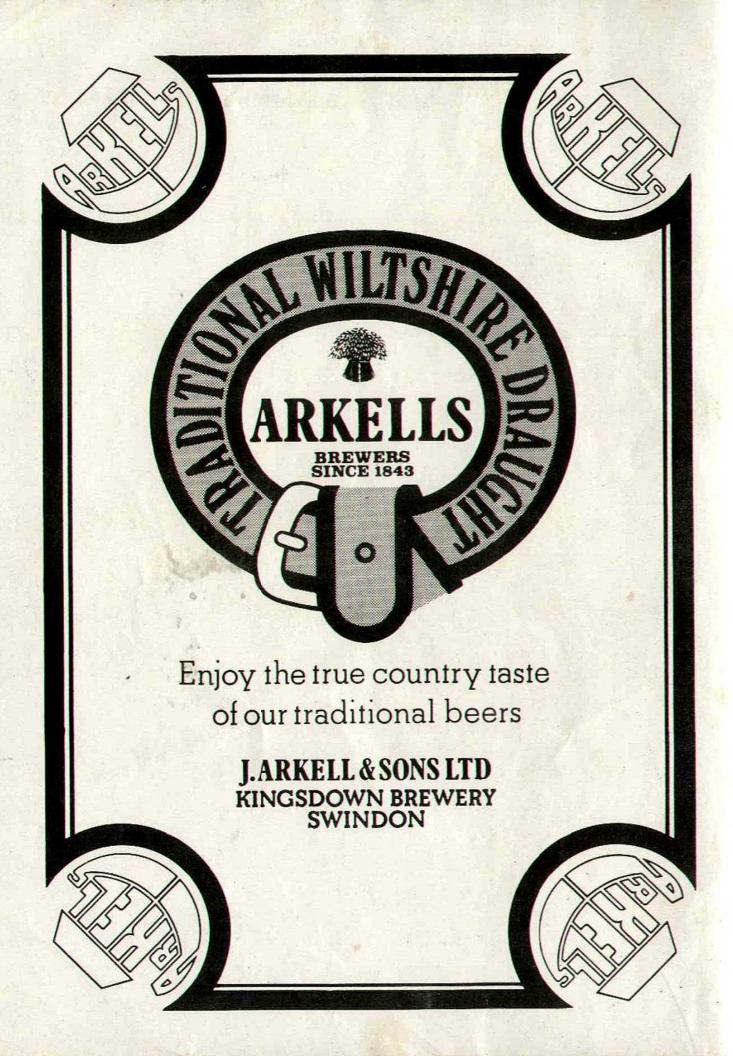


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Bob Smith says

Again because of printing deadlines it has been necessary to write these notes before we play the match at Oxford but suffice to say that every game we now play must be treated in like manner to all the big matches we have played this season and today is no exception. I don't think there is any advantage in having too many games in hand, we would prefer to have the points. Having said that, we quite clearly know what we have to do and the targets we have to aim for. The man with the main problem is Bob Jefferies who must re-arrange these fixtures on top of all the other work he has to do and to date he still has three to fix up. It will be of interest to you to know of those games so far arranged.

Tuesday 4th March Millwall Away 7,30pm Tuesday 25th March Chesterfield Away 7.30pm Tuesday 15th April Rotherham U Home 7.30pm Tuesday 22nd April Colchester U Home 7.30pm

I would like to complete these notes by calling upon you, the supporters, from now until the end of the season to get behind the team at as many matches that you can attend to give them your vocal support.

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The players have appreciated the magnificent way you have responded to the success we have achieved on the field and to keep this going we, the players and myself, feel it is vital that your encouragement is continued.

