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FRONT COVER: Jimmy Allan saves from City's Tom Ritchie in the Milk Cup.

Picture by John Kelland

# T. C. Speaking



A Happy New Year everyone – and I'm sure you don't need me to tell you that we are all convinced that this year just has to be better than the one just ended.

I doubt if any club in the history of the game has suffered such a shattering upheaval – and survived.

But survive we have. Even if the club is deep in trouble in the re-election zone the main thing is that League football is still being played by a City team in red shirts at Ashton Gate.

There were times during the darkest days of last year when it looked as though City would slide from the First to the Fourth and then right out of existence in successive seasons.

Times have been hard – and frustrating. But at the end of this current

season Bristol City will be in a position to bring in a few more players to continue the rebuilding which started with the arrival of Glyn Riley, Alan Crawford and your old favourite Tom Ritchie.

Although it will be a few years yet before the club can even consider making any moderate-sized buys in the transfer market I am convinced that I can build a side capable of promotion with three or four additions from the pool of players who are released by hard-up clubs this summer.

In the meantime, I'd like to say a big hello again to all our old friends and rivals from Swindon. It is nice to see you doing so well after falling into the Fourth Division with us.

City have already played Swindon twice this season in the first round of the Milk Cup when we won 3-2 on aggregate over two legs. Poor Russell Musker broke his leg in the first match and a disputed goal took us through in the return leg, so there was no shortage of drama.

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# Meet our

## About our visitors – SWINDON TOWN

by David M. Woods

We welcome to Ashton Gate today old rivals Swindon Town who were billed as 'Champions of the West' when they provided the first opposition of Bristol South End, as we were then known, in a friendly match at our old St. Johns Lane enclosure on Saturday, September 1st, 1894.

On that gloriously hot sunny day a crowd of 3,500, after being entertained by the 'Bristol South Brass Band' conducted by Mr. G. A. Godfrey, saw our club vice-president, Mr. J. Durant kick-off after our captain, Arthur Jones had won the toss. We took the lead twice in the first half at the end of which the score was 2-2, but after the interval our opponents put on two more goals without reply to run out winners 4-2.

The teams lined up as follows:-

**Bristol South End:** A. Trestrail, J. W. Welham, A. Taylor, F. Davis, A. Jones, G. Jones, R. Walters, G. Fry, W. Lewis, H. Clements, F. Mayger.

**Swindon Town:** C. Williams, T. Allen, W. Richardson, H. Webb, A. Dibsdaile, H. Spackman, H. Ricks, R. L. Jones, H. Walman, F. Selwood, P. Mills.

The scorer of our first goal is unknown, contemporary reports only state that a goal was scored from a scrimmage but the second was registered by Fry with Walman, R. L. Jones, Mills and Selwood obtaining Swindon's.

Swindon, who are popularly known as 'The Robins' and 'The Moonrakers' were formed in 1881 and they were one of the original members of the Southern League in 1894-5 when they finished bottom of the First Division with the following record:-

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points
16	4	1	11	24	48	9

They were fortunate in not being relegated only being saved, after losing their Test Match versus the Second Division Champions, New Brompton (now Gillingham) 5-1, by an increase in size of the division. They stayed in the Southern League, winning the Championship in 1910-11, 1913-14 and finishing runners-up in 1908-9, 1909-10, 1912-13, until the formation of the Third Division of the Football League in 1920-1. Since then they have twice gained promotion, as Third Division runners-up in 1962-3 and 1968-9. This season is the first time they have been in the Fourth Division. They have had to apply for re-election to the old Third Division (South) on three occasions.

The 'Moonrakers' are famed cup fighters reaching the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals in 1909-10, 1911-12 and winning the Football League Cup at Wembley versus Arsenal, 3-1 after extra time in 1968-9. They also won the Anglo Italian Cup in 1970.

Since their formation they have had two grounds moving to the 'County Ground', which had been the home of Swindon Wanderers, in 1896 from the 'Croft'.

Record Victory: 10-1 Home versus Farnham United Breweries, F.A. Cup 1925-6.

Record Defeat: 1-10 Away versus Manchester City, F.A. Cup 1929-30.

Record Attendance: 32,000 versus Arsenal, F.A. Cup 1971-2.  
Highest League Position: 5th in Division Two 1969-70.



**Back Row** (Left to Right): Jimmy Quinn, Russell Lewis, Charlie Henry, Jimmy Allan, Mark Stevens, Paul Rideout, Andy Rowland.  
**Middle Row** (Left to Right): Martin Blackler, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish, David Bristow, Roy Carter, Kevin Baddeley, David Round.  
**Front Row** (Left to Right): Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty, John Trollope, M.B.E. (Manager), Ray Baverstock, Leigh Barnard, Gary Williams.

# Visitors



**Allan, Jim (Goalkeeper)** Born Inverness. Experienced goalkeeper who has been with Swindon since signing from Scottish Junior Football in 1970. Made his league debut in September 1971 and has been the regular first team goalkeeper since 1976. Now the longest serving player at the club with 318 league appearances to the end of last season.

**Baddeley, Kevin (Defender)** Born Swindon. Although brought up in Swindon Kevin joined Bristol City to serve his apprenticeship and made one league appearance for them against West Ham United in August 1980. Joined Swindon in July 1981 and established himself in the first team last season making 29 league appearances. Can play in either full back position although usually found on the left.

**Bailie, Colin (Defender)** Born Belfast. Promising young full back who signed professional last season after completing his apprenticeship. Made one first team appearance at Oxford United in April 1982.

**Barnard, Leigh (Midfield)** Born Worsley. A player who served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and spent several seasons with them after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977. A busy hardworking player he made around 90 league appearances for Portsmouth before joining Swindon in July 1982.

**Batty, Paul (Midfield)** Born Edlington, Yorkshire. Young player who completed his apprenticeship last season and signed professional but had not appeared in the first team at the season's end.

**Baverstock, Ray (Defender)** born London. Young fullback who served his apprenticeship with Swindon but had not appeared in the first team at the end of last season.

**Beamish, Ken (Forward)** Born Bebbington. Ken is a coach at the County Ground but also available as a player and made 2 league appearances last season. A very experienced player with a good scoring record he made 552 league appearances for Tranmere Rovers (twice), Brighton, Blackburn, Bury and Port Vale before joining Swindon in July 1981.

