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v. BRISTOL ROVERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO

Saturday 6 November 1976

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HARRY'S



John Short, (Manchester United), Bryan Douglas (Blackburn), Derrick Dooley (Sheffield Wednesday) were all at the game and we all had a chat about football in general past and present. I think that the short time we had together, we solved all the problems there is in football today. This is the part of football, when old friends get together and chat that makes my job worthwhile.

Last Tuesday, we held trials for lads between the ages 14 to 18 years. They came from all parts of the country and the keenness they showed argues well for the future of Luton Town and I am sure we will see some of these lads wearing the Town's shirts in the not too distant future. These trial matches make extra work for the coaching staff but if you manage to get at least two boys out of the 120 we had then it will be worth the extra work.

Today we welcome Don Megson and his players from Bristol Rovers who at this present time are 2 points in front of us. Don will be aware that we shall be all out to bring our points total level. The name Bristol Rovers must bring memories to our older supporters of the 12-0 victory over them in the 1930's when the late Joe Payne scored his ten goals. I don't think we shall ever see the likes of that again but who knows, football is a funny game so lets hope that this afternoon's game is entertaining with plenty of goals.

TOWN

Bristol Rovers

JIM EADIE (goalkeeper): Scottish-born ever-present member of the promotion side and missed only one game last season and the season before. Signed on a free transfer from Cardiff City, where he gained considerable Second Division experience.

LINDSAY PARSONS (full-back): Club captain and a local product who progressed through the apprentice professional ranks. Injury halted a proud run of 203 consecutive first team appearances during the promotion season.

PHIL DATER (full-back): A former Welsh youth cap and a product of the club's South Wales nursery. Made his League debut two seasons ago but missed the first half of last season through injury.

DAVID WILLIAMS (defender): A schoolteacher in Cardiff who became a contract player in January 1976 while still a student. Made his League debut in the first game of last season and missed only one match. Capped at under-23 level by Wales.



STUART TAYLOR (centre-half): In his late teens before signed from a leading local amateur club. At 6ft 4ins, one of the League's tallest players. Is nearing his 500th first team appearance.

PETER AITKEN (defender): A product of Rovers' Cardiff-based nursery side and a Welsh under-23 international. Forced his way into the senior side for the finale of the promotion drive. Out of action for much of last season through injury.

FRANKIE PRINCE (midfield): A former Welsh under-23 cap and now a member of his country's senior international squad. Born in Penarth, he signed as a full professional in 1967 after serving as an apprentice.

WILF SMITH (defender): British soccer's first £100,000 full-back when transferred from Sheffield Wednesday — his first club — to Coventry. Joined Rovers for £20,000 during their first season after promotion and played a leading role in keeping them up.

TONY PULIS (defender): Former Welsh youth cap who made his League debut for Rovers last season while still an apprentice. Now upgraded to full professional.

RAY G'JSCOTT (forward): A product of Rovers South Wales nursery who was robbed of a Welsh youth cap through illness and then injury. Upgraded from apprentice last season.

BILLY FOREMAN (midfield): Signed during the close season from Bournemouth who released him when they disbanded their reserve and youth teams.

WAYNE POWELL (striker): Newport born and Wales' most capped player at youth level, playing for the national side at under-18 level for three seasons. Made his League debut last season.

COLIN DOBSON (winger): Former England under-23 cap and the club's player-coach. A former Sheffield Wednesday teammate of manager Don Mogson, he went on to play for Huddersfield and Brighton before joining Rovers in the summer of 1972.

MARTYN BRITTON (winger): Fast and skillful in the old tradition of wingers. A local product who served a soccer apprenticeship at Eastville before becoming a full professional three seasons ago.

BRUCE BANNISTER (striker): Signed for £23,000 from Bradford City in November 1971. Scored 28 goals in his first full season and was second highest scorer with 19 during the promotion year. Is a member of the P.F.A. national executive.

GORDON FEARNLEY (forward): From a Bradford family steeped in Rugby League tradition, he played for England Grammar Schools before signing professional for Sheffield Wednesday. His progress was hampered by injury but he proved his fitness after signing for Rovers in the summer of 1970. Played in America for Miami during the summer.