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Town through timeGoalkeepers Final Part by Paul Plowman

The departure of Peter Downsborough left manager Les Allen with his side hopelessly stranded at the bottom of the Second Division and with two goalkeepers who could muster little over fifty league appearances between them. One of them, ALAN SPRATLEY, had played only twice for Queens Park Rangers in the three seasons before joining the Town. His first chance for Swindon came when JIMMY ALLAN honoured his father's wish that he should not play on a Sunday, Bolton Wanderers were the visitors on that historic afternoon during the power crisis of six years ago. The gate of 8,835 represented one of the highest throughout that dismal season, whilst the point collected in a 2-2 draw was one of only five gained from a run of thirteen games without a win - during which Spratley completed his total of seven appearances. With Danny Williams back at the helm in March 1974, Jimmy Allan featured in the Town's final six matches as a Second Division Club. With Alan Spratley having moved on to the now disbanded Guildford and Dorking United, the experienced custodian sought by Danny in a bid for a quick return 'upstairs' came in the shape of JIM BARRON. Coming from the Durham village of Tantobie, Jim first saw the light of day when Wolves plucked him from Newcastle West End Boys club back in 1962. He made his debut for the ailing First Division outfit during the 1963-64 season, After leaving Molineux, he paused briefly at Stamford Bridge before assisting Oxford United in their upward journey from the Third Division in 1968. Some three hundred league games later, service almost equally divided between Oxford and Nottingham Forest, Barron arrived at the County Ground - and played in all but six of Swindon's fifty-two games in 1974-75. His first-half leg injury when Sheffield Wednesday provided the opposition here in September 1975 unveiled a new goalkeeping hero in the form of defender Colin Prophett, With the Town already a goal behind when he took over, Prophett inspired his colleagues to a 2-1 recovery against his old club. Jimmy Allan then filled in for nine games, taking his league total past the seventy mark. With Jim Barron wishing to concentrate more on coaching aspects, Allan was again first-choice by the autumn of 1976. Connecticut Centennials of the N.A.S.L. provided the post Barron had been searching for and, after three more appearances in the following March, his contract with Swindon Town was cancelled. Cover for Jimmy Allan was then provided by Bristolian KEVIN ROBERTS from

the Midsomer Norton-based Welton Rovers. Kevin's debut came in the Town's 4-0 home victory over Exeter City in October 1977 and he was retained for an odd-goal-in-seven League Cup win over Pompey three days later. Since then, the lack of first-team opportunities here has encouraged Kevin to look elsewhere and Grimsby Town offered to take him on loan with a view to a possible purchase. He soon returned from Blundell Park, however, with no further league experience to his name. Further congestion in the goalkeeping ranks was caused by the arrival from Oldham Athletic of CHRIS OGDEN just before the 78-79 season opened. He added twenty-two appearances to the 128 gained with his home-town club before being displaced following a home defeat by Plymouth Argyle. Restricted to just two games during the current promotion drive, Chris agreed to return north to link up with Rotherham United.



JIM BARRON





Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we play our first league game at home on a Saturday since December 8th of last year when we beat Bury Football Club.

We have played one more league game at the County Ground since then, when we played Exeter City on Boxing Day. Since this date, we have had our games with Millwall, Oxford United, Carlisle United, Rotherham United, Colchester United and Chesterfield cancelled. Of course, by the time you read this we should have played Oxford United away.

We are very pleased to welcome the Players and Officials of Sheffield Wednesday to our Ground, and I am sure that everybody in the Football World are well aware of the great history of this Club, now led by Jack Charlton who needs no introduction. The fans of Sheffield Wednesday are very faithful and they will make themselves heard today. They have a very good record of behaviour and we hope that our fans will help them keep the record today.

In spite of our lack of league fixtures we have been far from idle on the playing field having played Torquay home and away in the Cup, Luton away, Barnsley away, Wolves at home, of course, Tottenham Hotspur home and away.

We have received many letters of congratulations on our Team's performance and a few from disappointed fans unable to obtain tickets and even some that did get tickets but were unable to see much when they did get in, plus a few that found the turnstiles closed. If at any future game this should happen to a ticket holder, please come to our Main Office where we will rectify the position. Turnstiles are only closed on Police instruction if they think that there is a danger of overcrowding at any particular point.

We know that we have a lot of work to do at our Ground to improve the safety and comfort of our supporters and we intend to work to this end. I can only hope that the occasions will arise often when we have these problems to contend with.

We were all disappointed to have our game with Chesterfield cancelled on Saturday last, but our Manager, as always, was on the ball and arranged to watch the Wolves in opposition with Everton at the Molineux Ground.

