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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

After a long trip away to Burnley last week we welcome to the County Ground today, the Players and Officials from Carlisle United. Carlisle is our longest trip away, but as we only have this journey once in a season, Carlisle have many such journeys to make.

The recent disclosure in the newspapers that the Football League Management are considering a restructuring of the third and fourth divisions has brought forth a lot of criticism of the suggested methods. Carlisle could be one club that can be said to benefit from regionalised grouping of clubs to save the cost of this long distance travelling, but in my view apart from a little saving in the travel cost, the new scheme has nothing else to offer that will benefit the supporters who keep our clubs in existence. The suggested scheme would abolish the present third and fourth divisions and at the same time eliminate the chances that we now have of promotion to a higher grade of football.

The new suggestion is that the third and fourth division clubs who now number forty-eight would be joined by six non-league clubs from the Alliance Premier league which could be such teams as Trowbridge Town, Bath City, Worcester City and Yeovil Town from our area, and then divide the fifty-four clubs into three leagues. At the end of each season one club would be promoted to the second division from each of these three leagues and the three clubs relegated from the second division would be split up between the three new leagues. At the present time we, at Swindon, have three chances of promotion into the second division and under the suggested scheme, only one chance. The second division clubs on being relegated have had three chances of an immediate return to the second division and under the new scheme, only one. I can imagine the hue and cry from such clubs as Chelsea, Derby County, Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday, just to mention a few from the second division, having to visit Trowbridge or some such club. There must be some advantages from this scheme to benefit us, but try as I have, I can only see an advantage in not having to travel from one end of the county to the other.

There are many clubs in our present fourth division that are only commanding gates of approximately two thousand people and the expense of having to travel these long distances is obviously a point to be considered. It may be argued that more local derbies will attract more spectators, but I wonder for how long and, of course, against this is the fact that local derbies generally call for greater crowd control, hence extra police costs. The fact that our league programme is so heavy, prevents the structure of our International side playing together as much as some countries are able, but to reconstruct the lower divisions will not help this problem. We have a meeting of all third and fourth division clubs on the subject of reorganisation next week, but I cannot see these suggested changes taking place.

Our trip to Burnley was a pleasant one and I am sure to for our regular supporters, whose faces we are always pleased to see. Our players appreciate the welcome that they always receive when they are playing away.

We are also pleased to welcome Ron Morse back to the County Ground after his illness and he, I know, will be pleased to be back.

Our young Reserve team continues to score goals regularly, but are finding it difficult to pick up points as yet, but our reserve team must be composed of our young players if they are to get the experience necessary for league football.

Mrs Coppock is leaving us shortly to take up another position and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the work that she has done for the Football Club in running the Rendezvous Club for the past three years. Mr Coppock has also done sterling work behind the scenes in the Rendezvous Club.

Hoping that we can find our winning ways at home today and thank you for your support.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Since my last notes we have played two games, namely Chesterfield at home and Burnley away, with mixed results. The game against Chesterfield saw us lose at home in consecutive games and, of course, losing at home puts pressure on the team away from home to regain those lost points.

After losing against Reading, and as I mentioned in my previous notes, this game was lost by the style of play adopted by our players, we worked at a few things on the following Monday and Tuesday prior to the Chesterfield game. During the first half an hour of this match we saw the best football the team have played this season and this came about from playing from the back rather than kicking high balls aimlessly up field, and as long as I am manager, this is the style of play I shall instil upon the players, no matter what frustrations this may cause. By using this method of play, I repeat we saw some good football, we went one goal into the lead. Unfortunately we gave away two silly goals just before and after the half time interval. After this although we lost our way a little we had enough of the game to have achieved a result. A number of people have said we played badly during the second half but having studied the game a few times on the video, I am unable to agree with this opinion. Our opponents had one shot in the second half from which they scored but I sup-

pose the fact that we were behind and unable to score the necessary goals led supporters to their opinion.

Having suffered two home defeats we had to lift ourselves for the trip to Burnley. The players responded well and as you know we came away having won 2 - 0. This result was achieved by a good all round team effort thus continuing our good results away from home. Hopefully we can get back on the winning trail at home this afternoon.

It was good to see the Reserves getting their first win of the season against Bristol City on Tuesday, 29 September and this result must have given Ken Beamish and the players a big lift, and although they lost at home to Norwich City last Saturday the signs are that Ken is gradually getting things together.

Don Rogers' side won 4-3 against Reading and from all accounts this was a very entertaining game with our new Apprentice, Simon Barnes, scoring a hat trick at centre forward.

I would like to thank you all for your support this afternoon and to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Carlisle United who have made the long journey to the County Ground.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE TABLE

*Up to and including Tuesday October 6.