ANDREW EVANS (utility): Former youth cap, rated by Welsh team manager Mike Smith as one of his country's brightest prospects. A natural left-sided player effective at full-back, in midfield and up-front.

KENNY STEPHENS (winger): Left his native Bristol to become an apprentice with West Bromwich Albion and went on to play First Division football. Moved to Walsall for £15,000 and then quit soccer for a spell before making a comeback with Rovers in season 1970-71.

ALAN WARBOYS (striker): Rovers' highest-fee signing, costing £35,000 when transferred from Sheffield United in March 1973. Yorkshire born, he played for Doncaster, Sheffield Wednesday and Cardiff before going to Bramall Lane.

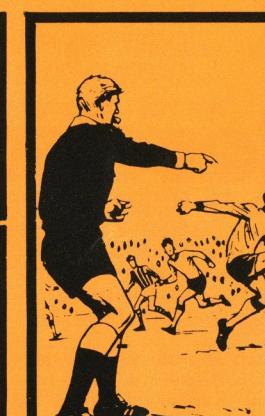
DAVID STANIFORTH (striker): Signed for £20,000 from Sheffield United in March 1973 and played a valuable part in the final phase of the promotion push.

BRIAN O'DONNELL (left-winger): Born in Scotland and son of Yeovil Town's trainer. Signed during the close season from Bournemouth who released him when they disbanded their reserve and youth teams.



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ANSWER: the goal must be disallowed and an indirect free kick for offside law requires the attacking player to have two or more opponents nearer the goal line than he is if he is to remain outside. In this situation it is not possible to remain outside. When standing alongside opponents on their own goal line,

LUTON REPORTING

Secretary's Comments....

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

FIRST of all I would like to pay tribute to that loyal band of people who have donated today's match-ball — The Away Travel Supporters. Not only is their presence on visiting grounds a tremendous source of encouragement to Harry and the lads but their fund-raising is also much appreciated by us all. Already this season they have collected £36 and their regular and generous contributions last season could not have been more welcome. Our thanks again to those who are responsible for collecting and, of course, to those who donate and long may you keep up the good work.

All Our Yesterdays

A LOOK AT LUTON TOWN A DECADE AGO.

By Brian Swain, Sports Editor, Luton News.

THE football fireworks at Kenilworth Road ten years ago were all off the field. On November 4, 1966 Manager George Martin resigned after holding the job for 20 months, his second post-war spell in charge of the team.

Into the gap stepped Allan Brown, the former Blackpool and Luton star who had finished his League playing career at Portsmouth and moved on to become player-manager of Wigan Athletic.

Martin's sudden departure was the first that most supporters knew of trouble brewing behind the scenes. He made it clear that the directors asked him to go, and that he did not get on with all the players, some

of whom had asked for transfers. His final public comment on the day he left, after serving the club in various capacities for nearly 30 years, might give Harry Haslam a cue for today: "I was hamstrung by shortage of money — you can't build teams on nothing."

In his last match as manager, five days previously, Martin had seen the Town held to a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road by Bradford. The visitors were thought to be short of attacking fire-power because they had just sold Kevin Hector to Derby County, but two goals in the last 17 minutes gave them a point after the Town had gone two ahead through Frank Conboy and Ray Whittaker.

The directors picked the team for Brown's first game as manager — he joined the Town party for their match at Port Vale on November 5, 1966. They plumped for

defence first and foremost in an effort to pull away from the depths of Division IV.

Gordon Riddick wore the No. 9 shirt, but played as a twin centre-half alongside John Moore, and Town team formations were never to be the same again.

They used a 4-2-4 formation at Port Vale, but all the plans for holding on to a point were wrecked when Mahon scored the only goal of the game in the 65th minute. Tony Read took some stick for letting in the goal, an angled shot which crept in between him and his near post.

That night, the Town languished in the re-election zone. They had dropped two places, to fourth from bottom of the Fourth Division, with just 11 points from 16 games.

