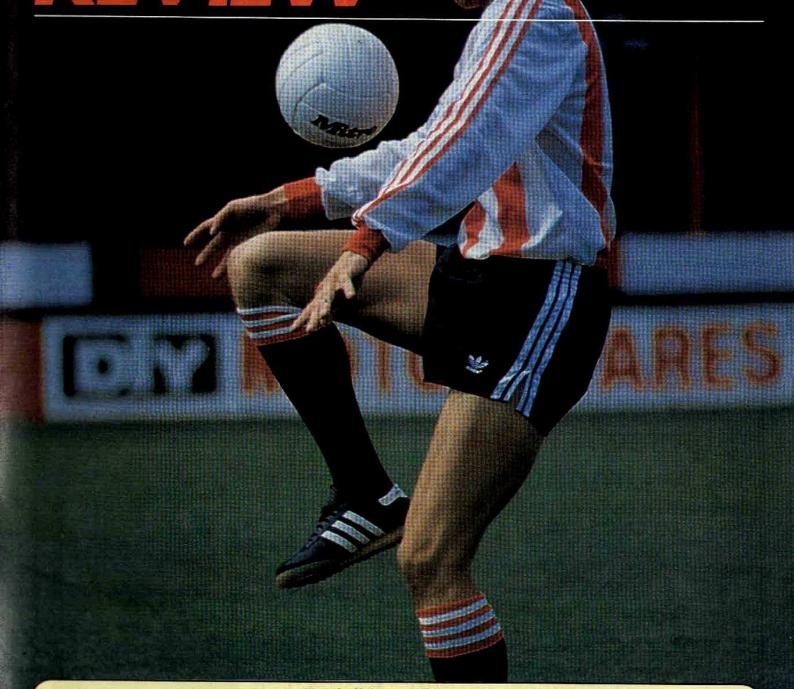
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BRIAN'S

At the beginning of the season I warned supporters that the campaign which lay ahead was not to be any easy ride. Many hurdles and difficulties would have to be overcome, and having made a promising start those hurdles are now presenting themselves.

Some people were rejoicing and suggesting that promotion was just around the corner. I warned them then that the season was about 46 games and I did not wish to think about such success

until April or May.

Having made such a good start we now find ourselves in the middle order and immediately those people, who a short while ago were acclaiming the success, are now demanding wholesale changes and screaming for people's heads.

Supporters are entitled to their views and I respect them and in the words of Voltaire - "I disapprove of what you say, but I will

defend to the death your right to say it.'

Football like everything else is a matter of opinions and whilst I accept any criticism levelled at me, any decision which I have to make depends on the opinion I hold when that decision has to be made and I will stick by that. My team selection may not be as you would like it but I am paid to make those decisions, and I succeed or fail by them.

I was encouraged to see that the critics were brave enough to name themselves and I respect them for it. Fortune is ally to the

Sincerely, BRIAN GODFREY.

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WELCOME TO SWINDON by Tony Pullein

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR SWINDON

Swindon fans had been confidently expecting their side to be pushing strongly for promotion this season, following an outstanding campaign which saw them reach the semi-finals of the League Cup and finish well up the Third Division table.

Sadly, they made a disastrous start, failing to win any of their opening five League matches. When they found themselves floundering among the relegation strugglers manager Bobby Smith was released from his job "in view of the position in which the club finds itself".

Former manager Danny Williams, now a member of the club's executive staff, was appointed caretaker/manager whilst

Swindon searched for a successor.

Last season Swindon knocked First Division sides Stoke and Arsenal out of the League Cup and took Tottenham to a replay in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup. They even led Wolves 2-1 on the first-leg of the League Cup semi-final but eventually

went out 3-4 on aggregate.

During the summer Mr. Smith signed centre-back Andy Rollings, from Brighton, goalkeeper Tom McAllister, from Blackpool and right-back Collin Barrett, from Nottingham Forest. Last season he recruited the services of left-back David Peach who had played in two Wembley finals for Southampton.

