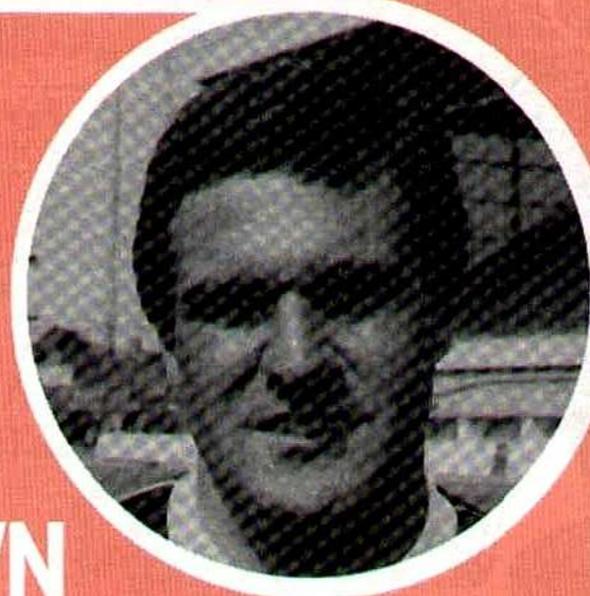


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# From the desk of Ken Beamish



Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Hartlepool United after their long journey from the north. We also welcome you, our own supporters and thank you for the terrific support you gave to the team for the game against Hereford United.

What an unpredictable week this last one has turned out to be. In our Tuesday evening game against Hereford we played what I consider to be our best forty-five minutes of football of the season, a standard that would get us success in any one of the Canon League divisions. The 3-0 score line flattered Hereford. However, as so often happens, half time came upon us and put a stop to the flow of our game but, even though we did not add to our score, Hereford caused no problems whatsoever to our defence and it was nice to keep a clean sheet.

This performance should have given the team plenty of fire and confidence for their game at Northampton on Saturday but, typical of our season so far in the way of unpredictability, our performance at Northampton was well below the standards we have set ourselves. Unfortunately our progress up the table was temporarily halted with a 2-0 defeat.

However today, after having had a chat amongst ourselves in mid-week about our standards we are determined to get back on to the winning trail.

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that Jimmy Allan is progressing nicely although it will be some time before he can even think about playing.

The F.A. Cup draw has paired us with Kettering Town and gone are the days when League Clubs could take these clubs for granted. There have been far too many giant killing acts over the last few seasons for us to become complacent over this game. Looking at their team on paper there is a vast amount of experience in their ranks, including their Player Manager, David Needham. This gives us a good opportunity to progress into the next round providing we set about the task in the right professional manner.

Front cover inset **ANDY  
ROWLAND**

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# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This afternoon we welcome the Players and Officials of Hartlepool F.C. Last year at the County Ground we beat them by 3 goals to nil, Rideout (pen.) Rowland (2).

Hartlepool had a poor season last year and are faring us no better so far this season as they are currently bottom of the League with only 8 points and not having won away from home.

However football is so unpredictable — that's why we watch it — and no game this year can be called a certainty but of course we hope we shall win today.

After 3 very good performances against Colchester, Reading and Hereford when we gained 7 points out of a possible 9, our away game last Saturday was a bitter disappointment to all of us at the Club.

It is difficult to understand how the same players who played such sparkling football against Hereford and scored 3 goals against a team whose defensive record was the best in the League, can be so ineffectual just 4 days later and frankly never looked like scoring against a Northampton side that showed little skill but lots of honest endeavour.

Nevertheless we go forward to today's game full of hope that we can be more consistent,

for the League is still wide open and any team winning the next 4 or 5 games can go into the top 3.

Our Cup Draw was not as good as we hoped, for away games against non-league Clubs are always very difficult and it is essential to our finances that we have a good run in the Cup and of course Cup Ties are always exciting affairs. So for our supporters we hope we shall overcome Kettering and get a more attractive draw in the next round.

Lionel Smart, one of our Directors made the Draw but did us no favours — neither did he help the Bristol Clubs who are both drawn away. Just goes to prove the Draw is genuine!

Paul Heath has resigned from his position of Vice Chairman and Director of the Board due to his business commitments. Paul felt he could not give enough time to Club affairs, he has been a great help to us in the past and we are sorry he has taken this step.

I am pleased to say that Brian Hillier has been elected Vice Chairman. Brian was Chairman of Calne Town F.C. and so has a good knowledge of Football affairs and I'm sure will be an excellent Vice Chairman.

Jimmy Allan is progressing favourably and the surgeon who carried out a very difficult operation on his smashed arm tells me that Jimmy is a very nice patient to have, he never complains and when one considers the pain he must have experienced from such a severe injury, he is a great credit to the Club.

