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Swansea City v Plymouth

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- 10 David BURNSIDE
- 11 Don HUTCHINS
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At this stage of the season one finds it increasingly difficult writing notes of interest for the fans.

I would like to draw your attention to what becomes every season a bigger problem and constant worry to the Manager and that is the number of games Clubs have to play in the last 4 weeks of the season. Take this Club for instance. From the 27th of March, which was the Reading game, to the 29th April, we are playing 22 games, that of course, includes Football League, Football Combination and Welsh League and of those games, 9 are first team games which includes the heavy Easter programme.

In most seasons, championships, promotion and relegation are won or lost over the Easter period. I believe this is not only because a Club may have to play 3 games in 4 days or two games in 3 days, with players having very little time to recover from



MANAGER'S COMMENTS

injury, but mainly because of the continued strain of the month of March whereby most Clubs are playing at least two games a week. I know this has been the case for many seasons and secretaries and managers of most Clubs do all in their power to re-arrange fixtures early in the season so as to prevent this type of congestion at the end, but of course, with bad weather and with the different commitments of other Clubs, secretaries have nothing but frustration and find it increasingly difficult to avoid this type of congestion.

Over the years many a solution has been put forward but to no avail. Not so many seasons ago, Clubs felt they had the solution by playing more mid-week games in the opening weeks of the season but this was stopped when they introduced the Football League Cup which has been very successful. Nevertheless these early season mid-week cup ties do contribute to the creation of congestion of fixtures towards the end of the season.

The Clubs who suffer mostly of this are the Clubs struggling for relegation with very small staff depriving them of replacements. I wish them all the good fortune in the weeks that are to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Bentley

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Today's Visitors -

A run of thirteen away games without a win—coupled with below average home performances—sent Plymouth, tumbling dangerously towards the relegation zone. But wins in their last two away games at Reading (2-0) and Gillingham (2-0) raised their hopes of escaping the drop.

Don Hutchins, whose goals in three consecutive recent games helped to lift the gloom, is enjoying his best season to date. His chances in Leicester's senior team were very rare so he switched to Argyle in July 1969. Now he's playing regularly and totals seven goals if he scores on Wednesday or Saturday.

Manager Ellis Stuttard has been busy signing new players in a bid to halt the slide. He negotiated the transfer of goalkeeper Jim Furnell from Rotherham in December after the player had spent a month on loan to the club. Furnell began with Burnley, making his League debut in 1959/60 but he got only one further game. He went to Liverpool in February 1962 but, again, he was mainly in the reserves. A transfer to Arsenal in 1964 gave him his chance to make a name for himself in First Division football. He spent five seasons in the Gunners' League team and played in the 1968 League Cup final before moving on to Rotherham at the end of that season.

Full-back Allan Harris arrived from Queen's Park Rangers on the eve of this season's transfer deadline. He developed with Chelsea, left for a short spell at Coventry but returned to play in Chelsea's 1967 F.A. Cup final team. At the end of that season he signed for Queen's Park Rangers.

Winger Ronnie Brown made a quick rise from non-League football with Whitley Bay to step into Blackpool's First Division side in 1966. For the past two seasons he had been a fairly regular member of their team but, after losing his place, joined Plymouth in February this year.

Jimmy Hinch joined Tranmere from Portmadoc in March 1970, winning an immediate first-team place. Argyle moved in for his signature in January this year.

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Argyle's latest signing is Davie Provan, who is on loan from Crystal Palace for the remainder of the season. Davie spent about 15 years with Glasgow Rangers, many of them in the first team, and won five Scottish caps. He moved south to Palace last summer.

Dave Burnside won early fame as a ball juggler at West Bromwich, stepping up to their First Division side in 1957/58. He won England under-23 honours in 1962, a few months before transferring to Southampton. After a couple of years at The Dell, he spent a further two years at Crystal Palace and an even shorter spell with Wolves before landing at Plymouth in 1968.

Wing-half John Hore, who is approaching his 200th League appearance, came into the team in 1965, and has been a regular for the past five seasons. Bob Saxton made his League debut for Derby in 1964/65 and completed about 100 League games for the Rams before going to Plymouth three seasons ago. Steve Davey got his chance in the first-team in 1966/67 and two seasons ago shared the top-scoring spot with Mike Bickle.

Keith Allen, a close-season signing from Luton, has settled well. Portsmouth released him before he made their first-team and he had a short spell at Grimsby before really settling into League football with Stockport. He joined Luton in 1967, remaining a first-teamer until his transfer.