**Carter, Roy (Midfield)** Born Torpoint. Roy played part time football for Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975. His league debut was at Halifax Town in April 1975 and he played in the Third Division Championship team of 1976. Made 71 league appearances before his transfer to Swindon in December 1977. His height and pace have made him a complete utility player and he has played in every outfield position whilst with Swindon for whom he had made 197 league appearances at the end of last season. Usually found as an attacking midfield player he was the team captain and penalty taker last season.

**Emmanuel, Gary (Midfield)** Born Swansea. Gary started his career with Birmingham City making his debut in January 1975 at Stoke City. He played 71 first division games for the Blues before a transfer to Bristol Rovers in December 1978. A further 65 league appearances followed for the Eastville club and he joined Swindon in an exchange deal during the 1981 close season. Gave some all-action displays last season.

**Graham, Mike (Defender)** Born Lancaster. Mike began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made his league debut as substitute at Mansfield in March 1978. He had made 46 league appearances for Bolton, mostly at fullback before he joined Swindon in the summer of 1981. He made 30 league appearances last season often in the centre of the defence but also in midfield.

**Henry, Charlie (Defender)** Born Acton. Charlie grew up in Swindon and served his apprenticeship with the club signing professional in February 1980. By September 1980 he had made his first team debut in a league cup match at Lincoln City and went on to establish himself in the first team at right fullback although he can also play at centre half. Had made 69 league appearances at the end of last season.

**Hughes, Brian (Midfield)** Born Ludgershall. A former Swindon apprentice he signed professional in 1980 and made his first team debut in a league cup-tie at Lincoln City in September of that year. A player of considerable potential despite his lightweight build he had made 51 league appearances at the end of last season.

**Lewis, Russell (Defender)** Born Blaengwynfi. Russell joined Swindon from Welsh League Football in 1976 and made his league debut at York City in April 1977. He had to spend several seasons as reserve centre-half before winning a regular first team place at right fullback during the 1979-80 season. The following season he took over at centre-half and at the end of last season had 138 league appearances to his credit. A whole-hearted tough-tackling player.

**Pritchard, Howard (Forward)** Born Cardiff. Howard served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his league debut against Aston Villa in August 1978. He made 38 league appearances over the next three seasons and was released to join Swindon in July 1981. He made 28 league appearances for Swindon last season and usually plays as an orthodox winger on either side of the pitch although usually favouring the right.

**Quinn, Jimmy (Forward)** Born Belfast. Swindon signed Jimmy from a Northern Premier League side Oswestry Town in December 1981 after a month's trial and he made his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. He made 2 full appearances and 1 more as substitute last season after a rapid rise from junior football. An old fashioned centre forward who is good in the air.

**Rideout, Paul (Forward)** Born Bournemouth. Paul was the regular centre forward in the England Schoolboys team for two seasons and signed as an apprentice for Swindon in May 1980. He was given a professional contract on his seventeenth birthday but by that time had already scored on his league debut against Hull City in November 1980 and made 16 league appearances last season to take his total to 51 before his eighteenth birthday. His ability to produce goals out of unpromising situations marks him as a player with the potential to succeed at the highest level.

**Round, David (Defender)** Born Sedgley. A former Swindon apprentice he is a tall central defender who had not yet appeared in the first team at the end of last season.

**Blackler, Martin (Midfield)** Born Swindon. A former Swindon apprentice who has yet to make a first team appearance.

**Bristow, David (Midfield)** Born in Hackney. David signed as a professional during the close season after serving his apprenticeship at Swindon.

**Rowland, Andy (Forward)** Born Derby. Andy was an apprentice with Derby County but did not appear in their first team. During 1974 he was transferred to Bury and made his league debut at Swindon in August that year. He was three times leading scorer for Bury and played 174 league games for them before his transfer to Swindon in September 1978. He made 141 league appearances for Swindon at the end of last season and has a consistent goalscoring record.



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# Robin's Quiz

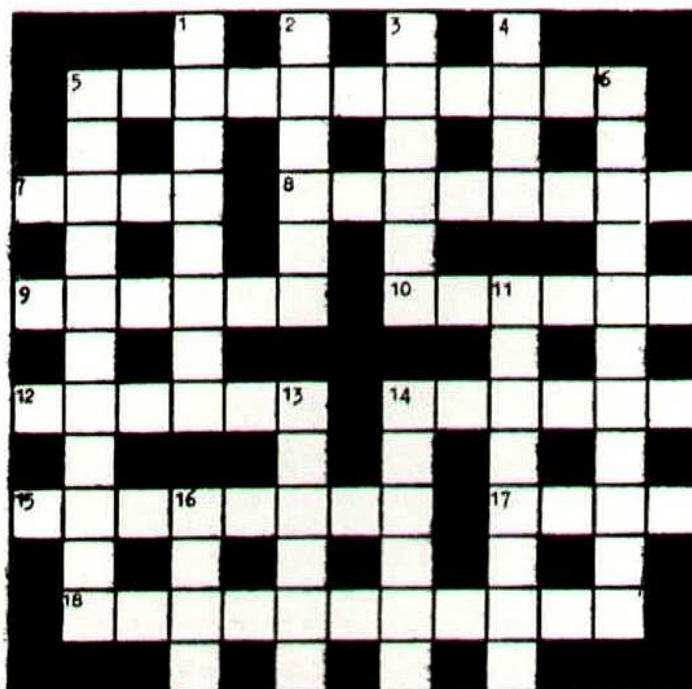
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### ACROSS

5. Scottish R.U. International Ground (11)
7. Last the course (4)
8. Standing order for stable lads (5,3)
9. Former hero of Merseyside (6)
10. Limp, and fasten the horse up (6)
12. Turns and swerves (6)
14. Indian bowler noted for his turban (1, 1, 4)
15. The dread of every batsman (3, 1, 4)
17. Groovy man! Rally car driver might agree (4)
18. Famous British motor racing track (6,5)

### DOWN

1. Are they the only colour allowed on the dog track? (4,4)
2. Weapon formerly used in jousting (6)
3. Start again (6)
4. Probably the most famous English centre forward ever (4)
5. The first man to swim the channel (7,4)
6. The language spoken when Ajax meet Feyenoord? (6,5)
11. The American legendary baseball hero (4,4)
13. Partnerships by batsmen (6)
14. Moorings (6)
16. Amsterdam team, won European Cup three years running (4)



**First correct entry will receive 2 tickets for the next home fixture.**

# Commercially Speaking

by Roger Smith



Welcome to all our friends from Swindon Town and let's hope that we can give our lads the support to score the goals and win, what a terrific way to start the New Year.