Optimism was high as the new season approached. Yet,

inexplicably, things went wrong. Neither Rollings nor Peach, in the manager's opinion, did the job for which they were signed and they were dropped.

Barrett, who had been nursing an injury, also lost his place and the big re-shuffle that took place in defence saw the surprise recall of veteran full-back John Trollope, now the club's youth team coach, who has now smashed Jimmy Dickinson's record of 764 League appearances for one club.

Though Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland, who both scored 28 goals last season, have continued to score consistently this term the team as a whole has been unable to find its true

rythym.

They have embarked on an encouraging run in the League Cup again, defeating Fourth Division sides Bournemouth (3-1 on aggregate) and Lincoln (3-1 on aggregate) but then had to face mighty Liverpool at Anfield. They never really got into the game and were beaten 0-5.

Swindon's opening League games proved a catalogue of disaster; Blackpool (h) 1-2; Portsmouth (a) 0-1; Fulham (h) 3-

4; Reading (a) 1-4; Sheffield United (a) 0-3.

They finally scored their First League victory at home to Rotherham (2-1) and another success in their next game at home to Oxford (2-0) gave them much-needed encouragement.

But they lost at Barnsley (0-2) and, even though they beat Huddersfield 1-0 at the County Ground, Bobby Smith's time was running out. On the morning of their local derby at Oxford (which Swindon were to draw 0-0), Mr. Smith was told of the board's decision to replace him.

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JIMMY ALLAN. Goalkeeper. Born in Inverness, Jimmy will have been at Swindon for ten years this season, having been signed from Scottish non-league football. He made his debut against Queens Park Rangers in September, 1971, and has been first choice 'keeper for most of the last four seasons. He had made 227 league

appearances at the end of last season.

COLIN BARRETT, Defender, From Stockport, Colin played a number of seasons at Manchester City making 50 league appearances and signing for Nottingham Forest in March, 1976. The following season he appeared in Forest's League Championship side and won a league cup winners' medal in 1979, but later his career was affected by injury. He made 64 league appearances for Forest and joined Swindon in June, 1980. He can play both full-back positions and has also played in other areas of the field.

CARTER. Midfield. Roy comes from Torpoint, Cornwall, and played parttime Western League football for Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975. He played in 64 league games there including the side which won the Third Division Championship in 1976. He signed for Swindon in December 1977, making his debut against Carlisle that month, and had made 104 league appearances to the end of last season. His usual role is as an attacking midfield player, but he is a true utility player having played in the forward line and, on a number of occasions, in central defence.

GLENN COCKERILL. Glenn is from Grimsby and made his league debut with Lincoln City in season 1976/77. He played well over 50 league games for Lincoln and Swindon began watching him in March, 1979. He eventually signed for a then club record of £110,000 in December, 1979, but injury and other factors prevented his league debut until March, 1980. He is a hard working and determined midfielder and made eight appearances last season.

ROY GREENWOOD. Forward. A native of Leeds, he served his apprenticeship with Hull City making his league debut in season 1971/72. He made 118 league appearances for Hull, and moved to Sunderland in January, 1976 in time to help appearances for Hull, and moved to Sunderland in randary, 1976 in time to help that club win the Second Division. He played 45 league games for Sunderland but signed for Derby County in February, 1979 making 20 league appearances for them. A further move came just over one year later to Swindon for whom he made his debut against Carlisle in April, 1980. A player of considerable pace he began as an

orthodox winger, but has been playing more as a central forward recently.

CHRIS KAMARA. Midfield. Chris is from Middlesbrough but served his apprenticeship at Portsmouth where he was one of a number of teenagers given league debuts in season 1975/76. He went on to make 56 league appearances for Portsmouth and signed for Swindon Just before the start of the 1977/78 season. His debut for Swindon was against Sheffield Wednesday in August, 1977 and he had made 89 league appearances by the end of last season. An attacking midfield player, he becam last season being mit up for transfer and almost left but finished being he began last season being put up for transfer and almost left but finished being voted the Supporters' Player of the Year.