	Home					Away					Pts.	Avg Home Lge Gate	Top Goalscorer(s) Lge & Lge Cup*
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A				
Chesterfield	8	3	1	0	8-2	2	1	1	5-3	17	4,595	Dave Windridge 3	
Doncaster R.	7	3	0	1	5-1	2	1	0	4-2	16	5,392	Alan Warboys 3	
Reading	8	2	0	2	6-8	3	1	0	5-1	16	4,489	Gary Heale 7	
Walsall	8	2	1	1	4-3	2	2	0	2-0	15	3,344	Don Penn 4	
SWINDON TOWN	8	2	0	2	9-5	2	2	0	4-1	14	6,502	ROY CARTER 5	
Bristol R.	8	1	2	1	6-7	3	0	1	7-3	14	5,523	Archie Stephens 6	
Carlisle U.	8	3	1	0	8-5	1	1	2	3-4	14	3,648	Bob Lee 5	
Millwall	8	2	0	2	7-7	2	1	1	8-6	13	5,622	Nick Chatterton 6	
Fulham	8	3	0	1	7-4	1	1	2	4-7	13	4,996	Gordon Davies 5	
Portsmouth	8	2	2	0	7-3	1	1	2	4-5	12	10,563	Bill Rafferty 5	
Oxford U.	8	2	0	2	3-3	2	0	2	6-6	12	4,163	Keith Cassells 6	
Newport Co.	8	2	1	1	5-4	1	1	2	8-6	11	4,866	John Aldridge 5	
Gillingham	8	1	1	2	6-6	2	1	1	6-4	11	4,174	Ken Price 5	
Lincoln C.	8	0	3	1	3-4	2	1	1	6-3	10	3,707	Steve Cammack 3, Tony Cunningham 3	
Huddersfield T.	8	1	2	1	6-6	1	2	1	3-3	10	7,743	Peter Fletcher 5	
Chester	7	0	3	0	0-0	2	1	1	5-5	10	1,942	Gary Simpson 3	
Southend U.	8	2	1	1	5-4	1	0	3	6-8	10	4,255	Terry Gray 3	
Exeter C.	8	2	0	2	9-10	1	1	2	4-8	10	5,146	Tony Kellow 5	
Brentford	8	0	2	2	1-3	2	1	1	5-4	9	5,062	Barry Tucker 2	
Bristol C.	8	2	1	1	7-6	0	2	2	4-7	9	6,885	Jimmy Mann 6	
Preston N.E.	8	1	2	1	3-3	0	1	3	2-8	6	5,542	Alex Bruce 3	
Burnley	8	1	1	2	1-3	0	0	4	5-10	4	4,413	David Holt 2, Eric Potts 2	
Plymouth A.	8	0	1	3	1-6	0	1	3	2-7	2	3,402	Kevin Hodges 2	
Wimbledon	8	0	0	4	2-9	0	2	2	4-8	2	3,882	Dave Hubbick 2, John Leslie 2	



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PETER BEARDSLEY (Midfield or Forward) Born Newcastle upon Tyne, 18.1.61, 5'7½" 11st. 4 pounds. Married: Wife Sandra. Joined United August 3rd. 1979 from Wallsend Boys Club. Discovery of Carlisle Youth Policy. On debut for reserves hit a hat-trick and went straight into first team. In first season - 1979/80 - made 41 appearances plus 2 sub. and notched 10 goals. Former occupation: Shipyard painter labourer. Played for South Northumberland County. Carlisle United faced international opposition to sign him! Sparta Rotterdam offered him an extended trial after watching him play for Wallsend Boys Club, in a Dutch tournament - Peter was voted player of the series - and he was also offered terms by Newcastle United. Hobbies: gold, tennis, music. Fav. actor: James Cagney. Fav. male singer: Rod Stewart. Fav. group: Nolan Sisters. Players most admired: Kenny Dalglish, Peter Shilton, Gary Birtles. Dislikes: Smoking. Ambition: To play at Wembley in a cup final or for England. Peter also plays in the N. American league for Vancouver based team International Whitecaps during the summer.

JACK ASHURST (Defender). Born Renton 12/10/54. Ht. 6' 0". Wt. 12st. 4lb. Married. Wife Susan. One child - Warren. Jack was signed from Blackpool as recently as August 1981 for a fee approaching £50,000. Joined Sunderland from Scottish Junior Club Dumbarton United. Turned professional 1972. Made 129 appearances +11 subs. for Sunderland & scored 4 goals. Transferred to Blackpool, for whom he made 25 appearances, for £130,000. Hobbies: golf, tennis. Fav. drink: tea. Fav. food: steak. Fav. actor: Robert Wagner. Fav. Actress: Susan George. Fav. male singer: Rod Stewart. Fav. female singer: Kiki Dee. Player most admired: Alan Ball. Drives a Datsun 140T. Dislikes: smoking. Ambition: to get through a season injury free.

PAUL BANNON (Striker) Born Dublin 15/11/56. Ht. 6' 2½". Wt. 12st 4lb. Turned professional in 1975. Joined United 1978 from Southern League team Bridgend Town after a previous spell with Nottingham Forest. He made 20 appearances for Bridgend scoring 10 goals and in 71 +10 subs. for United has found the target on 30 occasions. Married to Jeanette. No children. Was an apprentice Panel Beater before turning professional. Played for Morriston Town and Dalkey in Junior Football. Hobbies: Tennis and golf. Fav. food: Steak. Fav. actor: Clint Eastwood. Fav. actress: Susan George. Fav. male singer: Brian Ferry. Fav. female singer: Debbie Harry. Player most admired: Dennis Law, George Best. Dislikes: long away trips. Ambition to achieve a long term career in football.

ALAN CAMPBELL (Midfield). Born Arbroath 21/1/48 Ht. 5' 8". Wt. 11st 7lb. Joined United Nov. 1980 for £30,000 from Cardiff City. Made almost 500 appearances, with Charlton (198 and 28 goals). Birmingham City (40) and Cardiff (200). This is Alan's second spell under the management of Bob Stokoe. They were all together at Charlton. Former Scottish Youth and under 23 International. Has made 23 appearances for United, 2 goals. Hobbies: greyhound, racing and golf. Fav. food: steak. Fav. actor: Donald Sutherland. Fav. actress: Goldie Hawn. Fav. male singer: Neil Diamond. Fav. female singer: Barbara Dickson. Player most admired: Denis Law. Drives a Marina Estate. Dislikes: coming home from away defeats. Married. Wife Gail. One son Crieg 4 months. Ambition: to be happy and successful.

MICHAEL COADY (Defender). Born Consett, Co. Durham 1/10/58. Ht. 6' 0". Wt. 11st 5lb. Single. Signed from Sunderland for £20,000 in 1980. Signed apprentice forms for the Weariders in July 1975. Reverted to schoolboy forms with Sunderland in order to complete his education and signed for them on professional terms in July 1976. Only 18 when he made his debut against Leeds - Joe Jordan and all, in the 1st Div. Broke right leg and was out of action for a year. Has made 50 appearances for United and scored two goals. Hobbies: tennis and golf. Fav. food: steak. Fav. actor: Robert de Nero. Fav. actress Meryl Steep. Fav. male singer: Ian Anderson. Fav. male singer: Stevie Nicks. Dislikes: bad drivers, queing. Drives a Renault 5 GTL. Ambition: to play in higher standard of football. Player most admired: Ossie Ardilles.