On the 21st February, Doug Buswell is holding his 100th Lottery Draw in the Rendezvous Club.

I cannot stress enough the value this has been to our Club along with our Bingo competition which is still very popular. The Moonraker Lottery, which is run by the Swindon Town Sportsmen Association, under the Chairmanship of Mr Benny Griffith, is drawn weekly in different areas of our support.

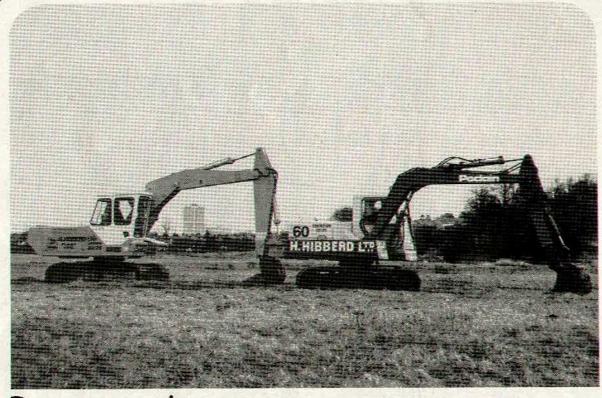
We recently held this pleasant performance at the West Hanney British Legion Club, which was attended by a large number of our loyal country supporters. During the evening, an autographed football was raffled by some of our very young supporters and this resulted in the proceeds of £32. being donated towards the sponsorship of a kit for Alan Mayes.

Much has been written recently about the high fees being paid for the transfer of players from Club to Club, and Group meetings are being held over the next few weeks to discuss ways and means of improving the system to try and curb the ridiculously high figures.

A suggestion that all fees must be paid in one payment in place of the instalment system as at present, would certainly reduce the high fees. There is, of course, another problem that could arise if fees are reduced drastically and that is the possibility that Players would get even more freedom to move than they have now, because Clubs that have the money could induce Players by offering them high inducements.

Since my last Notes, Bryan Hamilton has been successful at Bristol Rovers and at home to Cardiff City with the London Combination side, and must be pleased with the performance of his team. John Trollope has also been busy with a 2-1 win over Tottenham Football Club on the Shrivenham Road Ground, and also 3-0 against Oxford United, both in the South East Counties League.

I have been asked many times if we are really interested in the under soil heating system that Coventry use. Yes, we are interested and hope to have a representative of the Club attend a seminar on February 11th at Coventry. There are, of course, many problems to get over. The first one to confront us is the shortage of time to carry out such a massive operation. After many years of trial and error, we seem to have been successful with the draining of our pitch and apart from the centre area, the grass has deep root and each year gets stronger. What happens when we have to remove all this, is anyones guess. Will it be more advantageous to have the hot air balloon type cover like Leicester City use? These are only a couple of questions, but there are many more and we intend to study everything with the help of the experts before committing ourselves.



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In one of the few games to go on in the north last weekend, Colchester got little out of their trip to Hillsborough. Wednesday's Terry Curran posed the problems in the snowy conditions, scoring one and being felled twice to give colleague Mark Smith two penalties. Both were on target again in Tuesday's 5-1 hammering of Bury.

Blackburn's Andy Crawford brought his goal tally to five in six games with the winner at Southend last Saturday. With two more points at Rotherham on Tuesday night, Rovers have now lost just once in fourteen League and Cup games since the 0-2 reverse here in mid-November.

Exeter added Millwall to their collection of scalps with a 2-1 win over the Londoners. In the last two months City have grabbed wins over both Sheffield clubs, Colchester and Swindon to climb from twentieth position in the table to seventh.

Mansfield Town's new signing from Watford, Brian Pollard, scored twenty minutes from time at Oxford - but United were already three goals to the good at that stage. All three came before the break, two from Joe Cooke and the other from David Fogg.

Top scorers last weekend were new leaders Grimsby Town who crushed Brentford 5-1 at Blundell Park. The Bees have now taken just three points from eight games since the 7-2 victory over struggling Hull on December 8.

