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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we welcome the Players and Officials from our near neighbours, Reading Football Club. This is the first of our local derby games to be played this season and I am sure that today's game will bring the usual excitement that seems to follow these matches. We can only hope that the excitement will not cause any trouble on the terraces. Clive King, our local reporter, witnessed disgraceful behaviour in a coach travelling to Swindon after our game at Exeter on Saturday last and this coach had been obviously hired from Swindon, which points the finger once again at our game, which is so often in the news, and any incident such as this brings the name of our Club into disrepute. We do not want the support from people such as this and I can only hope that our local Thamesdown Bus Company, who carried these people, will take strong action in the future to prevent such behaviour.

Our Supporters' Club organise the travel facilities if people so desire, and have a check on the people who travel and only in this way can we help to keep the hooligans away.

We have such a strong element of away support, of whom we are very proud to recognize and everything possible must be done to protect this.

Our start to the season has been magnificent and I know John will do everything in his power to maintain these high standards. The game is such, that nothing is a certainty and after overwhelming Exeter in the first three-quarters of the game, we found our backs to the wall in the last quarter after a penalty award to Exeter had put them back into the game. Within two days we were travelling again, this time to Southend who have always been difficult to get on top of on their own ground and last Monday's game was no different than the others. We came away, as you know, with a point which was a credit to our fighting qualities and kept us on top of the league again. With David Peach, Kenny Stroud and Steve Ableby nearing match fitness again, John will have a very strong squad to select from.

Our Reserve Team have yet to get on the winning path, but our young players will be getting valuable experience playing in such a strong competition in the Football Combination under the guidance of Ken Beamish.

Our Youth Teams, under Don Rogers, have made a very good start to the season and opened their Football Association Youth Cup First Round with a visit to Bournemouth. This is an under-eighteen knockout competition, the result you may now know, but of course these notes have been written prior to the game.

In beating a Wiltshire Youth representative side, on our training ground, by four goals to one, we had the unfortunate accident to Robert Furley, one of our promising Apprentices, who suffered a broken leg. Robert is spending the next weeks in plaster and I am sure everybody at our Club will wish him a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing him once again playing and scoring goals for Swindon Town. Robert got his hat trick against Northampton Town Youth side only a few days before his accident.

Football has made the headlines again by the fact that the Football Association are calling an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss the payment of Directors of Football Clubs. Before people say that Club Directors should pay for the privilege, may I point out that this wish has come about because some Clubs have expressed the desire to make their professional advisers Directors of their companies. People such as Jimmy Hill, Joe Mercer, Ted Drake, Matt Busby are just a few names that spring to mind who could give valuable professional help if Directors, but could not be paid as Directors.

Hoping that you enjoy today's game and that everybody will bring credit to the name of Professional Football.

In the last two or three weeks we have seen a good example of the ups and downs of football with two good wins and a draw in the League and a defeat in the League Cup.

I am obviously disappointed that we are out of the League Cup Competition as a result of our games against Wrexham. After holding them to 2 - 3 in the first leg away from home, I felt we had a wonderful chance to go into the next round when all the bigger clubs enter the Competition, but on the night we just did not produce the form we have been showing in the League.