Finally, our grateful thanks to the enormous crowd who supported the Swindon Lions Charity Fireworks Display at the County Ground on Sat. 5th November — how I wish we could encourage 12,000 to come and watch us play. Home gates of this size would be a tremendous encouragement to the players and to the finances. I wonder shall we ever see these numbers again? I believe we shall.



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# Cooperative Corner

SWINDON TOWN'S SUPPORTERS CO-OPERATIVE is very much alive although perhaps we haven't had too much to say recently about our efforts to help the "TOWN".

Since the Cooperative was formed in February 1982 well over £6000 has been handed over to the club and used in the past for sponsoring a youth players wages, loan players wages, and accommodation on away trips.

We were formed to raise funds to help the playing activities of the club and we hope in the near future to pay some of the bills incurred in running the youth side — a most important part of the club as well as making funds available to the playing management.

The past of course is history. We are much more concerned with the present and the future — a future we are confident can see us returning to Division 3 then back to Division 2 and who knows thereafter. This won't happen unless everyone connected with the club, players, management, directors, administrative staff and not least of all supporters pull together and give their very best efforts towards achieving these aims.

These days everything seems to come down to money — in most cases a lack of it — so how does the Cooperative go about raising cash. The list of ways is endless but we have held open days, raffles, sponsored events, prize draws and of course membership fees and donations bring in welcome amounts.

Although we have an active committee in Mick Lewis, Sandra Cobern, Paul Plowman, George Chadwick and myself together with Ken Beamish, John Trollope and Danny Williams we can always do with more help.

The questions and answers below will I hope tell you a bit more about us.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete the form in this programme and

hand it in to the club office with £1.00 (50p juniors and senior citizens.)

## WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MEMBERSHIP FEE?

A membership card and a list of local traders who will give you a special discount on production of the card and priority on the opportunity to purchase tickets for any big name cup games at the County Ground.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

1. Join the Cooperative.
2. Support our fund raising events.
3. Offer your help at future events.

Our Christmas Dance is being held in the Rendezvous Club on Monday 19th December (£2.50 including buffet) when the players will be present.

You've just got time to buy a ticket in our Autumn Draw for a chance to win a portable colour television or one of many other prizes. Hurry though the draw is at 5.15 pm in the Rendezvous Club after today's game.

The rest of my message is very simple

COME AND JOIN US AND YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME.

CHRIS SCOTT

S T F C Supporters Cooperative Treasurer

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I wish to become a member of the Supporters Cooperative and I enclose my remittance of £

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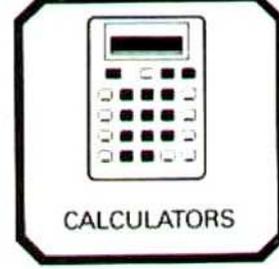
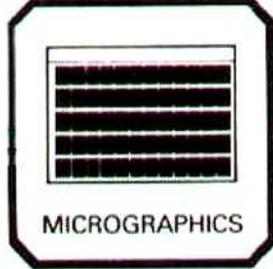
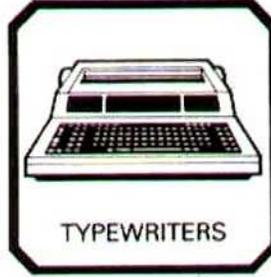
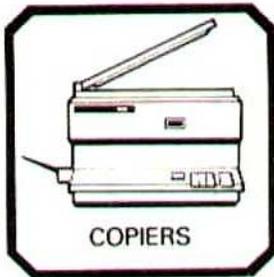
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**Town Facts & Figures**  
Season 1983/84

Date	Opponents	Home Score	Att.	F	A	Allan	Henry	Baillie	Emmanuel	Gray	Graham	Hockaday	Richardson	Rowland	Mayes	Nelson	Quinn	Batty	Baddeley	Barnard	Endersby	Gibson
Aug 27	Chesterfield	0-1	3343	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
Sep 3	Plymouth Argyle MC(1)	1-0	2891	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	11						
Sep 6	Chester	4-0	3635	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11	11						
10	Halifax Town	2-3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11	11						
10	Darlington	0-1		1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
13	Plymouth Argyle MC(2)	1-4		1	5	2	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
17	Blackpool	0-0	2867	1	1	2	4	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	11						
23	Stockport County	3-1		1	1	2	4	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	11						
27	Aldershot	1-2		1	1	2	4	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	11						
Oct 1	Rochdale	2-1	2626	1	2	2	4	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	11	11						
4	Milk Cup 2 (1L)	0-2		1	2	2	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	10	11	11						
8	Crawe Alexandra	3-2	2517	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	11						
15	York City	1-2		1	2	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	11						
17	Tranmere Rovers	2-1	3079	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11						
22	Colchester United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
25	Milk Cup 2 (2L)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
29	Reading	2-2		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Nov 1	Hereford United	3-0	3645	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
6	Northampton Town	3-0		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
8	Milk Cup 3	0-2		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
12	Hartlepool United	2-2		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
19	F.A. Cup 1	3-0		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
28	Manfield Town	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
29	Milk Cup 4	2-2		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Dec 3	Doncaster Rovers	3-0		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
10	F.A. Cup 2	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
17	Bury	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
26	Torquay United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
27	Wrexham	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
31	Peterborough United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
1984	Bristol City	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Jan 7	Chester (F.A. Cup 3)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
14	Chesterfield	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
17	Milk Cup 5	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
21	Blackpool	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
28	Darlington (F.A. Cup 4)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Feb 4	Rochdale	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
7	Milk Cup SF (1L)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
11	Stockport County	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
14	Milk Cup SF (2L)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
15	Hereford United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
18	Reading (F.A. Cup 5)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
25	Colchester United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Mar 2	Tranmere Rovers	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
6	Northampton Town	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
10	Hartlepool United (F.A. Cup 6)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
18	Crawe Alexandra	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
24	York City (Milk Cup Final)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
30	Halifax Town	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
Apr 7	Aldershot	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
14	Doncaster Rovers (F.A. Cup SF)	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
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May 5	Bristol City	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
7	Peterborough United	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						
12	Bury	2-1		1	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	7	9	10	11	11						