Leading goalscorers up to and including Tuesday last were:

Alan Mayes (Town) 23, Andy Rowland (Town) 21, Terry Austin (Mansfield) 16, Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley) 15, Terry Curran (Sheffield Wed.) 15, Ken Price (Gillingham) 15, Bob Cumming (Grimsby) 14, Trevor Lee (Colchester) 14, John Lyons (Millwall) 14, Ernie Moss (Chesterfield) 14.

Highest League Gates this season are:

49,309	Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield Utd.
23,230	Sheffield Wednesday v. Barnsley
22,360	Barnsley v. Sheffield Wednesday
21,684	Sheffield Utd, v. Grimsby Town
20,507	Sheffield Utd v. Barnsley
20,355	Rotherham Utd v. Sheffield Utd.
19,149	Sheffield Utd v. Millwall

Division Three Top and Bottom Placing:

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1.	Grimsby T	30	11	1	3	31-15	5	4	6	13-16	37
2.	Colchester	30	5	8	2	24-15	8	1	6	17-22	35
3.	Sheff, U.	29	10	2	3	29-14	5	2	7	20-27	34
4.	Sheff. Wed.	28	7	3	5	24-14	5	6	2	25-19	33
5.	Chesterfield	28	10	4	0	31-11	3	3	8	12-20	33
6.	Blackburn	29	6	4	3	15-9	6	4	6	17-16	32
19.	Carlisle	26	7	4	2	25-12	2	2	9	12-24	24
20.	Hull	29	4	6	3	17-15	1	7	8	14-34	23
21.	Mansfield	28	6	5	3	21-14	0	4	10	9-22	21
22.	Southend	28	6	2	6	20-15	2	3	9	9-23	21
23.	Bury	28	7	3	4	25-13	2	0	12	9-31	21
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4	0	0	9-5	Chesterfield	2	0	2	3- 4	12
3	0	1	12-2	Sheffield Wed.	1	3	0	7- 5	11
2	1	1	8-6	Exeter C	3	0	1	5- 5	11
2	2	0	9-4	Plymouth A	1	2	1	5- 5	10
2	2	0	6-4	Oxford Utd	1	2	1	4-5	10
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2	2	0	6-3	Sheffield U	0	1	3	3-10	8
3	0	1	9-3	Bury	1	0	3	3-14	8
0	3	1	4-5	Colchester U	2	0	2	4- 6	7
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From the Commercial Office

Good Afternoon once again. Since our last programme notes the NEW MOONRAKER LOTTERY has been out and about. On Thursday 22nd January we visited the White Horse, Stonefield, in Oxfordshire which turn out to be a very enjoyable evening. The Lottery staff and our three directors who live in the area kept the Swindon winning run going by beating the local team at skittles. I am sure Mr. Day, Mr. Kearsey and Mr. Dore enjoyed themselves.

Last Thursday we visited the British Legion at Hanney near Wantage. This was our second visit here and once again they made all of us from Swindon Town F.C. welcome. Also our strong Hanney supporters contingent raffled an autographed football, the proceeds of this raffle was donated to "THE TOWN" Mr. Day accepted £37.00 on our behalf from Mr. Roger Bunce.

Needless to say we shall be visiting Hanney British Legion again.

Our "Grand Easter Draw" tickets are now on sale 10 pence each £500 First Prize with a further £500 in other prizes. Ask your agent for one or visit us at the Commercial Office Swindon 31510 or 42984.

Finally we are pleased to welcome Mr. Chadwick and his party from Fields Social Club. They are with us for the day under our Group Booking Scheme. If you have a group or organisation who would like to visit us on match days please contact me Doug Buswell on SWINDON 31510 or 42984 for details.

