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Bob Smith says.....

Things at the moment are going quite well.
We picked up a valuable point last week at
Gillingham in a hard fought game. Points like
these are going to be invaluable at the end of the
season and if we had picked up more of these
kind of points last season it is more than likely
that we would have gained promotion.

This week saw the signing of Glenn Cockerill from Lincoln City. Glenn is a player I first saw last season and he possesses a lot of the qualities I look for in a player and at twenty years of age, I feel he will only get better and looks to have a tremendous future in the game. His first priority though will be to gain a place in Swindon Towns first team.

The highlight of the week was the magnificent performance by the team against Arsenal and I am sure, on your behalf and on behalf of all the club, I would like to thank the players concerned for the performance they gave which I am sure made every Swindon supporter very proud of what they saw on the pitch. But we now must concentrate however hard, on the League which is our priority and will always remain so.

Today sees Bury my old club here at Swindon. They have picked up some good results lately, but the two points today are very important to our progress up the League table.

In conclusion I would like to give a very big thank you to all of you who travelled to the Arsenal on Tuesday last and gave the team such a magnificent backing, it realy was a wonderful performance and I hope that it will be repeated today and on Tuesday evening next.



GOING TO MILLWALL?

Leave by M4 to London, After Chiswick Flyover follow signs Central London A4. In 1.2m at rbt take 2nd exit. In 1m take right hand lanes into Hammersmith Flyover. In 1.2m take r/h lane then turn rt. A3220 SP Westminster, Earls Court Stn Underground - In 1m turn It, for Cheyne Walk, (Thames Embankment) to Vauxhall Bridge and cross. Keep It. (SP Kennington, Folkestone) then under rly bridge and keep fwd. one way. Then take 1st tng, right and at end take left for Oval Sta. Over X rds. then forward Camberwell Green, Over X rds, Peckam, In 0,7m t, Ift, (one way). 0.2 farther cross main road into Avenley Rd. Take 3rd tng, rt, into Edric Rd, At end tn. rt, then Ift, into Cold Blow Lane. Millwall F.C. on left.

TOWN THROUGH TIME— Goalkeepers-part eleven

Having slipped back into the Third Division from whence they had come only two years previously Swindon now had a new man at the helm in Danny Williams. One of his first acquisitions was a keeper who Sheffield United had coveted for some time. But that club having failed to meet the price asked by Halifax Town, Danny stepped in to clinch the deal. Just forty-eight hours before the 1965-66 campaign was under way, he got his man by trading in a striker Bill Atkins with a nominal cash adjustment in favour of the Shay club, Thus PETER DOWNSBOROUGH, who in just 120 minutes was to carve himself a small slice of Swindon's football history, became a Town player. Peter was a convert from the rugby code, captaining his school side, but having taken to association rules he only became a goalkeeper by accident - standing in for an injured colleague. Signing amateur forms for Halifax during 1959-60, he was quickly given his League chance and he turned professional in September 1960. At the County Ground he was to join Norman Oakley (who never played for the Town again after breaking a leg in October 1965) and TONY HICKS. It was Hicks who enjoyed most of Swindon's F.A. Cup progress to the Fifth Round in 1967, Peter Downsborough having taken an enforced rest with cartilage trouble in the December. Just seven days after the Town's cup exit at Villa Park, Peter returned and Tony Hicks - suffering with a weight problem - retired in favour of the lesser demands of local soccer. A hurried replacement was therefore sought when Downsborough was ruled out for four games after a tenth-minute shoulder injury at Barrow early in September 1967. Stan Harland proved a more than competent emergency keeper that night, allowing the Holker Street side just one goal - which the Town cancelled out in the last minute of the game. Corporal ROY JONES, stationed at R.A.F. Brize Norton, was called up while Downsborough was indisposed - but he did not see too much action after a fifteen-match spell in the spring of 1968. Town's League and Cup commitments during the 68-69 and 69-70 seasons totalled 109 games and Peter Downsborough was there between the posts on every occasion. Promotion year commenced without a goal being conceded for 568 minutes - then Bournemouth's Ray Burnstead scored in a 2-0 reverse at Dean Court on September 18. A further month had passed when Torquay winger Alan Welsh netted the first League goal against Swindon at the County Ground. Downsborough kept seventeen 'clean sheets' here and was beaten just seven times in the twenty-three games. He was the unsung hero behind the Wembley victory



