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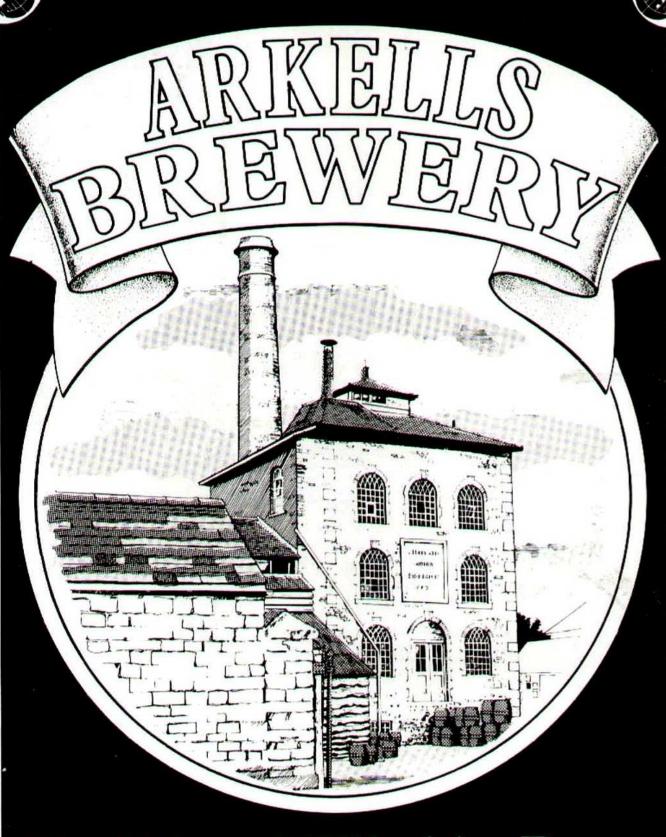
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## **Behind the scenes**

by Bob Jefferies

In past years I have written how the Football Association Cup Competition was born but in the belief that some will not have heard of this piece of football history perhaps those who know will bear with me for the sake of those who do not.

Eight years after the Football Association was formed a small committee of its members launched the Competition now known throughout the country as 'The Cup'. It still reigns supreme over all other professional cup competitions and draws people to games throughout the land who normally do not bother to watch football matches.

Picture the scene in a small oak panelled room in London on the 20th July, 1871 where seven men, talking of the exploits of their football clubs, for each was a member of one or other of the best known teams of that period, proposed the idea of the Competition. It was a Charles Alcock of the Wanderers who proposed that 'it is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established in connection with the Association for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete'. The idea was received favourably and approved on the 16th October, 1871. Fifteen teams in all entered, the original entries for a competition which now attracts over four hundred clubs.

Fittingly, it was Mr. Alcock's team, the Wanderers who won the first competition. In fact he captained them to victory by one goal to nil over the Royal Engineers at the Oval in 1872. Originally it was the amateur clubs who formed the members of the competition but in 1884 Blackburn Rovers, a professional club took part and won as they did in 1885 and 1886. In fact in that latter year only four amateur teams reached the fifth round, and one survived to the sixth round.

The original Cup was an unimpressive trophy, made of silver and bought for the sum of twenty pounds. In September, 1895 it was stolen when on display in a shop window for the holders, Aston Villa and was never recovered. Villa were fined £25 by the F.A. and the sum was used to purchase a new trophy. In 1910 this cup was replaced, the design having been pirated and a third Cup was purchased for fifty guineas.

It was not until 1923 that the Final was staged at Wembley Stadium, completed four days before the match was to take place. On the 28th April, 1923 an estimated 200,000 people watched Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham by two goals to nil although only 126,047 passed through the turnstiles, the remainder forcing their way into the stadium.

The Competition remains cruelly selective, acknowledging only the victory. That is the pattern we now follow concentrating on the Finals with the briefest of backward glances down the long rough road to Wembley. The 'Cup' is about the giantkillers, the hopeful travellers and the also rans who every year are the making of this Competition. But at the end all eyes are on Wembley and the losers have to shed their own tears.



# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

May I take this opportunity of welcoming the players, officials and supporters of Blackburn Rovers to the County Ground. Blackburn, of course are having a good run at the moment, lying in sixth position of the Second Division, only two points behind Manchester City who are third. I understand that our ex-player Ian Miller is injured at the present time and will not be playing today but if he has travelled down for the game we offer him our best wishes.

We must also apologise for the very poor performance against Chesterfield on the 14th January but I am sure that the team more than made up for this against Bristol City on Tuesday evening last and surely everyone who saw that match received value for their money. It was a first class game that we should have won had we taken our chances. The only blight upon the evenings entertainment was the extraordinary decisions made by the Referee who, in the first half, gave every free kick to our opponents, no matter who the player at fault.

We would like to thank the supporters for their impeccable behaviour, especially bearing in mind the unhappy incidents when the teams met last year. Credit must also be given to the fans who travelled from Bristol but, above all, we must thank the Swindon Police for their pre-match planning, together with the administrators of the Club, and for the expert way they controlled and policed the crowd.