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### Match Ball

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## CLINIC — Is it a torn Cartilage?

by Alex Lockhart, MCSP-SRP

I explained in my first article that the most common signs of a torn cartilage were:— Locking, giving way, swelling and heat, "clicking", and thigh muscle wasting.

To the Doctor presented with all these signs, a torn cartilage would be a possible diagnosis. But he would want to know a great deal more before deciding an operation was necessary.

There is a strong ligament on the inside of the knee which prevents the joint opening too far. This ligament is most commonly injured when footballers side foot a ball or go into a heavy block tackle with the inside of the foot. Now if this ligament is partially torn or strained the symptoms can be similar to those described above. And just to complicate matters the inner or medial cartilage is attached to this ligament. However, a description of how the injury occurred and careful stressing of the knee will show if this ligament is torn or badly strained. There are other tests where the knee

is straightened from a bent position with pressure and a slight twist. Usually a torn cartilage will give a "clunk" as the knee is straightened.

Even then these tests are good indications but not conclusive.

Happily with recent medical advances, it is now possible to have a small tube inserted into the joint through which photographs can be taken of the cartilage and prove conclusively if it is torn.

Athletes and sports persons have functioned efficiently with a small tear in a cartilage which was not displaced. If however the tear causes the joint to lock or give way the Doctor may decide that an operation is necessary.

In my final article I will discuss the best pre- and post-operative routines to return quickly and safely to sport and soccer in particular.

# Guest Spot

## D. T. Williams, Chairman



This is the second article in which each Director will give some brief background information of themselves, in order that you can get to know us somewhat better.

I was brought up in the Brislington area of Bristol and before the war as a schoolboy was an ardent follower of Bristol City.

In those days boys who played for the school's first team on the Saturday morning were given a pass to go to see Bristol City play in the afternoon, so this was an extra incentive to get into the first team. After the war I played Down's League Football from 1946/52 when I went to work for 2 years in East Africa playing Football, Cricket and even Hockey for the European Eleven.

On returning to England in 1955 I started work for Richard Costains (Builders and Civil Engineers) watching Bristol City on Saturdays in the winter months and playing cricket for the South Western Electricity Board Cricket Club (for whom I never worked) in the summer. I finished playing in 1973.

I left Costains in 1965 and joined J.T. (Bristol) Ltd. now J.T. Group Ltd. a local company then newly formed (who I am still with) becoming a Director the following year. Since those early days of the company when it was concerned only with Design and Build work we now are involved with Leisure Centres, also Country and Golf Clubs. We have one in Bristol, Redwood Lodge (formerly Ashton Court Country Club), the nearest golf course is St. Pierre Golf Club at Chepstow, the home of the Dunlop Masters Competition.

In 1975 I again went abroad, this time to the Middle East in the United Arab Emirates at Dubai where I was Managing Director of a construction company, seeing very little football apart from the City when home on leave. Although we did get the odd game in Dubai when the visitors were teams like Liverpool, Southampton, Ipswich, The Red Star (Belgrave), they played the local side Al Nasr managed by ex Leeds and England manager Don Revie, who was Terry Cooper's former boss.

On returning to England 2 years ago I again became involved watching Bristol City Football Club and local football. With the help of J.T. together with my fellow Director at Bristol City I became involved in the rescue operation of the club towards the end of last season. Was appointed a Director at the A.G.M. and Chairman at the next Board Meeting.

I am naturally extremely disappointed in our league position this season and feel that we should have had better results the way we played in some of our matches. I am sure you realise what an extremely difficult job Terry Cooper has in view of the financial restriction we have had to place on him.

As some of you will know a sum of around £80,000 is held back by The Football League until after the end of this season. In addition your Directors have had to place a further large sum of money with the League as a guarantee that we will fulfil all our commitments this season. This together with the monies used to purchase the ground has meant that no money was available for team building and therefore, Terry has not been able to sign the players he may have wished and we have been forced to work on a very tight budget for this year. After all the first priority must be for us to go forward on a firm financial footing and we must never again get into a position that could result in the end of Bristol City Football Club. So I ask you please be patient, give us all the support that you can, I feel sure Terry will continue to bring on the young players and that in a short time we will all have a team of which we can be proud.

## **Mascot – Richard Coombs**

Richard Coombs is 9 years old and attends Wansdyke Junior School in Whitchurch where he is a keen member of the Schools and Cubs Football Teams. Richard's other hobbies include swimming and athletics, for which he has just recently obtained his badge. His other hobbies include chess and reading. He attends most City's home fixtures and his ambition is to play for Bristol City.



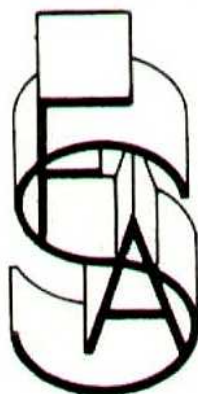
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## Action Soccer

"Action Soccer" is a Campaign promoted by the sports council in conjunction with the Football Association and The Gloucestershire F.A., to promote the game of football, in particular among these who have left school, and who unfortunately have not been able to find work.

Bobby Campbell has been appointed as Football Motivator in order to get the scheme established in the Bristol area.

He will be operating from a variety of Centres on different days of the week, and if you are looking for something worthwhile to do with your spare time, then why not join Bobby at one of the venues.

Basically it will involve developing your skills along with a certain amount of fitness training, and playing 5-a-side football. It is hoped to organise five-a-side tournaments, and if the response is sufficient to eventually have an eleven-a-side league, with games played during mid-week, and who knows, if

you are good enough there is always the possibility of teaming up with 'The City' as the opportunity will be there for you to take. So come along, enjoy yourself, at one of the Centres listed, where I look forward to seeing you, and it's FREE.

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Further information, Telephone Bristol 20434.

Bobby wishes to thank the Directors of Bristol City for their help and interest in the scheme and wishes them every success for the remainder of the season.



City's Rob Newman climbs above Colchester's Allan Hunter. Picture from John Kelland.



Omele Kelly scores City's 74min equaliser against Rovers Youth. Picture from John Kelland

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### DAVID J. KING

We very much regret to report the death of David J. Kidd on Sunday, 14th November, 1982, who died suddenly in his late 60s, only a few months after relinquishing the editorship of the Bristol & West Country Illustrated Magazine. He was devoted to the magazine, it was his life, together with his own particular interests, travel books and professional football. He was a season ticket holder at Ashton Gate and followed Bristol City loyally from the First Division of the Football League to the Fourth.