by Paul Plowman

when, after taking an interval lead, Swindon were pegged back into their own half for long periods. Corner after corner was swung in to threaten his domain but Peter responded to each and every one - and his lightning reaction to a full-blooded Jon Sammels drive was quite world-class. He made perhaps just one error of judgement all afternoon which resulted in an equalising goal for Bobby Gould, but it merely served to bring out the best of the Town in extra-time. The fruits of victory that day were many - but the European 'prize' eventually materialised as the muchmaligned and trouble-torn Anglo-Italian competition in May 1970. Although Downsborough went to Rome for the League Cup Winners Cup, he played no part in further continental proceedings - Roy Jones celebrating the ultimate victory in Naples. Oxford keeper Mick Kearns joined the Town party for the trip but was never utilised. Until a young Scot by the name of JIMMY ALLAN came on to the scene in September 1971, Jones was the lone challenger for Downsborough's shirt. Jimmy was first given a lengthy spell in the Second Division when Peter fell foul of new manager Les Allen on his first day of office in November 1972. Consequently, when the 73-74 season arrived, Allen purchased Queen's Park Rangers' ALAN SPRATLEY at £12,000 - and Downsborough was loaned out to Third Division Brighton, His connection with the Town was finally severed on January 9 1974 when he signed for Bradford City after assisting them on another loan basis. To be continued.



PETER DOWNSBOROUGH



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TALK OF THE TOWN by the Chairman

We welcome to the County Ground today the players and officials of Bury Football Club after a very hectic fortnight of League and Cup Tie fixtures and an entry into the transfer market.

Many people will ask the question I am sure of why we have signed a mid field player when we are seen to be so strong in this department and the simple answer to this is that we as a club are looking ahead to the future. Our manager has signed a young player with a bright future forecast for him and we are hoping that this future will be with us.

Before the question is raised that we need cover for our back four in case of injuries etc I would like to say that this latest signing will not affect Bob's search in this direction.

Our game with Gillingham on Saturday last produced a very valuable away point and I know that our supporters were viewing this fixture with some apprehension but although the atmosphere was somewhat tense at least for the viewers the game was fought hard and fair. We were pleased to avoid any injuries with the impending cup tie with the Arsenal so close.

Having sold nearly two and a half thousand seat tickets for the game at Highbury we know that our vocal support on Tuesday was going to be heard and it certainly was. The support by the many thousand who travelled to the Arsenal was tremendous and it encouraged the players on to a fantastic performance culminating in a one all draw, bringing the Gunners to the County Ground next Tuesday. Thank you all for travelling.

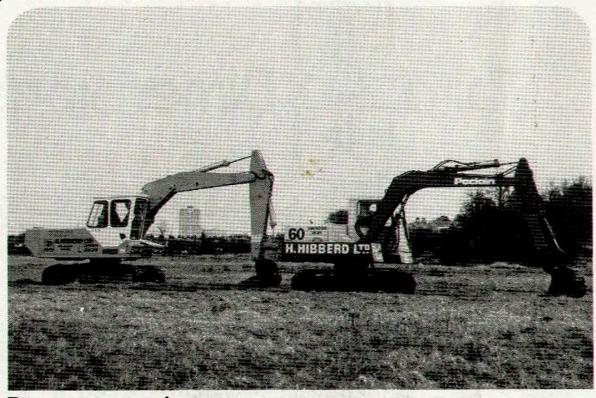
A subject very much in the news recently is the problem of transfer fee prices between the contingent and ourselves caused by a low ceiling on prices set by them when signing football league players. This problem is going to directly affect only one or two clubs in the near future and I cannot see a flood of players leaving the country in this way for several reasons. Firstly the regulations of foreign teams will not allow free exchange of players without a control which safeguards their own interests. Secondly the language problem, the domestic side of life for players' families, a new form a education for their children will all throw up difficulties which will ultimately control the flow but at the moment it seems that the main cause of concern is the loss financially to English clubs. Surely it is time that a ceiling should be set for our own transfer deals. A suggestion that any transfer fee should be paid in full on the completion of the signing would obviously put paid to the high fees but the movement of players from club to club has always been the life blood of our football clubs.