I could not let this opportunity pass without thanking all those fans who braved the appalling weather to come to this game for their enthusiasm gave the evening a cup-like atmosphere.

Of course, the Bristol City match was not the only game in which the players brought credit upon themselves in the last week for their performance at Blackpool under atrocious conditions was first class and special credit in this match must go to goal-keeper Scott Endersby who, although injured in the first few minutes, played on throughout the match under a lot of pain. Indeed, during the first half he was unable to put his injured foot to the ground. This did not stop him from making a number of fine saves in both halves.

Thank you for your presence here this afternoon. I hope you will give the players every encouragement to get us into the next round of the Competition.



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### FACTS ON THE F.A. CUP AND BLACKBURN ROVERS

Manchester United became the ninth F.A. Cup holders since the war to go out in the Third Round. The others were: Man. City (1957), Aston Villa (1958), Wolves (1961), Tottenham (1963), Liverpool (1966), Sunderland (1974), West Ham (1976 and 1981).

A coincidence that Ipswich beat Cardiff 2-0 in the F.A. Cup Third Round at Ninian Park six years ago and went on to win the Cup in this seasons Third Round draw they were again paired with Cardiff at Ninian Park and this time won 3-0.

Todays visitors Blackburn Rovers figure in several F.A. Cup records, with six F.A. Cup wins only Aston Villa and Tottenham have won the trophy more times, seven each.

Blackburn have played in eight finals surpassed only by Arsenal and Newcastle United with eleven each, West Bromwich Albion ten, and Aston Villa nine.

With sixteen semi final appearances, only West Bromwich Albion with nineteen, Everton eighteen, and Aston Villa seventeen, have appeared more than Blackburn, we have appeared twice at this stage of the competition.

Of this seasons current Fourth Division clubs Bury have won the F.A. Cup twice, Blackpool once. Blackpool have appeared in three F.A. Cup finals, Bury in two and Bristol City in one.

At the semi final stbge, Blackpool have reached this far on three occasions, Bristol City, Bury, and ourselves twice. Crewe Alexandra, Reading and York City once each.

Last season 1982-83, 2,229,529 people watched the various rounds of the F.A. Cup, divided so 1st Rnd. 193, 461, 2nd Rnd. 153,174, 3rd Rnd 669,054, 4th Rnd 452,623, 5th Rnd 274,418, 6th Rnd 193,637, S-F/Final 293,162.

The Cup Final has had to be replayed on four occasions, 1970 Chelsea and Leeds, and a curious fact the last three, 1981 Tottenham and Man. City, 1982 Tottenham and Q.P.R., 1983 Man. Untd. and Brighton.

Venues for the F.A. Cup Final since its inauguration in 1872 have been Kennington Oval, Lillie Bridge, The Racecourse Derby, Fallowfield Manchester, Goodison Park, Crystal Palace, Burnden Park Bolton, Old Trafford, Bramall Lane, Stamford Bridge, and Wembley.

Blackburn Rovers were awarded a special shield to mark their third consecutive win in a final in 1886.

Blackburn's only appearance in an F.A. Cup final since the end of the second world war was to end in a 3-0 defeat in 1960 at Wembley when goals from Deeley (2) and a McGrath (own goal) were to earn Wolverhampton Wanderers the cup.

Blackburn were knocked out of last seasons F.A. Cup in the Third Round when losing at home to Liverpool, Simon Garner scored the only Backburn goal.

The only player to make maximum appearances for Blackburn last season was Mike Rathbone. The top goalscorer was Simon Garner with 23.

Blackburn Rovers were one of the original members of the Football League.

### FACT FILE ON BLACKBURN ROVERS

Founded: 1974. Ground: Ewood Park. Manager: Bobby Saxton. Record Attendance: 61,783 v Bolton F.A. Cup 6th Rnd March 2nd 1929. Record Receipts: £60,612 v Liverpool F.A. Cup 3rd Rnd. January 8 1983.

They have had fourteen managers since 1946, the present manager is the fifteenth.

Record Victory: 11-0 v Rossendale United F.A. Cup 1884-85. Record Defeat: 0-8 v Arsenal Division I February 25th 1983. Most League appearances: 580 by Ronnie Clayton 1950-1969.

Most Capped Player: Bob Crompton England 41. Record Goalscorer: Tom Briggs 140 1952-58.

Most Goals in Season: Tom Harper 43 Division I 1925-26.