The team at Port Vale was: Read; Jardine, Moore, Riddick, Thomson; Conboy, Slough; French, Pleat, Rioch, Whittaker.

SUPPORTERS SHARES

THE initial issue of new Supporters Shares have now been sent out and I am delighted to report that applications are still being received. This source of income has been absolutely vital in securing the healthy future of the club and it is sincerely hoped that the excellent start can be maintained. Anyone wishing to add to their investment can apply for any number of one pound shares and new investors need only subscribe for a minimum of five. Letters were sent out some time ago to those who initially sent in less than £5 asking them to let us know if they would like to convert their contribution into a donation or whether they wanted a refund. In a few instances we have received no instructions and we would therefore like to hear from anyone in this category.

Youth News....

LUTON Town youth team which contains several of the local schoolboys are having a very successful season. They are currently in 2nd place in the Chiltern Youth League. On Tuesday evening October 26th, they entertained Hitchin Town youth side in the FA Youth Challenge Cup 1st round at Kenilworth Road. Goals by T Smith (3), G Ingram (2) and G Brown gave them a comfortable victory into the next round.

England Youth XI

Two of these lads, Tony Knight and Ricky Hill have been invited to go with an England Youth XI squad to take part in an International Tournament in Monaco from the 12th November until the 19th November. Other countries taking part are Russia, Italy, France, Hungary, Yugoslavia, West Germany, Spain and England. The tournament will be 2 groups of 4. Each team playing the other members of the group. The 1st team in each group will play off in the finals to determine 1st and 2nd place. The 2nd team in each group to play off for 3rd and 4th place.

Congratulations....

MANY congratulations to the Luton Schoolboy football teams. The under-15 team recently beat St Albans in the English Trophy, and the under-16 team beat Hillingdon 4-1 in the Hawk Trophy. In the previous round, played on the Luton Town ground, they beat Hounslow 4-2. Well done lads!

PLAYER PROFILE



FULL NAME: Paul Futcher
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 11-12
BIRTHPLACE: Chester
BIRTHDAY: 25 September
STAR SIGN: Libra
SIGNED FOR LUTON: June 1974
LEAGUE DEBUT: At Cambridge for Chester 1973
PREVIOUS CLUB: Chester
FAMILY: Single
HOBBIES: Golf, driving, listening to records
FAVOURITE FOODS: Steak & Chips, cheese on toast
FAVOURITE RECORDING STARS: Eagles, Diana Ross Beatles
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Rabac, Yugoslavia
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not yet had one
ADVICE TO YOUNG PLAYERS: Hard work, listen, Dedication
WHEN I FINISH PLAYING: Who knows?
MY GREATEST MOMENT: My 4th Division debut and 1st Division debut
MY MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALL STAR: George Best
MY AMBITION IS: To play for England and play consistently well in the 1st Division

ACTION

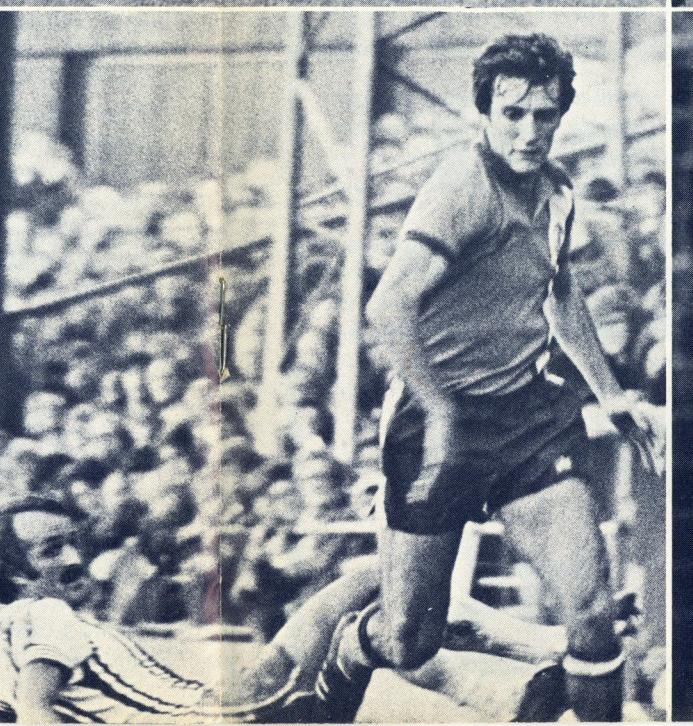
John Aston doesn't often end up flat on his backside — it's a position opposing full-backs are more likely to sample. But in the picture top left John looks a bit like most of us felt in the game against Southampton — right down on our luck.