During his acute illness in the early

autumn of 1981 he was looked after devotedly by his wife, Mirian, who, with their son, Geoffrey, survive him. We will all sadly miss David King.

John Lillington

Our thanks to Peter Tully of the Wye Knot Inn in Symonds Yat West, who has kindly offered his Restaurant to the Club for the players pre-match meal when we visit Hereford United on December 28th. Many thanks Peter it is greatly appreciated.

# Where, When and Who? 1982-83

DATE	1982	OPPONENTS	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Att
Aug	28	Hull City	2-1	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle	Riley 1	Economou	Musker 1	Cooper	Ritchie	Crawford	Chandler	4877
	31	Swindon Town (Milk Cup)	1-2	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle 1	Riley	Economou	Musker*	Cooper	Ritchie	Crawford	Bray	3636
Sept	4	Tranmere Rovers	2-2	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie 2	Crawford	Chandler	1534
	7	Crew Alexandra	1-4	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Economou*	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie 2	Crawford	Thompson	1409
	11	Blackpool	0-0	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle 1	Riley	Economou*	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie 1	Crawford	Chandler	4808
(Sun)	14	Swindon Town (Milk Cup)	2-0	Shaw	Stevens	Newman	Williams	Boyle	Riley 1	Chandler*	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie	Thompson	Nicholls	3786
	19	Northampton Town	1-7	Shaw	Stevens	Nicholls	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Chandler*	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie	Thompson	Crawford	3017
	21	Bristol Rovers (Glos Cup)	1-2	Shaw	Stevens	Nicholls	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Newman*	Bray	Cooper	Ritchie	Crawford	Panes	4369
	25	Scunthorpe United	0-2	Shaw	Stevens	Nicholls	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Newman*	Economou	Cooper	Ritchie	Crawford	Panes	3890
	28	Torquay United	0-1	Shaw	Stevens	Williams	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Newman*	Ritchie	Cooper	Economou	Crawford	Panes	3041
Oct	2	Peterborough United	0-3	Shaw	Stevens*	Johnson	Williams	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Thompson	Thompson	Ritchie	Crawford	Panes	2739
	4	Sheffield Wed. (MC R2 1L)	1-2	Shaw	Newman	Williams	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Bray	Chandler*	Thompson	Crawford	Panes	4485
	9	York City	2-2	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Bray	Chandler	Thompson	Crawford	Ritchie	3683
	16	Hartlepool United	1-3	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley 1	Cooper	Williams	Chandler	Thompson	Crawford	Kelly N	1449
	19	Halifax Town	2-2	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Cooper	Ritchie	Chandler	Williams	Crawford	Kelly N	2009
	23	Wimbledon	4-2	Shaw	Newman	Thompson*	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley 3	Economou	Ritchie	Chandler	Cooper	Crawford	Kelly N	4723
	26	Sheffield Wed. (MC R2 2L)	1-1	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Ritchie	Chandler 1	Cooper	Crawford	Kelly N	7920
	30	Aldershot	0-0	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Thompson	Cooper	Chandler	Crawford	Kelly N	2821
Nov	2	Chester	0-0	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley	Economou	Thompson	Cooper	Chandler	Crawford	Williams	3942
	6	Stockport County	2-2	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Boyle	Riley 1	Economou	Williams	Cooper	Chandler 1	Crawford	Kelly N	4648
	13	Mansfield Town	1-1	Shaw	Newman	Johnson	Nicholls	Stevens	Riley 1	Economou	Williams	Ritchie	Cooper	Crawford	Kelly N	1979
	20	F.A. Cup R1 Orient	1-4	Shaw	Stevens	Johnson 1	Nicholls	Newman	Riley	Economou	Ritchie	Williams	Cooper	Crawford	Thompson	2772
	27	Colchester United	0-2	Shaw	Stevens	Johnson	Nicholls	Phillipson	Riley	Newman	Thompson	Cooper	Chandler	Crawford	Kelly N	4310
Dec	4	Rochdale	0-1	Shaw	Ulewellyn	Johnson	Nicholls	Masters	Riley	Newman	Thompson	Chandler	Cooper	Crawford	Economou	1901
	11	* F.A. Cup Round 2														
	18	Bury														
	27	Port Vale														
	28	Hereford United														
1983																
Jan	1	Swindon Town														
	3	Darlington														
	8	Tranmere Rovers														
	15	Hull City														
	22	Northampton Town														
	29	Torquay United (7.30pm)														
Feb	5	Scunthorpe United														
	12	Peterborough United														
	15	Halifax Town														
	19	York City														
	26	Hartlepool United														
Mar	2	Chester														
	5	Wimbledon														
	12	Aldershot														
(Fri)	18	Stockport County														
	26	Mansfield Town														
Apr	2	Hereford United														
	4	Port Vale														
	9	Rochdale														
	16	Blackpool														
	23	Bury														
(Fri)	29	Colchester United														
May	2	Darlington														
	7	Crew Alexandra														
	14	Swindon Town														
	21	F.A. Cup Final														

Key: Number after name denotes goals scored. Star after name denotes substitution. Home games indicated by bold print.