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### A BRIEF HISTORY OF BLACKBURN ROVERS

Blackburn Rovers Football Club was formed in November, 1874 at a meeting at the Old St. Legar Hotel, Blackburn. The prime mover on the formation was Mr. John Lewis, who came to Blackburn from the Shropshire town of Market Drayton, where he attended the Grammar School. He and a number of other Grammar Schoolboys were the original Rovers players. Mr. Lewis later became famous as a referee and then a soccer legislator. After some years as a purely amateur organisation Rovers were one of the 12 Northern and Midland clubs to form the Football League, the others being Accrington (the old reds - not Stanley) Aston Villa, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Derby, Everton, Notts County, Preston North End, Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers. The date of formation was 17th April, 1888 at a meeting at the Royal Hotel, Manchester, Until 1936, when the Rovers were relegated along with Aston Villa, they had maintained the longest unbroken sequence of First Division membership from its formation (44 season) and only Aston Villa (F.A. Cup 7 and League Cup 1) and Everton (Championship 8. F.A. Cup 3) of the original members have won more top honours. Rovers were division Two champions in 1939 and runners up in 1958. We were division Three champions in season 1974/75 which was also our Centenary Year, making us one of the few clubs to have won first, second and third division championships, as well as appearing in a grand total of 8 F.A. Cup Finals and 16 semifinals. Rovers were famous F.A. Cup fighters even before they became a professional club, reaching the final in season 1881/82 (played at Kensington Oval in those days) to be beaten 1-0 by Old Etonians, with one property owner so confident of Rovers success, he wagered a row of houses on the result! The following year the same two teams again won through to the final, this time the Rovers won 2-0. In 1886 came the Rovers third successive Cup win. They beat West Brom 2-0 in a replay at Derby following a goal-less draw at the

Oval. This unique hat-trick of Cup wins was marked by the F.A. who presented the Rovers with a silver shield, which is still proudly displayed in the boardroom.

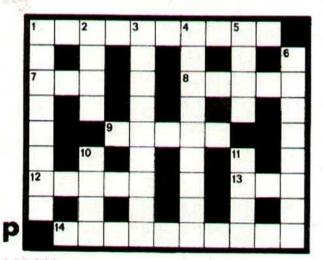
Rovers won the Cup a fourth time in 1890 beating Sheffield Wednesday 8-1, the fifth win was in 1891 beating Notts County 3-1, and then we had to wait until 1929 for the sixth win, beating Huddersfield Town 3-1. Rovers were beaten finalists in 1960 at Wembley, losing 3-0 to Wolverhampton Wanderers after being reduced to 10 men when David Whelan broke his leg. Substitutes were not allowed in those days.

During the Cup successes in 1890 and 1891 Rovers invested in acquiring their present Headquarters at Ewood Park, moving from Alexander Meadows. Initially the Rovers had rented a field from Blackburn Grammar School, which had a pond in the centre of the pitch, and had to be covered with a board and sods of grass for matches. After being relegated in 1938/39 and again in 1947/48, the Rovers had to wait until 1957/58 before the splendid side managed by John Carey got the club back to the top flight once more, and there they stayed until 1965/66 when after gaining only 20 points that season, they dropped into the second division. The low-spot of Rovers history was season 1970/71 which saw them relegated to the third division for the first time. They won the championship of the division under Gordon Lee's managership in 1974/75. Rovers were relegated again in 1978/79, but Howard Kendall took them back to the second division the following season in his first season as manager. The following season saw the Rovers missing out on promotion on goal difference only, again under Howard Kendall's care. Season 1980/81 saw the departure of Howard Kendall to Everton Football Club, and the arrival of Bobby Saxton, from Plymouth Argyle. We are still one of the very few clubs to still play in our original strip of Blue and White halves.



Ian Miller blasts a shot at the Swansea goal only to see it pushed wide by the Swansea keeper.

# Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



### **ACROSS**

- 1. Midfielder Forest brought through from a teenager in 1980 to international consideration this season. (5, 5)
- 7. Hans Brekelen's missing mode of transport.(3)
- 8) Stranraer can be seen at - - Park. (5)
- 9. The soccer nationality of the colourful caps: Brown, Green, Grey and White. (5)
- 12. Long-serving Rangers man who moved into the manager's seat after Wallace. (5)

- The colour of the distracting band on that official ball the Football League brought in.
- 14. Last season they finished ninth in Division Two their best-ever showing in the League.

### DOWN

- He served several northern clubs as a forward and later acted as (for instance) trainer to Manchester United and Northern Ireland. (8)
- 2. Goal ---- (4)
- Spurs were the last such FA Cup-winners.
- They were introduced to give match ratings...
   on referees. (9)
- 5. McEwan, maybe. (4)
- 6. Such a match often turns out to be un-so!
- Poznan side in last season's Cup-Winners' Cup and this season's European Cup. (4)
- Gerry Armstrong was the only player to beat this fine Honduras keeper from open play in the 1982 World Cup finals. (4)

# Cooperative Corner

by Chris Scott



May I remind members that the Supporters Co-Operative Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 8.00 p.m. in The Rendezvous Club.

We still need to raise a substantial sum of money to achieve the target we set ourselves for this season.

We believe that the Youth Team is a very important part of the club and promised to help substantially with the Youth Team costs, unless the club can raise these funds from other sources, which then releases the results of our fund raising to help in other ways on the playing side of the club.

Fund raising does take a lot of effort and we need every little but of help you can give us.

Please complete the form below and leave it at the Club Office. A particular need are volunteers to help on match days - any offers will be gratefully received.