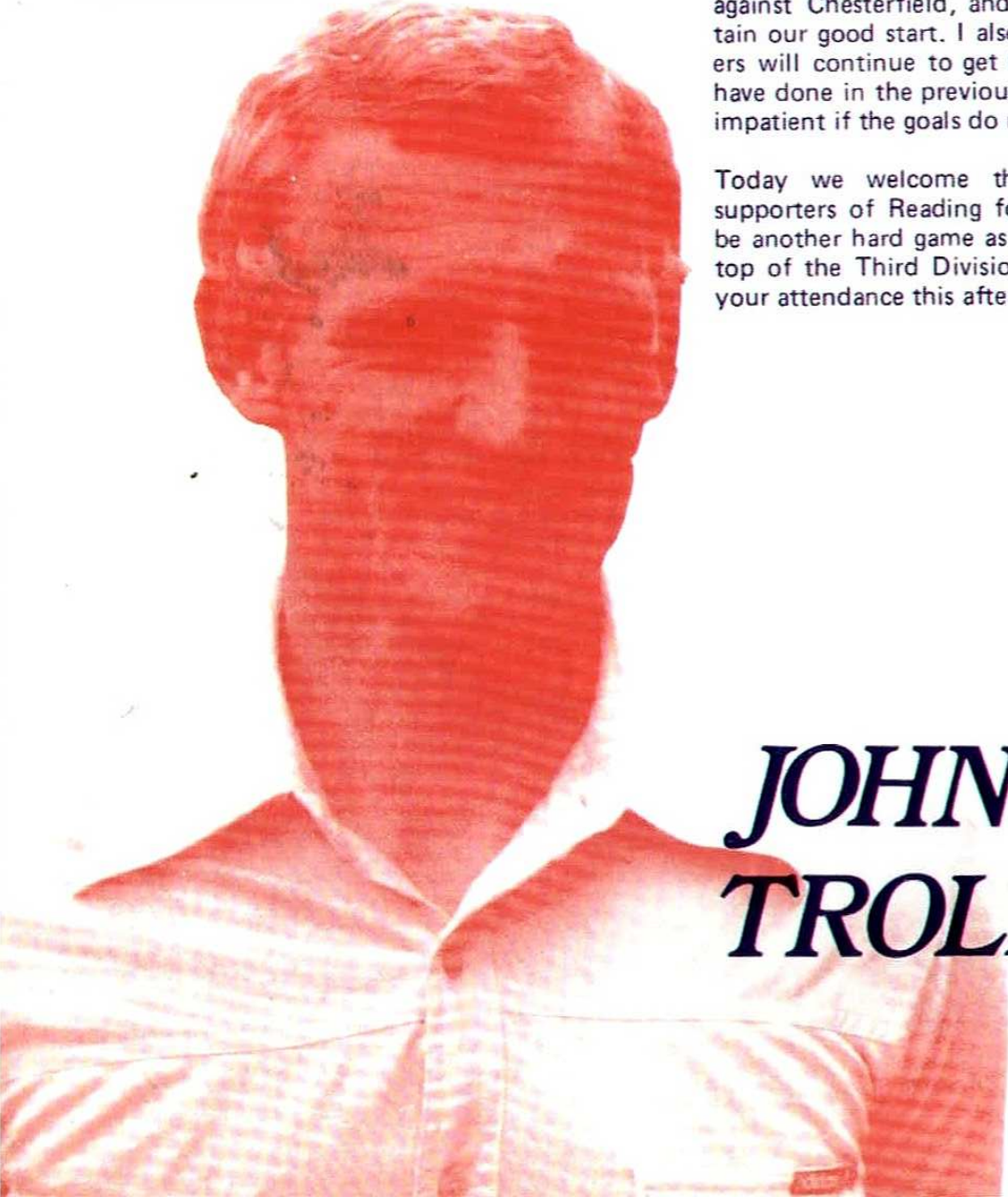
Wrexham did not come here to attack and they kept the game tight but as we were one goal down from the first leg, it was up to us to take the game to them. Towards the end of the match we did start to take more chances and this resulted in us conceding two goals in the last ten minutes. I am also disappointed for you the supporters, for I know how much you enjoy Cup football, and now we must await the commencement of the F.A. Cup.

Since my last notes we had a very good home win against Preston North End by four goals to nil, and this might well have been improved upon had all the chances been put away. Of course this score will not necessarily reflect the outcome of all matches played on the Country Ground for as much as I advocate attacking football, not all of the visiting teams are going to play as open as Preston.

Even more pleasing to me was the four points we collected in the following two away games which were a complete contrast in the way in which the two opposing sides played. At Exeter where we won 2 - 1 they played an open game which resulted in an entertaining afternoon for the supporters, whereas Southend played four in the midfield at home which obviously clogged up the area in which football is played and the game never really got off the ground. Nevertheless, we came away with a valuable point.

We now look forward to two successive home games, today and on Tuesday evening next against Chesterfield, and I hope we shall maintain our good start. I also hope that the supporters will continue to get behind the team as you have done in the previous games and not become impatient if the goals do not come.

Today we welcome the team, officials and supporters of Reading for what, I am sure, will be another hard game as Reading are also at the top of the Third Division table. Thank you for your attendance this afternoon.



**JOHN
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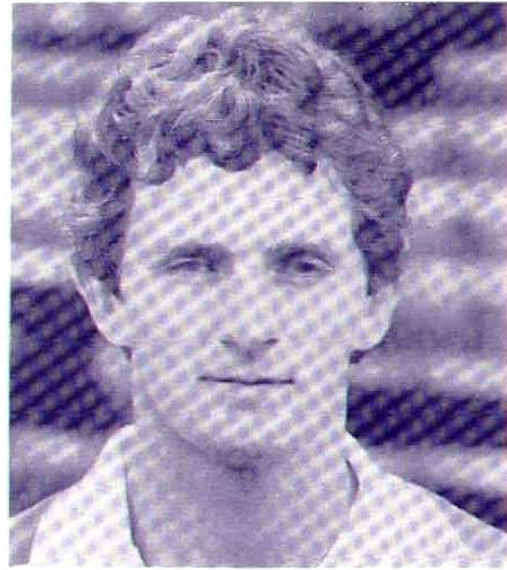
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STEVE HETZKE (Midfield/Defender) Born Marlborough, Wiltshire. Married. One of our players who has graduated through the Club's youth system as an apprentice and signed as a full professional on 4th June, 1973. Very experienced player.



