

## Chapter 123: Sport in the Late 1970s

I have decided to have a separate chapter for sport in the late seventies whereas, in the early seventies, I covered it under entertainment<sup>1</sup> and external events<sup>2</sup>. This is largely because of the amount of material I have on the topic not least because of my diaries for 1976 and 1977 which talk a lot about sport. Essentially, I have material about sports I, or my family and friends, participated in and sports we watched, either on TV or in person. This section focuses mainly on sports watched as sports I, or others, participated in have largely been covered elsewhere.<sup>3 4</sup>

In previous years, it had been the usual practice for one or more family members to follow the university boat race particularly on television.<sup>5</sup> Similarly, in March 1975, grandad noted watching the [boat race](#) on television. Grandma went next-door to Barbara Carpenter's to see it in colour.<sup>6</sup> Cambridge won by 3¼ lengths. The only time mum mentioned the boat race in the late seventies was in [1978](#) when Cambridge sank in very rough conditions. While I was aware of the boat race as a child and a teenager, it was not something I followed closely. I did not mention the boat race in my diaries for either 1976 or 1977.<sup>7</sup>

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### GOING .. GONE! EXIT A BOAT RACE CREW

OXFORD notched up a hat-trick of Boat Race wins yesterday, when the Cambridge crew sank in atrocious conditions. The Light Blues shipped so much water in strong winds and driving rain that they ended up in the Thames a mile from the finish.

They were pulled out of the river at Barnes Bridge by launches.

This was the sixth time a crew had sunk since the inter-varsity race began in 1888.

Oxford, who were leading by two-and-a-half lengths, completed the course in 18 mins. 58 secs.

Just before Cambridge sank, it looked as if both crews might go down.


It was an action-packed race.

First, there was a false start when Oxford went off before the

Sunday People Reporter

Light Blues were ready, and had to be recalled. Then both crews started with the umpire's flag still raised. But they were allowed to continue.

It was Oxford's 55th Boat Race victory.



*In March 1978, mum noted that Cambridge sank in the boat race in very rough conditions. Image from the Sunday People of 26 March 1978 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)*

Another sporting event which family members followed closely was the Grand National.<sup>8</sup> Similarly, in April 1975, grandad watched the [Grand National](#) with Dorothy Rose, Auntie Dolly. The race was won

<sup>1</sup> See [Chapter 106](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [Chapter 112](#).

<sup>3</sup> I did a lot of sport at school including football, basketball, swimming, cricket, table tennis and rounders, see [Chapter 118](#). There was also a school sports day. My siblings also did sports at their schools. We also did some sporting activities for entertainment, see [Chapter 122](#). In particular, these included swimming but also sailing and canoeing. My brother Alan, in particular, also did sporting activities through church and Boys' Brigade, see [Chapter 124](#). Although I cycled a lot, this was purely as a means of transport not a sport as such, see [Chapter 127](#).

<sup>4</sup> What I watched largely depended on what was on TV. There were only three channels so if any of them showed sport I tended to watch it! That is very different now with multiple channels showing only sport. This means that now I tend to only watch those sports and events I am really interested in.

<sup>5</sup> The first record I have of mum doing this was when she listened to it on the radio in 1949, see Chapters [42](#) and [45](#). Mum also noted the results of the boat races in 1951 and 1952, see [Chapter 59](#). She watched the boat race on TV in 1957 and 1959, see [Chapter 68](#) and various family members watched the boat race in 1961, 1962 and 1963, see [Chapter 84](#). Grandad watched the boat race between 1965 and 1968, see [Chapter 97](#), and in 1970, 1971, 1973 and 1974, see [Chapter 112](#).

<sup>6</sup> Barbara lived at 164 Drayton High Road. At this time, grandma and grandad still had a black and white TV while Barbara had got a colour television in October 1972. We only got our first colour TV in March 1976 and grandma only got one in April 1977 after grandad had died, see [Chapter 128](#).

<sup>7</sup> In the late seventies and early eighties, Oxford dominated the [boat race](#) winning every race from 1976 to 1985.

<sup>8</sup> As with the boat race, the first record I have of mum following the Grand National was when she listened to it on the radio in 1949, see Chapters [42](#) and [45](#). Mum also watched the Grand National in 1962, see Chapters [84](#) and [86](#) and grandad followed the race from 1965 to 1969, see [Chapter 97](#). In the early seventies, grandad noted watching the Grand National in 1971 and 1974, see [Chapter 112](#).

by L'Escargot ahead of Red Rum, a reversal of the previous year's result.<sup>9</sup> This denied Red Rum a third consecutive win. On 3 April 1976, I noted that Rag Trade won the Grand National. Red Rum was again second. I do not mention the Grand National in my diary for 1977 nor does mum between 1977 and 1979.<sup>10</sup>