ANDY COLLINS (Defender) Born Carlisle 20/10/58. Ht. 5' 10". Wt. 11st 7lb. A local product. Signed from Carlisle Spartans and turned professional Sept. 1977. Represented Cumbria Schoolboys. 55 appearances for United and one goal. Single. Hobbies: darts and reading. Fav. drink: milk. Fav. foods: steak and chicken. Fav. actor Dustin Hoffman. Fav. actress: Kate O'Mara. Fav. male singer: Marvin Gaye. Fav. female singer: Sheena Easton. Players most admired: Paul Madeley, Glen Hoddie. Drives a Ford Capri. Dislikes: long journeys and pre-season training. Ambition: to be happy and live a long life.

RUSSELL COUGHLIN (Midfield). Born Swansea 15/2/60. Ht. 5' 8". Wt. 12st. 3lb. Single. £20,000 buy from Blackburn Rovers in October 1980. Joined Manchester City as an apprentice and transferred to Blackburn in 1979 for £40,000. Made 20 appearances for Rovers and scored 7 goals. Was sub. for Welsh Under 21 team in 1979. Has made 22 + 3 sub. appearances for United and scored 3 goals. Hobbies: driving and snooker. Fav. food: steak. Fav. actor: Peter Sellers. Fav. actress: Victoria Principal. Fav. male singer: Elton John. Fav. female singer: Shirley Bassey. Player most admired: Johnny Giles. Drives an Opel Ascona. Dislikes: smoking and bad manners. Ambition: Welsh Cap.

JOHN CRABBE (Midfield). Born Weymouth 20/10/54. Ht. 5' 8½". Wt. 11st. Single. Turned professional 1975. Prior to joining Gillingham was with Southampton for whom he made 8 appearances + 4 subs. Signed for United in August 1981. Made 145 appearances for Gillingham, scoring 11 goals. Hobby: watching TV. Fav. drink: tea. Fav. food: steak; Wide tastes in Theatre & Music. Player most admired: Denis Law. Drives a Volkswagon. Ambition: hopes to do well with Carlisle United and help in gaining promotion.

PAUL HAIGH (Defender or Midfield). Born Scarborough 4/5/58. Ht. 5' 10½". Wt. 12st. 6lb. Married: Wife Caroline. Joined United Nov. 1980 for £100,000 from Hull City making him Carlisle's second most expensive buy. Hull City was his only previous Club. He joined them as an apprentice in 1973 and turned professional in June 1975. Won England Youth and Under 21 caps, playing for England Under 21 against Norway in Bergen. Made 199 appearances for Hull City and scored 12 goals. Has made 28 appearances for United. Hobbies: tennis, golf, fishing. Fav. food: lasagne. Fav. actor, Clint Eastwood. Fav. actress: Jackie Bisset. Fav. male singer: Robert Plant. Fav. female singer: Toyah Wilcox. Player most admired: Bobby Moore. Drives a Fiat. Dislikes the Taxman (don't we all). Ambition: First Division Football.

TONY HARRISON (Goalkeeper). Born Gateshead 9/1/54. Ht. 6' 1". Wt. 12st. 4½ lb. Married. Wife Angela. One son Richard. Turned professional Feb. 1977. Joined United from Southport June 1978. 48 appearances for Southport. Former occupation planning technician. Cost United £1,000. Broke leg in pre-season friendly shortly after joining United. Played as an amateur with Boldon C.W. Whitburn and Whitley Bay. Has made 13 league and cup appearances for United. Hobbies: cricket and darts. Fav. food: Moussaka. Fav. actor Clint Eastwood. Fav. female singer: Toyah. Players most admired: Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton. Dislikes being kept waiting.

JIM HAMILTON (Midfield). Born Glasgow 14/6/55. Ht. 5' 11¾". Wt. 11st. 8lb. Married. Wife Elaine. Turned professional June 1972. Joined United in Sept 1977 in player exchange deal with Bristol Rovers involving Mick Barry. Previous Clubs, Sunderland, Plymouth, Bristol Rovers. Appearances for United 156 + 5 subs. Goals 14. Hobbies: golf, tennis. Fav. actor: Clint Eastwood and Burt Lancaster. Fav. food: steak and pasta. Fav. actress: Felicity Kendal. Fav. male singer: Neil Diamond and Elton John. Fav. female singer: Barbra Streisand. Player most admired: Kenny Dalglish, Pele. Drives a Fiat. Dislikes: shaving and the alarm clock waking him up in the morning. Ambition: to be happy, healthy and comfortable.

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KEITH HOUGHTON (Defender). Born Backworth, Northumberland 10/3/54. Wt. 13st. 4lb. Ht. 6' 1½". Married, wife Lynn. No family Police Constable who resigned from the force when he joined United from Blyth Spartans. Was a member of the Spartans side which reached the 5th round of the FA Cup three years ago. Former Clubs: Gateshead and Blyth Spartans North Shields. Represented England in semi-professional tournament 1979/80 Capped for Great Britain Police. Former occupation: electrician, Police Constable. Appearances for United 45, 1 goal. Moved from mid-field to central defender last season after long absence through injury and was instant success. Hobbies: badminton, squash, tennis and horse racing. Fav. food: steak. Fav. Actor: Charles Bronson. Fav. Actress: Fay Dunaway. Fav. Male Singer: Bob Scaggs. Fav. Female Singer: Elkie Brooks. Player most admired: Ossie Ardiles. Dislikes cheats. Ambition: to play 1st Div. Football.