PATRICK EARLES (Forward) Born Titchfield, Hants. Married with two sons. An experienced player. His previous service was with Southampton Football Club. Transferred to Reading on 12th January, 1977 for £14,000.

JOHN CULLEN (Defender) Born Didcot. Progressed through Youth scheme and signed as a professional from apprentice in Season 1980/81.

STEVE DEATH (Goalkeeper) Born Ipswich. Schoolboy International. With West Ham for five seasons, joined Reading on loan in November, 1969 and eventually transferred on 30th July, 1970. Has made record number of League appearances for the Club.

KERRY DIXON (Forward) Born Dunstable. Joined Reading from Dunstable in July, 1980 for a fee of £20,000.

RON FEARON (Goalkeeper) Born Romford, Essex. Joined Reading in February, 1980 after playing for Romford.

STEWART HENDERSON (Full Back/Coach) Born Bridge of Allan, Scotland. A Scottish Schoolboy International who has played for Chelsea and Brighton & Hove Albion. Joined Reading on 2nd June 1973. Married with two children.

MARTIN HICKS (Defender) Born Stratford upon Avon, where he still lives. Transferred from Charlton Athletic in February, 1978 for a fee of £3,000.



NEIL WEBB (Midfield) Born Reading. Joined Club as an apprentice and signed as a Professional in November, 1980 after making several first team appearances. Is an England Youth International.

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GARY HEALE (Forward) Born Canvey Island. Played for Luton Town and was on loan to Exeter City and transferred to Reading in August, 1979 for £40,000.

MIKE KEARNEY (Forward) Born Glasgow, married with four children. Transferred from Chester F.C. for a substantial fee in January 1978. Transferred back to Chester for £50,000 where he stayed for 2 months and then transferred back to Reading in October, 1980 for £50,000.

ALAN LEWIS (Defender) Born Oxford. Transferred from Brighton & Hove Albion in August, 1977 after service with Derby.

ROGER JOSLYN (Midfield) Born Colchester. Married seven years with one son. Has played over 500 league games for Colchester United, Aldershot, Watford and Reading where he was transferred in November 1979 for £40,000.

MARK WHITE (Defender) Born Sheffield. Has had previous experience as an apprentice professional with Sheffield United. Signed as a full-time professional with Reading on 10th March, 1977.

JEREMY WILLIAMS (Forward) Born Didcot. Joined club as an apprentice and signed as a full-time Professional in Season 1977/78.

STEPHEN WOOD (Defender) Born Bracknell. Progressed through club youth scheme as an apprentice. Signed as a Professional in February, 1981.



STUART BEAVON (Midfield) Born Wolverhampton. Married living in Reading. Transferred from Tottenham Hotspur in July 1980, for a fee of £36,000.



LAWRIE SANCHEZ (Midfield) Born Lambeth. Made debut in First Team whilst still at a local school. Signed professional in 1978/79 season. Is in his final year at Loughborough College this year.

Colin Benson spotlights

MIKE KEARNEY

MIKE KEARNEY, Reading's 28 year old Scottish forward, has been so influential on the teams performances that he was nicknamed the "Messiah."

Indeed Mike who stands six foot tall and weighs 12 stone, is the provider rather than the deliverer, holding the ball and making things happen for the colleagues around him. He scored only four of Reading's 62 League goals last season after rejoining the club in November and completing 26 games, but his overall contribution to the team was a key factor.

Born in Glasgow his footballing career has taken some strange twists in its time. After showing great promise in school and Scottish Youth football he made the inevitable trek south of the border when he left school to join Aston Villa as an apprentice, under the watchful eye of their then manager Tommy Docherty. But things did not work out as well as expected at Villa Park and Mike did not stay to sign professional forms, returning instead to Scotland where he took up the threads in local junior football.

It was 1972 when the call of the south persuaded him to give it another chance, this time with Shrewsbury. The manager at Gay Meadow was non other than Maurice Evans who saw more in the young centre-halves play than his defensive qualities.

The Shrewsbury boss transformed Mike into a forward and he has not looked back since. In 1973 he made his Football League debut coming on as substitute in the Third Division game against Plymouth on February 9, 1973. He impressed and was handed the number nine shirt for the next game at Grimsby. Shrewsbury lost 3-2 but it was Mike who scored both those goals and confirmed that he was good enough for League football.