After winning 3-2 at Home Park in February, our League record against Plymouth reads:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
Home	26	18	4	4	58	21	40
Away	27	4	9	14	27	42	17
	53	22	13	18	85	63	57

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Today's Referee

DEREK NIPPARD, Bournemouth

Started refereeing in September 1949. Progressed from Bournemouth Leagues, Hampshire League, Football Combination on to Football League. Football League for four years, just completed three seasons in Middle.

Refereed Football Combination Cup Final in 1966/67. Also Linesman—European Fairs Cup in Lisbon 1969/70, F.A. Cup Semi-Final Replay Manchester United v Leeds United 1969/70 as Linesman.

Mr. Nippard is married, and is employed as an Installation Supervisor for the Southern Gas Board. Has very little time for hobbies other than work to be done around the home, but does play a little cricket in summer.

President of Bournemouth Referee's Society for the third time.

Introducing ELLIS STUTTARD, Argyle's Manager

Ellis Stuttard is a widely travelled man in football but, wherever he goes, he invariably seems to land up at Plymouth. He first joined them, as a young wing-half, from Burnley in 1939 and made his League debut just before war broke out.

He joined the R.A.F., playing in many services games, and when the opportunity arose he guested for Luton and Wrexham. It wasn't until after the war that he really got his League career under way.

After one season in Argyle's Second Division team he moved to neighbouring Torquay United in 1947, serving them for four years until taking a player-coaching job with Bideford Town.

Later he became assistant-manager to Bert Head at Swindon when the Robins' young team of starlets included Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Don Rogers. From Swindon he returned to Plymouth as a trainer but when manager Neil Dougall left in November 1961, Mr. Stuttard was appointed manager.

He resigned the position in October 1963, joining Exeter as chief-scout. But when their manager Jack Edwards left, Mr. Stuttard found himself again thrust into a managerial chair. That was in January 1965. But only about a year later he left to return once more to Argyle. This time as chief scout.

The chance of a similar appointment with First Division Arsenal was too good to turn down so he packed his bags again to join the London club. Then just under two years ago he was invited to rejoin Argyle yet again, as manager.

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ALAN WILLIAMS

Our Club skipper was born in Bristol and played for the Bristol School Boys. On leaving school he joined Bristol City and signed Professional Forms at the age of 17, making his League debut soon afterwards. He made about 150 first team appearances for the City before joining Oldham Athletic.

During his four year stay at Oldham where he was captain of the team, he made over 200 first team appearances and they also won promotion to the 3rd Division. He later moved to Watford where he was again made captain of the side and remained there for just under two seasons.

Manager Bill Lucas then persuaded him to join Newport County for whom he played nearly two seasons before joining Swansea City. He has been chosen three times for the England Under-23 Squad and was selected to play against Scotland but unfortunately the game had to be postponed.

Alan is married with four children and is living in Killay.

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DAVE BURNSIDE

Inside Forward. Signed for Plymouth Argyle from Wolverhampton Wanderers 16th March 1968. Previously with West Bromwich Albion, Southampton and Crystal Palace. Made 15 1st team appearances season 1969/70. Height: 5ft.8½ins. Weight: 11st 2 lbs.

STEVE DAVEY

Outside Right. Signed as a professional (full time) 14th July 1966. Formerly an Apprentice Professional. Made 29 League appearances last season scoring 5 goals. Gained an England Youth XI Cap, May 1967. Height: 5ft 7½ins. Weight: 10st 9½lbs. Born in Plymouth.

JOHN HORE

Half Back. Signed Apprentice Professional forms 1962. Became a full time professional December 1964. A hard working and dependable player. Made 45 League appearances season 1969/70. Height: 5ft. 7½ins. Weight: 11st. 1 lb. Born Foxhole, St. Austell, Cornwall.

DON HUTCHINS

Wing Forward. Speedy wing forward signed from Leicester City in June for fee approaching £6,000. 21 years of age. A native of Middlesbrough, Don is 5ft. 7ins. and weighs 10st. 2lbs. Newly married in the close season.

AIDEN MAHER

Outside left. Signed from Everton for £10,000 October 1968. Aged 22 years. A hard working player. Made 30 1st team appearances last season. Height: 5ft. 7ins. Weight: 10st. 11½lbs. Birthplace: Liverpool.