**GOALSCORER SUMMARY**

Player	League	Cup	Total
A. Mayes	9	—	9
A. Rowland	4	—	4
D. Hockaday	2	1	3
P. Batty	2	—	2
G. Nelson	1	1	2
J. Quinn	1	—	1
C. Baillie	1	—	1
G. Emmanuel	1	—	1
L. Barnard	1	—	1
S. Gibson	1	—	1

Player	Appearances Lge.	Cup	Substitute Appearances Lge.	Cup	Goals Lge.	Cup	Total
Allan	8	2	—	—	—	—	—
Henry	9	2	—	—	—	—	—
Baillie	15	2	—	—	—	—	—
Emmanuel	14	2	—	—	—	—	—
Gray	9	1	—	—	—	—	—
Graham	15	2	—	—	—	—	—
Hockaday	10	2	—	—	—	—	—
Richardson	7	1	—	—	—	—	—
Rowland	15	2	—	—	—	—	—
Mayes	14	1	—	—	—	—	—
Nelson	12	2	—	—	—	—	—
Quinn	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
Baillie	9	1	—	—	—	—	—
Baddeley	5	1	—	—	—	—	—
Barnard	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Endersby	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gibson	4	—	—	—	—	—	—

# Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

It appears that not everyone knows of our family concessions in the seating areas. Last season, realising the difficulties that some parents experience in finding the money to bring their families to football we decided that we should reduce our prices for those who wished to bring their children to the County Ground. For instance, Dad or Mum can now bring one child to our games for just £3.00 or two children for £4.00. When the full seating price for an adult and a junior is calculated the saving is instantly apparent, a reduction of £1.40 over the full price of £4.40 and this saving increases to £2.00 if two children of a family attend. If both parents bring along one child then they can save even more, paying £5.00 and saving £2.60 and by bringing two of their children they save £2.80 paying just £6.00 for entry for four people.

We are very anxious to make football at the County Ground family entertainment as it once used to be before the canker of football hooliganism brought it's ugly presence into most grounds. For those of you who are still worried about this worrying aspect of the game I can assure you that we are no longer plagued with this problem, not one incidence has occurred here this season. I suppose one of the reasons for this is that all hooligans are cowards who hide in large crowds in order that they are not recognised and with our fallen gates this they can no longer do. Anyone who does misbehave can be assured of no sympathetic ear, they will be taken to court and also banned from our ground.

I make this appeal to all families, bring your children along to a match at prices most can now afford. It is important to us that we increase our gates and I think it is important for the kids that the magic of live soccer is not kept out of their lives for they will miss a lot.

Next week we play at Kettering Town in the Football Association Cup Competition. I am informed that they have a new cantilever stand and two thousand seats for which they do not sell tickets in advance. I am sure there will be ample accommodation for any-

one who wishes to travel and purchase a seat for the game as their gate averages only a thousand, including standing supporters. For those not knowing the location of Kettering it is north of Northampton on the A43 road. This is an important match for us and the players will need all the support they can get so hopefully you will travel to Kettering in large numbers.

I would like to welcome Doug Buswell back to the club in his former position as Commercial Manager. Doug was very successful in his previous employment in the lottery field and his contribution in the future will be of vital importance in bringing in much needed finance that we are unable to raise from people coming through the gates on match days. Doug cannot do it on his own of course, he needs the help of as many of you as possible. It amazes me that, in these days of high unemployment, we are unable to find enough people to sell lottery tickets and, in doing so, make themselves a welcome bob or two in commission. Most spare time money making schemes involves the person concerned in some financial outlay but if you help Doug it costs you nothing. He will arrange for your tickets to be delivered and the money collected and you take out your commission at source - you do not have to wait for it. I promise you that no one gets hurt if they return a few tickets unsold. Go on, give it a try and earn yourselves a little extra for those Christmas presents. By the way, if you sell a ticket for one of the bigger prizes you receive a very nice bonus but Doug will tell you the details if you get in touch with him.