He scored another three goals in a further 10 appearances that season and went on to complete 149 League games, scoring 41 goals for Shrewsbury and was a member of the side which finished second in the Fourth Division in 1974-75.

However by 1977 Mike found himself pushed out of the side and he went on loan to Chester where he scored five goals in 38 games. But his old boss Maurice Evans had not forgotten him and a year later signed him for Reading for a £10,000 fee.

It did not take long for him to convince the Elm Park fans of his worth, as he established himself as an important member of the side scoring 24 goals in 87 games. That was until the summer before last when a strange sequence of events took place.

Kearney decided he wanted to leave Reading and could not get out of Elm Park quick enough. A deal was agreed with Chester and he moved to Sealand Road for £50,000. Two months and nine games later and he was back at Elm Park after finding he could not re-settle.

There were certainly no complaints at Reading especially when Mike scored in his return game against Blackpool on November 29. He remained in the team for the remainder of the season showing his adaptability by playing in both the eight and number five shirts.

Now the "Messiah" is hoping to lead 'The Royals' back to the promised land of the Second Division. They have had a good start and as Mike says: "if we can get a little more consistency in our performances this season, then we could be there at the end."



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IN NORTH WILTSHIRE

John Ward talks to Mike Graham

Mike Graham was born in Lancaster but grew up in Kendal in the Lake District. While he was still at school he played for Netherfield in the Northern Premier League. Even now at the age of 22 he looks very young and deceptively slight so I expressed surprise at his venturing into the man's world of Northern Premier League football at the tender age of 15. Mike did not seem to have found the experience too daunting. "I suppose most of the other players were a few years older than me but I was still able to give a good account of myself," he said.

Meanwhile, to become a professional footballer was his main ambition and he was called for trials at Coventry and Liverpool. Burnley were also said to be interested but it was George Mulhall who signed Mike as an apprentice at Bolton. He stayed there for six years, graduating to the first team last season when he played thirty games at right-back although he is equally happy at centre-back. Then the bomb dropped: amidst growing financial difficulties at the end of last season Bolton put six regular players in or on the fringe of the first team on the transfer list. Mike was one of these. Several Fourth Division Clubs made enquiries, Crew, Rochdale, Bury and even Preston but while he was on holiday Mike heard that Swindon were interested.

He came to look round Swindon and had no doubts about deciding to come here. Like so many new players I have met soon after they have arrived he was immensely impressed by the set up at the County Ground. Perhaps we take too much for granted the facilities available at the County Ground compared with the run of the mill Third Division Club.

Although he had only been a Swindon player for a week when I talked to him before the season started Mike showed every sign of feeling at home. He is sharing digs with his close friend from

Bolton, Craig Moores and looking forward to the challenge of a new club. "The pre-season training is more competitive than I was used to," he said. "We are split into teams for all exercises which makes it more interesting. Maybe having to leave Bolton was a blessing in disguise: perhaps I was becoming a bit stale having been at the same club for so long."

Apart from football Mike enjoys playing tennis and squash as well as listening to records, particularly those of George Benson, Earth, Wind and Fire and Randy Crawford. The complications to his domestic life caused by the move to Swindon were nearly a lot worse: "I was just ready to sign the contract on my first house when I heard that I had been free-ed!" he explained. Now let us hope that Mike and Swindon Town take to each other so well as to persuade him to start house-hunting in Wiltshire.



Town through time

Wingers

PART ONE

by paul plowman



Thirty years ago the headlines in domestic football were dominated by the Stanley Matthews' and Tom Finney's who seemed to possess almost magical powers when directing themselves toward goal - leaving a trail of taunted and tormented defenders behind them. However, things have changed by the mid-sixties. England won the World Cup with not a winger in sight - and many of those who had once hugged the touch-lines found themselves 'midfield' players, caught in a web of 4-3-3's, 4-2-4's and even more complex tactical formations. But although the 'outside-left' and 'outside-right' have become as outdated as baggy shorts, the orthodox winger nevertheless survives where managers still believe in a full-width approach to attack.

Occupants of the two flanks at Swindon have come in all shapes and sizes. Before substitution was permitted during a game, the wing was a favourite place to put anyone injured in combat and needing a short period of convalescence! It was considered to be a waste to allow a goalkeeper with an injured hand to leave the field - so he was very often moved upfield. Frank Wildman, the popular Town goalkeeper during the thirties, once supplied a cross from which a goal was scored!