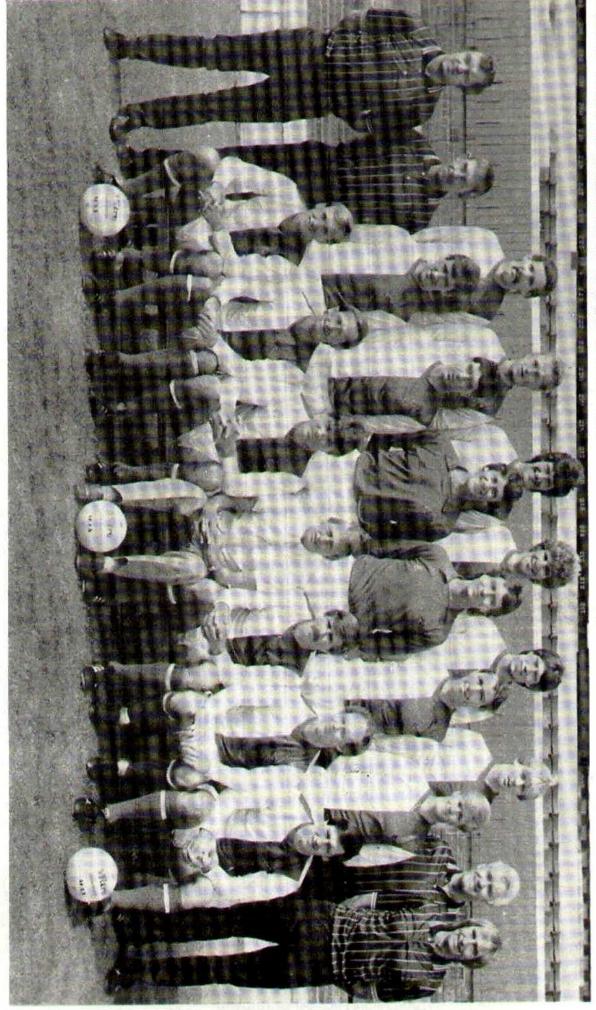
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# **BLACKBURN ROVERS**



Back Row L – R: Middle Row L – R:

Front Row L - R:

Michael Rathbone, David Byrom, Glenn Keeley, John Lowey, Chris Thompson, Mark Patterson.

Bobby Saxton (Manager), Tony Long (Physio), Peter Devine, Jim Branagan, Terry Gennoe, Vince O'Keefe,
Norman Bell (Retired through injury), Simon Barker, Jim Furnell (Reserve Team Manager), Tony Parkes (Coach)
David Hamilton, Colin Randell, Derek Fazackerley, John Howarth (Secretary), Ian Miller, Noel Brotherston, Simon Garner.

# PEN PICTURES

Goalkeeper, TERRY GENNQE - the "Brain" of the dressing room. He is qualified to teach physical education and basic science, began his career with Bury and Halifax. After his transfer to Southampton, he set up a club record there by keeping six clean sheets in a row. In his second campaign with Blackburn, he has one abiding hatred . . . . picking the ball out of the net.

Right back JIM BRANAGAN, turned down a place at Lancaster University to become a professional footballer. Son of a former Manchester City and Oldham star, he signed for Latics at 18 and after a sojourn to South Africa, returned to serve Huddersfield for two years before joining Blackburn in October 1979.

Left back MICK RATHBONE, fondly known as "Basil", (after the old film star who played the role of Sherlock Holmes) is one of the most improved performers in the squad, with a passion for running at the opposition. A native of Birmingham, he signed for the City club on leaving school and went on to make several appearances in the England Youth XI. Loaned to Blackburn for a month in March, 1979, he liked what he saw and promptly signed for £40,000.

The central defence duo of GLENN KEELEY and DEREK FAZACKERLEY is rated as possibly the best in the Second Division and as good as many in the First. "FAZ" is one of the rare breed, a one club man, now in his 14th year with the Rovers. Apprenticed at Ewood at 16 he made his first-team debut in February 1971, and was rewarded with a successful testimonial. Became team captain, season 1983/84. KEELEY'S career was launched at Ipswich where he spent his apprenticeship and two subsequent years as a full-timer. He was a member of the England team which won the World Youth Cup. A spell at Newcastle followed and the Rovers snapped him up for £40,000 in 1976.

One of three footballing brothers, that's DAVID HAMILTON who in injury crises has been switched by Blackburn from midfield to full back. Once apprenticed to Sunderland, captained England Youth in Monaco. A cricket enthusiast, he actually turned down a trial with Surrey.

Newest recruit to the midfield sector is COLIN RANDELL, a £40,000 buy from Plymouth. The connection ... Manager Saxton used to play alongside him in the Argyle side. This capture marked the end of an arduous search for a replacement in a heavily depleted part of the team.

IAN MILLER, a right winger in the old mould, fast direct and always willing to take his man on. Kicked off his career at Bury, then Doncaster, where three seasons in a row he was nominated for the Division 4 "Select" team. Left Swindon to join Blackburn in August 1981.