*In the 1975 Grand National, although Red Rum and L'Escargot (nearest) jumped the last fence together, L'Escargot pulled away to win comfortably by 15 lengths. This was a reversal of the 1974 race which Red Rum won and in which L'Escargot finished second, see [Chapter 112](#)*

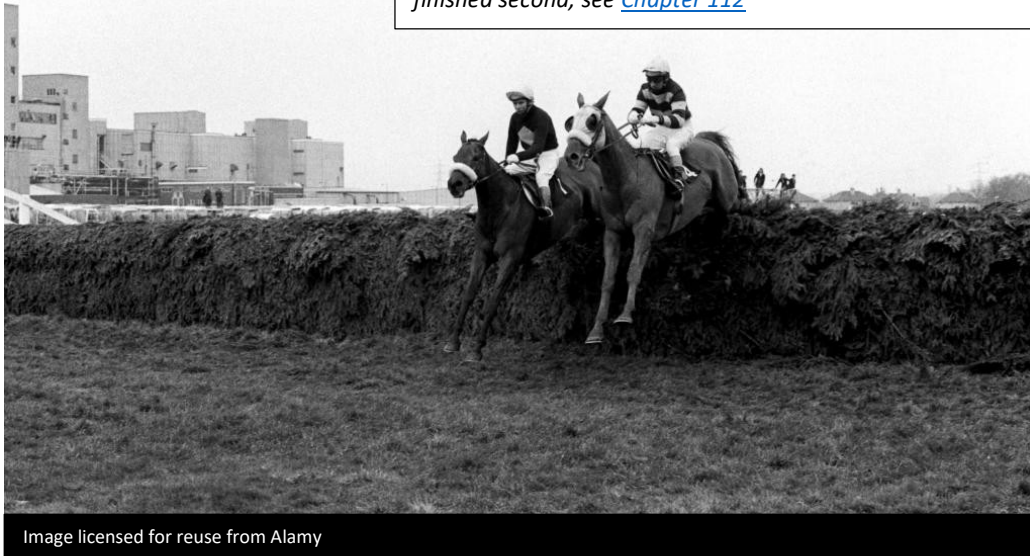


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Dad was a fan of greyhound racing<sup>11</sup> and I recall going quite often with him as a child and teenager. As a child, he recalled that many miners had whippets and they used to involve them in rabbit coarsing. Dog tracks I went to with him included in Hackney<sup>12</sup> and Perry Barr<sup>13</sup> in Birmingham. In February 1977, I noted that the dog track had recently been taken over by Ladbrokes.<sup>14</sup> In October 1977, I noted that dad won enough to pay for our evening and to cover my losses!

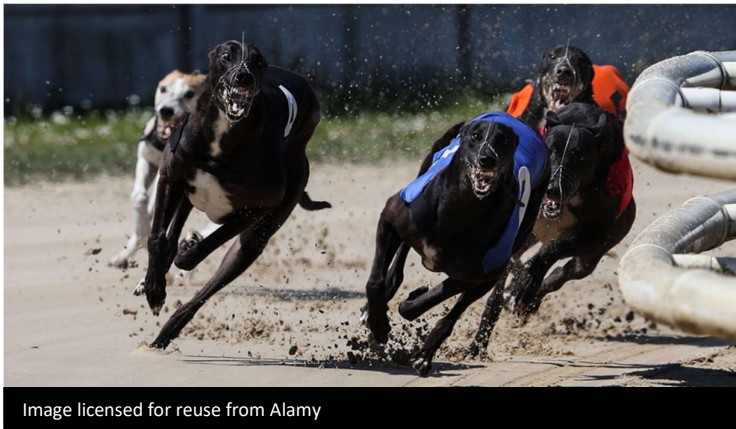


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*Greyhound racing at Perry Barr*

<sup>9</sup> See [Chapter 112](#).

<sup>10</sup> In [those races](#), Red Rum won for the third time in 1977 with Lucius and Rubstic winning in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

<sup>11</sup> Popularity of greyhound racing has declined since a post-war peak. In the 1940s, there were over 120 tracks across the UK whereas now there are around 20. [Reasons for the decline](#) included concerns about animal welfare and the availability of off-course betting.

<sup>12</sup> This was probably [Hackney Wick stadium](#) which opened in 1932 but which closed in 1997. It was demolished in 2003.

<sup>13</sup> [Perry Barr stadium](#) opened in 1929 but it closed in 2025 and was demolished.

<sup>14</sup> [Ladbrokes](#) is a well-known betting company dating back to 1886. It has betting shops and also supports online and telephone-based gambling. Ladbrokes was one of the betting companies who purchased greyhound stadiums to preserve the sport.