RUSSELL LEWIS. Defender. Born in Blaengwynfi, he joined Swindon from Welsh League football in 1976 and made his league debut at York City in April, 1977. His First Team chances were limited until last season when he broke through to the First Team playing mostly at full back, although until then he had normally been a central defender. Noted for hard tackling he had made 52 league appearances to the end of

ALAN MAYES, Forward, A Londoner whose first club was Queens Park Rangers. Alan's league career began in November, 1974 following a transfer to Watford. In 1976 he made ten appearances on loan to Northampton but then returned to Watford for whom his league appearances totalled 110 when he signed for Swindon in February, 1979. He scored a hat trick on his debut at Rotherham and had made 65 league appearances for Swindon to the end of last season. A mobile striker who

makes as well as scores goals, he was joint leading scorer last season with 28 in all

competitions.

IAN MILLER, Forward, Ian is from Perth and made his league debut with Bury for whom he made 9 league appearances before moving to Nottingham Forest. He did not make the first team there, but a move to Doncaster Rovers in August, 1975 gave him regular first team football. He stayed for 3 seasons making 124 league appearances and signed for Swindon during the 1978 close season. He made his debut against Bury in August, 1978 and had made 81 league appearances to the end of last season. An orthodox winger who uses pace to beat opponents.

ANDY ROWLAND. Forward. Born in Derby he was apprentices with his home

town team but did not play league football until a transfer took him to Bury before the start of the 1974/75 season. He was three times leading scorer and made 169 league appearances before his move to Swindon in September, 1978. His debut came that month against Blackpool and he had made 72 league appearances to the end of last season. Although he plays as the target man, he also scored 28 goals in all competitions last season,

KEN STROUD. Defender. Although a Londoner, Ken grew up in Swindon and joined the Club from school, signing professional forms in 1970 and making his league debut the following year against Queens Park Rangers. He had made 243 league appearances to the end of last season, and is the longest serving player at the Club. Although much of his career has been spent as a ball winning midfielder, he prefers to play as a central defender and has spent the last two seasons playing in

defensive positions JOHN TEMPLEMAN. From Yapton (Sussex), John was originally with Portsmouth but his league career started with Brighton in 1966. After eight years and 236 league appearances he moved on to Exeter where he played a further 195 league games before signing for Swindon during the 1979 close season. He made 19 league appearances for Swindon last season, and can play in either full back position

BILLY TUCKER. From Kidderminster he played part time Southern League football for Hereford United but turned full time when that Club was elected to the League in 1972. He played in the sides that won promotion from the Fourth Division and the Third Division Championship and made 135 league appearances for the club. In December 1976 he moved to Bury and added a further 96 league agames over the next 255 seasons. He moved to Swindon during the summer of 1979 and after making his debut against Sheffield United in august, 1979, last season saw him make

35 league appearances all at centre half.

ROY WALSH. Midfield, Born in Belfast, Roy played for Glentoran Football Club
on a part-time basis since 1972, where he captained the team. He also played twelve times in European games, including against Juventus. In the summer of the 1979/80 season, Roy played for the New Jersey Americans in the USA, and was also in the side that beat New Zealand in the Irish League International 'B' Team. Roy signed

BRIAN WILLIAMS. Midfield. A Mancunian, Brian is another player who was formerly with Bury. He made his league debut during season 1971/72, and played 148 league games before a transfer to Queens Park Rangers in July, 1977. He spent one season in London making only 9 full league appearances, and signed for Swindon in June, 1978. He had made 58 league appearances for Swindon at the end of last season. A left sided midfield player he can also play on the left wing or as a central defender.



Martyn Rogers

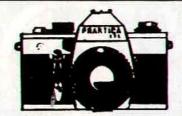
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SWINDON'S TROLLOPE MAKES NEW RECORD

Swindon full-back John Trollope last Saturday created a new Football League record by making his 765th League appearance for the club. This smashed Jimmy Dickinson's tally of 764 League games for Portsmouth.