I expect you all enjoy Les Large's cartoons that he is kindly donating to the Club and to cheer us all up a bit I would like to start a football joke series in this publication. But the jokes must come from you. An example: 'Heard about the player who hurt his back on his wedding night and sent on a substitute'? No folks, I did not write it. If I receive enough entries I will ask a panel from the players to judge the winner who will receive a nice prize. Come along you budding script writers, put pen to paper.

Thanks for coming along this afternoon, enjoy yourselves and don't forget to bring along a friend next time.

# Reserve Facts & Figures

## Season 1983/84

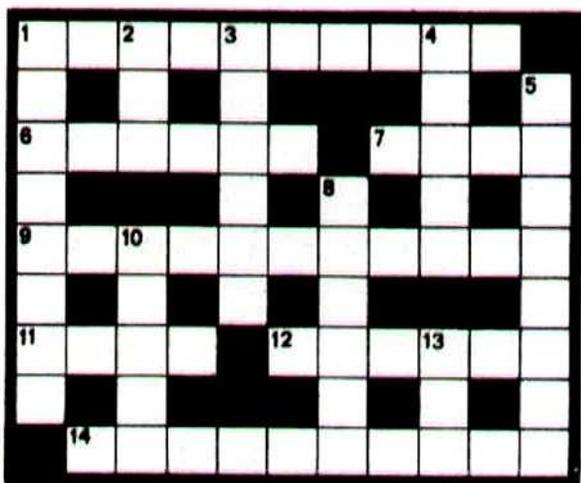
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Wed Aug 31	West Ham United	H 0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	3	5	6	7	8	10	5	8	3	1				
Wed Sep 14	Leicester City	A 0-0	1	2					11	11	9	10	11		5	6	7	8	9	10								
Sat Sep 17	Watford	A 1-1	1	2		4 <sup>1</sup>			11	11	10	10 <sup>1</sup>		3	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	8	3					
Tue Sep 27	Crystal Palace	H 4-1	1	2			9 <sup>1</sup>		11	11	8	10	10 <sup>1</sup>		6	7	4			5	5	8						
Sat Oct 1	Arsenal	A Postponed																										
Tue Oct 4	Ipswich Town	H 2-2		2	3		9 <sup>1</sup>		11	11	8	10	4	4	6	7	7	S	10 <sup>1</sup>		5	3	1					
Wed Oct 12	Millwall	A 0-4		2	3				11	11	8	10	4	6	6	7	7		9			3	1					
Tue Oct 18	Birmingham City	H 0-3		2	4				11	7	9				5	6	S				8	3	1	10				
Sat Oct 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-2		2	4		9		11	8	10				5	6	7	11			4	3	1					
Tue Oct 25	Fulham	H 1-0		3	3		9		7	8	10				5	6	7				4	2	1		11 <sup>1</sup>			
Tue Nov 1	Queens Park Rangers	H 0-7		2	3		9 <sup>2</sup>		11	8	10				5	6	7		S		8	2	1			4		
Tue Nov 8	Norwich City	H 2-3		3	3		10 <sup>2</sup>		11	4	7				6												9	
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Tue Nov 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	H																										
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Sat Feb 25	Tottenham Hotspur	H	Batty	7																								
Tue Feb 28	Fulham	H	Quinn	2																								
Wed Mar 7	Oxford	A	Hatter	7																								
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Wed Mar 21	Bristol Rovers	H	Slattery	6																								
Tue Mar 27	Birmingham City	A	Gardiner	11																								
Sat Mar 31	Reading	A	Barnard	3																								
Tue Apr 3	Charlton Athletic	H	Elliott	3																								
Tue Apr 10	Chelsea	H	Gray	4																								
Tue Apr 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A																										
Tue Apr 24	Charlton Athletic	H																										
Tue May 8	Millwall	H																										
Sat May 12	Southampton	A																										

Appearance      Sub      Appearance      Goals

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Matthews	8		
Payne	7		1
Wollen	2		1
Hughes	4		
Mayes	1		1
Henry	3		
Richardson	4		
Kelly	8		
Robinson	7		
Hockaday	1		
Nelson	1		
Blackler	1		
Rowland	1		

# Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



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## ACROSS

1. Stalwart defender of Derby, his only League club, in over 450 matches up to 1977. (3, 7)
6. Such a score may be flashed on your television screen. (6)
7. Moody, maybe. (4)
9. The first and last of his seventy-odd caps came against Scotland - Wembley in 1963 and

Hampden Park in 1972 being the venues. (6, 6, 5)

11. An old nickname of Celtic. (4)
12. Put up for sale. (6)
14. Peterborough's place. (6, 4)

## DOWN

1. Put down. (8)
2. It's to be found at one end of a ground . . . (3)
3. . . . and this directionally-motivated Peter has found it over 100 times - though never for his first club, Wolves . . . (6)
4. . . . with whom this Hughes had a spell after leaving Liverpool. (5)
5. Such a match is really not a match at all! (3-5)
8. Irish-sounding Scot who served Southampton's midfield and signed for Swindon on the very day that 3 down left en route to QPR. (6)
10. But this Benetti was no tender lover! (5)
13. The number of FA Cup finals Everton have won . . . at Wembley. (3)



"THAT'S TWELVE PENALTIES DAD ... DONT OVER DO IT!"