Motorcycle speedway was often staged at the same stadia as greyhound racing and I recall going to a number of speedway matches with dad over the years. I think he was less interested in speedway than greyhound racing. He found speedway rather predictable. I recall him telling me that he once went to speedway with friends who were really into the sport. Dad argued with them that whoever got to the first corner first would win whereas his friends said that was not always the case. They decided to have a wager. If the person who got to the first corner first won, they would buy dad a drink and, if someone else won, dad would get them a drink. I asked him who won. He replied that no-one could remember!!

In August 1977, I noted going to a special speedway match between Birmingham<sup>15</sup> and Wolverhampton which Wolverhampton won. A news report explained that this match gave Birmingham an opportunity to avenge a 55-23 defeat earlier in the season. However, they could not rise to the occasion and lost 45-33.



## Brummies fail to accept the challenge

By MICHAEL GOUCE

Wolverhampton offered Birmingham the chance to avenge their massive 55-23 British League defeat earlier in the season by contesting a special challenge match at Perry Barr yesterday.

But Brummies could not rise to the occasion and went down yet again, this time by 45 points to 33, after an incident-filled meeting that once more gave the crowd something to talk about.

Birmingham led 7-5 after two heats but were never in front again. With their three heat leaders dominating their opposite numbers and with solid back-up support coming from middle order men Rob Hollingworth and George Hunter it was all too easy for Wolves.

Hackney's Keith White, guesting for the absent Finn Thomsen, paved the way with nine points from his first three rides before suffering engine failure in a highly controversial 12th heat.

Hans Neilsen, eventual winner of that race, scored a paid maximum and No. 1 Jimmy McMillan collected 10 while Brummies only real competitors were Ray Wilson and the new, improved Jan Gravingen.

Heat 12 began in style and ended in farce with Neilsen winning by almost a lap. Wilson claimed heatedly that the 17-year-old Dane had gone wide and forced him to shut off to save going into the safety fence coming off the second bend of the first lap.

### Fast enough

Wilson could then not get his machine going properly again. White cut out before he had completed one circuit and, on the third lap Malcolm Shakespeare's bike decided that 10 miles per hour was quite fast enough.

Neilsen and Wilson had come into contact before. In heat 10 the Wolves rider had beaten the Brummies No. 1 from the gate and held a narrow advantage for a lap and a half.

On the third bend of the second lap Wilson tried to go underneath Neilsen, misjudged it completely and the pair collided heavily. Both fell, Hollingworth laid his bike down to prevent a more serious pile up and only Shakespeare, so far behind he could avoid the trouble, did not end up flat on his back.

But the animosity, if there was any, did not last long and when Neilsen beat Wilson to take the second half final there were handshakes and smiles all round.

POINTS SCORED: Birmingham — J. Gravingen 9, R. Wilson 9, M. Shakespeare 8, A. Graham 5, R. Greer 2, L. Sansom 2, J. Jensen 0. Wolverhampton — H. Neilsen 11, J. McMillan 10, K. White 9, R. Hollingworth 7, S. Lomas 4, G. Hunter 3, M. Stokes 1.

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I have never been the biggest fan of show jumping but I confess I am happy watching pretty much any sport! I recall watching some show jumping as a child and teenager. In July 1976, I noted that I watched Eddie Macken win “*some show jumping*” at Wembley. I believe this was the Royal International Horse Show<sup>16</sup> and this was shown on [BBC1 at 9.25pm](#). There were two events, the big wall puissance<sup>17</sup> and the Godfrey Davis<sup>18</sup> Championship, which was the one that Eddie Macken won.



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*Top left* – news report covering the Royal International Horse Show in July 1976 from *The Scotsman* 14 July 1976 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)  
*Above* – Eddie Macken on Boomerang in 1976

<sup>16</sup> The first [Royal International Horse Show](#) was held at [London Olympia](#) in 1907, hosted by the Institute of the Horse and Pony Club, which would later become the [British Horse Society](#). It was discontinued during the First World War but revived after it. No show took place in 1933 but the event was reestablished at Olympia in 1934. Having also been held at Wembley Stadium, White City Stadium in West London and the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, the show moved to the [All England Jumping Course at Hickstead](#) in 1992.

<sup>17</sup> This was won by John Whittaker on Berricote Golden Vale with Rene Dechamps, Hendrik Schulze-Siehoff and Harvey Smith tied for second. I remember being somewhat fascinated with “*puissance*” events in show jumping as they seemed to be like high jump for horses! Apparently, the highest height cleared in puissance indoors is 7’ 10”!!

<sup>18</sup> Although I have come across a number of show jumping competitions with the name of Godfrey Davis, I was not initially sure who this was. I was thinking that it would have been someone who was big in the world of show jumping. But, it turns out that it was a car hire company. Established in 1920, the company pioneered car rental in the UK from 1920 before being bought out by Europcar in 1981.