Top right: Steve Buckley gets airborne in an attempt to help the strikers pull back Southampton's lead — note the classic style, a reminder that "Buck" used to be a left winger in his days at Burton Albion. Unluckily for him this flying header was saved.

Bottom left: Steve Buckley in his more orthodox style, taking the ball away from Mike Channon.

Bottom centre: Saints' skipper Peter Rodrigues had a wretched afternoon against Aston, and here he looks ruefully as Lil Fuccillo joins in the torment of the veteran Southampton defender.

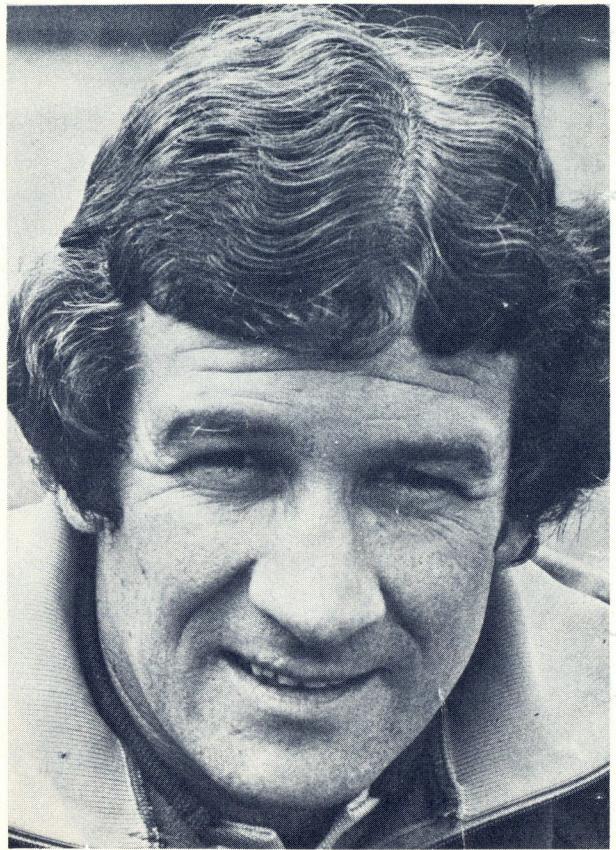
Bottom right: Just in case anyone thinks the picture of Aston on his back is a true reflection this is the sort of action we see more often, this time tackling back to steal the ball from Channon.



COACHING

IN football, as in any other profession, all concerned expect to gain something.

When it comes to the team performance on Saturday afternoon, although contributing from different angles, directors, managers, coaches and supporters, are all working towards the same end:— the success of their team.



Danny Bergara
Coach

We coaches may not think in the same way about practical work at Club level. However, we try to unite our ideas as much as possible to contribute as best we can to the necessities of the team. We can break down our work into three main areas:— Fitness, Technical and Tactical aspects, and most important of all, Mental fitness. It is no good having the most skillful players in the world in top physical form if they are not enthusiastic in their approach to the game.

As coaches we have to be very careful how we instruct the players, especially those who are not quite making the grade. How is the best way to handle a player who is having problems?

Do we tell him he is useless, and suggest he changes his career?

Or do we, as I believe we should, encourage him to believe in his own ability and thus build up his confidence?

We must ask ourselves whether we are using the right approach. Perhaps we are imposing a way of playing that doesn't suit that particular type of player. There are so many questions we have to ask ourselves to try and ensure that we get the best from each player.

