Alan scored steadily throughout the season and had a tally of 17 goals to his credit by the end, on several occasions being preferred to Ross Jenkins, who since then has been such a prolific scorer.

He got 16 more in 1977-78 as Watford sailed to promotion, including his first hat-trick in a 4-0 win at York in January. Last season, however, the rapid development of Luther Blissett left Alan on the edge of the team and the chance of a regular first team place at Swindon was too good to refuse,

particularly as they too were in the promotion hunt.

Alan made a sensational start with a hat-trick in his first game at Rotherham and when he shared in a 2-0 win over Watford in April it seemed both his former and his new club would be going up. Unfortunately though he took his goal tally to 11 by the end of the season Swindon had a few disappointing results in the last few weeks and stayed down in Division Three.

Undismayed, Alan has scored six goals this season up to the time of writing, including both goals in the 2-1 second round League Cup win over Chester.

His tally of over 50 goals in just over 150 games is a remarkable record for such a diminutive player who can operate on the flanks or down the centre and trouble most defenders even those who physically tower over him.

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Swindon joined Division Three (South) as founder-members in 1921 and stayed there throughout its existence until 1958. Then after being allocated to the new Division Three they won promotion in both 1963 and 1969, having spells of two seasons and five seasons respectively in the Second Division.

When going up in 1969 they had also created a sensation by winning the League Cup after a thrilling win in extra time over Arsenal at Wembley. A year later they were not far off Division One when finishing in fifth place and just for good measure they also won the Anglo-Italian Cup that season.

Since being relegated in 1974 they have twice narrowly missed promotion and once just avoided relegation to Division Four for the first time in 1975-76. Last season they rose from being a useful mid-table team to promotion aspirants and in the event it was the occasional tendency to fall heavily on opponents' grounds that cost them dearly. They went down 4-1 at Walsall in September, 5-3 at Southend in March and 5-2 at Blackpool in May. Considering that they were only three points short at the end the vital nature of these games can be seen.

Yet at one stage they won three and drew one of four successive away matches and they were one of

the few teams to take three points from promotion-winning Swansea.

HERE TODAY

Managed over the past two seasons by BOB SMITH, formerly with Bury and Port Vale, Swindon are starting slowly this season, with an average of a point a game in their opening League games. They have, however, beaten Portsmouth and Chester in the League Cup. This was incidentally, the second season in succession in which they have beaten Pompey in the first round and last season they went on to put out Second Division West Ham at Upton Park.

Last season's signings, ALAN MAYES from Watford and ANDY ROWLAND from Bury have scored most of the goals so far with young defender RUSSELL LEWIS also chipping in with the first League goal of his career. Russell is likely to be on the opposite flank from new signing JOHN TEMPLEMAN (ex-Exeter and Brighton) today with BILLY TUCKER (ex-Hereford and Bury), another new man in the centre with long-serving KENNY STROUD.

In goal JIMMY ALLAN has now played in over 200 League and Cup games while in midfield BRIAN WILLIAMS came from QPR last season after previous experience with Bury, RAY McHALE is in his fourth season after previous service with Chesterfield and Halifax and ROY CARTER came from Hereford two years ago. Completing the likely line-up IAN MILLER did well last season linking midfield and attack after previous service with Bury, Nottingham Forest and Doncaster.



Back row (left to right): Wilf Tranter (Coach), Brian Williams, Kenny Stroud, Russell Lewis, John Templeman, Jimmy Allan, Kevin Roberts, Chris Ogden, Andy Ford, Billy Tucker, Chris Kamara, Roy Carter, Bob Smith (Manager).
Front row: Bryan Hamilton, Paul Gilchrist, Chic Bates, Ray McHale (Captain), Ian Miller, Alan Mayes, Andy Rowland.

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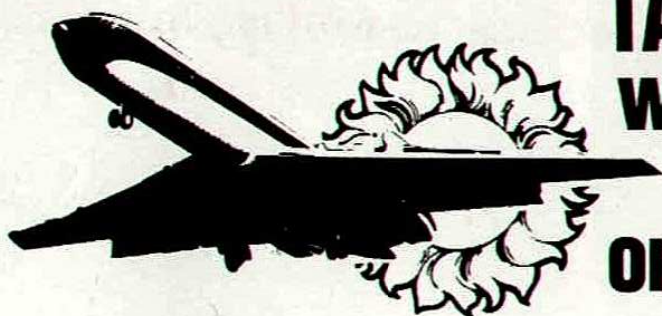
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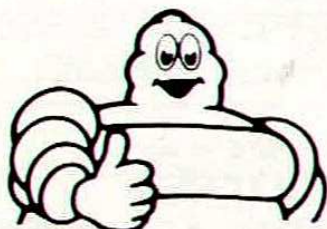
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SWEEPER SYSTEM

Alan Dodd was given a new role in the reserves last week — the key man in a sweeper system.