TONY LARKIN (Defender). Born Liverpool 12/1/56. Ht. 6: 0". Wt. 11st. 12lb. Married: wife Rita, one daughter Joanna. Joined United from Shrewsbury in July 1981 for whom he made 90 appearances scoring 2 goals. Previously with Wrexham whom he turned professional in 1973 and made 17 appearances. Represented Liverpool Schoolboys and Merseyside Youth Team. Is fully qualified coach. Hobbies: squash and tennis. Fav. food: steak. Fav. Actor: Peter Sellers. Fav. actress: Fay Dunaway. Fav. Male singer: Barry Manilow. Fav. female singer: Dianne Ross. Player most admired: Alan Ball. Drives a Fiesta. Dislikes smoking. Ambition to do well with Carlisle United and gain promotion this season.

BOB LEE (Striker). Born Melton Mowbray 2/2/54. Ht. 6' 2". Wt. 13st. 10lb. Single. Turned professional July 1971. Close season signing from Bristol Rovers. Has seen service with Leicester City for whom he made 55 appearances + 8 subs. and scored 17 goals. Made 14 appearances and scored 4 goals while on loan to Doncaster Rovers. Transferred to Sunderland for £200,000. Made 101 appearances + 8 subs. and scored 32 goals. Joined Bristol Rovers 1979 from Sunderland for fee of £70,000. Hobbies: golf and racing. Fav. food: pasta. Fav. actor: Dustin Hoffman. Fav. actress: Fay Dunaway. Fav. male singer: Neil Diamond. Fav. female singer: Kate Bush. Drives a Fiat car. Dislikes being injured. Ambition: to be successful with United.

HUGH MCGROGAN (Midfield). Born Dunbarton 1/3/57. Ht. 5' 8". Wt. 11st. 4lb. Single. Signed from Oxford United in the summer of 1980 as part of a double deal that also brought Gary Watson to Brunton Park. Turned professional with Oxford in 1975 after two year apprenticeship. Can play up front or right side midfield. Over 120 appearances for Oxford but his career at Brunton Park has been dogged by injury. Is now recovering from another operation to his leg. Hobbies: snooker, golf, darts. Fav. actor: Clint Eastwood. Fav. actress: Bridget Bardot. Fav. male singer: Paul Rodgers. Fav. female singer: Suzi Quatro. Player most admired: Jimmy Johnstone, Archie Gemill. Dislikes: losing. Ambition: to win something with Carlisle United.

BOBBY PARKER (Defender). Born Coventry 11/11/52. Ht. 5' 8½". Wt. 11st. 10lb. Bought from Coventry City June 1974 for £55,000. Only player remaining from sides that played in 1st Division in season 1974/5. Made 78 appearances plus 3 subs. for Coventry. Made 275 appearances plus 5 subs. for United. Although only 28 is longest serving United professional of present squad at Brunton Park. Hobbies: walking his dog, watching other sports, horse racing. Fav. food: prawns, steak. Fav. actor: Donald Sutherland. Fav. actress: Joan Collins. Fav. male singer: Barry Manilow. Fav. female singer: Shirley Bassey. Player most admired: Bobby Moore. Drives an Allegro. Dislikes bad drivers, waiting around. Ambition: To prolong his career as long as possible.

BRYAN ROBSON (Striker). Born Sunderland 1946. Ht. 5' 7". Wt. 11st. 8lb. This prolific striker signed from Sunderland in March 1981 as Player Coach. He is now Assistant Manager to Bob Stokoe, but will be playing up front again this season for United. During a career spanning 18 years, Robson has found the net on 239 occasions in League games 81 for Newcastle United. 95 for West Ham (two spells) 57 for Sunderland (two spells), and 6 last season for United in 9 appearances. Bryan's burning ambition is to reach a total of 250 league goals, and who would bet against that possibility? Hobbies: golf, squash and table tennis.

GORDON STANFORTH (Striker). Born Hull 23/3/57. Ht. 5' 7". Wt. 10st. 7lb. Married. Wife Sandra. Children: James and Thomas. United's record buy. Cost £120,000 from York City in October, 1978. Turned professional March 1974 with Hull City. 7 plus 5 sub. appearances. Made 119 appearances for York City and scoring 30 goals. Stanforth played for Hull Boys, Yorkshire Boys and the under 15 England Schoolboys, including a tournament in Holland. Has made 68 appearances for United and scored 22 goals. Hobbies: golf, squash, cricket. Fav. drink: tea. Fav. food: steak. Fav. actress: Noele Gordon. Fav. male singer: Stevie Wonder. Fav. female singer: Kim Wilde. Drives a Volvo 245 DL. Dislikes: bad manners, smoking. Ambition: to win promotion with Carlisle United.

TREVOR SWINBURNE (Goalkeeper). Born East Rainton, Sunderland 20/6/53. Ht. 6' 1". Wt. 14st. 3lb. Married. Wife Susan. Children: Paul. Turned professional June 1970, when signed by Sunderland. Made 10 appearances for Sunderland and had a spell on loan with Sheffield United but didn't get a first team call. Transferred from Sunderland to United on free transfer. 168 appearances for United. Only ever present in 1979/80 with 54 appearances. Former "Player of the Year". Hobbies: gardening, driving, listening to records. Fav. food: bolognese. Fav. actor: Paul Newman. Fav. actress: Katherine Ross. Fav. male singer: Maric Knopflor. Fav. female singer: Donna Summer. Player most admired: Peter Shilton. Dislikes: being kept waiting, smoke filled rooms. Ambition to get promotion to Div. II this season.