SIMON GARNER and NORMAN BELL make up the spearhead of the Rovers attack. Boston was the first club which first recognised the potential of schoolboy Garner when it was under the management of Jim Smith, who was later to take over the reins at Ewood Park. In fact, Smith signed him for Rovers once he had completed his days in the classroom and after spending some time inside a substitute or reserve shirt, Simon returned to the first team season 1980/81 on a regular basis to establish himself once more as a consistent goal-getter. BELL, whose career has somehow survived the traumas of no fewer than 12 fractures (including six to his nose) had trials with Sunderland, Newcastle and Crystal Palace before finding a niche with Wolves. Now in his third season with Blackburn and an increasingly popular member of the squad, he has begun to find the finishing touch in front of goal.

NOEL BROTHERSTON, a two footed winger of immense, if sometimes enigmatical skill, figured in Norther Ireland's heroic World Cup run. Belfast born, he made the national schoolboys team at the age of 15 and was snapped up by Spurs only to spend five years there with only one senior appearance to his name. He moved to Blackburn on a free transfer and is capable of turning a game with flashes of pure brilliance.

The coaching staff is headed by JIM FURNELL, whose travels include keeping goal for Burnley, Liverpool and Arsenal.

TONY PARKES, signed by Rovers 14 years ago and suffering a broken leg in February 1981, an injury which cut him down at the height of his powers as a midfield general.

New player, CHRIS THOMPSON, released by Bolton Wanderers at the end of last season, can play either up front or midfield. Born Walsall and joined Bolton as an apprentice. Last season he had a spell at Lincoln on loan.

JOHN LOWEY, played at Sheffield Wednesday before coming to Blackburn in 1979/80, coverted from Centre Forward also had a few seasons in America.

MARK PATTERSON, Left Winger, signed professional forms in 1982, after being in apprentice forms. Local lad, born Darwen, aged 18.

SIMON BARKER, Midfield, signed professsional forms in 1982, another player who came up through our youth scheme. Born Bolton, aged 19.

PETER DEVINE, former Bristol City player who had a spell at Vancouver Whitecaps, before coming to Blackburn. Local lad, aged 23. Centre-forward.

DAVID GLENN, former Wigan Athletic player, who joined the club at the start of the season, full-back, aged 21.

DAVID MAIL, played for Aston Villa, before coming to Blackburn in 1982. Position centre-half, aged 21.

# MEETING GOLIATH by DAVE KING

Today is our fifty first F.A. Cup tie at home in a period spanning the last twenty five years, in that quarter of a century we have played away on thirty nine occasions.

To be cast in the role of slaying Goliath is the moment of glory that all clubs from a lower division or non league hope will be their forte each season. Does it happen often? Well we are all aware this season of the magnificent exploits of Bournemouth and Telford, they have been the subject of media exposure and no one would begrudge them their moment of glory.

Although we defeated a club two divisions higher than ourselves in the last round, coverage nationally was minimal. Our moments of glory are publicised more on a night of a replay when our match is either the solitary tie, or one of a few.

A close look at those twenty five years of cup soccer is kept in a balanced context by our meetings with clubs who were at that time in a higher division, Not all are fruitful, and a careful survey of matches will show the highlights, near misses, and the not so fortunate days. From twenty five years, when the season was 1958-59, we can recall the seasons when we met sterner opposition.

Our first encounter during the last twenty five years with a club from above was not until 1962-63 the first occasion we gained promotion, the manager was Bert Head, and the team boasted many rising stars in Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Don Rogers and Bob Woodruff. In a third round tie we defeated Luton away, with two goals from Cliff Jackson before 10,480 at Kenilworth Road, this brought to the County Ground the star studded Everton from the first division, but alas a crowd of 26,500 were to see the Merseysiders prove their class and a Jack Smith goal was the only reply in a 1-5 defeat.

The following season a fifth round tie with West Ham United was our reward after earlier disposing of Manchester City and Aldershot. Remember we were then a second division club and on a par with City. A crowd of 28,582 saw the Hammers go away victorious with a 3-1 win, Ken McPherson scored our goal. Second division Coventry City were the next club from the higher echelons of the league to meet the Town, in 1965-66, we had then returned to the third division and Danny Williams was the manager, a Dennis Brown goal was not enough to cancel out the two scored by Coventry, a crowd of 20,200 going home disappointed to await another year of maybe.

That year of maybe was to soon arrive, under Danny Williams we were to see many stirring cup matches. A third round tie away to West Ham United with world cup stars, Moore, Peters and Hurst held no trepidation for the boys in red. A titanic struggle where Don Rogers (2), and Denis Brown with one, was enough to bring the Hammers to the County Ground for a replay. Geo ff Hurst scored all three for United, in front of 37,440.

A night to remember followed when 25,789 made their way to the County Ground to see Willie Penman, Ken Skeen, and Don Rogers prove too much for West Ham in a 3-1 victory, John Sissons was the West Ham scorer.

Bury then in division 2 were the next victims, Don Rogers and Keith Morgan were our goalscorers in a fourth round tie, here at the County Ground in a 2-1 victory, Barry Lowes later to join the Town scored the Bury reply.