# GREAT MILLS WESTERN BRISTOL SUBURBAN LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	DATE	Venue	Result
1982				1982		
Aug. 28	Newport County (friendly)	A	1-0	Aug 28th	Clifton Rangers	(H) 1-1
31	Welton Rovers	H	3-1	Aug 31st	Parson St. O.B.	(H) 7-1
Sept. 4	Clevedon Town Cup	H	4-1	Sept 4th	I.C.I. Severnside	(A) 3-1
7	Paulton Rovers	H	1-2	Sept 8th	Alverstons Down	(A) 0-1
11	Elmore	A	1-2		Sports	
18	Yeovil Town	H	3-1	Sept 11th	Imperial Saints	(H) 4-0
25	Odd Down	A	2-4	Sept 18th	Fromeside Y.C.	(A) 3-6
Oct. 2	Weymouth	H	3-5	Sept 25th	Port of Bristol 'A'	(H) 12-1
9	Chard Town	A	0-2	Oct 2nd	Broad Plain	(A) 2-4
12	Larkhall Athletic	H	1-1		House Res.	
16	Elmore	H	1-3	Oct 9th	Bristol-n-West	(H) 3-5
19	Bristol Manor Farm	H	3-3	Oct 16th	N.S. CO	(A) 3-4
27	Mangotsfield United	A	1-2	Oct 23rd	N.S. CO	(H) 2-1
30	Tiverton Town	H	3-4	Oct 30th	Teyfent-Ath Res.	(A) 2-2
Nov. 3	Bath City	A	0-4	Nov 13th	St. Aldhelms	(A) 3-2
6	Heavitree United	A	1-3		Res.	
13	Ottery St. Mary	H	2-4	Nov 20th	St. Annes TN	(H) 4-3
20	Swanage Town & Herston	A	1-7	Nov 27th	Fishponds O.B.	(A) 0-2
27	Paulton Rovers	A	2-2	Dec 4th	Patchway B.L.	(H) 0-2
Dec. 4	Radstock Town	H	1-1	Dec. 18th	Potterswood	(H)
18	Glastonbury	H		1983		
27	Weymouth	A		Jan 1st	I.C.I. Severn	(H)
1	Welton Rovers	A		Jan 8th	I.M.P. Saints	(A)
3	Newport County	H		Jan 15th	Fromeside Y.C.	(H)
22	Tiverton Town	A		Jan 22nd	P.B.A. 'A'	(A)
29	Heavitree United	H		Jan 29th	Broad Plain	(H)
Feb. 12	Glastonbury	A			House Res.	
19	Odd Down	H		Feb 5th	Bristol-N-West	(A)
26	Yeovil Town	A		Feb 26th	Teyfent-Ath Res.	(H)
Mar. 1	Bath City	H		Mar 5th	Parson Street	(A)
5	Swanage Town & Herston	H		Mar 12th	St. Aldhelms	(H)
12	Larkhall Athletic	A			Res.	
14	Mangotsfield United	H		Mar 19th	St. Annes TN	(A)
26	Wimbourne Town	A		Mar 26th	Fishponds O.B.	(H)
Apr. 1	Ottery St. Mary	A		April 2nd	Patchway B.L.	(A)
2	Bristol Manor Farm	A		April 9th	Alveston D.N.	(H)
4	Chard Town	H		April 13th	Clifton Rangers	(A)
12	Radstock Town	A		April 16th	Potterswood	(A)
All Home Fixtures played at Knowle Cricket Club, Stockwood Bristol 4. The ground is situated in between the B.S 14 Club and the Gas Board Ground.						
To be arranged						
Wimbourne Town	H					

## 4th DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

19	7	1	1	1	8	6	Bury	54	1	1	4	6	4	1	S. Plain	14	1	2	0	4	4	1	2	5
18	5	2	2	1	4	6	Scunthorpe	63	0	1	2	3	3	8	NSCO	12	7	2	3	3	0	1	8	16
18	7	0	1	1	7	5	Swindon T	44	2	9	7	3	7	Fromeside	12	6	2	4	2	6	1	8	14	
19	7	3	0	2	5	5	Hull City	33	3	7	8	3	6	Patchway	11	7	0	4	2	2	1	6	14	
18	5	2	1	2	1	10	Wimbleton	52	3	1	7	1	3	City	15	6	2	7	4	8	3	5	14	
18	5	2	2	1	1	5	Port Vale	43	2	1	3	7	3	ICI S	11	6	2	3	1	8	1	4	14	
19	6	3	0	1	7	4	Colchester	32	5	9	1	3	3	Fishponds	17	6	1	0	2	9	1	1	13	
18	7	2	0	2	2	9	Torquay	23	4	8	1	5	3	Potterswood	7	4	1	2	2	1	1	2	9	
19	4	2	4	1	2	9	Chester	33	3	7	7	2	6	Clifton Res	10	4	2	4	2	7	2	0	9	
18	5	5	0	1	6	6	Blackpool	11	6	7	1	5	2	Alveston	10	3	3	4	1	5	2	0	9	
18	3	2	4	7	1	13	Mansfield	41	4	1	2	1	7	St. Annes T	12	3	3	6	1	8	2	3	9	
18	5	2	1	2	3	1	York C	0	6	4	8	1	5	Brs-N-West	11	3	3	5	2	3	2	7	9	
18	5	1	3	1	2	1	Aldershot	14	4	1	1	2	2	P B A A	11	4	1	6	2	9	4	0	9	
19	4	4	2	1	5	1	Stockport	12	6	1	0	1	9	Imp Saints	13	2	2	8	2	4	3	8	8	
18	4	5	2	1	8	1	Northampton	11	5	5	1	7	2	Parson S	13	3	2	8	1	6	3	2	8	
18	3	2	4	8	9	9	Darlington	22	5	1	3	1	6	S Aldhelms	11	3	1	7	1	3	2	4	7	
18	4	2	3	1	0	10	Peterboro	0	5	4	4	1	1	Teyfent	12	1	1	1	0	7	4	2	7	
18	5	2	2	1	3	9	Hartlepool	0	2	7	7	2	0											
17	1	4	3	7	1	2	Halifax	32	4	1	2	1	3											
19	4	4	2	1	4	10	Rochdale	0	2	7	2	0	1											
18	4	2	3	1	3	1	Tranmere	1	0	8	5	2	0											
18	4	2	3	6	6	6	Hereford	0	1	8	8	2	4											
18	2	2	5	1	2	15	Crews	2	0	7	1	1	4											
19	2	4	3	1	0	12	Bristol C	0	4	6	8	2	4											

## 4th DIVISION AVERAGE ATTENDANCE TABLE

Hull City	4474
Bristol City	4257
Swindon Town	3857
Port Vale	3728
Blackpool	3450
Scunthorpe	3300
Aldershot	2821
Peterborough	2800
Colchester United	2509
Torquay United	2500
Halifax Town	2500
Bury	2400
Northampton Town	2379
Mansfield Town	2300
Hereford United	2200
Crews	2155
Wimbleton	2012
Stockport County	1944
York City	1900
Rochdale	1800
Hartlepool	1800
Chester	1700
Darlington	1531
Tranmere Rovers	1300

## GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE FIXTURES

FIRST DIVISION:	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Paulton Rovers	19	10	8	1	34	13	28
Mangotsfield United	14	12	1	1	33	12	25
Swanage Town & Herston	17	12	0	5	56	29	24
Bath City	18	9	4	5	38	21	22
Glastonbury	16	8	5	3	32	20	21
Weymouth Town	19	9	3	7	33	30	21
Bristol Manor Farm	11	9	1	1	37	13	19
Odd Down	15	9	1	5	24	19	19
Yeovil Town	19	9	1	9	31	28	19
Wimborne Town	10	7	1	2	23	10	15
Heavitree United	17	5	4	8	18	26	14
Larkhall Athletic	18	4	4	10	21	38	12
Radstock Town	14	4	3	7	23	25	11
Elmore	14	5	0	9	16	27	10
Tiverton Town	15	4	2	9	22	37	10
Ottery St. Mary	17	5	0	12	22	45	10
Bristol City	18	2	4	12	26	50	8
Chard Town	14	2	2	10	12	31	6
Welton Rovers	13	0	4	9	9	36	4

## BRISTOL SUBURBAN LEAGUE TABLE

LEAGUE TABLE							P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
19	7	1	1	18	6	Bury	54	1	14	6	4	1	25
18	5	2	2	14	6	Scunthorpe	63	0	12	3	38	14	25
18	7	0	1	17	5	Swindon T	44	2	9	7	3	18	16
19	7	3	0	25	5	Hull City	33	3	7	8	36	14	14
18	5	2	1	21	10	Wimbledon	52	3	17	1	34	14	14
18	5	2	2	11	5	Port Vale	43	2	13	7	32	14	14
19	6	3	0	17	4	Colchester	32	5	9	13	32	11	13
18	7	2	0	22	9	Torquay	23	4	8	15	32	12	9
19	4	2	4	12	9	Chester	33	3	7	7	26	20	9
18	5	5	0	16	6	Blackpool	1	1	6	7	15	20	9
18	3	2	4	7	13	Mansfield	4	1	4	12	17	23	9
18	5	2	1	23	11	York C	0	6	4	8	15	23	9
18	5	1	3	12	11	Aldershot	1	4	4	11	22	23	9
19	4	4	2	15	13	Stockport	1	2	6	10	19	21	8
18	4	5	2	18	13	Northampton	1	1	5	5	17	21	8
18	3	2	4	8	9	Darlington	2	2	5	13	16	19	7
18	4	2	3	10	10	Peterborough	0	5	4	1	1	19	7



# Profile...

I have certainly experienced the ups and downs of football during my short professional career.

In one memorable week during February I made my first team debut against Fulham at Ashton Gate, passed my driving test the following Monday morning and scored my first league goal at Walsall five days later.

And in a highly forgettable seven days during November I put the ball into my own net in a 2-2 draw with Stockport at Ashton Gate and scored another own goal in the following game against Mansfield which finished 1-1.

As if that was not bad enough, I returned to the dressing rooms at Mansfield to find my wallet had been stolen during the game. That was the worst week of my life.

It is much nicer to remember the good times. And although the team have struggled for much of the time I already have many pleasant memories.

My debut against Fulham is something I shall never forget. Apart from myself, Wayne Bray, Jon Economou and Mark Smith played their first league game that day in front of a 9,000 plus crowd, who willed us to victory every inch of the way.

We emerged with a goalless draw which was greeted more like a 5-0 win. The atmosphere was fantastic, but I felt so shattered during the second half that I had to be replaced by Mark Smith shortly before the end.

Another of my favourite matches was one we played at home to Carlisle in April. It was my first appearance at centre-forward and although Ricky Chandler got our goal in a 1-1 draw I was delighted with my own performance. I badly wanted to play up front at the time and it gave me great pleasure to pick up the Evening Post the next day and see I had been made man-of-the-match.

I scored twice in a 4-1 win over Carlisle at Ashton Gate towards the end of last season, but never managed to hold on to the attacking position. In fact, this season I have not known from one week to the next where I would play.

I believe the order of my positional switches since the pre-season Group Cup games has been something like – centre-back, left-back, right-back, centre-back, centre-forward, right-back, wide midfield and central midfield. No wonder I have been nicknamed "Mr. Versatility".

Not that I mind where I play. It was my ambition to become a professional footballer from the first time I started kicking a ball in my village of Heytesbury, near Warminster, at the age of five.

My father Roy was captain of the Wiltshire senior team and volunteered to run the football team at my primary school. I expect that is why I was always in it. During my time at Kingsdown Comprehensive School, Warminster, I was selected to represent mid-Wilts Schools and went on to play for the county youth side.

Southampton became interested in me and I visited The Dell during my summer holidays for two successive years. But I seemed to be getting nowhere with them and jumped at the chance when Alan Dicks invited me to come to City.

I spent one year and two months at Ashton Gate as an apprentice before achieving my ambition and signing professional in October 1981.

My family home is still at Heytesbury where my dad, mother Dorothy, brother Paul and sister Tracey live. But I also have digs at Withywood where Wayne Bray and Russell Musker are also based.

My main interest outside football is music. I have a vast collection of tapes and act as disc jockey on our coach when we travel to away games.

Having already achieved my main ambition I have set myself two more aims – to keep playing until I am 35 and to earn enough to set myself up in business when my football career ends.

Interview by Richard Latham, Evening Post.



Rob Newman.

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The Supporters' Club Committee extend seasonal greetings to all City Supporters, particularly members of the Club.

They join all supporters in extending their best wishes to Terry Cooper and his staff that 1983 will be a year of better fortune than recent years and when April arrives the team will be clear of the re-election zone.



## Directors' Club News



Halcyon days in the first Division or were they? We have never seen halcyon days at Ashton Gate, not in the true sense of the word. During the years in Division One we have seen Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Spurs to name but a few. Remember the anticipation on Saturday morning before the Liverpool game, the drive to Ashton Gate listening to Radio Bristol not to miss a scrap of news about the match. On that kind of Saturday and in a hurry to get to the ground I always found myself driving behind some silly fool going shopping.

Once inside the ground you could feel the excitement in the air. The teams ran out onto the pitch, the fans roaring as the players lined up, the ref starts the game, now the adrenalin really starts to flow. Unfortunately that is now just a dream. I know all City fans are taking "stick" from Bristol Rovers supporters; the consolation is that they have **never** experienced this euphoria, and in my opinion never will. (I hope they won't).

The First Division days will return again but not before a lot more hard work has been done by players, management and everyone who calls him or herself a Bristol City Supporter. We may have reached rock bottom now but most important we still have a Bristol City Football Club to support. So before you go home today join the Supporters' Club or better still join the Directors' 51 Club. I can give you an application form or contact any member of the Directors' 51 Club, or find out about selling lottery tickets and don't forget to buy one yourself. Also if you have any spare time on your hands ask at the Club Office how you can help Bristol City, so **PLEASE ASK**.