Doug Buswell Commercial Manager

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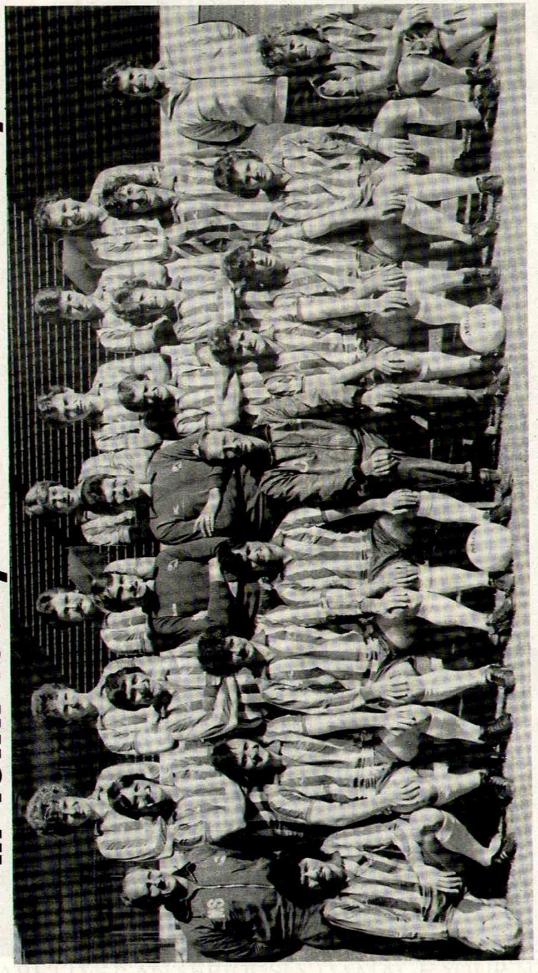
The former Town right-winger Harry Lunn died as a result of a road accident near his home in Swindon last Saturday, He was 55, Born in Ulster, Harry joined Notts County after the war and was then snapped up by First Division Portsmouth. Unable to gain a first-team place there he came to Swindon, making his debut at Brighton on August 21, 1948. He made 195 League appearances for the Town and was present in all nine F.A. Cup games which took Swindon to the Fifth Round in 1951-52. He scored thirty League goals for the Town, his last season at the County Ground being the most fruitful when he netted ten times. He joined Southern League Bedford Town during the 1954 close season but later returned to run his business in Commercial Road.





Brian Williams is too fast for Glen Hoddle of Spurs (left) and crosses for the by-line on Saturday.

In Town Today: Sheffield Wednesday



Back Row (L to R): J. Lowey, D. Grant, M. Pickering, I. Mellor, M. Smith, P. Shirtliff, A. McCulloch.
Middle Row (L to R): M. Setters (Coach), J. Mullen, I. Porterfield, B. Cox, R. Bolder, J. King, B. Strutt, R. Wylde,
T. Toms (Coach).
Front Row: (L to R): E. Curran, J. Johnson, I. Fleming, D. Leman, J. Charlton (Manager), R. Blackhall,
K. Taylor, G. Owen, B. Hornsby.

WEDNESDAY HOPE TO STEP UP THE ACTION By Tony Pullein

Everyone agrees that the Third Division is no place for a club of Sheffield Wednesday's stature. Yet they have been languishing in this section for almost four years and, until this season, have shown little signs of clawing their way back up the soccer ladder.

Sheffield's gloom was complete when neighbouring United joined Wednesday in Division Three this season. But the presence of the Blades seems to have been a fine incentive and Wednesday spent the first half of the season challenging the Bramall Lane club at the top of the table.

Yet some infuriating lapses at Hillsborough threatened to blunt their promotion chances. The Owls have been beaten at home five times — and their home record was comparable to the bottom clubs — though they have lost only two of 13 away League games.

An injury to striker Andy McCulloch, who had been signed from Brentford for £70,000 during the close-season, was a major blow. And Ian Mellow, another new signing from Chester for £60,000, was unable to hold a regular place for some while.

Happily both are back in the side now. McCulloch began his League career with Q.P.R. who sold him to Cardiff for £45,000 in 1972. After twice topping the Bluebirds' scoring list, he joined Oxford for £70,000 in 1974. Brentford signed him for £25,000 in 1976.

Mellor joined Wednesday from Chester for £60,000 last summer. He was a member of Manchester City's team for over two years until transferring to Norwich for £65,000 in 1973. Brighton paid £40,000 for him in 1974 and sold him to Chester for £20,000 in 1978.

Terry Curran is normally the third member of Wednesday's attack. He joined Wednesday for £100,000 shortly after playing for Southampton in last season's League Cup final. He began at Doncaster, moved on to Forest for £75,000 in 1975 and, after breaking his leg, signed for Derby for £50,000 in 1977. Southampton paid £70,000 for him a year later.