Over the last hundred years of our history as each new season commenced, supporters everywhere have renewed their interest when introduced to new faces but new faces are not introduced primarily for this purpose as managers seek to strengthen their squads in their quest for success. Every club needs success to survive and obviously the more success that comes the more income there is to speculate further. Support all over the country has dwindled except for the few top clubs and yet wages and expenses have exploded out of all proportions but what could have been an end to the life of professional football as we have known over the years had a reprieve through an income which only a few years ago had never been dreamed of and of course this was through the hard work and foresight of our commercial managers who developed the Lottery schemes, who encouraged every avenue that could produce a revenue to keep the clubs in business.

The one great difference between football business and commercial business is that one looks for a profit and the other looks for an existence. With so much pleasure which millions of people enjoy being involved in clubs from one end of the country to the other is it little wonder that at the slightest sign of any disruption to this pleasure we should take every precaution to protect our interests.

Our recent signing, Glenn Cockerill who is twenty years old, and not twenty one as some newspapers reported, has a decided advantage over many young players in as much as his father is a former professional player and Danny Williams says that he was a very dedicated good professional and if Danny says that, then that is a recommendation indeed and Glenn has obviously had a good grooming. We wish him luck and a happy stay with us.

Since my last programme notes, John Trollope's youngsters have beaten Peterborough 3 - 1 at home and lost to Reading 1 - 0 away. John is very pleased with the progress of his young signings so far but realises that results of his labour will not be seen for a season or two. Some of John's most promising signings are still attending school and so it is obvious that it will be two to three years before any of these lads can be expected to shine but those of you who do see our Reserve team will be the first to see the fruits of John's labours.



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Colchester's Trevor Lee put his side on the way to an impressive win against his old colleagues at the Den with a goal after just eight minutes on Saturday. Steve Foley added a second twenty minutes later to give United their sixth away League victory - a figure equalled by only two of the other 91 clubs.

Southend's Graham Franklin scored his first-ever League goal just three minutes before time to give struggling United a 2-1 win at Barnsley. Earlier Derrick Parker had cancelled out a 40th-minute Allan Clarke goal for the Oakwell side.

Plymouth slumped to their tenth away defeat in eleven games when Sheffield United's Jeff Bourne converted a late penalty at Bramall Lane. Twice the home side were pegged back after taking the lead - Kevin Hodges replied to a Mick Speight header and then Colin Randell levelled following an Alex Sabella solo effort. Bourne's spot kick came with just two minutes to go after he had been brought down by Brian Bason.

Another late goal gave Blackburn a point against

Reading at Elm Park. Rovers had trailed from the

Exeter surrendered a home point to Rotherham two minutes from the end when City keeper Ian Main missed a cross and Jimmy Giles put the ball into his own net. Former Oxford defender Peter Hatch had earlier put them ahead with a thirty-yard volley.

Oxford United, who went down 0-1 at home to Grimsby, have not scored a goal of any description for over a month. Matchwinner Kevin Kilmore got his sixth goal since joining the Mariners.