Trollope is Swindon's youth-team coach and he officially retired as a player more than 18 months ago. But, when the club hit a crisis early this season, he was asked to make a comeback. Now that he has smashed the record for one club, the question is posed to whether he can remain long enough to claim the over-all record of 797 League games played by Terry Paine for Southampton and Hereford United.

Swindon were held to a 1-1 draw by Carlisle on Trollope's record-breaking day but Alan Mayes scored their goal to keep among the leading marksmen in the division. Our Tony Kellow was also on target, at Sheffield United, and that lifted him to within two goals of the leader. Top positions after last Saturday's games were:

	League	Lge Cup	Total
Morris	9	3	12
Kemp (Plymouth)	10	1	11
Birch (Chesterfield)	10		10
Glavin (Barnsley)	5	5	10
Kellow (Exeter)	4 8	2	10
Hales (Charlton)	6	2	8
Mayes (Swindon)	5	3	8
Robinson (Charlton)	6	2	8

Fulham, disappointed at their failure to sign former West Ham striker Alan Taylor, this week turned their attentions to ex-England forward Trevor Whymark. Taylor, who scored both the goals when West Ham defeated Fulham in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, finally signed for Cambridge for a fee of £130,000.

Whymark was on four occasions top scorer for Ipswich Town. But, during the summer seasons of 1979 and 1980 he played for Vancouver Whitecaps and, between times, has sought employment in the English game. Last season he served both Norwich and Derby on loan. When he recently returned from the American game, Whymark circularised all League clubs as to his availability.

Fulham's 0-4 home defeat by Oxford, watched by their smallest crowd (3,817) of the season, highlighted their need to revitalise interest in the club.

At the moment it's Fulham's Rugby League team that captures most of the headlines. They won again last Sunday and remain hot favourites to gain promotion to the First Division. Their success has inspired other clubs to look into the possibilities of following suit.

Portsmouth chairman John Deacon admitted his club had studied the idea. "We have had discussions with Fulham and, as we have a stadium of First Division standards, we feel we could benefit here. Rugby players are paid far lower wages than soccer players and we could make it pay on comparatively small attendances," explained Mr. Deacon.

It now looks probable that three or four soccer clubs in the south will follow Fulham's example next season. The only problem is, of course, that they cannot all expect the same success rate as Fulham.

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Team: Nute, Mitchell, May, Roberts, L. Jones, Forbes, Cole,

Hore, Pullar, Pratt, Ireland. Subs: Finn, Burte.

The 'A' Team after a couple of disappointing performances, picked up both points with a fine win away to Clyst Valley in the Devon & Exeter League last Saturday. Tony Mitchell who was included in the team for the second week, in a bid to obtain match fitness after his long lay-off, had a fine game in the heart of the defence, as did Lee Roberts. After going one goal down in the second half, Ian Cole who was prominent in midfield throughout the game, scored to put us on level terms, and with ten minutes to go Paul Clatworthy scored the winner with a delicate chip over the goalkeepers head. Apprentices Martin Finn and David Jones, both had good games in the full back positions, and Kevin Hains worked extremely hard in attack.

Team: Nute, Finn, Mitchell, Roberts L., Jones, Howarth, Cole,

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HARVEY, Keith: Crediton-born Keith was one of the most loyal players this club ever possessed. He came here in the early 'fifties and became a fixture at centre-half for many years. He he not been a contemporary of Arnold Mitchell, he would most certainly have claimed the club record number of appearances. League record:

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side at The Manor and it was only after his transfer to Exeter in 1973 that he established himself in League soccer. League record:

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1979/80	44	6
	285(1)	14
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HONOURS: The only trophy so far won in League soccer was the Third Division (South) Cup in 1934. We were the first winners of the competition, which continued until the outbreak of war.

Our best season in the Football League was in 1932/33 when we finished runners-up in the Third Division (South). We also finished runners-up in the Fourth Division in 1977. On the previous occasion when we were promoted from the Fourth Division we finished fourth in 1963/64.

In part ten of CITY IN A NUTSHELL we shall be featuring one of the club's record goalscorers, Harold Houghton, and also include career details for John Hore.