An early favourite with crowds at the Croft was right-winger ROBBIE REYNOLDS, a regular for six seasons prior to the club taking on professionals in 1895. Others were ALF ANDREWS, whose boyish face gave him the nickname 'Babe' and H. J. 'JIMMY' HAYWARD, an ever-present on the left-flank during the inaugural season at the County Ground, 1895-96. Two Scots and a Welshman shared right-wing duties in 1896-97. GEORGE RICHARDSON and RICHIE COX (all 5' 4" of him) both arrived from Kilmarnock whilst JACK HALLAM had a Welsh cap and eighty First Division appearances to his name when he joined the Swindon staff from Small Heath - now Birmingham City. The left-side of the attack featured MAURICE JONES, signed from Hallam's home-town Oswestry, and ALBIE EDWARDS who had previously assisted Trowbridge. Richardson was the only one to

remain with the Town for any considerable time, eventually returning north of the border in 1902.

The regular outside-left during 1897-98 was TOMMY WILSON who spent two seasons here punctuated by a year at Preston. His arrival, from Oldham County, coincided with that of TOMMY ANTHONY from another Lancashire club, Chorley. Anthony was second-choice for the right-wing berth. JIMMY SHARPLES was one of two men to come from Wigan County in the 1898 close season (the other being keeper Bob Menham) and he was to chalk up nineteen goals in just fifty league games for the club. Sharples operated on the right whilst there were two candidates for the opposite flank. TOM LITTLE was born in Dumfries but had played most of his football in England, coming to Swindon via Derby, Manchester City, Wellingborough Town and Luton. JACK KIRTON, a Mancunian, had gained experience with Glossop North End, Oldham and Lincoln before Small Heath felt justified in making a £100 investment in him. Little stayed for only a few months before joining Barnsley but Kirton put in a further years' service before switching his allegiance to Millwall Athletic in May 1901.

To be continued.



JIMMY
SHARPLES

From the Secretary

I have for some time been concerned about the facilities provided for the chronically disabled here at the County Ground. This amounts to three wooden huts, kindly donated by British Rail, in which those attending in wheel chairs may sit under cover, and a few benches where those disabled, but able to walk, are required to sit in all winds and weathers, and I am sure they deserve more than this. This being the 'Year of the Disabled', I felt it an opportune time to improve on these facilities but, of course, the first requirement is finding the money to do so. Hambro Life Charitable Trust have agreed to meet fifty percent of the cost, providing I can raise the remainder. Saks kindly loaned us the facilities for a pre-season disco but the demand for tickets for this occasion was rather disappointing. However, we have made a start and today I am asking all of you who are fit and well to donate whatever you can afford for the benefit of those less able. I am sure that from past experience your response will be rewarding.

In conversations with folk both in and outside of the Club, it is apparent that a great deal of confusion exists between what is the Football Association and the Football League, and that many people have only a foggy notion of the functions of those two bodies.

The Football Association is the game's controlling body responsible for such matters as law making, all International business, discipline and the amateur game. All Leagues throughout the country are affiliated and responsible to the Football Association. The Association is controlled by a council and has its own secretary, this time, Mr Ted Croker.

The Football League is a limited liability company whose directors are the President, Vice Presidents and Management Committee, and they are licenced by the Football Association to run their own league within the regulations of the F.A. as are the Football Combination, Central League, Western League, Alliance League etc. The Football Association in turn are encompassed under the umbrella of the world body FIFA.

Some of the functions of the two bodies seem to overlap which perhaps adds to the confusion. For instance, the Football League has a list of referees and linesmen qualified to officiate at league games, and they appoint these officials to respective matches. Should the league referee find it necessary to book a player he must send his report to the Football Association and its that body that sit in judgement upon players reaching twenty points.

The player's contract is a Football Association document but it must also be lodged with the Football League.

There are many people within the league game who feel that the League could well exist without the interference from amateur councillors of the Football Association, and I know that many secretaries 'see red' when they have to send a cheque representing twenty five percent of the net gate expenses of pre-season matches to their County Associations.

But, of course, there is nothing in the constitutions of the Football League and the Football Association which makes it impossible for them to get along, nothing in black and white makes them incompatible, indeed there has been, in the past, a lot of very good and open co-operation which is just as well for the game needs them both.