GARY WATSON (Defender). Born Easington Co. Durham 2/3/61. Ht. 6' 11½". Wt. 12st. 12lb. Single. Signed from Oxford United 1980 as part of a "double deal" involving Hugh McGrogan. Gained four England Youth Caps. Another Oxford Youth Policy recruit. Joined them from school and turned professional Nov. 1978. Made some 25 appearances for Oxford United, 7 appearances + 1 sub. for United. Hobbies: tennis. Fav. food: roast beef and veg. Fav. actor: Clint Eastwood. Fav. singer: Elton John. Drives a Mini. Dislikes losing. Main ambition: to be happy. Player most admired: Pete.

DAVE RUSHBURY (Defender). Born Wolverhampton 20/2/56. Ht. 5' 10". Wt. 11st. Married: Wife Pauline. Signed from Swansea City in July 1981. Previously with Sheffield Wed. and W.B.A. Hobbies: golf, tennis and squash. Fav. Food: Pasta. Fav. actor: Clint Eastwood. Fav. Singer: Neil Diamond. Drives a Fiesta car. Ambition: Another promotion! (was in promotion winning teams with WBA and Swansea). Player most admired: Franz Beckenbauer.

Colin Benson spotlights

BRYAN 'POP' ROBSON

Three goals in Carlisle United's opening League games against Bristol City, Exeter City and Southend United confirmed that Bryan "Pop" Robson still has the knack.

Many thought that he was finished when he left Sunderland at the age of 35 last season to join the Cumbrians, but with six goals in nine outings he soon proved that he is still as sharp and lethal as ever in front of goal.

Goalscorer extraordinary that is Bryan Robson, the man who has rattled in 241 goals and most of them in the top level - in 587 Football League appearances for Newcastle United, West Ham United, Sunderland and now Carlisle.

Nicknamed "Pop" because of his continual habit of popping up in the box to shoot home vital goals, Bryans style has been very much in the mould of the legendry Jimmy Greaves. The similarity between these two great marksmen is the ability to sniff opportunities out and then convert them with uncanny regularity.

Both players would stand in the most remote looking positions, away from the action and when the ball deflected off somebody's head or shoulder they would be there to finish it off.

The habit of turning up in the right spot every time is of course an instinct that all great goal-scorers possess and although the muscles might not respond quite so strongly, the legs become weary and the reactions a little duller with age, that knack for being in the right place is something that never fades.

Even today Bryan is a threat to goal every time he takes the field. His reactions and the ability to strike the ball regularly into the corner of the net are still a danger to Third Division defences.

At only 5' 7" Sunderland born Robson has shown that you don't have to be big to be a top class striker. In fact most goalkeepers find it more difficult to cope with men like him who excell at placing the shot into the remotest corners. They never know what to expect and he will often make a monkey out of a 'keeper by simply bending the ball.

Of course even for great men there can be no escape from reality. Ann'o Domini dictates that Pops playing days are numbered, however his appointment last summer as the clubs assistant manager has indicated where his future lies and paved the way for his next big step.

"I am delighted to get the position and the extra responsibility that goes with it," says the man with the golden boots. "I enjoy working with players and helping them develop, and the boss, Bob Stokoe, is a great character and the experience I am getting under him is invaluable. We are both ambitious for the club and will try and build a team which will bring success back to Brunton Park."

Successful, in terms of medals and cups won, is probably the one thing missing from Robson's career. A prolific scorer of the highest calibre he just does not seem to have been around when they handed out the prizes.

Pop somehow missed international recognition and will finish his playing days without having gained the rewards his undoubtable talent, ability and consistency has deserved.



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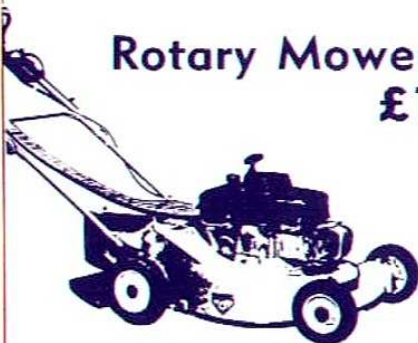
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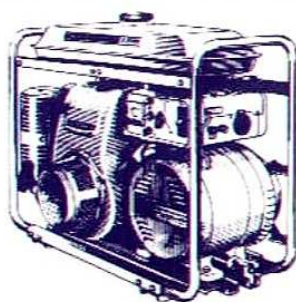
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IN NORTH WILTSHIRE

John Ward talks to Howard Pritchard

Howard Pritchard is twenty two and until he joined Swindon Town a few weeks before the beginning of this season Bristol City had been his only club. Born in Cardiff, he played football for Cardiff Schoolboys and trained with the Cardiff City Apprentices. Then he had a trial with Bristol City and this led to him being taken on as an apprentice there.

When he was nineteen he played two games in the Bristol City first team in the First Division. The following year, when Bristol City were relegated, he played nineteen First Division games. Last season in the Second Division he played twenty games in the first team with seven more appearances as substitute as a more or less orthodox winger, either on the left or the right. He classes himself only as an occasional goal scorer, managing two last season.

The Bristol City manager made it clear to Howard at the end of last season that he was not part of his plans for the first team even though he still had two years of his contract to run. He was not taken on the club's pre-season tour of Sweden and had little hesitation when Swindon approached him.

Howard was still puzzled about Bristol City's rapid and dramatic decline. "In the season when we were relegated," he said "at Christmas we were in the top five in the First Division. With the same squad we should really have gone straight back. One problem was that there did not appear to be any money available to plug one or two weaknesses. Also we found that Second Division football was different; in the First Division you are allowed time on the ball, allowed to play in certain areas of the field; then when you get near to goal the pace becomes a lot quicker. In the Second Division on the other hand they tighten down on you all over the park."

How did Howard relish playing in the Third Division, I wondered. "Obviously you will not normally be up against the same class of player," he replied. "But in addition to skill, maybe it will require more hard work to stay in the team. I suspect that anyone who shows a lack of effort

simply won't get in. I would have thought that in the Third Division work rate counts for about 75%. If it's a bit more aggressive that won't bother me. I like it that way."