# HARTLEPOOL UNITED



# PEN PICTURES

**EDDIE BLACKBURN - GOALKEEPER.** 26 years old, married with two children. Eddie started professional football with Hull City. Transferred to York and now with Hartlepool Utd. A cold calculating Goalkeeper who is a tremendous asset to H'Pool.

**PHIL BROWN - RIGHT BACK.** A local discovery started professional football 1979/80. Constantly held first team position ever since he started with Hartlepool Utd.

**HARRY WILSON - LEFT BACK.** 29 years old, an experienced Left back made his debut 1969/70 with Burnley, Brighton, Preston, Darlington, then Hartlepool. Has made 350 appearances in First Team games. Height 5' 9½".

**ANDREW LINIGHAN- DEFENDER.** Local professional who stands 6' 5". Excellent physique and brains to match.

**ALAN WEIR - SWEEPER.** Aged 24 years. A sweeper of great experience, 1974 entry into professional football. Started with Sunderland, then Rochdale then, Hartlepool Utd. Height 5' 9" married with 1 child, ex England Youth player.

**PAUL STAFF - WINGER.** A fit youthful lad from Durham City. Former apprentice at Hartlepool United, ex England Youth Team player, 21 years old. His skill belies his age. This man is destined for the top of his professional career.

**MICK WHITFIELD -** Aged 20, height 5' 9" from Seaham, started with Sunderland then transferred to Hartlepool United, plays midfield or right back.

**KENNETH LOWE - MIDFIELD.** Local lad spotted by scouts, and snapped up by Hartlepool for his consistent good play and application.

**MARK ROBINSON - CENTRE MIDFIELD.** An experienced six season professional footballer, 5 years at Middlesbrough, one year at Hull City. Gained 3 England Youth Caps. Height 5' 11", aged 22 a skilful ball winner who has attracted the attention of many clubs. His arrival at Hartlepool determination and tenacity are some of his valued assets.

**BARRIE STIMPSON -** Age 19, another local lad, made his debut two seasons ago in the Hartlepool Junior side, and was picked out for his consistent constructive and entertaining game.

**ALAN BARKER -** Age 27, entered professional football in 1973 with Newcastle Utd., then moved to Gillingham, then to Hartlepool. An all rounder, versatile in every way. Height 5' 11" with first class physique.

**DAVID LINIGHAN -** Age 18, graduated through the Junior Ranks to first team. A Centre Half who shows great promise and is destined to reach top placings in the football game before he is much older.

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## NINETY-NINER ANSWERS

### Answers 9

#### ACROSS

1. Ron Webster
6. Latest
7. Alan
9. Gordon Banks
11. Tims
12. Listed
14. London Road

#### DOWN

1. Relegate
2. Net
3. Eastoe
4. Emlyn
5. One-sided
8. O'Brien
10. Romeo
13. Two

# SURVEY ON DIVISION IV

## by Dave King

(A week by week report on our Division)

On the transfer front there have been several move moves with Peterborough signing Alan Waddle from Hartlepool for a fee of £6,000, Bristol City have taken our former defender Ken Stroud on a months loan from Newport County, Darlington have released Bob Lee, their close season signing from Southampton who has joined Bedworth in the Southern League. Gary Westwood who has been on loan to Reading has returned to First Division Ipswich Town, in turn Reading have on trial Steve Brown from Charlton, and midfield player Wayne Pratt from Southampton.

Simon Gibson our 19 year old defender who is currently on loan from Second Division Chelsea, and who has made a most impressive start to his loan period with us, returned to Stamford Bridge last month after playing for Swedish Club IFK Ostersund during the summer, Town fans may recall he was in Scotlands Youth International team at St Andrews last May in direct opposition to Paul Rideout. Crewe released midfield player Wayne Bray who had only completed two weeks of his intended months loan from Bristol City, he was substitute in our recent 0-2 defeat at Crewe.