After such a dismal post-war record of eleven consecutive defeats at Priestfield, Swindon are now unbeaten there in their last four visits.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Saturday December 1 1979

	3	Home				Away			Avge Home		
	PW	D	L	F-A	-A W	D	L	F-A	Pts.	Lge Gate	TOP GOALSCORERS (incl. Cup)
Sheffield U	21 8	0	3	23-11	5	1	4	17-17	27	15,958	Jeff Bourne 9, Mick Speight 6
Colchester U.	21 5	4	1	19- 9	6	1	4	13-16	27	3,631	Trevor Lee 11, Bobby Gough 10
Millwall	21 8	4.5	1	24-11	2	4	4			6,136	Nick Chatterton 7, John Lyons 7
SWINDON TOWN	20 8	2	0	20- 5	2	2	6	9-18	24	7,472	ALAN MAYES 14, ANDY ROWLAND 12
Sheffield W	21 4	3	3	12-11	4	5	2	21-17	24	13,783	Terry Curran 10, Rodger Wylde 7
Brentford	20 6	1	2	15-8	4	3	4	16-18	24	8,412	Jim McNichol 7, Dean Smith 6
Chester	20 5	4	1	14- 9	3	3	4	12-15	23	3,887	Peter Henderson 7, Ian Rush 5
Grimsby T.	21 7	1	2	18-10	3	2	6	6-14	23	7,846	Bob Cumming 10
Rotherham U	21 7	0	3	22-11	3	2	6	13-21	22	7,898	Richard Finney 11, Dave Gwyther 10
Gillingham	20 5	4	2	14-8	3	2	4	10-13	22	6,936	Ken Price 12, Danny Westwood 5
Reading	20 7	3	1	20-10	1	3	5	6-20	22	6,750	Pat Earles 10, Mike Kearney 8
Chesterfield	21 6	4	0	22- 6	1	3	7	9-18	21	6,436	Ernie Moss 11, Alan Birch 10
Barnsley	21 5	3	3	14-12	3	2	5	9-13	21	12,161	Ronnie Glavin 14, Mike Lester 6*
Carlisle U	21 6	4	1	21-10	2	0	8	8-19	20	4,630	Paul Bannon 11, Gordon Staniforth 9**
Oxford U	20 5	2	4	17-10	1	5	3	10-15	19	4,614	Paul Berry 7, Peter Foley 6
Blackburn R.	21 4	3	3	10-8	2	4	5	9-12	19	7,010	Andy Crawford 6†
Hull C	21 3	6	2	14-13	1	5	4	8-13	19	6,316	Keith Edwards 6
Mansfield T.	21 6	3	2	20-12	0	3	7	6-14	18	5,097	Terry Austin 14, Steve Taylor 8
Blackpool	21 5	2	3	21-17	1	4	6	11-21	18	6,676	Stan McEwan 10, Tony Kellow 7
Exeter C.	21 5	3	3	12-10	1	3	6	12-25	18	3,541	Keith Bowker 11, Steve Neville 9
Southend U	20 4	1	4	11- 9	2	3	6	8-18	16	4,452	Colin Morris 7
Bury	21 5	3	3	18-10	1	0	9	6-17	15	3,756	Steve Johnson 5, Craig Madden 5
Plymouth A	21 5	3	2	17-10	0	1	10	10-25	14	5,360	Dave Kemp 10+, Mike Trusson 6
Wimbledon	20 2	3	4	13-14	2	3	6	7-18	14	3,932	John Leslie 12, Steve Parsons 8

^{*} Includes 1 for Grimsby

^{**} Includes 4 for York

[†] Includes 1 for Derby

⁺ Includes 1 for Carlisle

From the Commercial Office

GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Having to write these notes before the Arsenal Match I am sure that the team gave a good account of themselves.

Our Christmas Draw will take place in the Rendezvous Club on 19th December. There are just a few tickets left to sell. If you would like to purchase one call at the Pools or Lottery Office after todays match. £1,000 in prizes is what's at stake.

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raising competitions that are run by Swindon Town F.C. Must be a car owner. No previous experience needed but would be an advantage. Good personality and an interest in Swindon Town F.C. essential. Apply in WRITING ONLY to The Commercial Manager, Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, Swindon, Wilts.