Off the football field Howard is keen on playing tennis and goes back to see his family in Cardiff most weekends. He has a house in Clevedon, while that was fine when he was playing for Bristol City it would now make a lot of sense to move to Swindon, but his fiancée, Mandy, a Bristol girl lives there and is reluctant to give up her job as a nursing assistant in a local mental hospital. The solution may be for Howard to become a weekly commuter.



Town through time

Wingers

PART TWO

by paul plowman



In 1901 the nation lost a Queen and Wiltshire football almost lost its premier club. A loan was to save Swindon Town from immediate oblivion, but it was a number of seasons before the club again graced the upper reaches of the Southern League. Thirty men were called upon in the same number of league games in 1901-02, experience being the chief ingredient sought with potential newcomers to the County Ground staff.

ALBIE EDWARDS, who had first pulled on a Town shirt in December 1895, returned to the outside-left berth - whilst on the right touch-line could be found HARRY OAKDEN. Derby born, Oakden was one of those privileged to have played next to the legendary Steve Bloomer in a County side which appeared in F.A. Cup semi-finals with monotonous regularity, yet never actually managed to win it. Injury prevented Harry from making the 1899 trip to the Palace, after which he spent an ignominious period on the south coast with Brighton United (long since extinct) and then across the Irish Sea with Belfast Distillery.

In March 1902, Oakden dropped back to the right-half position where he was to provide Swindon with good service until retiring in 1906. TOMMY DAVIES took over on the wing. The elder brother of Bertie - who is perhaps better remembered - Tommy promptly followed other Town players to Nottingham Forest, enabling the directors to slowly repay the club's creditors. The name of JACK COWLEY featured at left-half and outside-left throughout the 1903-04 term. John Bennett Cowley, to give him his full name, was born in Burton-on-Trent in 1877 and came to Swindon along with centre-half Charlie Bannister in 1902. LEN RICKETTS, a Londoner whose previous experience was with Worcester, SAM PEERS (ex-Coventry) and local amateur ERNIE TOOMBS also made brief appearances on the left side of the attack. Another part-timer who put in several fine performances on either wing was the REVEREND REID of Kempford, later to transfer his ecclesiastical residence to Exeter and assisting the City club on many occasions.

Western League side Bristol East supplied the Town with two left-wingers during 1905 - OLIVER BOLWELL and Billy Tout. Bolwell very quickly faded from the scene, losing his place to ALF DEAN, whilst young Tout, after one or two mediocre displays on the flank, was slotted into the half-back line - and from there scored over fifty League goals in a span of ten years! He soon became the club's penalty expert, but in 1905-06 that task fell to Dean and four successful spot-kicks were included in his nine goal tally - sufficient to make him top scorer that season. Alf's departure to Millwall Athletic in May 1906 brought TOMMY BIRTLES, later a Yorkshire county cricketer, to the County Ground. A native of Higham, just outside Barnsley, Tommy had joined the Oakwell staff in 1903 and was to finish his career there as a guest during the Great War. Following his one season with Swindon, he linked up with Portsmouth for three years before returning north to Rotherham Town. Birtles, in turn, gave way to JIMMY JOHNSTON from Third Lanark, who joined fellow Scots Johnny Kidd and Jock Walker in the Town line-up. The outside-left had considerably less distance to travel, this being Bristol City's FREDDY FENTON. The latter soon found his position threatened by FRANK HEPPINSTALL, from Denaby United, while Johnston was temporarily removed during October 1907 by a trialist suffering from ill-health!

To be continued



From the Secretary

Firstly I would like to thank all of those kind folk who so generously donated to the collection for new facilities for the disabled. The collection realised the sum of £368.70p which will go a long way towards protecting the disabled from the extremes of weather we are subjected to on a Saturday afternoon. In addition to the collection Mrs. Fisher, herself disabled, made a private donation as did Mr. Bill Collins, the Turf Accountant and if anyone who was unable to give when the collecting boxes came around would care to make their donation I shall be most pleased to receive it on behalf of the disabled. Thanks also to the away match supporters for so ably arranging the collection.

Is the new points system making a difference in our game? I think perhaps it is to teams such as ours who prefer to play open football hence our improved form away from home. Teams playing at home are perhaps opening up their game more than they did in the hope of gaining the coveted three points, allowing our players more freedom than they get at home. I would now like to see some incentive given to clubs to reward them for winning or drawing away from home, for the present system still encourages away teams to play a defensive game as was witnessed here at the County Ground against Reading and Chesterfield. The chairmen are to hold another seminar from the 20th to 22nd February and perhaps this is a matter they will consider.

There is a strong move afoot to regionalise reserve team football. Many clubs have no recognised league in which to play their reserve sides and others are concerned at the costs involved, and understandably so. Our receipts from Football Combination matches are insufficient to pay the expenses of the referee and it must be accepted that reserve team football will always be a drain on a club's resources. Notwithstanding these circumstances I am sure that the board of directors will resist the proposed changes in an endeavour to retain our status in the Football Combination for, if reserve

teams are necessary as we think they are, what better standard of competition could we have than the one in which our young players can play and gain experience from players of First and Second Division sides.

One of those clubs unable to gain admittance into a Reserve Team League is Swansea City and they are relying upon arranging a series of friendly games for their players. John Trollope has agreed to play them in such a game and this will be staged on the County Ground on Monday, 26th October, kick off at 7.30 p.m.

On Wednesday next, 14th October the Football Association has asked us to stage the match F.A. XI v The South West Counties and this we have agreed to do. The Football Association were most impressed with the arrangements and support given for the Under 21 match last season and I hope we shall see many more of their games here in the future. I hope that a good number of you will turn up to see this match which I am sure will be very interesting and worthy of your support.