Saturday Oct 29th saw the unbeaten home records of Bristol City and Northampton tumble, in Citys case their defeat at the hands of Peterborough by the only goal cost them the League leadership, whilst Northampton's 1-2 defeat by York City allowed Denis Smiths' team to regain top place. Trevor Seniors two goals against us where we fained a most creditable draw took his tally to 19 for the season, these two goals also enabled Reading to win the Canon goalscoring Division award for October. The goalscoring list read as follows:

Reading 16, Mansfield and York 13, Stockport 12, Northampton and Torquay 11, Doncaster and Swindon 9, Chesterfield and Rochdale 8, Aldershot, Bury, Colchester and Tranmere 7, Bristol City, Halifax and Peterborough 6, Chester and Crewe 5, Blackpool, Darlington and Wrexham 4, Hartlepool 3 and Hereford 2.

### STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 29th

Home Wins: 2. Away Wins: 4. Draws: 6, 0-0: 1. Total Aggregate Attendance 36,710, Goals scored: 28. Average Attendance: 3,059. Average per match: 2.3. Highest Gate: 7,380 Bristol City v Peterborough. Highest Aggregate Score: Hartlepool 1 Bury 3, Reading 2 Swindon 2, Wrexham 2 Torquay 2. Lowest Attendance: 1,125 Hartlepool v Bury.

Chesterfield have decided not to sign Oxford United's David Grant after he had spent a two months loan period with them.

After the 2nd leg of the Second Round Milk Cup matches were completed Colchester United were the only survivors from this Division after their defeat of trouble strewn Swansea, they were duly rewarded with a home match versus Manchester United in the next round.

Roger Smees former player and now chairman of Reading raised £2,500 for his clubs youth development fund when he ran in the New York Marathon recently, finishing in a time of three hours 51 mins.

Colin Duncan former Oxford United and Gillingham midfielder player has signed a one and a half year contract with Reading.

John Sainty is the first managerial casualty of our Division this season when parting company with Chester, who are currently bottom of the Division.

Stan Harland our former player has returned to one of his former clubs Yeovil Town, he is to share Commercial duties with former Arsenal winger Alan Skirton on his return to Huish.

In the mid week matches of Nov. 1st and with our 3-0 home win over Hereford United we had come within reach of the top four positions. York City regained the leadership with a 3-2 win over Wrexham before a crowd of 5,641 the highest gate of the night. Our former player Ken Stroud was sent off in the Blackpool home match with Kens loan club Bristol City. Dave Caldwell Mansfield Town winger scored two goals in their 3-0 home win over Rochdale.

Simon Gibson's goal in our home win over Hereford was his first League goal, in the same match Andy Rowland played his 200th League match for us.

Trevor Senior added a further two goals in his teams 3-3 draw at Peterborough, he has now scored in 12 of Reading's 16 League and Cup matches this season. His scoring sequence is 0-1-3-1-0-3-1-1-1-0-2-2-2-0-2-2. The four clubs to succeed in stopping him from scoring are Blackpool, Rochdale, Darlington and York.

### STATISTICS FOR MID WEEK MATCHES Nov 1st and 2nd

Home Wins: 8. Away wins: 0, Draws: 4, 0-0: 0. Total Aggregate Attendance: 34,633, Goals Scored: 35. Average Attendance: 2,886. Average per match: 2.9. Highest Gate: 5,641 York v Wrexham. Highest Aggregate Score: 3-3 (Doncaster v Colchester, Peterborough v Reading). Lowest Attendance: 1,211 Chester v Halifax.

Torquay United have signed Keith Curle from Bristol Rovers on a months loan, and he duly obliged by scoring in their 2-0 home win over Bury. York City 3-0 away win at Crewe has taken them four points clear of Colchester, Doncaster and fast improving Blackpool.

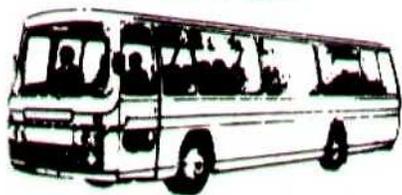
Ken Stroud scored for Bristol City in their 1-2 home defeat by Doncaster. Strange feature of the division is that Stockports away record is comparable to League leaders York City, although they are twenty positions lower in the table.

Home wins: 5. Away Wins: 4, Draws: 3. 0-0: 1. Total Aggregate Attendance: 30,350. Average Attendance: 2,529. Highest Gate: 5,963 Bristol City v Doncaster. Highest Aggregate Score: (Aldershot 3 v Peterborough 2, Wrexham 2 v Mansfield 3). Lowest Attendance: 1,021 Hartlepool v Hereford. Goals Scored: 36. Average per match: 3.0.

Colchester's manager Cyril Lea won the Bells Divisional award as manager of the month for October.

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# Commercially Speaking

From Doug Buswell

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Here's wishing you a good afternoons entertainment and good luck to the team.



# A DECADE OF APPRENTICES AND NON-LEAGUE SIGNINGS TO MAKE THE LEAGUE GRADE by Dave King

How successful is our record of signing young apprentices and players from non-league clubs in the past decade who have played at League level? It is somewhat surprising how many have appeared, some to be quickly forgotten, others struck by the misfortune of injury, and the lucky ones who have been fortunate to carve a career spent mainly with this Club and to reach the echelons of a higher Division.