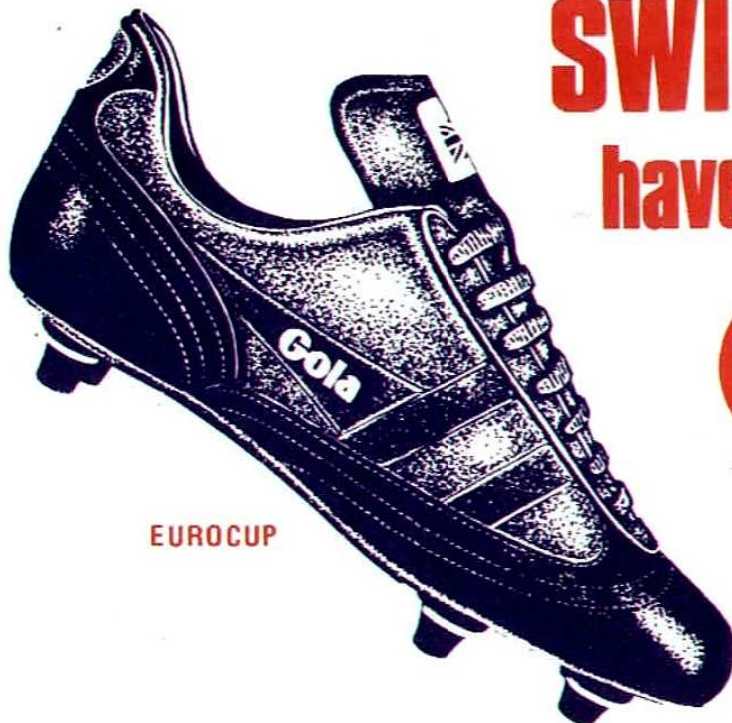
The League provides the Association with its main source of income - without league players, for example, there would be no F.A. Cup or no Internationals - and with the money from these events, the Football Association fosters and nourishes the game at its grass root levels, and certainly without amateurs there would be no professionals.

Prior to writing these notes the Chairman and I had a meeting with Sadiq Mohammed, County cricketer of Gloucestershire, and one of the famous four brothers who play, or have played, for Pakistan. As a result of this it is to be hoped that in September of next year we shall stage a cricket match on this ground, hopefully Gloucestershire versus Pakistan, but more news at a later date.



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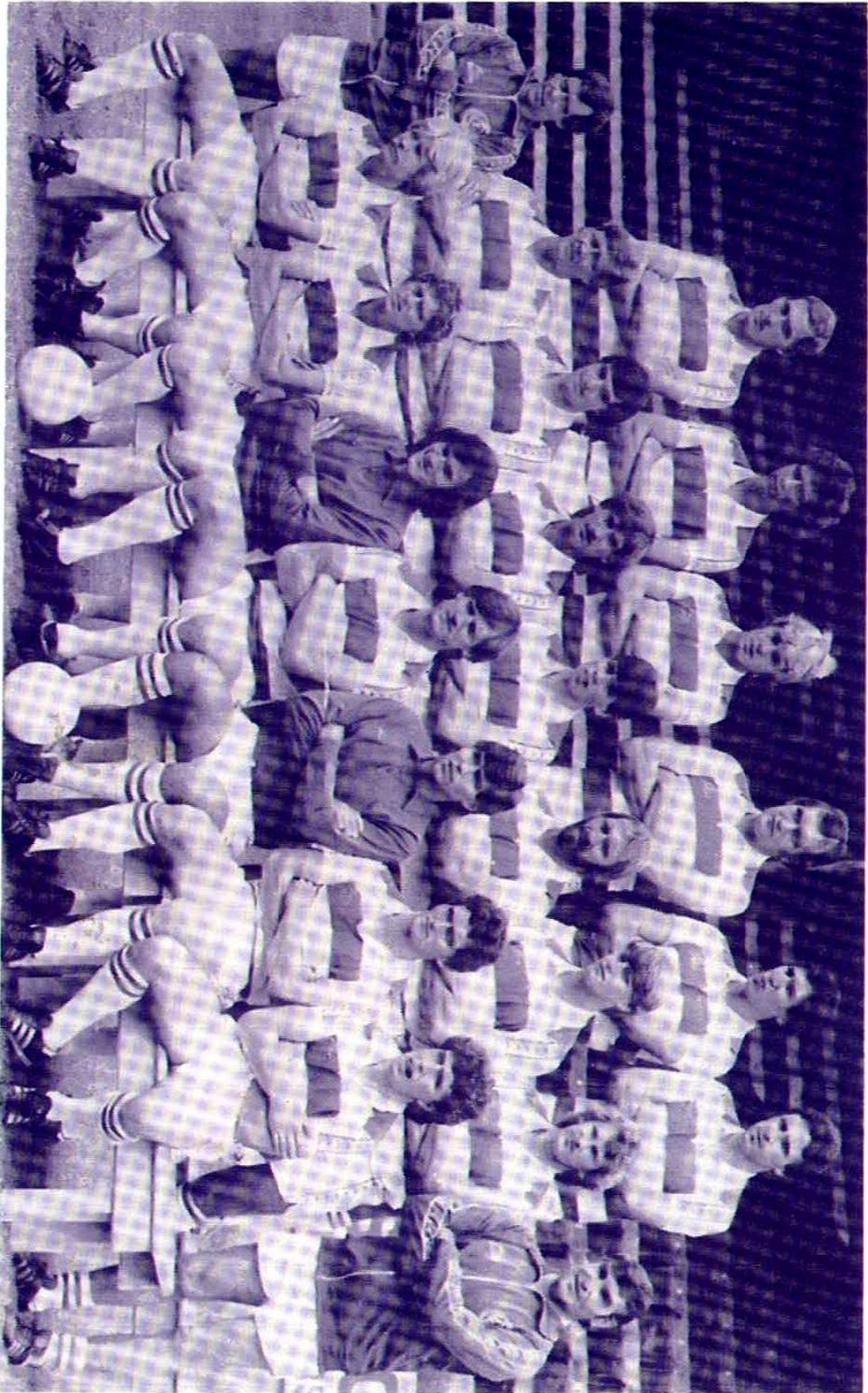
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COMMERCIAL SPEAKING