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DEREK RICKARD

Centre Forward. Signed as amateur from school 1963/64. Moved to St. Austell in Cornwall 1965. Re-signed for Plymouth Argyle 1969. Regular member of 1st team after making his debut in November last year. Scored 9 goals from Centre Forward position. Height: 5ft. 10ins. Weight: 11st. 6½lbs. Plymouth born. Voted Argyle Player of the Year season 1969/70.

BOBBY SAXTON

Wing Half Back. Transferred from Derby County in February 1968. Played for Conisborough Youth Denaby before joining Derby. Born in Balby, Yorks. Fearless defender. Height: 5ft. 10ins. Weight: 12st.

TREVOR SHEPHERD

Centre Forward. A £10,000 buy from Coventry City Trevor stands 5ft. 7½ins and weighs 10st. 3lbs. A quick, striking forward who has had 1st Division experience with Coventry. Made 24 1st team appearances last season. Has settled well in the West Country.

COLIN SULLIVAN

Left Back. A local lad, Colin was born in Saltash, Cornwall and was signed as an Apprentice Professional 31st August 1967. Became full time professional July 1968. Made 39 1st team appearances last season. Went to East Germany for the "Little World Cup" with the England Youth International Squad. Height: 5ft. 7ins. Weight: 10st. 11½lbs.

KEITH ALLEN

Inside Left. Transferred from Luton Town June 1970. Strong mid field player. Previous clubs Luton Town, Stockport and Portsmouth. Height: 6ft. 1ins. Weight: 12st. Born Isle of Wight.

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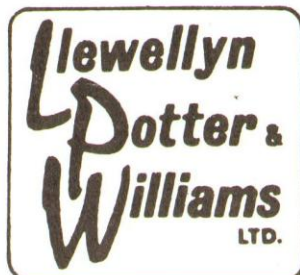
Aug. 15	PORT VALE	0—2
" 29	ASTON VILLA	1—2
Sept. 1	SHREWSBURY	5—0
" 12	MANSFIELD	2—4
" 26	BURY	3—0
" 29	WREXHAM	3—0
Oct. 10	BRADFORD CITY	2—0
" 24	GILLINGHAM	1—0
Nov. 7	WALSALL	1—1
" 28	ROCHDALE	4—2
Dec. 19	FULHAM	4—1
" 15	PRESTON N. E.	2—2
Feb. 5	DONCASTER ROVERS	1—1
" 20	BRIGHTON & HOVE	1—0
" 27	CHESTERFIELD	1—0
Mar. 9	ROTHERHAM UNITED	1—1
" 12	BARNLEY	0—2
" 27	READING	—
" 30	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	—
Apr. 10	BRISTOL ROVERS	—
" 12	TORQUAY UNITED	—
" 24	TRANMERE ROVERS	—
May 4	HALIFAX TOWN	—

Away Matches

Aug. 22	Fulham	1—4
Sept. 5	Reading	1—3
" 18	Tranmere Rovers	0—0
" 22	Rotherham United	0—2
Oct. 3	Torquay United	1—2
" 17	Port Vale	0—4
" 19	Preston N. E.	1—1
" 31	Chesterfield	0—0
Nov. 14	Barnley	0—0
" 25	Brighton & Hove	2—2
Dec. 5	Doncaster Rovers	2—1
" 26	Bristol Rovers	0—0
Jan. 9	Wrexham	0—0
" 30	Rochdale	0—0
Feb. 13	Plymouth Argyle	3—2
Mar. 6	Gillingham	0—0
" 16	Halifax Town	2—2
" 19	Walsall	0—1
Apr. 3	Aston Villa	—
" 13	Mansfield Town	—
" 17	Bradford City	—
" 28	Shrewsbury	—
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PART XX—SEASON 1946/47

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Home	Away
BARNLEY	2-2	1-3
BIRMINGHAM	1-0	1-3
BRADFORD	1-6	0-0
BURNLEY	0-2	0-1
BURY	1-0	3-3
CHESTERFIELD	1-2	0-1
COVENTRY	2-3	2-3
FULHAM	0-2	0-3
LEICESTER	3-4	1-0
LUTON TOWN	2-0	0-3
MANCHESTER CITY	1-2	1-1
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PLYMOUTH	3-1	1-2
SHEFFIELD WED.	2-0	0-3
SOUTHAMPTON	4-2	0-4
TOTTENHAM H.	0-2	1-3
W. BROM. ALBION	2-3	1-2
W. HAM UNITED	2-1	0-3

LEAGUE APPEARANCES:

Briddon, S. 18; Burns, F. 26;
Comley, L. G. 6; Cunliffe, R. 1;
Davies, G. G. 22; Dodds, T. B. 8;
Emanuel, D. L. 4; Feeney, J. W. 24;
Fisher, C. K. 39; Ford, T. 16;
Haines, T. T. W. 28; Hooper, P. G. 9;
Jones, I. G. 4; Jones, L. J. 2;
Jones, W. E. A. 37; Lockhart, N. 34;
McGrory, S. 21; Parry, B. J. 13;
Passmore, E. 6; Paul, R. 40;
Payne, E. H. 24; Roberts, O. J. 20;
Sneddon, W. C. 2; Squires, F. 28;
Weston, R. 30.

LEAGUE SCORERS:

Lockhart 11, Ford 9, Haines 7, Burns,
McGrory each 5, Paul, Payne each 4,
Jones (E), Squires each 3, Passmore 2,
Dodds, Comley each 1.

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Rd. 3 — GILLINGHAM (h) 4-1

Rd. 4 — LUTON (a) 0-2

FINAL TABLE DIVISION II—SEASON 1946/47

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
1 Manchester City	42	26	10	6	78	35	62
2 Burnley	42	22	14	6	65	29	58
3 Birmingham City	42	25	5	12	74	33	55
4 Chesterfield	42	18	14	10	58	44	50
5 Newcastle Utd.	42	19	10	13	95	62	48
6 Tottenham Hotspur	42	17	14	11	65	53	48
7 West Brom. Albion	42	20	8	14	88	75	48
8 Coventry City	42	16	13	13	66	59	45
9 Leicester City	42	18	7	17	69	64	43
10 Barnley	42	17	8	17	84	86	42
11 Nottingham Forest	42	15	10	17	69	64	40
12 West Ham United	42	16	8	18	70	76	40
13 Luton Town	42	16	7	19	71	73	39
14 Southampton	42	15	9	18	69	76	39
15 Fulham	42	15	9	18	63	74	39
16 Bradford	42	14	11	17	65	77	39
17 Bury	42	12	12	18	80	78	36
18 Millwall	42	14	8	20	56	79	36
19 Plymouth Argyle	42	14	5	23	79	96	33
20 Sheffield Wed.	42	12	8	22	67	88	32
21 Swansea Town	42	11	7	24	55	83	29
22 Newport County	42	10	3	29	61	133	23

RELEGATION — After 15 seasons in Division Two, we suffered relegation this season with local rivals Newport County.

BIG FEE — In January Swansea received the then mammoth fee of £10,000 (only the 13th five-figure fee ever recorded) from Aston Villa for centre-forward Trevor Ford.

BID DEFEAT — Our 1-6 defeat by Bradford was our worst-ever home defeat in League games.

Schoolboy Topics

In their two games played against Cardiff last Wednesday, the Swansea Boys won one and lost the other. The under-13 team face the second leg at Cardiff with a fairly commanding lead of 2 goals to nil. Their game was one of the best schoolboy games seen during this season with the Swansea Boys playing mature, disciplined football which augers well for future years. The star of the game was goalkeeper Keri Williams (Bishop Vaughan) who showed remarkable skill, while among the forwards David Morris (Penlan) created havoc among the Cardiff defence. In the under-19 game against Cardiff, Swansea went down 1-0 in a game where they had by far the greater part of the game. After having a goal disallowed, the Swansea Boys were unfortunate not to score two or three while Cardiff got their goal from one of their rare breakaways in which they forced a corner.

In the two other national competitions, the under-11 team played Neath in the second leg of the semi-final, the winners of this game will play Newport in the final. The under-15 team is still awaiting the outcome of the Neath-Stoke semi-final which is being played tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at the Welsh League ground, Briton Ferry.

The Cup-finalists in four divisions have already been decided. They are:

Over-15	—	Dynevor v Bishopston
3rd Year	—	Dynevor v Bishop Gore
2nd Year	—	Bishop Vaughan v Penlan
1st Year	—	Hafod v Penlan

The 4th Year semi-finalists are Cefn Hengoed, Penlan, Morriston and Dynevor.

The over-15 Dynevor team which play their final against Bishopston is the team which has reached the last eight of the English Individual Schools Championship and the semi-final of the Ivor Tuck Individual Schools Championship organised by the Welsh Schools F.A.

Among the Junior quarter-finalists, old rivals Brynhyfryd and St. Josephs face each other, while Hafod play Plasmarl in what looks like being the pick of the round.

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