Taking a close scrutiny of the players who were appearing in the Club colours of 1972-73 we find that some players were already well established or nearing the end of their careers whilst for some opportunity knocked. Former apprentices or juniors appearing that season were the well established John Trollope and Don Rogers, Welsh born Terry Hubbard, and Roger Smart, also Jimmy Allan, former England schoolboy cap David Dangerfield and Ken Stroud. Signings from non-league Clubs who appeared were Rod Thomas from Southern League Gloucester City, Richard Legge from Western League Chippenham Town, David Moss from Witney Town and Chris Porter from Western League Bridgewater Town. Of these John Trollope, Don Rogers, Roger Smart, Jimmy Allan and Ken Stroud were to have long and prosperous careers in terms of appearances whilst a knee injury curtailed the promise of Terry Hubbard. Richard Legge and Chris Porter were to drift back onto the non-league circuit.

The following season new names to appear were Dave Syrett who played for England at Youth International level, joined by fellow apprentices Franco Sperti and Paul Fiocca alas neither of whom were to enjoy more than a handful of appearances. Dave Syrett was to eventually move around several of the lower League Clubs and is currently with Northampton Town.

It was not until two years later that three more apprentices were to make their debut at League level, John Gilligan, Ian Farr, and Geoff Chalklin were those to add their names to their predecessors on the League roll.

The following season 1976-77 saw the briefest of appearances by Phil Harris who appeared as a substitute at Portsmouth. A recommendation by former Town player Mel Nurse was to launch a League career for an unknown Welshman from Welsh League Club Everwarm, Russell Lewis.

In 1977-78 apprentice Gus Gilligan made 3 appearances and Kevin Roberts signed from Western League Club Welton Rovers made a solitary League appearance.

In 1979-80 Steve Abley signed from local Swindon League football made the breakthrough to be joined the following season by apprentices Charlie Henry, Brian Hughes and Paul Rideout.

1981-82 saw the emergence of our present full back Colin Bailie and from Northern League Club Oswestry Town Jimmy Quinn.

Last season 1982-83, Ray Baverstock, Paul Batty and Martin Blackler were to make the difficult transition from the ranks of apprentices.

It is obviously a matter of opinion to say whether the flow of apprentices and non-League signings are fruitful in terms of appearances and careers. Very few bright-eyed young players when they sign for their Clubs imagine the heartbreak that is before them, but there is more dismay than joy for many. A look at the appearances the mentioned have made for this Club gives a clear indication of the value the Club has gained in the search at the lower end of the financial scale of footballs spiralling costs.

The following chart shows the amount of matches each made for this Club to the end of last season including substitute appearances:

	Name	Signed From	League Appearances	Present Whereabouts
	(John Trollope	Junior	780	Swindon Youth Manager
	(Don Rogers	Apprentice	412	Retired
	(Roger Smart	Junior	349	Retired
	(Terry Hubbard	Apprentice	82	Retired
1972	(Jimmy Allan	Apprentice	371	Club Playing Staff
- 73	(David Dangerfield	Apprentice	20	Forest Green
	(Ken Stroud	Apprentice	311	Newport County on loan to Bristol City
	(Rod Thomas	Gloucester City	296	Retired
	(Richard Legg	Chippenham Town	20	Melksham
	(David Moss	Witney Town	230	Luton Town
	(Chris Porter	Bridgewater Town	36	Manager Bridgewater Town
	(Dave Syrett	Apprentice	122	Northampton Town
1973-74	(Franco Sperti	Apprentice	1	Unknown
	(Paul Fiocca	Apprentice	1	Unknown

Leigh Barnard beats Hereford goalkeeper Rose on his way to scoring Swindon's third goal.

**Bottom Left**

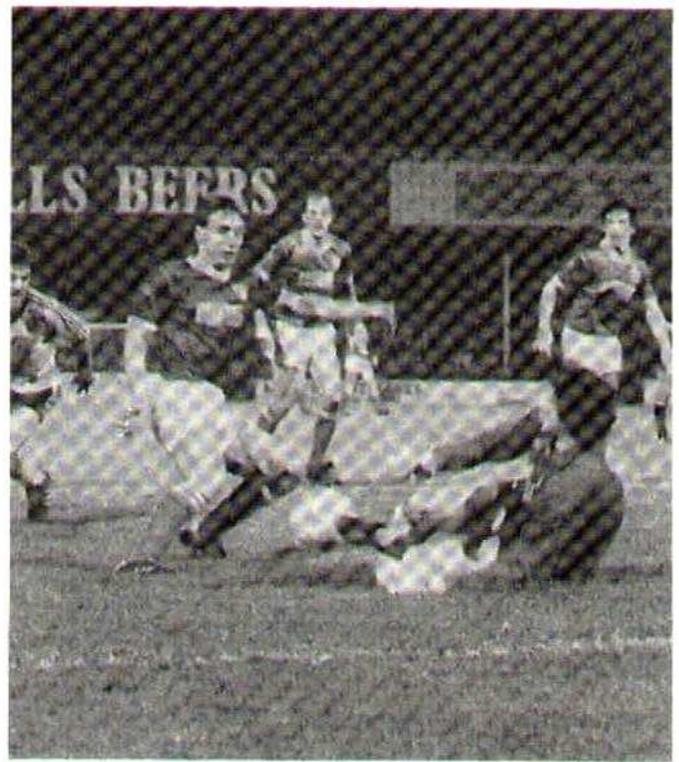
The incident when Andy Rowland was pushed over in the Hereford penalty box - resulting in a Town spot kick for Swindon's second goal.