In May 1976, I noted that there was an international athletics meeting<sup>19</sup> at Crystal Palace. Tony Staynings won the 2000m steeplechase, Ian Stewart won the 3000m, Brendan Foster won the 1500m, Mary Stewart won the women's 1000m and Sonia Lannaman won the 100m.

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Foster shows them  
all the way home



It's Foster first—and the rest nowhere, at Crystal Palace last night. Picture: ALAN OLLEY

# BLAZING BREN

**BIG** Brendan Foster, who has been altitude training in South Africa, came back with a bang last night.

And Alan Pascoe showed it's now full speed ahead for the Montreal Olympics after a nagging groin injury.

That was the great news for British athletics at cold and blustery Crystal Palace in the Phillips Electrical match between Borough Road PE College v the AAA.

This was a night of triumph for Britain's Olympic hopes and, as usual, Foster stole the show with a sizzling late finish which won him the 1500 metres in 3 mins. 40.21 secs.

## Surgings

"Where's Brendan?" asked the crowd as their idol was lost in a pack of runners for the first three laps as international Glen Grant shot away from the field. Foster held back until the last 300 metres, then surged through like a Derby winner to finish eight metres ahead of the Hungarian Janos Zemen. As Foster took a lap of

honour he said: "Well, that's one in the bag. I felt confident throughout."

The eyes of the crowd were also on Pascoe, who has been out of action for a month.

He was beaten into third place in the 400 metres by the Pole Jerzy Peltrek and Trinidad's Charles Joseph.

But these are authentic 400 metres flat specialists, so hurdler Pascoe was in a dopy enough with his performance. "It was tough," he said. "But I felt great to be back in action."

In the women's 100 metres Sonia Lannaman established herself as queen of Britain's sprint-

## Palace boost for our Games hopes

By FRANK TAYLOR

ters when she beat Andrea Lynch.

Lannaman underlined her staggering form by holding Lynch at the start and then powering away to win in 11.26s.

Andrea came second in 11.44s and Wendy Clarke way back in third place in 11.79.

## Shock

Forget the times because of the wind conditions. This was world-class sprinting by 20-year-old Sonia, who said:

"I like to run against Andrea because she is top-class opposition."

Sonia's Wolverhampton team-mate, Verona Elder, provided one of

the shocks of the evening when she beat the British 400 metres champion Donna Murray and the European champion, Riitta Saini (Finland) over 300 metres.

Verona stormed to the front and held off the powerful challenge of her two rivals to win in 37.3 seconds.

When asked whether she had an inferiority complex because of the publicity that "golden girl" Donna gets Verona replied: "No I'm pleased for her. I'm not bothered about publicity. I'd

rather run a good race." Olympic bronze medalist Ian Stewart sprinted away over the last two laps to win the 3000 metres in 7 mins. 45.8 secs.

## Sister

And that was followed half an hour later when his young sister Mary took the 1000 metres in a UK record of 2 mins. 39.4 secs., beating Liz Barnes and the former record holder Lesley Kiernan who finished third.

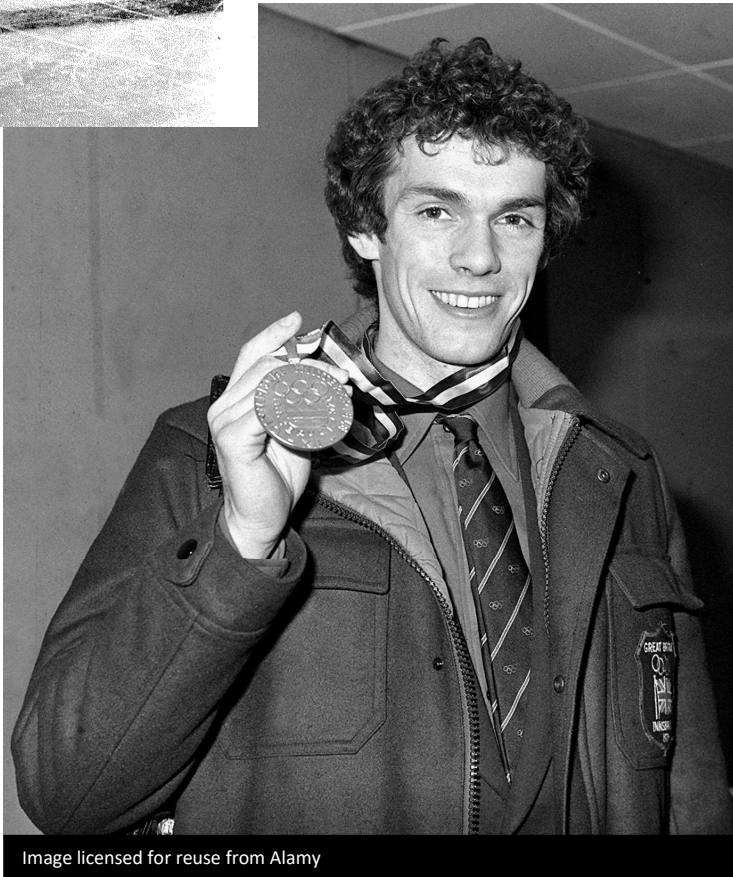
News report of athletics event at Crystal Palace in May 1976 from The Daily Mirror of 27 May 1976 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)