Onto round 5 to bring the never to be forgotten trio of matches with Nottingham Forest, then in second place in division I, a 0-0 draw at Forest was a travesty, in the fact we created and missed the better chances, 47,500 witnessed. The replay here was heading Forest's Way when a late equaliser from Bruce Walker cancelled an earlier goal from Peter Hindley, no further goals resulted and a third match at neutral Villa Park saw the Town succomb before 52,596 to goals from Barry Lyons, Joe Baker and John Barnwell. But what a fight and fright Forest had!

Today's visitors Blackburn visited the County Ground the following season 1967-68 and their second division status failed to save them from a Mel Nurse goal in a 1-0 defeat, a crowd of 20,830 were here that January day. Earlier wins over Salisbury and fourth division Luton had brought us to this stage, an away tie with Sheffield Wednesday brought our aspirations to a close that year, where Wilf Smith and John Ritchie scored against us, to the delight of the home supporters in the 37,457 present. Roger Smart was our scorer, Wednesday were then in division I.

Having been promoted to division 2 in 1968-69, we were not to meet first division opposition until 1970-71 when the daunting prospect of a meeting with mighty Leeds United after disposing of fellow second division club Queens Park Rangers was our reward in the fourth round, a Mick Jones hat trick, and one from Alan Clarke emphasised the gulf between the two clubs, a crowd of 36,985 were to see Fred Ford's team go out of the competition at Elland Road.

Arsenal were to participate in helping to bring the County Ground attendance record of 32,000 to bear, when defeating us 2-0 in third round tie in 1971-72. George Armstrong and Alan Ball scored for the Gunners.

Season 72-73 brought Birmingham City to suffer a 2-0 defeat here where goals from Joe Butler and a Ray Treacy penalty saw the end of the road for the Midland team before 17,375 in the third round.

A visit to first division West Brom, saw us beaten 8-0 where goals from Tony Brown, and Len Cantello

pleased the majority of the 20,795 crowd, saw the fourth round our premium.

West Ham were to figure again with our F.A. Cup hopes when we again met them at Upton Park in a fourth round tie and again repeated our earlier draw of 1966-67, this time a Peter Eastoe goal in front of 35,679 forcing a County Ground replay, Billy Jennings was the Hammers goalscorer. The replay ended in a 1-2 defeat, despite a Trevor Anderson goal giving us an interval lead, but goals from Trevor Brooking and Pat Holland in the second half caused dismay for the majority of the crowd of 27,749. Home wins over Reading, Maidstone and Lincoln had brought us to this stage of the cup, we had by now returned to division 3 after the previous seasons relegation.

It was in season 1976-77 we were to witness more upsets when a 3-3 draw at Craven Cottage against a Fulham team graced by Bobby Moore, Rodney Marsh and George Best, where before a crowd of 16,460, goals from Trevor Anderson, David Moss and Ray McHale were offset by goals from Rodney Marsh, Ernie Howe and Barrett. Dave Syrett with two goals, David Moss also with two and one from Trevor Anderson saw a superlative display from the Town who gave the crowd of 23,883 a fine evenings entertainment.

A fourth round tie with Everton was the reward for that win and goals from Dave Syrett and Ken Stroud were not quite enough to save a replay at Goodison Park, Duncan McKenzie and Bob Latchford were to see we would have to travel North where a contingent of the 24,347 who watched at the County Ground were to see a late Everton revival with goals from Martin Dobson and David Jones cancelling the lead Trevor Anderson had given us, 38,063 were at the replay.

In 1977-78 a third round away tie with Notts Forest was to end in a 1-4 defeat, a goal by David Moss was our only reply to those from Tony Woodcock with two, and one each from Peter Withe and John Robertson in front of 28,953.

In 1978-79 Cardiff City were our only opponents from a higher division and their division status was no answer to a brace of goals from Chris Kamara and one from Ray McHale, the attendance was 9,983. In season 1979-80 a fine away win over Luton in the third round via goals from Andy Rowland and Brian Williams with a crowd of 12,458 in attendance brought star strewn Tottenham to us in the fourth round, a 0-0 draw resulted before 26,000. The replay at White Hart Lane in front of 46,707 where a Ray McHale penalty was to be pipped on the post by a brace from Gerry Armstrong.

Once again we were to visit Luton Town, a third round tie in 1981-82 saw Gary Emmanuel score the Towns goal while former Town favourite David Moss with a penalty and one from Brian Horton gave the Hatters the passage into the next round, there was a crowd of 9,488. Now in division four for the first time in our history even third division clubs took on the mantle of Goliath.

Last season saw Brentford come here in this category for a second round tie, first half goals from Russell Lewis and Leigh Barnard were cancelled by Keith Bowen and Gary Roberts.

The replay at Griffin Park, where after extra time, we won 3-1 and goals by Andy Rowland, Howard Pritchard and Paul Batty capped a fine display in front of 7,187, Gary Roberts was the sole Brentford scorer. In the fourth round Burnley ended our hopes with goals from Billy Hamilton (2) and Kevin Young (1) proving too much for Howard Pritchards reply. 9,786 was the attendance.