On Wednesday, 4th November we are holding a Centenary Dinner Dance at the Blunsdon House Hotel with dancing to the Gordon Talbot Band. Most of the players will be present at this function and, although tickets are selling very well indeed, we still have room for a few more. If you are interested, please drop me a line and I will arrange for an invitation to be sent to you.

As we are now a little way into the league programme I would like to offer Season Tickets in the North Stand for the reduced price of £40, £27 for Juniors and Senior Citizens. For those of you who will attend every match remaining throughout the season this special price presents a saving of £8.60 on the match day price x 18 matches. For your information we have facilities for you to buy these tickets with your Barclaycard if you so wish.

I notice that a number of people queue up at the match day ticket office on match afternoons to purchase tickets for the North Stand and then wait in line again to enter the stand. This, of course, is quite unnecessary as you can purchase your ticket at either the orange or green turnstiles as you enter the stand, saving an unnecessary wait at the ticket office.

Thank you for your valued support this afternoon - without you there would be no football at the County Ground and if you are able to bring a friend next time we shall be very grateful.



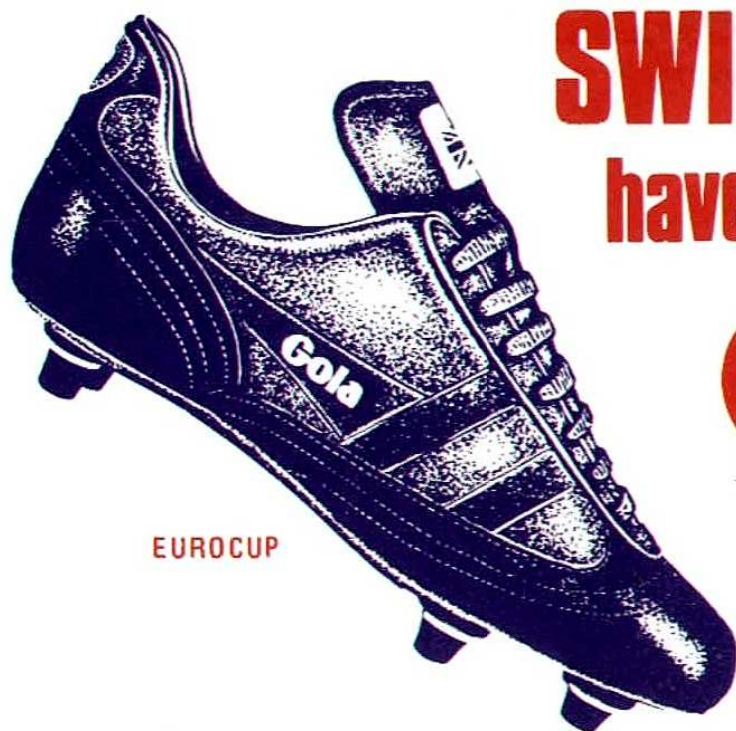
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Front Row:
(Seated)

Mike Coady, Russell Coughlin, Bryan Robson (Assistant Manager), Bob Stokoe (Manager), Gordon Staniforth, Alan Campbell, Jim Hamilton.

Seated on Grd:

Hugh McCroghan, Cliff Thompson.

STATISTICS 81-82

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

		Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 29	Watford	A	3-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Bailie	Baddy	Round 1	Baddeley	Abbley 1	Blackler	Beamish	Pritchard	Bristow 1
Sept 2	Q.P.R.	H	0-3	Stevens	Bailie	Baddy	Bristow	Round	Blackler	Beamish	Beamish	Rideout	Peach	Abbley
5	Hereford	H	1-1	Stevens	Bailie	Baddy	Bristow	Round	Westlake	Batty 1	Beamish	Beamish	Moore	Short
12	Tottenham	A	1-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Bailie	Baddy	Round 1	Baddeley	Pritchard	Pritchard	Beamish	Blackler	Short
19	Birmingham	H	1-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Bailie	Baddy	Round	Blackler	Beamish	Rideout	Moore	Moore	Short
26	Southampton	A	2-4	Stevens	Baverstock	Bailie	Baddy	Round	Blackler	Moore 1	Rideout 1	Peach	Beamish 2	Bristow
29	Bristol City	A	3-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Baddy	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Rideout	Beamish	Moore	Moore
Oct 3	Norwich City	H	2-4	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddeley	Baddy	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Rideout	Beamish 1	Moore	Moore

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

Sept 3	Leicester	H	1-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Bailie	Blackler	Round	Westlake	Bristow 1	Batty	Furley	Coleman	Short
9	Birmingham	A	1-1	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake*	Bailie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley	Coleman	Short
14	Northampton	H	3-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake	Bailie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley 3	Coleman*	Short

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

Aug 29	Chelsea	H	1-2	Whitbread	Tobin	Sheppard	Thomas	Jackman*	Smith	Cousins	Niblett 1*	Barnes	Gallo	Evans	Smith & Bottomley
Sept 3	Luton	H	2-1	Whitbread	Tobin	Gould	Amith	Thomas	Sheppard	Cousins	Niblett 1	Barnes	Gallo	Evans 1	—
12	Millwall	H	2-2	Whitbread	Tobin	Gould	Smith	Thomas	Sheppard	Cousins	Niblett 1	Barnes	Gallo 1*	Evans	Furley
19	Oxford	A	2-1	Whitbread	Tobin*	Gould	Dallaway*	Thomas	Sheppard	Cousins	Niblett	Barnes	Gallo 1	Evans 1	Jackman & Smith
26	Chelsea (Cup)	A	1-3	Whitbread	Smith	Thomas	Sheppard	Gould	Smith	Cousins	Niblett*	Barnes	Gallo*	Evans	Jackman & Bottomley
Oct 3	Reading	H	4-3	Whitbread	Smith	Thomas	Sheppard	Gould	Dallaway	Cousins	Bottomley*	Barnes 3	Harrison	Evans 1	Gallo & Niblett

1 Goalscorers * Player replaced by substitute

2 permitted

Picture Parade...