Jeff King, Jeff Johnson and Brian Hornsby have been forming a more settled midfield of late.

Much-travelled King went to Hillsborough from Walsall last summer. After a couple of seasons in Albion Rovers' side, he was signed by Derby in 1974. He went to Notts County and Portsmouth on loan before joining Walsall in 1978.

Johnson played a few times in Manchester City's First Division side and, after spending season 1972/73 on loan to Swansea, he moved onto Crystal Palace in 1973. Sheffield Wednesday signed him in 1976.

Hornsby was the Owls' Top scorer with 21 goals last season. He began his career with Arsenal, making 26 appearances in their First Division side, before moving to Shrewsbury in 1976. Wednesday paid £50,000 for him two seasons ago. Bob Bolder has regained the goalkeeping position from Brian Cox and the usual back four is Ray Blackhall, Mark Smith, Mike Pickering and David Grant.

Bolder developed in the junior ranks at Hillsborough and got his chance in the Owls' senior team two seasons ago. Cox is a Sheffield lad who got his big break in the Owls' senior for a few games in October 1978. Following the sale of Chris Turner during the summer, Brian was back in the side this term as the number one choice for some weeks.

Blackhall made 37 League appearances for Newcastle before linking with Wednesday during the 1978 close-season. Smith is a graduate of the club's youth scheme. He made his League debut two seasons ago and took over at centre-back last season. Marks is the Owls' penalty king and has converted nine spot kicks so far - two of them against Colchester last Saturday.

Pickering developed with Barnsley and was transferred to Southampton for £35,000 in 1977. He moved on to Wednesday last season. Grant worked his way up from the junior teams and took his place in the League team in 1977. He is now well established at left-back.

Wednesday have a quite remarkable away record having won in the League at Barnsley (3-0), Plymouth (3-1), Rotherham (2-1), Wimbledon (4-3) and Reading (2-0).

The Owls drew at Colchester (0-0), Millwall (3-3), Hull (1-1), Blackpool (1-1), Chester (2-2) and Brentford (2-2).

So far their only defeats were at Chesterfield (1-2) and Grimsby (1-3).

The Owls were beaten in the second round of both Cup competitions. After winning 3-0 at home to Lincoln in the F.A. Cup, they went down 0-3 at Carlisle.

In the League Cup they ousted Hull by 3-2 on aggregate and were decidedly unlucky to lose 2-3 on aggregate to Manchester City in the next round.



Town players Ian Miller (left) and Russell Lewis close in on Spurs Argentinian star Ricardo Villa at the County Ground on Saturday.



A near miss for Andy Rowland as the Town striker (dark shirt) outjumps Miller and Armstrong (No.9) of Spurs to head a corner towards the visitors' goal - but 'keeper Daines saved.



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Soccer Scene by Tony Pullein

The dismissal of Bolton manager Ian Greaves, though in some ways almost inevitable, was nonetheless taken as the saddest event of the season by most people in football. One of the most highly respected men in the game, Mr. Greaves somehow managed to maintain his pride, and a high level of sportsmanship, in an often callous game.

It was Ian Greaves who transformed Bolton from a struggling Second Division outfit and, after three so-near misses, led them back into the First Division in 1978. But this season they had the worst record in the Football League with only one win in 24 games and some of his players were not giving him the sort of loyalty that he gave them in earlier days.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy summed it up after Bolton had been beaten at The Dell: "I felt extremely sorry for him because his players just aren't fighting for him."

Yet, from Bolton's point of view, if there had to be a change of manager, this was the time to make the decision. Though their position is almost hopeless, there is time for a new man, with a new approach, to work a miracle.

As far as Ian Greaves himself is concerned, he accepted that time was running out for him and the decision was not a complete shock. But we can be sure that the former Manchester United defender, and Huddersfield manager, will be deeply involved with the game again after a short break.

Mr. Greaves was the 14th managerial casualty since the start of this season, but the first from the First Division.