And so to this season, Carlisle were cast as Goliath earlier this month, and now to Blackburn, by 4.40 p.m. this afternoon we may know whether we will be facing another chance of a meet after a slaying! Let's all hope so. Full participation by team and crowd in unison can achieve this. Ask Carlisle?

### Answers 15

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Colin Walsh.
- 7. Van.
- 8. Stair.
- 9. Welsh.
- 12. Greig.
- 13. red.
- 14. Shrewsbury

### DOWN

- 1. Cavanagh
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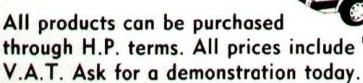








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## SURVEY ON THE F.A. CUP by DAVE KING

'I've got a League championship medal, a Fairs cup medal, a League cup medal and dozens of caps - but sometimes I'd swap the lot for a place in a cup winning side.' Those words spoken by Billy Bremner, prior to Leeds United long awaited success at Wembley in 1972, sum up the undeniable aura that the F.A. cup competition holds.

The F.A. Cup Final becomes the annual showpiece for our national sport, the competition is a ritual, different from many other reasons that occur in life, in that it is played at a predictable interval and is viewed by millions outside of Britain.

While no one would cast a doubt upon the word of the player who states that a League championship medal portrays that it is the ultimate test of a professional players ability, you always have the sneaking feeling that not one of them would sacrifice a cup winning medal for the equivalent League Championship medal

For at the the final whistle of a Wembley Cup Final, the final definition is about one team leaving the field of play victorious, the other vanquished, the capacity crowd saluting one team, just one winner, long may the F.A. Cup prosper.

It is a little known fact that among the thousands who will watch the fourth round matches today few will know that the initial steps of football history that have culminated in them flocking to witness the mystique that this competition holds for so many were made in the offices of a London newspaper called 'The Sportsman' on a July day in 1871, where seven men created the F.A. Cup.

The main inspiration came from Charles Alcock, the 29 year old secretary of the F.A. and whose original suggestion it was that a challenge cup competition be established. An interesting fact that amongst the other six present was, the man who was to score the first ever cup final goal M.P. Betts, and Captain Francis Marindin who appeared in two finals and refereed another eight! Eventually he was to become President of the F.A.

Enough of the past, what of the present? Of todays sixteen ties, there are many intriguing confrontations, not the least that set before us here at the County Ground.

Our visitors today Blackburn Rovers have a fine history in the F.A. Cup, having been previous winners in 1884, 1885, 1886, 1890, 1891 and 1928. Also Runners up in 1882 and 1960.

With a playing record this season that has seen them become one of the forerunners in this seasons second division, like our previous victims Carlisle United, the task before us is virtually the same as at that recent pulsating evening here at the County Ground. One of my lasting memories of that evening, walking away from the ground, was the happiness brought to the thousands streaming away into the night air. Football can bring a radiance no other game seems to, and a rapport that had not existed at the County Ground between players and fans for quite a while, but this season one senses that at long last the quiet beginnings of a revival are in their infancy.

Along with ourselves, Darlington and Blackpool are the sole survivors from the fourth division and whilst both face formidable tasks away to Plymouth and Oxford United respectively, we wish them well.

Of interest is the following chart showing each fourth division club with their goalscorers, crowd attendances, and at which roung they were knocked out of this seasons F.A. Cup competition.

Club	Goalscorers	Aggreg. Attend.	Defeated by
ALDERSHOT BLACKPOOL	Banton and Burvill 1 each Mercer and Monnen 2 each, Stewart and Deary 1 each	9,053 27,767	Worcester City
BRISTOL CITY BURY	Own Goal (1) Pritchard (3), Ritchie (2), Crawford, Riley and Hirst 1 each Entwistle (2), Madden (1)	49,000 5,870 1,774	Notts. County Scunthorpe Chesterfield
CHESTER CHESTERFIELD COLCHESTER	Holden (1) Newton (3), Birch (2), Bellamy (1) Bowen (5), Houston (1)	15,848 11,115 2,465	Burnley
CREWE DARLINGTON	Walsh 5, McLean 2, Barton, Cartwright, Johnson and Daines 1 each	10,148 5,027	Mansfield
DONCASTER HALIFAX HARTLEPOOL	Ward and Evans 1 each	2,588 5,960 4,453	Rotherham
HEREFORD MANSFIELD NORTHAMPTON	Caldwell, Calderwood and Barrowclough 1 each Austin and Gage 2 each, Belfon, O'Niell, Jeffrey and	11,961 16,884	Bolton Telford
PETERBOROUGH READING ROCHDALE	Mundee 1 each Senior, Horrix and Price 1 each Johnson 2, Farrell and Allott 1 each	23,613 12,357	Oxford Untd. Oxford Untd. Telford Telford
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Town goalscorer Jim Quinn (left) heading a long throw into the Bristol City penalty area in Tuesday's draw at the County Ground.