In effect Dodd's role is to play free behind the back line which gives him scope to come through with the ball. Reserve coach Wally Gould explains: "This is something we have been trying out in the reserves in a number of matches. Paul Johnson usually does the job but it depends on the type of line-up that the opposition play.

"These days many teams play with only two or three front runners so we just leave three at the back and play a sweeper to give us more scope in midfield."

The sweeper system that was perfected by Franz Beckenbauer with West Germany at international level enables defenders to move upfield when in possession knowing that they still have a player behind to cover.

The system has not filtered through into Stoke's first team yet but Alan Durban played in the role for the "A" team last Saturday before being forced to come off through injury.

Manager Durban's decision to come off early in the second half allowed David Cunningham, a young traillist from Worksop, to take over the sweeper role and he showed up quite well once coming right through only to shoot over against an experienced Shrewsbury side. The Stoke boss volunteered to turn out at Lilleshall Road to off-set a casualty list in the junior ranks after a number of youngsters had been the victims of a stomach bug that has gone around the dressing room fortunately by-passing the first team squad with the exception of

Ray Evans and Brendan O'Callaghan. Big Bren managed to shrug off the effects in time for Saturday's League game but admitted: "It seemed like gastric flu."

Brendan is likely to have a long chat with Swindon winger Ian Miller after tonight's game for the pair were firm friends at the start of their careers with Doncaster Rovers before moving on in different directions.

TWISTS OF FATE

Football has a strange way of providing twists of fate. Last May, Notts County goalkeeper Eric McManus must have envied the Stoke players as they celebrated their promotion triumph in their final game at Meadow Lane.

Now just a few months later Eric finds himself training with the Stoke team while the clubs get down to transfer details. If McManus does find himself on the Stoke team sheet shortly it will be an unexpected boost for a keeper who was rated as one of the best in the Second Division last season.

LOCAL SIGNING

Latest in the line of recent local signings at youth level is Martin Hanchard, a defender with Sixth Form College at Fenton who at 16 has already had experience of Soccer on the Continent. Martin, whose mother is German and his father a language lecturer, has been playing in Germany before coming back to the Potteries.

COLONY IN CHEADLE

The player colony around Cheadle is growing. Already Viv Busby and Lock Ursem are based in the area and now Ray Evans has decided on a house on the same estate as Ursem in Cheadle. Ray says: "I hope my wife likes my choice. She has not been to see it yet. But both of us like the area already and I am sure we will settle down. We have had four different houses in London so both of us are used to moving around."

RESERVES AND JUNIORS

By Wally Gould

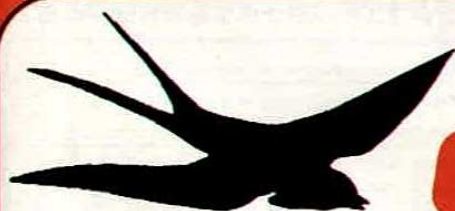
Although we were beaten by Blackpool away by 4 goals to 2 on 8th September, I was not to despondent as we played some good football throughout the game and never stopped trying to get on level terms, but we must stop giving silly goals away. Chapman and Dodd were our scorers.

Well we were certainly back to something like our best against Sheffield United last Saturday when we won 3-1 with Jeff Cook scoring one and Lee Chapman two. The scoreline could have been much bigger with the chances we created but it was a good result with the back four alert and ruthless and I am sure that if this becomes a habit then we can climb back up the ladder.

Against Blackburn Rovers, we found Howard Kendall's lads difficult to break down. But continual pressure brought its reward when Jim McGroarty coming on as substitute scored our winning goal from a good run and cross from Paul Randall.