Don't forget the next home match on New Year's Day and bring out at least one of the armchair supporters, get them to start the New Year off in the right way by supporting Bristol City.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of wishing every supporter, player, Director and staff a happy and successful New Year.

John Drinkwater.



# Robins in Action



Terry Cooper with his new frozen assets, 10 turkey's which will all go to children's homes.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Former City winger Alan Skirton may not be wearing out football boots these days – but he is getting through plenty of pairs of shoes.

In just over a year as Yeovil Town commercial manager Alan has rebuilt the Alliance League club's lottery virtually from scratch, mainly by canvassing door-to-door.

He has spent countless evenings visiting homes in the Yeovil area asking people to support the club by buying as little as one ticket a week. And it has proved well worthwhile.

"The lottery income is well up on when I arrived so the shoe leather has not been wasted," says Bath-born Alan, who played for City between 1968 and 1970.

"By going door-to-door I ensure regular sales. A household may only buy one ticket a week but it becomes a habit and they stick to it. The trouble with leaving a batch of tickets at a shop or pub is that on a bad week hardly any will sell."

Alan began his career in City's youth team, but when manager Pat Beasley told him there was no chance of being given professional terms he decided he might as well try his luck with local club Bath City.

Within four months he was in Bath's Southern League side and it wasn't long before League scouts were flocking to Twerton Park. Ron Greenwood, then coach at Arsenal, was amongst those impressed and, at 19, Alan rejected offers from Newcastle and Chelsea to sign at Highbury.

Disaster struck after only two reserve team games. Alan went down with tuberculosis and was unable to play football for 18 months. "I felt certain my chance of playing in the League had gone," he recalls.

But finally a League debut did come his way – at Burnley in the first match of the 1960-61 season. "We lost narrowly and I hit a post, but it was a start. The following season I was top goal scorer with 19."

After seven happy years at Arsenal Alan asked for a transfer and moved to Blackpool – "The biggest mistake of my life" – where he played in a relegation side and stayed only two seasons.

It was then that he moved to Ashton Gate and rediscovered his zest for the game, despite the fact that City were struggling at the foot of the Second Division. His strength and speed on the wing made him a favourite with supporters.

"The fans were always very good to me and the only drawback was that I found manager Alan Dicks' method of playing away from home too defensive," he says.

During Alan's spell at City the club reached the semi-final of the Football League Cup. He scored in a 1-1 draw with Tottenham at Ashton Gate in the first leg and was in the side that held Spurs to a goalless draw in the return only to concede two goals in extra time.

After leaving City Alan spent his last season in League football at Torquay United. He then went to South Africa for four months playing for Durban City before returning to sign part-time with Weymouth where he got his first experience of promotions work as assistant to commercial boss Alec Jackson – now at Torquay.

An eight-year spell as commercial manager of Bath City ended with the shock of redundancy in the summer of 1981, but Alan was out of work for just two weeks when Yeovil offered him his present job.

Now Alan, who lives at Frome, is hoping to build on the hard work he has put in during his first full year at Yeovil. "I have done the spade-work and must now look to expand further. You can't stand still because, without successful lottery, clubs such as Yeovil, would certainly die.

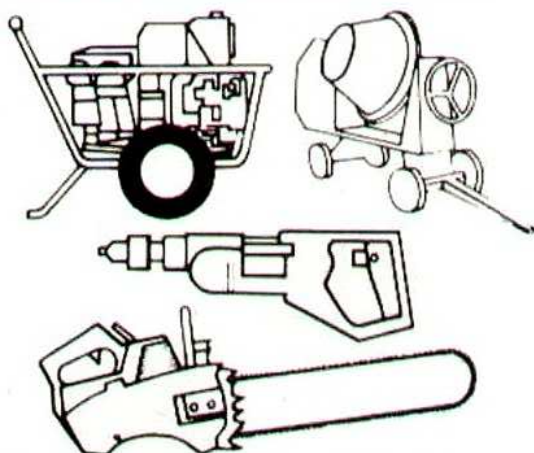


Interview by Richard Latham, *Evening Post*.

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# REMEMBER

## Articles from the past by Geoff Rose...

**Bristol City 6: Plymouth Argyle 0 – 27th December, 1955**

**Attendance: 27,490**

Bristol City took the field for this Christmas holiday game determined to make up for their feeble display of the previous day when they went down by 5 goals to nil at Home Park. For the return game Manager Pat Beasley made three changes. Bob Anderson took over from Tony Cook in goal while John Atyeo who had missed the first game through a toe injury returned in the number 8 shirt.

The third change brought in a young amateur player, Derek Virgin for his first game at outside right becoming the third amateur to appear for City since the war. The Robins got off to a flying start with John Atyeo finding the net in the second minute following a free-kick. After 9 minutes it was 2-Nil and once again the scorer was Atyeo, after a fine move featuring Tommy Burden, Jack Boxley, Jimmy Rogers and Derek Virgin.

Just before half-time Atyeo made a fine run down the right beating three Argyle players on the way and then sending across a perfect pass for Rogers to score the third goal of the game.

After his tremendous first half display Atyeo moved to the right wing to rest his injured leg but still City put on the pressure.

On 55 minutes Boxley raced down the left wing and crossed perfectly for Rogers to score his second goal and soon afterwards the City leader almost got his hat-trick with a header which just cleared the bar.

Burden was having a fine game prompting many of the City attacks and it was fitting that he should get on the score sheet hitting in a 25 yard free-kick in the 73rd minute.

13 minutes from the end came the best goal of the game. Again it was Boxley who got the ball on the half-way line and went down the left touch-line before crossing for Rogers to hammer in his 3rd goal, and City's sixth. Fitting revenge indeed for the previous day's drubbing!

The City side was: ANDERSON, GUY, THRESHER, WHITE, PEACOCK, REGAN, J., VIRGIN, ATYEO, ROGERS, BURDEN, BOXLEY.



## Captain's Corner

### Articles from Tom Ritchie.



On behalf of all the players I would like to wish our fans a happy and prosperous New Year and thank them wholeheartedly for the marvellous support we have received this season.

The numbers coming through the gate may not be as great as in First Division days, but I can never remember the club receiving greater encouragement.