As this could be the last home game before Christmas I would like to wish you all who have supported us by buying or selling our tickets, A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

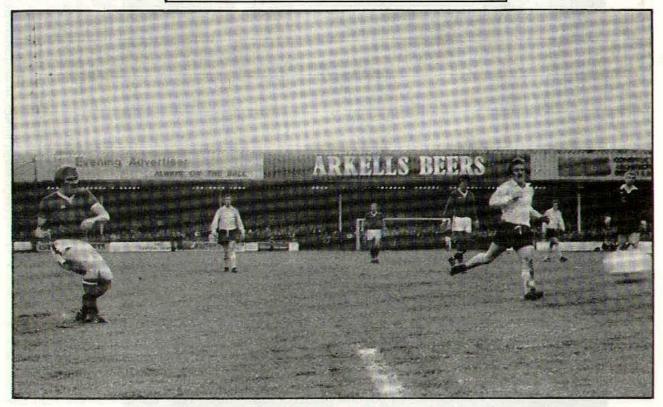
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Next Match

Tuesday Next, 11th December Football League Cup Competition Round Five Replay

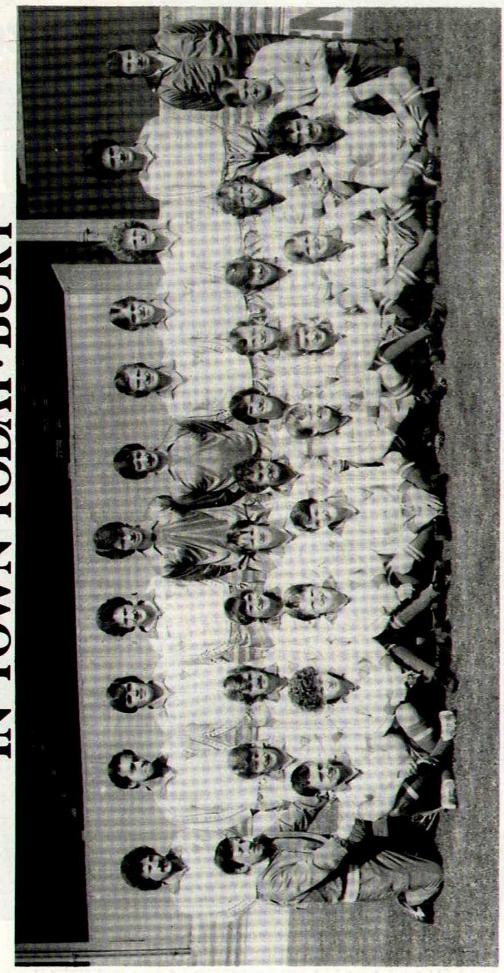
> ARSENAL K.O. 7.30 p.m.

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Ian Miller's second and the Town's fourth goal against Brentford in the FA Cup 1st round match at the County Ground.

IN TOWN TODAY: BURY



Keith Kennedy, Steve Johnson, Kenneth Beamish, Paul Hilton, Andy Hills, John Forrest, John Ritson, Dave Gregory, Tony Bailey, Alan Whitehead, D. Hatton (Manager). Top Row:

Middle Row: Stewart Imlach, Danny Wilson, Ronnie Evans, Ray Lugg, Craig Madden, Louis Anderson,
Brian Stanton, Gordon Taylor, Alan Waldron, Pat Howard, Dave Connor (Manager).
Bottom Row: Paul Cruickshank, Tony Scott, Gary Hughes, Steve Mullen, David Constantine, Francis Fitzgerald,
Carl Halford, Ian Crook.

Kindly note:-D. Hatton, Stewart Imlach, Brian Stanton and Ian Crook have now left the Club.

RELEGATION CLOUDS GATHER AT BURY By Tony Pullein

Bury have lost their last four away League games and so far have collected only two away points - from a 2-1 victory at Blackpool - all season. So, though the Shakers have been getting reasonable results at Gigg Lane, it's not difficult to appreciate why the club is now in such danger of relegation.