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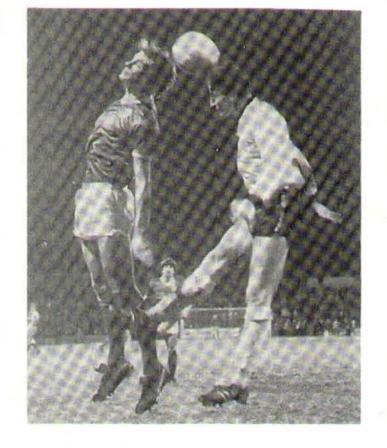
Simon Gibson adding his height to the attack in Tuesday's derby clash with Bristol City.

### Top Right

Jim Quinn fires home Swindon's only goal against Bristol City on Tuesday.

### **Bottom Right**

Aided by Andy Rowland (right) Town striker Jim Quinn challenges Bristol City goalkeeper John Shaw a high cross.





# Photo Call BY DAVE EVANS





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SWINDON	Quinn (5), Batty and Rowland 3 each, Nelson, Barnard,	21,326	
	Gibson and Henry 1 each		
TORQUAY	Curle (1)	2.126	Colchester
TRANMERE	Aspinall, Williams and Powell 1 each		Bolton
WREXHAM	Coleman (1)	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Sheff, Untd.
YORK CITY	Byrne, Pollard and Sbragia 1 each		Rochdale

One of our former players Ian Miller is a member of the Blackburn squad. Ian who spent a successful period of his career here, signed from Doncaster Rovers for £25,000 and Mick French in exchange, Ian played one hundred and fifty four League and cup matches for us, scoring thirteen goals. Ian's last appearance for us was in a 0-0 home draw with Brentford the last League match of the 1980-81 season when the point gained saved us from relegation.

The team on that occasion was as follows: Jimmy Allan, Russell Lewis, David Peach, Chris Kamara, Roy Carter, Ken Stroud, Ian Miller, Brian Hughes, Andy Rowland, Paul Rideout and Brian Williams.

Only Jimmy Allan and Andy Rowland remain at the County Ground, regular supporters will recall that lan scored on his debut for us in a 2-1 home win with Bury. The team on that occasion was, on August 19th 1978 Chris Ogden, John McLaughlin, Andy Ford, Ray McHale, Steve Aizlewood, Ken Stroud, Ian Miller, Roy Carter, Chris Guthrie, Chic Bates and Brian Williams. How teams change, a lot of the players from those two teams from the beginning and the end of lan's County Ground days are still playing.

Russell Lewis is with Northampton, David Peach (Andover), Chris Kamara (Brentford), Roy Carter (Newport), Ken Stroud (Bristol City on Ioan from Newport), Brian Hughes (Torquay), Paul Rideout (Aston Villa), Brian Williams (Bristol Rovers), Chris Ogden (Cheltenham), John McLaughlin and Steve Aizlewood (Portsmouth), Ray McHale (Sheffield United), Chic Bates (Shrewsbury), Chris Guthrie and Andy Ford were forced to retire through injury.

Moving away from todays F.A. Cup, one of our former players Howard Goddard 26, has returned from Scandinavia where he helped Kajaani win the Finland second division title and signed for Alliance League club Trowbridge Town.

Other moves . . . . concerning fourth division clubs, Wrexham have signed Jim Steel from Port Vale for a fee of £10,000 . . . Chesterfield have signed Les Hunter from Scunthorpe United, while Peterborough have former Bournemouth goalkeeper Ken Allen on a two month trial period . . . Chester have signed Ron Hildersley on loan from Manchester City . . . Blackpool have signed former Chelsea player Ian Britton who left Stamford Bridge for Dundee United . . . also David Moore from Carlisle for a small fee . . . Rochdale have Ian McMahon from Oldham on Ioan . . . Hereford have signed John Hendrie on Ioan from Coventry . . . also on Ioan Andy Wharton to Torquay from Burnley.

The latest managerial casualty in our division is Bruce Rioch of Torquay. Torquay Chairman Tony Boyce said 'Bruce had become very frustrated over many things'. Alan Slough Torquays coach was already under Doctors orders to rest for a month, of the situation Alan said, 'Running Torquay must be the hardest job in the game. It's driven me to the point where I could not have gone on a day longer and it so depressed Bruce that he is thinking of a job outside football. That's what it does to you when everything is cut back to the bone. I've been off two weeks with nervous exhaustion and I've been ordered to take two more. Because the club is run on a shoestring we were having to do everying. We worked seven days a week, driving 500 miles searching for players because we were so short of them, we have twelve directors and nine fit players. We've done really well to keep the club alive and in a mid table position.' Former Port Vale manager John McGrath is the new manager of Chester City.



Gary Neison almost snatching a winner for the Town against Bristol City, but shoots just wide.

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# Commercia£ly Speaking From Doug Buswell

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the County Ground and especially to Richard Timms and his party from Ashton Keynes. Yesterday was Richards tenth birthday and as a special treat, together with his friends are watching the match today. Richard, who along with his father, are Season Ticket holders have taken advantage of our Group Booking Scheme. I hope they have enjoyed their day with us and will visit us again in the near future.

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