Supporters too, have their part to play in the overall success of the team (including you Oak Road lads). It is you who can give the team the special kind of encouragement and support they need, it is you who can lift their spirits when the game is in full action and things are going wrong and in this way help them to gain success.

Danny Bergara



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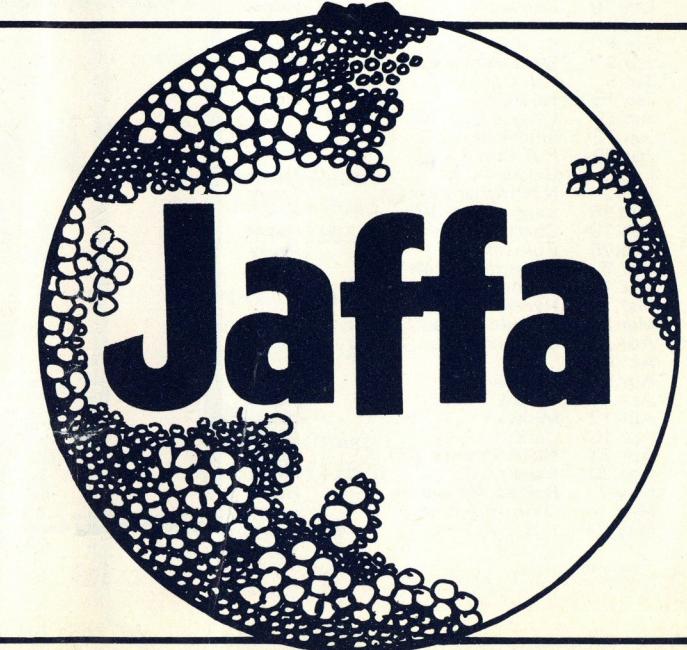
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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance
1976				
Aug.21	Sheffield United	Home	2-0	10,687
Aug.24	Hull City	Away	1-3	5,499
Aug.28	Burnley	Away	2-1	12,262
Sept.1	Sunderland	Away	1-3	22,390
Sept.4	Nottingham Forest	Home	1-1	11,231
Sept.10	Charlton Athletic	Away	3-4	9,191
Sept.18	Fulham	Home	0-2	19,929
Sept.22	League Cup 3	Away	2-1	19,826
Sept.25	Wolverhampton	Away	0-1	12,187
Oct.2	Plymouth Argyle	Away	2-0	9,895
Oct.9	Hereford United	Home	1-1	6,972
Oct.16	Carlisle United	Away	1-4	12,123
Oct.23	Southampton	Home	0-1	8,719
Oct.27	League Cup 4	Away		
Oct.30	Blackburn Rovers	Home		
Nov.6	Bristol Rovers	Home		
Nov.13	Millwall	Away		
Nov.20	Cardiff City(1)	Home		
Nov.27	Notts County	Away		
Dec.1	League Cup 5	Home		
Dec.4	Blackpool	Away		
Dec.11	Bolton Wanderers(2)	Home		
Dec.18	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Dec.27	Orient	Home		
Dec.28		Away		
Dec.29	Chelsea	Home		
1977				
Jan.1	Bristol Rovers	Away		
Jan.3	Blackburn Rovers	Home		
Jan.8	F.A.Cup 3	Home		
Jan.15	Hull City	Away		
Jan.19	League Cup SF	Home		
Jan.22	Sheffield Utd	Away		
Jan.29	F.A.Cup 4	Home		
Feb.5	Burnley	Away		
Feb.12	Nottingham Forest	Home		
Feb.16	League Cup SF	Away		
Feb.19	Charlton Athletic	Home		
Feb.26	Fulham(5)	Away		
Mar.5	Wolverhampton W.	Home		
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle(LCF)	Away		
Mar.19	Hereford United(6)	Home		
Mar.26	Carlisle United	Away		
Apr.2	Southampton	Home		
Apr.8		Away		
Apr.9	Chelsea	Home		
Apr.11	Orient	Away		
Apr.12	Millwall	Home		
Apr.16	Cardiff	Away		
Apr.23	Notts County(SF)	Home		
Apr.30	Blackpool	Away		
May 7	Bolton Wanderers	Home		
May 14	Oldham Athletic	Away		
May 21	F.A.Cup Final			