Welcome to Reading and especially my counterpart Albert Moss.

GROUP BOOKINGS Our Group Booking Scheme is now in operation again. Any Club or Organisation who would like to spend the day with us at a Football League Match should contact Swindon 42984 or contact the Commercial Manager, Swindon Town Football Club, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. We can cater for up to 50 persons at a time. The package includes a tour of all the facilities at the County

Ground, lunch in the Supporters Club, a seat in the North Stand and a match day programme for the days match. The price of a group booking depends on the size of the party.

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Doug Buswell

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Chesterfield	5	3	0	0	6 - 0	1	1	1	1 - 2	10	4,076
Doncaster Rov.	5	1	0	1	3 - 1	2	1	0	4 - 2	10	4,280
Newport Co.	4	2	0	0	4 - 2	1	0	1	5 - 2	9	5,186
Reading	4	1	0	1	3 - 5	2	0	0	2 - 0	9	4,221
Bristol City	5	2	1	0	7 - 5	0	1	1	3 - 4	8	7,193
Bristol Rov.	4	1	1	0	4 - 3	1	0	1	3 - 2	7	5,318
Millwall	4	1	0	1	2 - 2	1	1	0	3 - 1	7	5,863
Fulham	5	1	0	1	3 - 3	1	1	1	4 - 5	7	5,900
Southend Utd.	5	1	1	1	2 - 4	1	0	1	3 - 3	7	4,517
Lincoln City	4	0	2	0	1 - 1	1	1	0	3 - 1	6	3,778
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Oxford Utd.	4	1	0	1	1 - 1	1	0	1	3 - 3	6	3,830
Walsall	4	0	1	1	1 - 2	1	1	0	1 - 0	5	3,349
Carlisle Utd.	5	1	1	0	5 - 4	0	1	2	1 - 3	5	3,763
Preston N.E.	5	1	2	0	3 - 2	0	0	2	1 - 6	5	5,719
Huddersfield T.	5	0	2	0	2 - 2	0	2	1	1 - 2	4	7,986
Burnley	5	1	1	1	1 - 1	0	0	2	2 - 5	4	4,765
Exeter City	4	1	0	1	3 - 3	0	1	1	1 - 4	4	3,952
Portsmouth	4	0	2	0	3 - 3	0	0	2	0 - 3	2	10,531
Plymouth Arg.	5	0	0	2	0 - 3	0	1	2	2 - 4	1	3,706
Wimbledon	5	0	0	3	2 - 7	0	1	1	2 - 5	1	4,340

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Brighton & H.A.	4	3	0	1	12 - 7	6
Charlton Ath.	4	3	0	1	6 - 4	6
Millwall	3	2	1	0	7 - 4	5
SWINDON TOWN	4	2	1	1	7 - 6	5
Oxford Utd.	3	2	0	1	12 - 4	4
Luton T.	4	2	0	2	10 - 9	4
Reading	4	2	0	2	8 - 8	4
Wimbledon	4	2	0	2	9 - 10	4
Chelsea	4	2	0	2	6 - 10	4
West Ham Utd.	3	1	1	1	4 - 4	3
Tottenham H.	4	1	0	3	13 - 11	2
Bristol Rov.	4	1	0	3	8 - 9	2
Brentford	3	0	0	3	2 - 12	0
Southend Utd.	4	0	0	4	6 - 17	0

Up to and including Saturday September 19, 1981

Picture Parade...



Even Andy Rowland - and a fierce header - couldn't get any reward in the League Cup match against Wrexham at the County Ground.

BY DAVE EVANS



Wrexham 'keeper Eddie Niedzwiecki leaps to collect a Town corner kick rising well above Swindon's Russell Lewis.