Ian Rush probably performed his last positive act for Chester when he scored one of the goals that knocked Millwall out of the F.A. Cup. The 17-year-old striker was expected to join Manchester City for £500,000.

Rush, who was still an apprentice when he made his League debut for Chester towards the end of last season, has scored in three of Chester's four F.A. Cup ties this season and is the club's leading scorer with nine goals.

Seven days before their F.A. Cup victory over Millwall, Chester had been beaten by the Lions 1-3 in a League game in London. Now they have equalled a club record by reaching the fifth round of the F.A. Cup for only the second time. The last time they survived to this stage was three years ago.

Andy Crawford was Blackburn's Cup hero yet again when he hit the only goal of the game to

knock out First Division Coventry City at Ewood Park. Andy, who joined Rovers from Derby for £50,000 earlier this season, has scored in each of Rovers' five F.A. Cup games this season. Crawford's winner, in the League game at Southend last Saturday, was his 12th goal for Blackburn.

Grimsby took advantage of Sheffield United's inactivity to get back on top of the Third Division table with a splendid 3-0 win at Blackpool. That game gave the Mariners eight points from their last five away games. Another crunching victory — by 5-1 at home to Brentford last Saturday — extended their lead.

Southend's N. Ireland international striker Derek Spence scored his first goal since his £175,000 transfer from Blackpool in the Shrimpers 3-0 win over Hull City. The Tiger's new manager, former Welsh national team boss Mike Smith, has clearly a lot of work to do at Boothferry Park.

With Derby County and Bristol City both going through such depressing periods, the First Division relegation issue could well resolve itself quite early on this season. Derby's 1-3 defeat by Manchester United was their 12th League game without a win but manager Colin Addison is still convinced that the Rams can pull clear.

Last week he was hoping to sign Burnley striker Paul Fletcher to sharpen his attack. Fletcher, who started his career with Bolton, joined Burnley for £60,000 in 1971 and has on two occasions been their leading scorer. As the clubs had agreed a £70,000 fee, the deal looked likely to go through as Fletcher himself proclaimed: "I hope talks go smoothly because this is just the sort of new challenge I feel I need." Later, however, Fletcher decided against the move.

Bristol City's position, with a run of ten winless games behind them, is becoming just as critical. In five matches, City had conceded three goals in four of them and manager Alan Dicks, having tried almost every logical permutation, decided to go back to square one.

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3	Kenny STROUD		Dave GRANT	3
4	Ray McHALE		Mark SMITH	4
5	Billy TUCKER		Mike PICKERING	5
6	Roy CARTER	W W	Brian HORNSBY	6
7	lan MILLER	ROLEX	Kevin TAYLOR	7
8	Chris KAMARA	DEACONS SWINDON EST 1848	Jeff JOHNSON	8
9	Andy ROWLAND	REFEREE: Michael J. Bidmead (Chessington, Surrey).	lan MELLOR	9
10	Alan MAYES	Commenced refereeing in 1967 and progressed to League line via Surrey County Senior League, Spartan League and Southern League. In	Andy McCulloch	10
11	Brian WILLIAMS	1977/78 was linesman at an England v. Norway youth match.	Terry CURRAN	11
12		A married man, with two sons, he is a Project Accountant to consulting engineers and is interested in golf and cricket.	Rodger WYLDE	12

Linesmen: RED FLAG: Mr. K. E. Bissix - Bristol YELLOW FLAG: Mr. R. B. Gifford - Hengoed, Mid. Glem.

- A Blackburn v Blackpool
- B Brentford v Wimbledon
- C Carlisle v Exeter
- D Chesterfield v Rotherham
- E Gillingham v Hull City
- F Millwall v Barnsley
- G Plymouth v Southend
- H Reading v Chester
- I Sheffield Utd. v Mansfield
- J Arsenal v Aston Villa
- K Coventry v Manchester City
- L Crystal Palace v Stoke
- M Everton v Ipswich
- N Leeds v Bolton
- O Manchester Utd v Wolverhampton
- P Middlesbrough v Derby
- Q Norwich v Liverpool
- R Nottm, Forest v Bristol City
- S Southampton v Brighton
- T West Brom Albion v Tottenham H.