GOALSCORERS

LEAGUE DIV. TWO

J Deans	5
J Husband	4
R Hill	3
B Chambers	1
J Aston	1
P Futcher	1
Opponents	1

COMBINATION

R Futcher	2
G Ingram	2
B Chambers	1
B Gregory	1
N Johnson	1
J McNichol	1
S Simon	1

COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	G	R
1976			
Aug.21	Oxford United	A	1-1
Aug.24	Southampton	H	0-1
Aug.28	Bristol City	A	1-2
Sept.1			
Sept.4			
Sept.11	Ipswich Town	H	0-2
Sept.18			
Sept.22	West Ham United	H	2-3
Sept.25	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Sept.28	QPR	A	1-3
Oct.2	Fulham	A	1-5
Oct.9	Leicester	A	1-4
Oct.16	Cardiff City	H	0-0
Oct.23	Arsenal	A	1-1
Oct.30	Tottenham	H	1-2
Nov.3	Chelsea	A	
Nov.6	Swindon Town	A	
Nov.13	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Nov.20	Reading	A	
Nov.23	Birmingham City	A	
Nov.27	Bristol Rovers	H	
Dec.1	Orient	A	
Dec.4	Norwich City	A	
Dec.11	Tottenham	A	
Dec.18			

NEXT HOME GAME

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CARDIFF CITY

SATURDAY

20 NOVEMBER 1976

Kick-off: 3.00 pm

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Date	Opponents	G	R
1977			
Jan.1	Hereford United	H	
Jan.8			
Jan.15	Southampton	A	
Jan.19	Oxford United	H	
Jan.22			
Jan.29	Bristol City	H	
Feb.1	West Ham United	A	
Feb.12			
Feb.16	Ipswich Town	A	
Feb.19	QPR	H	
Feb.26			
Mar.5	Crystal Palace	A	
Mar.8	Fulham	H	
Mar.19	Leicester City	H	
Mar.30	Cardiff City	A	
Apr.2	Arsenal	H	
Apr.8			
Apr.9	Birmingham City	H	
Apr.12			
Apr.13	Hereford United	A	
Apr.16	Swindon Town	H	
Apr.23	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Apr.30	Reading	H	
May 3	Chelsea	H	
May 7	Norwich City	A	
May 14	Orient	H	

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Sept.25	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Sept.28	QPR	A	1-3
Oct.2	Fulham	A	1-5
Oct.9	Leicester	A	1-4
Oct.16	Cardiff City	H	0-0
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Oct.30	Tottenham	H	1-2
Nov.3	Chelsea	A	
Nov.6	Swindon Town	A	
Nov.13	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Nov.20	Reading	A	
Nov.23	Birmingham City	A	
Nov.27	Bristol Rovers	H	
Dec.1	Orient	A	
Dec.4	Norwich City	A	
Dec.11	Tottenham	A	
Dec.18			

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO – AS AT 3/11/76

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	12	5	1	0	19	8	4
Blackpool	13	3	1	3	10	9	3
Wolves	12	3	1	2	15	8	2
Bolton	12	5	0	1	13	6	1
Charlton	12	4	1	1	17	11	1
Oldham	12	4	3	0	12	7	1
Notts Co	12	3	0	3	6	5	3
Nottm For	12	4	1	1	22	11	0
Millwall	11	4	1	1	12	3	1
Hull	11	4	1	0	11	2	0
Blackburn	12	3	1	2	10	5	2
Bristol Rovers	12	3	3	1	11	8	1
Sheff Utd	12	2	4	0	9	5	1
Plymouth	12	2	2	3	11	9	1
Fulham	11	2	3	0	7	3	1
Southampton	12	2	2	1	8	5	2
Burnley	12	2	3	1	13	10	1
Luton	12	2	1	2	6	7	2
Carlisle	12	2	4	0	11	8	1
Cardiff	12	2	2	3	10	12	1
Orient	10	1	1	2	5	4	1
Hereford	12	2	0	3	7	12	0