<sup>19</sup> According to [a report in the Daily Mirror](#), this was the Phillips Electrical match between Borough Road PE College and [the AAA](#). It was seen as a warm-up for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. It is worth noting that Borough Road PE College was a teacher training institution that went on to form Brunel University.

1976 was an Olympic year with the [Winter Olympics](#) being held in Innsbruck from 4-15 February 1976 and the [Summer Olympics](#) being held in Montreal from 17 July to 1 August 1976. Mum noted that John Curry [won gold](#) for Great Britain in the men's figure skating at the Winter Olympics. Apparently, it was Britain's only medal and was Britain's first gold at the Winter games since 1964.



*John Curry won gold for Britain in the figure skating at the 1976 Winter Olympics – image from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

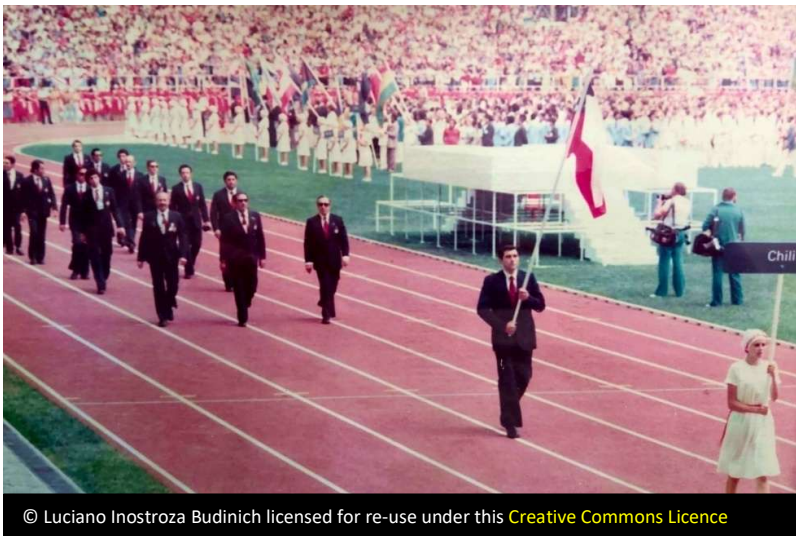


*John Curry with the gold medal he won at the 1976 Winter Olympics*

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My diary included updates from the 1976 Summer Olympics almost every day. So, that is the format followed here, a day-by-day guide to the Olympics with a particular focus on British achievements. At the beginning of July 1976, I noted that my friend Everard Mascarenhas left for Canada to see the Olympics which started in ten days' time.

On Saturday 17 July 1976, I noted watching [the opening ceremony](#).