When we got 20,000 crowds it was often apparent that many were coming to watch the opposition and we got used to taking a fair bit of stick when results did not go in our favour.

But it now seems that everyone who comes to watch us regularly has only one interest at heart – the future of Bristol City.

All the players realise it has been a trying season for supporters and we value your patience immensely. Hopefully we will be able to reward you for your loyalty with some good results before long.

My personal wish for the New Year is a spell clear of injury so I can lead the team's battle to climb away from the bottom of the Fourth Division.

I hate missing games because I am a dreadful watcher. I get extremely tense and feel far less nervous when I am playing.

Thankfully, despite our poor record this season, team morale remains high. Chris Garland's recent return ensured that jokes were not in short supply around the dressing room. Spirits are high and so is confidence that we give our terrific fans more to cheer in 1983.

# PRESS GANG

**Colin Price,**  
**Sports Editor, Western Daily Press.**

The recurring question I am asked as we travel from Crewe to Rochdale, Halifax and Mansfield this season is – what on earth went wrong at Bristol City?

After five of the most dramatic years of my 17-year career in journalism I must confess that it is a question I still cannot answer completely.

All I do know is that what ought to have been a fairly straightforward appointment to succeed Herbert Gillam as Sports Editor of the Western Daily Press and report First Division football with Bristol City has developed into a whirlpool of side issues that put the club on the front page of newspapers almost as often as on the back.

At one stage legal writs were flying around the place like some Argentinian ticker-tape welcome. It was little wonder then that the football suffered.

What happened was a bit like a runaway train. As the slide got steeper so it got faster, only this time someone managed to scramble aboard and halt the runaway before it smashed through the buffers at the bottom.

Well, that someone was no rich, unpredictable millionaire wanting a temporary hobby but a group of businessmen who have worked untiringly to clean up the club and provide some stability.

Their methods have not been entirely popular and their motives often mistrusted. Only the steady recovery of the club over the next 12-18 months will convince the doubters that Bristol City really does have a future.

And the best way to ensure that recovery is for the supporters to maintain their magnificent loyalty. I must confess I am staggered by the continued support for a club that has managed just a handful of victories all season.

Gates at Ashton Gate are consistently among the highest in the Fourth Division and even away on the unlikeliest of grounds Terry Cooper's thin red and white army maintains a comforting presence.

Nor has the support ended there. Businessman Martin Hond is paying the wages of Peter Johnson; Martels night club have provided Simon Panes with his chance of a professional career and public subscription paid for the arrival of Forbes Phillipson-Masters.

It is that faithfulness which convinces me better times are on their way.





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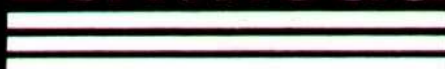
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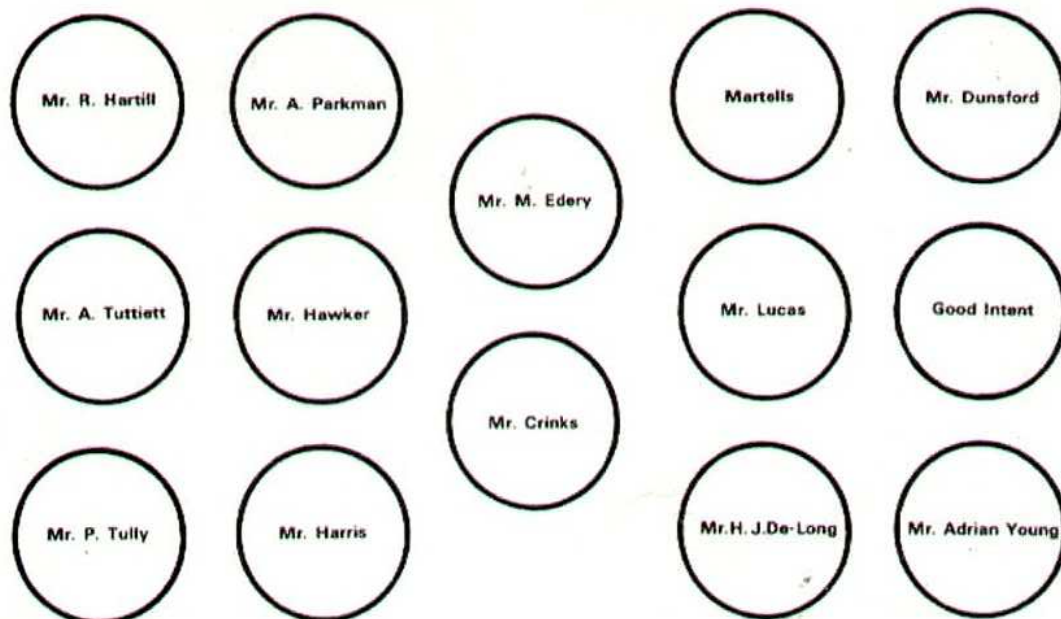


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# *the* TEAMS

## Bristol City

Red Shirts  
White Shorts

John Shaw	1
Andy Llewellyn	2
Peter Johnson	3
Glyn Riley	4
Forbes Phillipson Masters	5
Alan Nicholls	6
Tom Ritchie	7
Robert Newman	8
Terry Cooper	9
Chris Garland	10
Alan Crawford	11
Steve Thompson	12

Newman  
Wickham  
Gerard  
Kelly  
L. Chare  
Chandler  
Riley

## Swindon Town

All Yellow

Jimmy Allan	
Charlie Henry	Burystock
Kevin Baddeley	Bailie
Gary Emmanuel	
Russell Lewis	
Mike Graham	
Howard Pritchard	
Paul Batty	
Paul Rideout	
Andy Rowland	
Leigh Barnard	
To be announced.	

Mr. Black (et al.)

### Officials

Referee: L. M. Robinson  
(Sutton Coldfield)

Linesmen: D. Delaney (Merthyr Tydfil)  
D. A. Jones (Aberdare)

### Referee's Biography

Commenced refereeing in Durham before moving to the Birmingham area and to the Southern League and then Football League. Married with two daughters, he is an Engineer Surveyor, and is keen on Golf, Squash, Swimming and enjoys Caravanning. Since 1970 he has been Secretary of Birmingham and District Referees Association and in 1981 also became President.

### Today's Managers

Terry Cooper  
John Trollope, M.B.E.

### Match Ball

Bob Marshall Tyres, Staple Hill, Bristol.