FOOTBALL COMBINATION – AS AT 1/11/76

Goals

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chelsea	11	9	2	0	19	1	20
QPR	12	8	1	3	26	9	17
Bristol City	10	7	2	1	25	10	16
Ipswich Town	11	7	1	3	26	11	15
Arsenal	11	5	4	2	15	12	14
Plymouth	11	5	3	3	14	13	13
Birmingham	11	3	6	2	12	9	12
Tottenham	11	5	2	4	13	12	12
Fulham	10	5	1	4	13	14	11
Norwich City	11	4	3	4	15	17	11
Oxford Utd	11	4	3	4	13	15	11
Southampton	11	5	1	5	18	21	11
Crystal Palace	11	4	2	5	16	16	10
Hereford Utd	11	4	1	6	14	18	9
Swindon	11	2	5	4	8	12	9
Cardiff City	10	3	3	4	10	17	9
Leicester City	11	3	2	6	22	23	8
Reading	8	3	2	3	12	15	8
Orient	10	2	3	5	11	13	7
Bristol Rovers	8	2	0	6	8	18	4
West Ham	10	1	1	8	16	33	3
Luton Town	11	0	2	9	10	27	2

The Chairman and Directors have much pleasure in welcoming the members of the NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS CLUB

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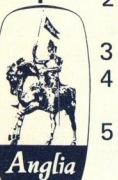
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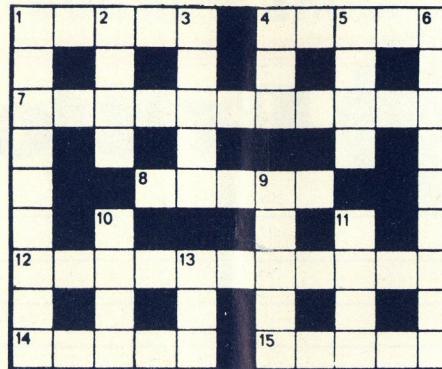
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CLUES - DOWN

- 1 Harry Brooks scored 5 goals for them in each of two successive FA Cup ties(9)
- 2 Editor of several Rothmans Football Yearbooks(4)
- 3 Goodwin or Grapes(5)
- 4 Old Arsenal boss.
— Whittaker(3)
- 5 Dulwich Hamlet inside-forward who played for the full England team between the wars(4)
- 6 European Cup runners-up last season(2,7)
- 9 Peterborough forward(5)
- 10 — Jackson was known as 'The Laughing Cavalier'(4)
- 11 Aberdeen winger(4)
- 13 Walsall defender(3)



Crossword NO. 3



CLUES - ACROSS

- 1 Villa full-back who headed a record 35-yard goal against Sunderland in 1952(5)
- 4 Nickname of Barnsley(5)
- 7 Athletic Scots side(11)
- 8 One of two brothers who have each been post-war player-manager of Colchester(5)
- 12 This club's post-war managers include Henry, Hooper and Henderson(7,4)
- 14 Poland club: GKS — (5)
- 15 One of Burnley's joint leading League scorers last season(5)

Answers to Crossword No. 2

ACROSS 1 Harper; 4 CSKA; 7 Trophy; 8 Tosh(ack); 9 Henry Newton; 12 Syme; 13 Orient; 14 Nest; 15 & 13 down. Eleven-one (1928)
DOWN 1 Hutchison; 2 Piper; 3 Ray; 5 Shoot; 6 Ashington; 10 Nimes; 11 White; 13 See 15 across.

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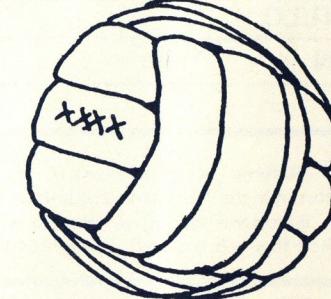
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