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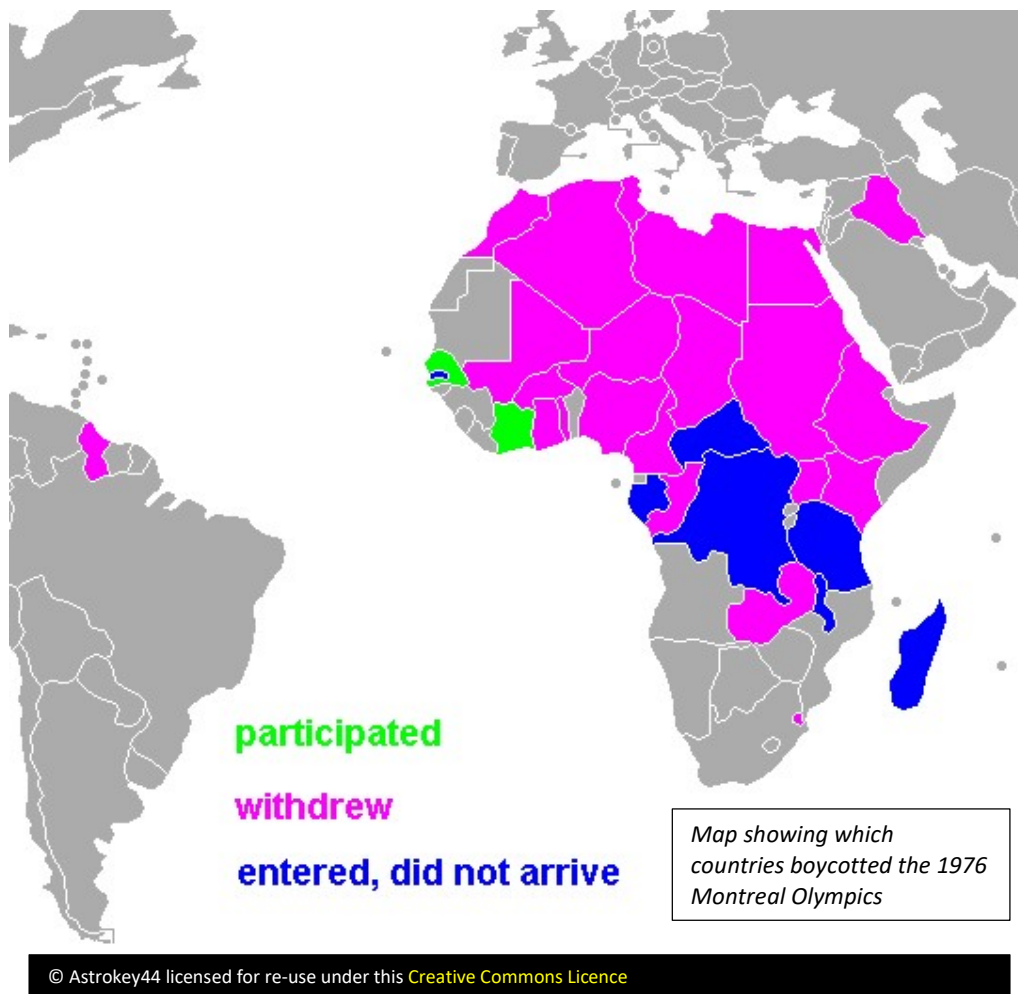
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*Top – commemorative bag from Montreal games*

*Middle – Chilean fencer Juan Inostroza carried his country's national flag at the Opening Ceremony of the Montreal Olympic Games*

*Above – teenagers Sandra Henderson and Stéphane Préfontaine light the Olympic flame at the opening ceremony at the Montreal Olympics in 1976*

The following day, Sunday 18 July 1976, I noted that it was the first day of competition in the Olympics. However, several African countries pulled out as New Zealand, whose rugby team played against South Africa, were allowed to compete.<sup>20</sup>



In the [100km cycling team time trial](#) the Soviet Union won gold, Poland silver and Denmark bronze<sup>21</sup>. An East German<sup>22</sup> won the [men's 50m free pistol shooting](#). Three Americans took the medals in the [men's 200m butterfly](#).<sup>23</sup> The [women's 4 x 100m medley relay](#) was won by East Germany with USA second and Canada third.<sup>24</sup>



BBC badge from the Montreal Olympics in 1976

The next day, Monday 19 July 1976, I noted watching some of the Olympics on TV but did not specify what I saw. The main coverage was on [BBC1](#) which had four programmes on the Olympics that day. There

<sup>20</sup> A total of 29 countries [boycotted the games for this reason](#). Although they were mainly African countries, they also included Afghanistan, Albania, Burma, Guyana, Iraq, Sri Lanka and Syria.

<sup>21</sup> The British team of Paul Carbutt, Philip Griffiths, Dudley Hayton and William Nickson finished sixth.

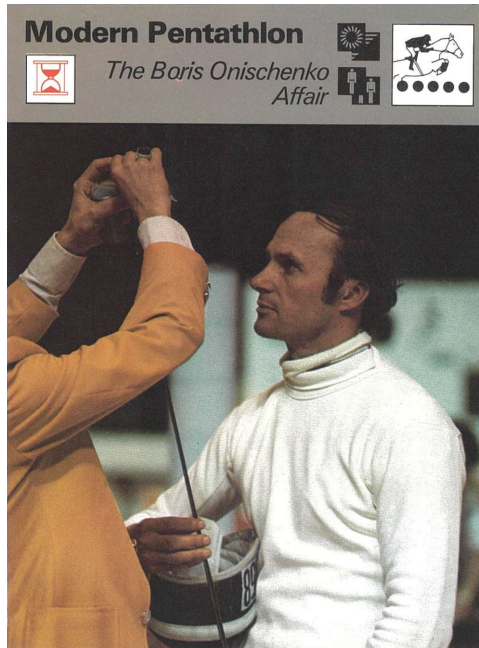
<sup>22</sup> [Uwe Potteck](#) with a world record score of 573. Although he appeared in the 1980 and 1988 Olympics, this was his only medal.

<sup>23</sup> These were [Mike Bruner](#), [Steve Gregg](#) and [Bill Forrester](#). Mike Bruner also won gold in the 4 x 200m freestyle men's relay. Britain's [Brian Brinkley](#) finished sixth. He was part of the British 4 x 200m freestyle team that won Olympic bronze.