Season 1981-82

DIVISION 3

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date			Opponents	Ground	Score	Opponents			Ground	Score
1981										
Sat.	Aug.	29	Wimbledon	H	4 - 1	Watford	A	3 - 3		
Tues.	Sept.	1	Wrexham LC 1 (1)	A	2 - 3	Queens Park Rangers	H	0 - 3		
Sat.	Sept.	5	Chester	A	0 - 0	Hereford United	H	1 - 1		
Sat.	Sept.	12	Preston North End	H	4 - 0	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 - 2		
Tues.	Sept.	15	Wrexham LC 1 (2)	H	0 - 2					
Sat.	Sept.	19	Exeter City	A	2 - 1	Birmingham City	H	1 - 3		
Mon.	Sept.	21	Southend United	A	0 - 0					
Sat.	Sept.	26	Reading	H		Southampton	A			
Tues.	Sept.	29	Chesterfield	H		Bristol City	A			
Sat.	Oct.	3	Burnley	A		Norwich City	H			
Wed.	Oct.	7	League Cup 2 (1)							
Sat.	Oct.	10	Carlisle United	H		Leicester City	A			
Sat.	Oct.	17	Bristol Rovers	A		Luton Town	H			
Tues.	Oct.	20	Walsall	A		Chelsea	A			
Sat.	Oct.	24	Doncaster Rovers	H						
Wed.	Oct.	28	League Cup 2 (2)							
Sat.	Oct.	31	Gillingham	A		Bristol Rovers	H			
Tues.	Nov.	3	Brentford	H						
Sat.	Nov.	7	Millwall	H						
Wed.	Nov.	11	League Cup 3			Reading	A			
Sat.	Nov.	14	Huddersfield	A		West Ham United	H			
Sat.	Nov.	21	F.A. Cup 1			Crystal Palace	A			
Tues.	Nov.	24				Bristol City	H			
Sat.	Nov.	28	Lincoln City	A		Orient	H			
Wed.	Dec.	2	League Cup 4							
Sat.	Dec.	5	Bristol City	H		Ipswich Town	A			
Tues.	Dec.	8				Plymouth Argyle	H			
Sat.	Dec.	12	F.A. Cup 2			Arsenal	H			
Tues.	Dec.	16				Fulham	A			
Sat.	Dec.	19	Portsmouth	H						
Sat.	Dec.	26	Plymouth Argyle	A						
Mon.	Dec.	28	Fulham	H						
Wed.	Dec.	30				Oxford United	A			

NEXT MATCH

Tuesday next
29th September 1981

DIVISION III

CHESTERFIELD

K.O. 7.30 p.m.

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Bristol Rovers v Lincoln
- B Carlisle v Oxford Utd
- C Doncaster v Brentford
- D Fulham v Chester
- E Gillingham v Exeter
- F Huddersfield v Southend
- G Millwall v Burnley
- H Plymouth v Chesterfield
- I Portsmouth v Bristol City
- J Walsall v Wimbledon
- K Arsenal v Manchester Utd
- L Aston Villa v Birmingham
- M Coventry v Southampton
- N Everton v West Bromwich Albion
- O Ipswich v Leeds
- P Manchester City v Tottenham H.
- Q Nottm. Forest v Brighton
- R Swansea v Sunderland
- S West Ham Utd. v Liverpool
- T Wolverhampton v Notts County

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TODAY'S TEAMS

SWINDON

		League*	
		Apps	Goals
1	JIMMY ALLAN	277	—
2	CHARLIE HENRY	37	—
3	KEVIN BADDELEY	2	—
4	BRIAN HUGHES	24	2
5	RUSSELL LEWIS	100	5
6	MIKE GRAHAM	5	1
7	ROY CARTER	157	24
8	GARY EMMANUEL	5	—
9	ANDY ROWLAND	119	47
10	ROY GREENWOOD	33	5
11	GARY WILLIAMS	5	1
12			

READING

		League*	
		Apps	Goals
1	RONNIE FEARON	10	—
2	JERRY WILLIAMS	65	7
3	ALAN LEWIS	116	5
4	STUART BEAVON	40	7
5	MARTIN HICKS	95	5
6	STEVE HETZKE	233	22
7	PAT EARLES	186	55
8	MIKE KEARNEY	117	28
9	GARRY HEALE	62	14
10	LAURIE SANCHEZ	134	12
11	NEIL WEBB	36	7
12			

* Club Career totals up to and including September 22, 1981



The exact numberings of both teams will be announced over the PA system to enable spectators to insert the relevant numbers prior to the kick-off.

REFEREE

MR. CLIVE THOMAS (Porthcawl, Mid-Glam.)
 Started refereeing as a teenager after once being on Norwich City's books. Graduated through local and Welsh League to the Football League full list. Has refereed several international and important European matches including two in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

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