**Top Right**

Simon Gibson (centre) celebrates scoring his first goal for the Town against Hereford.

**Bottom Right**

Andy Rowland just fails to add his name to the scoresheet in the Town's 3-0 win over Hereford.



# Photo Call

BY DAVE EVANS



1975-76	(John Gilligan	Apprentice	6	Ireland
	(Ian Farr	Apprentice	1	Hellenic League
	(Geoff Chalklin	Apprentice	3	Recently retired from Trowbridge Town
1976-77	(Phil Harris	Apprentice	1	Unknown
	(Russell Lewis	Everarm Untd.	181	Northampton Town
1977-78	(Gus Gilligan	Apprentice	3	Ireland
	(Kevin Roberts	Welton Rovers	1	Weymouth
1979-80	Steve Abley	Parks F.C.	23	Unknown
1980-81	(Charlie Henry	Apprentice	93	Club Playing Staff
	(Brian Hughes	Apprentice	68	Torquay
	(Paul Rideout	Apprentice	95	Aston Villa
1981-82	(Colin Bailie	Apprentice	27	Club Playing Staff
	(Jimmy Quinn	Oswestry	17	Club Playing Staff
1982-83	(Ray Baverstock	Apprentice	17	Cheltenham Town
	(Paul Batty	Apprentice	39	Club Playing Staff
	(Martin Blackler	Apprentice	9	Witney Town

Honours accrued by these players were as follows:

JOHN TROLLOPE. M.B.E., League Cup Winners Medal 1969, also played in two Swindon Town promotion teams from Division 3 in 1962-68, and in 1968-69.

DON ROGERS. League Cup Winners Medal 1969, two England Under 23 Caps, England Youth International, England Football League representative, scorer of two goals at Wembley, 1969.

ROGER SMART. League Cup Winners Medal 1969, also played in two Swindon Town Promotion teams from Division 3 in 1962-63 and in 1968-69, scorer of Towns first goal in 1969 Wembley final.

TERRY HUBBARD. Welsh Schoolboy International, two Welsh Under 23 Caps.

DAVID DANGERFIELD. England School International.

ROD THOMAS. Welsh International 50 Caps, League Cup Winners Medal 1969, six Welsh Under 23 Caps, League Championship Medal.

DAVE SYRETT. England Youth International.

GEOFF CHALKIN. England Schoolboy International.

PAUL RIDEOUT. England Schoolboy International, scorer of hat trick at Wembley in Schoolboy International, England Youth International. Named in P.F.A. Divisional team 1982-83.

## FEATURING THE RESERVE AND YOUTH TEAMS

The last two results of the reserve team have been disappointing, both resulting in defeats, 7-0 at Q.P.R. and 2-3 at home to Norwich. Although both ended with us losing, the games were of a different nature. At Q.P.R. we had all sorts of problems, the pitch, our performance and our attitude must be questioned. The younger players experienced the artificial pitch for the first time and found it very difficult to cope with, the pace and bounce of the ball is so different and it is necessary to change your normal game, to a much shorter passing one. The fact that Q.P.R. had a more experienced side, and know how to cope with the conditions, meant we were never able to offer much opposition.

The 3-2 defeat by Norwich was unfortunate, for after being 2-0 down after 20 minutes, we fought back well to level the scores, only to concede a dubious penalty. The players showed good character and certainly deserved some reward for their efforts.

The Youth team continue their good form with a draw away to Bristol Rovers, after being 2-0 in arrears but having had 60% of the game we should have won easily. Last Saturday we entertained Luton Town on our Shrivenham Road ground and were well worth our 5-0 win. This solid team performance kept us in second position in the league, one point behind the leaders.

These notes were written before our F.A. Youth Cup Tie against Swansea but I am hoping we have progressed to the next round.

John Trollope

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- Andy Rowland 9**
- Alan Mayes 10**
- Leigh Barnard 11**
- 12**

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**MR. KEN G. SALMON**  
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- A** Chester v Aldershot
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- E** Mansfield v Colchester
- F** Peterborough v Chesterfield
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- H** York City v Torquay
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