<sup>24</sup> The British team of Joy Beasley, Margaret Kelly, Susan Jenner and Deborah Hill finished sixth.

were three parts of Olympic Grandstand, from 12.30-1.30pm<sup>25</sup>, from 2.00-4.25pm<sup>26</sup> and from 9.25pm to late<sup>27</sup>. There was also an Olympic report from 6.15-7.25pm<sup>28</sup>.

On Tuesday 20 July 1976, I noted that [Boris Onischenko](#), a competitor from the Soviet Union, who won silver in modern pentathlon<sup>29</sup> in Munich, had been disqualified the previous day for cheating. He had fixed his epee so that it would register a hit without hitting. Following this incident, he received a lifetime ban from competition.



## Modern Pentathlon

### The Boris Onischenko Affair

#### A Fencing Scandal

Boris Onischenko was one of the favorites to win the modern pentathlon in the 1976 Olympic Games. Aged 39 years, this Russian athlete had hopes of crowning his brilliant career with one more remarkable exploit. He had been part of the olympic team which won in 1972, and had taken the individual silver medal that year after coming 5th in the 1968 Olympics, and being world team champion in 1969, 1971, 1973 and 1974; he was also individual world champion in 1971, runner-up in 1969 and (team) 1970; bronze medal individual winner in the world championship in 1970, 1973 and 1974 and team bronze medalist in 1967. Only one thing was missing: an individual olympic gold medal.

In Montreal, Boris Onischenko was not among the top 15 after the horse riding event, but he hoped to improve his position after the fencing on the second day.

During the Munich Olympics, he had won the highest number of bouts with 45 victories (11 defeats) and this performance had won him the silver medal behind the Hungarian Andras Balczó. Onischenko was prepared to

go to any lengths to win this time, even if it meant cheating. It was his friend Jeremy Fox (GB) who exposed his cheating. Although Fox had not been touched by Onischenko's epee, the luminous signal indicating a touch lit up in favor of the Russian. Fox immediately contested this decision, and Onischenko's weapon was examined. His secret was out. Inside the handle was a tiny electrical circuit fitted with a circuit-breaker, which the Russian could use to score touches at will.

No doubt this was a minor masterpiece of technology, but the resulting scandal shook the entire Russian delegation, who disqualified Onischenko from their team; later, he was also disqualified for life by the International Federation. After being banned from the 1976 Games, Onischenko's action meant Russia lost the team medal, which went to Great Britain.

Although there was talk of a possible suicide, Boris Onischenko now seems to have made honorable amends and by the end of 1976 he had become assistant manager of the Kiev Swimming Club.

*A Soviet Russian unlike the others*

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*Sportscafter card about the Boris Onischenko affair featuring a photo on the front (left) and an explanation on the reverse side (right)*

I noted that we were doing fairly well in the sailing. Rodney Pattison<sup>30</sup> was leading the Flying Dutchman class having won the first race and having finished second in the second race.<sup>31</sup> Britain were leading in

<sup>25</sup> This presented highlights from the previous day including the men's 200m butterfly and the women's 4 x 100m medley relay.

<sup>26</sup> Again, this mainly seemed to cover activities from the previous day, for example the final of the free pistol shooting and the final of the [flyweight weightlifting](#), won by Aleksandr Voronin of the Soviet Union. Briton Precious McKenzie finished 13<sup>th</sup>. There was also coverage of the horse-riding category within modern pentathlon, gymnastics and boxing.

<sup>27</sup> This featured four live swimming finals and gymnastics. There was also coverage of boxing with news, action and results from football, rowing, basketball, volleyball and hockey. The four live swimming finals were the [women's 100m freestyle](#) won by Kornelia Ender of East Germany; the [men's 100m backstroke](#) won by John Naber of the United States; the [women's 200m butterfly](#) won by Andrea Pollack of East Germany and the [men's 200m freestyle](#) won by Bruce Furniss of the United States. In terms of British performances, in the women's 100m freestyle, Britons Elaine Gray and Susan Edmondson finished 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively. In the men's 100m backstroke, Britons James Carter and Gary Abraham finished 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively. In the women's 200m butterfly, Britons Joanne Atkinson, Anne Adams and Jane Alexander finished 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> respectively. In the men's 200m freestyle Britons Gordon Downie, Brian Brinkley and Alan MacClatchey finished seventh, ninth and 25<sup>th</sup> respectively. Gordon Downie made it through to the final.

<sup>28</sup> On this day, it was simply called [Olympic](#). It covered swimming, weightlifting, shooting, gymnastics and boxing with a special report on the Olympic yachting regatta.