One that didn't go in although it looks as though it has - Swindon goalkeeper Jimmy Allen has his goal covered as the ball bounces on top of the net in the match against Chesterfield.

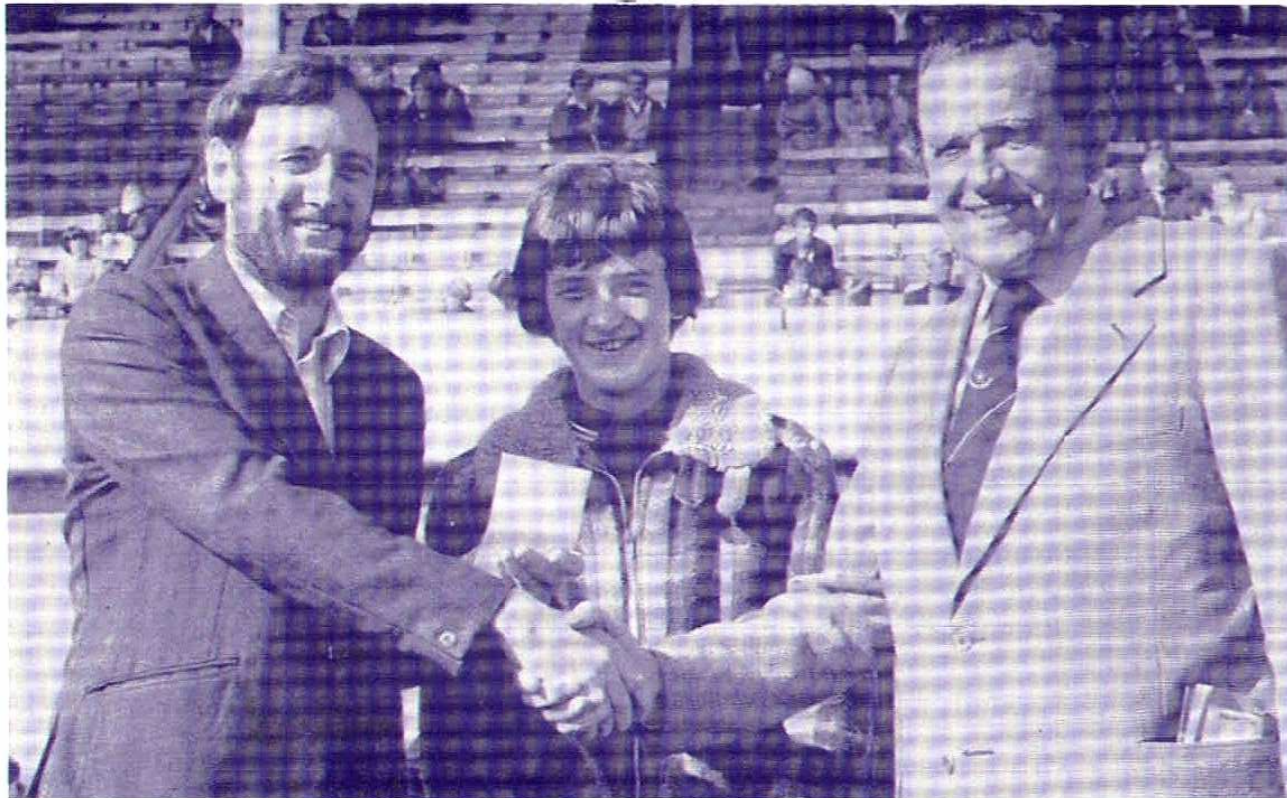


Battle of the centre halves - Swindon's Russell Lewis and Chesterfield's Bill Green in action during the town's last home game.

COMMERCIAL SPEAKING

This could have been you. Below you see Mr. D. Maher of 36 Avon Square, Uphavon receiving his £1,000 First Prize from the Robins Reward Lottery from our chairman Mr. Cecil Green. In the centre is Mr. Bailey our Uphavon agent who receives £100 for selling Mr. Maher the ticket.

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	League*	
	Apps	Goals
1 JIMMY ALLAN	280	—
2 CHARLIE HENRY	40	—
3 DAVID PEACH	4	2
4 BRIAN HUGHES	26	3
5 RUSSEL LEWIS	103	5
6 MIKE GRAHAM	8	1
7 ROY CARTER	160	24
8 GARY EMMANUEL	7	—
9 ANDY ROWLAND	122	48
10 ROY GREENWOOD	36	6
11 GARY WILLIAMS	8	1
12		

* Club career totals up to and including October 3

Steve Abbley	12	—
Paul Rideout	18	4
Howard Pritchard	1	—
Craig Moores	1	—
Kevin Baddeley	4	—



CARLISLE

	League*	
	Apps	Goals
1 TREVOR SWINBURNE	168	—
2 BOBBY PARKER	271	5
3 DAVE RUSHBURY	8	—
4 PAUL HAIGH	35	—
5 JACK ASHURST	8	—
6 TONY LARKIN	6	—
7 RUSSELL COUCLIN	31	3
8 PETER BEARDSLEY	88	19
9 BOB LEE	8	3
10 JOHN CRABBE	8	1
11 GORDON STANIFORTH	69	22
12 JIMMY HAMILTON	154	12

Mike Coady	49	1
Keith Houghton	42	1
Alan Campbell	26	—
Bryan Robson	12	9
Paul Bannon	77	24
Stuart Metcalfe	25	3

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. MICHAEL L. JAMES (Horsham)
Started refereeing locally in 1960. Progressed through Sussex County League to Southern League, and to the Football League List. Refereed the Southern League Cup Final in 1979; acted as linesmen in an F.A. Cup quarter-final in 1981, and was reserve linesmen for England v. Brazil (1981).

LINESMEN:

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