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STATISTICS



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LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 1979-80														CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1979-80																	
ATT	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12																		
23,153	3-2	Jones	Evans	Scott	Irvine	Smith	Doyle	Busby ¹	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks ²	Ursem +	Richardson	Aug. 18	Sheffield Wednesday	F	A														
26,147	0-1	Fox	Evans	Scott	Irvine	Smith	Doyle	Busby	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks	Richardson	—	Aug. 22	Coventry City	0	3														
22,832	3-1	Jones	Evans	Scott	Irvine	Smith	Doyle	Busby	Heath	O'Callaghan ¹	Crooks ²	Ursem	Richardson	Aug. 27	Tottenham Hotspur	3	4														
18,477	1-1	Jones	Evans	Scott	Irvine +	Smith ¹	Doyle	Busby	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks	Ursem	Richardson	Aug. 27	Swansea LC 2 (1L)	2	0														
17,539	1-3	Jones	Richardson	Scott	Irvine +	Smith	Doyle	Randall ¹	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks ²	Richardson	Busby	Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	0	0														
20,039	3-1	Jones	Dodd	Scott	Irvine	Smith	Doyle	Randall ¹	Heath	O'Callaghan ¹	Crooks	Richardson	Busby	Sept. 8	Blackpool	2	4														
23,460	2-3	Jones	Evans	Scott	Irvine* +	Smith ¹	Doyle	Randall	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks	Richardson	—	Sept. 15	Sheffield United	3	1														
16,662	0-0	Jones	Evans	Scott	Irvine	Smith	Doyle	Dodd	Heath	O'Callaghan	Crooks	Richardson	—	Sept. 18	Blackburn Rovers	1	0														
19,225	1-2	Fox	Evans	Scott	Irvine	Smith ¹	Doyle	Busby	Richardson	O'Callaghan	Crooks +	Ursem	Dodd	Sept. 22	Everton	3	3														
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DIV. ONE STATISTICS 1979-80													
Best Goals: 54,308 Man. Utd. v Derby — 15-9-79 53,393 Man. Utd. v W.B.A. — 22-8-79													
Lowest Goals: 14,714 Bolton v South'ron — 25-8-79 15,353 Coventry v Bolton — 15-9-79													
Highest Home Win Southampton 5 Spurs 2 — 15-9-79													
Highest Away Win W.B.A 1 North'm Forest 5 — 1-9-79													
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DIV. ONE HOT SHOTS 1979-80 (Including League Cup)													
SUNDERLAND, Arsenal CROOKS, Stoke City HODDLE, Spurs BOYER, Southampton FLANAGAN, Crystal Palace JOHNSON, Liverpool KIDD, Everton STAPLETON, Arsenal													

FIRST DIVISION ATTENDANCE AVERAGES													
Average													
Best													
Manchester United													
Liverpool													
Arsenal													
Manchester City													
Tottenham													
Leeds United													
Everton													
Aston Villa													
Crystal Palace													
Wolverhampton													
Nottingham Forest													
Brighton													
West Bromwich Albion													
Middlesbrough													
Stoke City													
Southampton													
Bristol City													
Ipswich Town													
Derby County													
Bolton Wanderers													
Norwich City													
Coventry City													

FIRST DIVISION ATTENDANCE AVERAGES

	Best	Average
Manchester United	54,308	52,905(3)
Liverpool	48,021	44,492(4)
Arsenal	44,371	35,986(3)
Manchester City	40,681	35,256(4)
Tottenham	34,107	32,141(4)
Leeds United	39,779	30,269(3)
Everton	31,807	29,206(3)
Aston Villa	34,859	29,116(4)
Crystal Palace	31,756	28,347(3)
Wolverhampton	35,954	27,519(3)
Nottingham Forest	26,914	25,362(3)
Brighton	28,604	24,825(4)
West Bromwich Albion	26,026	24,249(3)
Middlesbrough	24,521	22,699(3)
Stoke City	23,460	22,175(4)
Southampton	22,573	21,914(

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THE TEAMS



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RAY EVANS	2	ROY CARTER	
ALAN DODD	3	JOHN TEMPLEMAN	
SAMMY IRVINE	4	RAY McHALE	
DENIS SMITH	5	BILLY TUCKER	
MIKE DOYLE	6	KENNY STROUD	
VIV BUSBY	7	IAN MILLER	
ADRIAN HEATH	8	CHRIS KAMARA	
BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN	9	ANDY ROWLAND	
GARTH CROOKS	10	ALAN MAYES	
PAUL RICHARDSON	11	BRIAN WILLIAMS	
	12		

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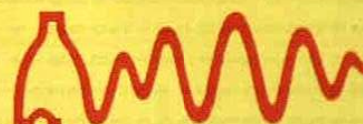
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