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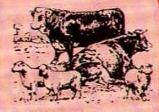
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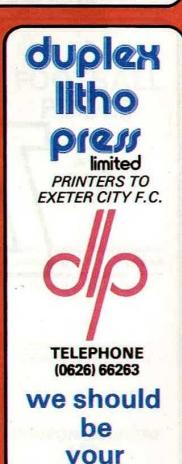
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KNIGHT REPOR

THE HONEYMOON IS OVER

City's breath-taking start to the season has been eclipsed. You do not need me to tell you that. Our brief honeymoon at the top of the table is sadly over, albeit temporarily. We enjoyed ourselves at the top and that in itself must be encouragement to get back.

Last Saturday I refereed a match in East Devon and aftewards went to their clubhouse to hear the Sheffield result more in hope than early season confidence. The result was expected but still very disappointing. It left us jut three points better off than last season after the first fourteen games. Exeter's record since returning to the Third Division over the same period is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1980-81	14	6	3	5	20	20	15
1979-80							12
1978-79							14
1977-78							15

Little seems to have gone right since we took the first leg of the Fulham double. Objectively one could argue that we have at times performed better than our record shows since this victory. Critically, however, one could argue that only a nightmare by the Charlton goalkeeper, a victory at Craven Cottage where apparently only Fulham are finding it hard to win, and a rare lapse by Bradford on their travels have boosted the City points tally.

However, nothing is ever so bad as it seems at the time. The past two seasons have seen us enter the promotion race from similar positions. Perhaps the slippers can once again become slickers. Let's hope so anyway, especially as on Monday week City will know their F.A. Cup fate.

RE-INTRODUCING.... LEN BOND

Born Illminster, Somerset Signed for Bristol City from school and made his debut in

LEAGUE APPEARANCES:

1970-1 Bristol City 1 (Div 2) 1971-7 Bristol City 2 (Div 2) 1972-3 Bristol City 11 (Div 2)

1973-4 Bristol City 15 (Div 2) 1974-5 Exeter City 30 (Div 3 - loan)

1975-6 Torquay United 3 (Div 4 - loan) Scunthorpe United 8 (Div 4 - loan) Colchester United 3 (Div 3 - Ioan)

1976-7 Bristol City 2 (Div 2)

1977-8 Brentford 45 (Div 4 - promoted)

1978-9 Brentford 35 (Div 3) 1979-80 Brentford 42 (Div 3) TOTAL - 197



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PLAYER PROFILE

IAN PEARSON

Born in Leeds, Ian started his playing career with the Wolves, in the 16-18 years junior side. He was offered pro forms on a one-year contract, but he decided against this as he was halfway through his exams and 'A' levels, and thought the offer not good enough to give up his studies.

Later, as a teacher in training college, he joined Goole Town — a Northern Premier League side — as a semi-pro. That season he was their top scorer with 27 goals. Plymouth showed interest, and Tony Waiters paid a modest £5,000 for him. He played with two of Exeter's present players, Delve and Hore, but could not command a regular first team place.

After two years, Ian returned to non-league football with Wickham Wanderers in the Isthmian League. His performance there gained him a place in the non-league England team against Italy. Gordon Jago, the Millwall manager, who was in Italy with them, was so impressed that he paid £10,000 to Wickham and brought Ian back full-time with Millwall.

His first season with them he became the leading goal scorer. It was from Millwall that Bobby Saxton brought him to Exeter for a then record fee of £25,000. At present, Ian has been out of the team through injury, but his performances this season have surprised a lot of critics, and I am sure he will be back battling for his place when fit.

Ian is married, his wife Jacky likes cooking, but also likes being taken out for a meal. They have a nine-year old son, Nicholas, whose birthday falls on Christmas Day. Ian likes watching players with skill, an old favourite being Jimmy Greaves; in today's game, it is



Tottenham's Villa. His hobbies are gardening, wildlife, and golf. He likes home cooking and sports cars. He also helps his wife when possible with their milk-round. Let's hope he can produce the 'cream' for City!

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