Former Manager Dave Hatton was replaced last month by David Conner, the former Manchester and Preston player, and he has been making quite a few changes in his line-up.

Last season's top scorer, 17-goal Ken Beamish, was sold to Tranmere and he has been replaced by Stevie Johnson who has been playing in attack with Danny Wilson and Paul Hilton - all three are products of the youth team.

Johnson, who made his debut two seasons ago, has responded to his promotion with four goals in the last five games. Wilson also made his bow in 1977/78 and was ever-present last season while Hilton gained his chance last term. Hilton has hit four goals in his last seven games.

David Gregory, second-highest scorer with 16 goals last season, has been out of the side in recent weeks and has now moved on to Portsmouth. It was Peterborough United who introduced him to League soccer in 1974 and he proceeded to lead their scoring list for three seasons. Stoke signed him in 1977 for £50,000 and he joined Bury last season.

Alan Waldron, has appeared in midfield as have Craig Madden, Steve Mullen and Ray Lugg.

Waldron spent several years as a Bolton firstteamer, making 141 League appearances for the Tratters. He left for Blackpool in 1978 but was freed towards the end of last season. Madden and Mullen are both enjoying regular League soccer for the first time but Ray Lugg has many years of experience behind him.

Ray played 37 League games for Middlesbrough then, in 1969, he signed for Watford. Plymouth was his next stop in 1972 but he remained at Home Park for only one season before signing for Crewe. Bury signed him in 1978.

Another contender for one of the midfield positions is Gordon Taylor who spent eight seasons as a winger in the Bolton side before transferring to Birmingham in 1970. Six years later he moved on to Blackburn for £18,000 and Bury signed him in 1978.

Pat Howard and Alan Whitehead normally fill the central defensive positions.

Howard began his League career with Barnsley and was sold to Newcastle for £23,000 in 1971. He was transferred to Arsenal for £50,000 five years later and then signed for Birmingham for £40,000 in 1977. Bury signed him last summer.

Whitehead developed in Bury's junior teams and took his place in their League eleven two seasons ago.

John Ritson recently regained the right-back spot from Dave Constantine and Carl Halford has replaced Keith Kennedy on the opposite flank.

Ritson joined Bury last season after serving Bolton for well over a decade. He made his League debut for Bolton in 1967/68 and went on to make well over 300 appearances, mainly at right-back.

Constantine is yet another product of the junior teams and he was introduced towards the end of last season.

Halford didn't get into Manchester City's League eleven but soon established himself after moving to Stockport in 1977, Bury signed him this season.

Kennedy joined Bury from Newcastle in 1972 and celebrated his 300th League appearance for the Shakers this season.

Goalkeeper John Forrest worked his way through Bury's junior teams and got his first chance in their senior side in 1967/68. He has been the Shakers' number one choice for the past seven years.

Bury lost all their first six away matches - at Blackbury (2-3 League Cup), Plymouth (0-2), Carlisle (0-1), Exeter (0-1), Oxford (1-3) and Grimsby (0-1).

Their run ended at Blackpool, where they won 2-1. After that it was back to their old ways with defeats at Mansfield (0-1), Reading (1-3), Barnsley (1-2) and Gillingham (1-2).

They did score another away success a fortnight ago, however, when they won 2-0 at Burton Albion in the first round of the F.A. Cup.



A header from Roy Carter (left) entering the Brentford net for Swindon's third goal in their FA Cup win at the County Ground.



Brentford goalkeeper Bond challenges Town striker Andy Rowland to a corner kick in Swindon's FA Cup win.



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SOCCER SCENE by Tony Pullein

Few players can have made quite such a remarkable rivals Tottenham who were poised to sign him last start to their Football League career than Wigan Athletic striker Tony Quinn. This youngster managed to score a goal in each of his first five full games in the side!

Quinn actually made his bow when coming on as substitute against Lincoln on October 20 and he didn't score on that occasion. But he did well enough to earn a full place in the side for the following games and netted once each against Rochdale, Newport, Darlington, Rochdale and Scunthrope.

November is not a month for holding happy memories but Tony Quinn will surely never forget November 1979, Nottingham Forest, too, will have reason to remember that month --- but for very different reasons. For Forest lost as many League games in November as they did in the whole of last season.

Forest went down at Southampton by 1 - 4, then lost at home to Brighton 0-1 and finally fell at Derby by 1 - 4. This raised the question as to when Liverpool, those kings of consistency, were last beaten three times in succession and, indeed, how often they have conceded four goals in a game.

We have to go back to Christmas 1971 to find the last time Liverpool lost three League games in a row. And only one team has scored four league goals against the Reds over the past three years.

Liverpool, of course, have a very special place in English soccer history for they are the only club to finish in one of the top two positions in the First Division for seven seasons on the run. And the odds are that they will make it eight this term.

Coventry City's revival continued when striker Mike Ferguson hit all four goals in their 4 - 1 win over Ipswich last Saturday. Indeed, the great turn around in their fortunes dates to the moment Ferguson returned to the side after injury.

In four games the Sky Blues have taken seven points and scored ten goals, all of them scored by Ferguson and his striking partner Ian Wallace. These two now head Coventry's scoring list with nine goals each.

The brothers David and Pierce O'Leary have cornered a place in Irish history by appearing together as their dual centre-backs in the last two internationals. It had been felt that Pierce, the younger of the two who plays for Shamrock Rovers, might well link up with David at Arsenal.

But, though it is certain that he will shortly be playing in English football, it was Arsenal's deadly

week. Spurs asked permission of Shamrock for Pierce to join them for a trial period but this was rejected and the Irish club are believed to be asking a fee of £250,000 which would easily smash all previous records for a League of Ireland club.

Portsmouth dropped what must have been the biggest bombshell of the season when they announced they were prepared to part with Colin Garwood --- the League's leading goalscorer! The player himself expressed his dismay after Pompey had announced they were prepared to accept Exeter City's offer of £45,000 for him.

"I was amazed," said Garwood. "I have been playing well and enjoying my football. I did not want to go".

Garwood has scored 17 goals this season and has netted in each of Portsmouth's last five games. Last season he was the club's leading scorer with 15 goals. Garwood, a former England youth international, previously played for Peterborough, Oldham, Huddersfield and Colchester and Pompey paid £25,000 for him last year.

The reason for Portsmouth's willingness to part with Garwood was that they this week completed the £60,000 signing of David Gregory from Bury.

Alan Bloor this week resigned as Port Vale's manager after little more than two months in the job. In September he was confirmed as the successor to Dennis Butler after a period of caretaker manager but Vale's 1 - 5 defeat at York last Saturday presuaded him to look for some other type of employment.

A sad consequence of Bloor's departure was the sacking of former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks. During the September changed Gordon was demoted from first-team trainer to reserve team duties. Now he has been relieved of all duties.

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MIKE J. WARNER (Wednesbury, W. Midlands)

Commenced refereeing in 1957 and progressed via local leagues to West Midlands (Regional) League and then Football League. Lined a Home International in 1978 and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1979.

A married man, with two daughters, he is a Chartered Accountant employed as company secretary. Interested in all sports, he is a member of Wednesbury Round Table and Wednesbury Sports Union.

Linesment Red Flag: MR. E. W. BURNS (Bath) Yellow Flag: MR. A. E. GAILAND (Downend, Bristol)

- A Blackburn v Oxford Utd.
- B Blackpool v Reading
- C Brentford v Hull City
- D Chesterfield v Millwall
- E Grimsby v Mansfield
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- L Bristol City v Tottenham H
- M Crystal Palace v Nottm. Forest
- N Derby v Norwich
- O Everton v Brighton
- P Ipswich v Manchester City
- Q Manchester Utd v Leeds
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- S Stoke v West Brom. Alb.
- T Wolverhampton v Bolton

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