<sup>29</sup> I think this may have been the first time I encountered [modern pentathlon](#). It had been an Olympic sport since 1912 and consisted of five separate disciplines of fencing, swimming, shooting, horse riding and running. The event has been changed over time with shooting and running combined into one final event and obstacle racing now replacing horse riding.

<sup>30</sup> I misspelled his name as Patterson. [Rodney Stuart Pattison](#) had won gold in this class in the Olympics of both 1968 and 1972. On this occasion, he won silver. He had different partners in each of the Olympics, Iain Macdonald-Smith in 1968, Christopher Davies in 1972 and Julian Brooke-Houghton in 1976. He was Britain's flagbearer at the opening ceremony in Montreal.

<sup>31</sup> However, in the [next five races](#), the British team finished behind the West German team of Jorg and Eckhart Diesch who won gold.

the Tornado class<sup>32</sup> having finished first in both of the first two races and, in the Finn class<sup>33</sup>, Britain were lying second overall having been seventh in the first race but then winning the second race. I noted that Great Britain had won their first medal with David Wilkie taking silver behind John Hencken in the 100m breaststroke. I noted that Wilkie broke the old world record.<sup>34</sup>



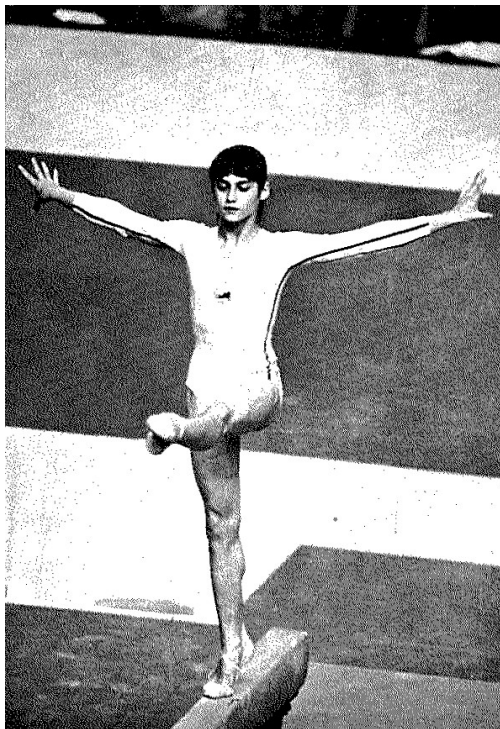
On Wednesday 21 July 1976, I did not record any Olympic activity. I think the main reason for this was that I was unable to switch the TV back on in the afternoon.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Tornado was a [new catamaran class](#) first raced at this Olympics. The British team of [Reg White](#) and John Osborn won gold winning four of the six races they started.

<sup>33</sup> In the [Finn class](#), Britain's David Howlett went on to finish seventh in an event that was won by East Germany's Jochen Schümann.

<sup>34</sup> In the heats of the [men's 100m breaststroke](#), John Hencken equalled the world record of 1:03.88. David Wilkie produced the fourth fastest time in qualifying of 1:05.19. In the second semi-final, Hencken set a new world record of 1:03.62. Wilkie won the first semi-final again in the fourth fastest time which this time was 1:04.29. In the final Hencken again set a new world record of 1:03.11 with Wilkie finishing in 1:03.43. Briton Duncan Goodhew was also in the final finishing seventh.

<sup>35</sup> I may have watched Olympic Grandstand at [lunch-time](#) and in the afternoon but did not comment on what was on. I would have missed the evening's Olympic Report and that night's Olympic Grandstand. Olympic Grandstand at lunch-time included coverage of football, gymnastics and three swimming finals, the [men's 1500m freestyle](#) won by Brian Goodell of the United States; the [women's 400m freestyle](#) won by Petra Thümer of East Germany and the men's 100m breaststroke (covered above). In the men's 1500m freestyle, Britons David Parker and Paul Sparkes finished 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively; in the women's 400m freestyle, Britons Susan Barnard and Susan Edmondson finished 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively. [Olympic Grandstand](#) in the afternoon included the [men's team gymnastics final](#) won by Japan; the [women's springboard final](#) won by Jennifer Chandler of the United States; the [featherweight weightlifting final](#) won by Nikolay Koesnikov of the Soviet Union; and the [trap shooting final](#) won by Donald Haldeman of the United States. Britain was not represented in the men's gymnastics final; Briton Helen Koppell finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the women's springboard; in the featherweight weightlifting class, Briton Victor Daniels finished 13<sup>th</sup>; and Britons Malcolm Jenkins and Peter Boden finished joint 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively in the trap shooting. There were also reports from boxing, the second day of the yachting regatta and of the horse-riding element of the modern pentathlon. The evening's [Olympic Report](#) covered swimming, diving, gymnastics, shooting, modern pentathlon and yachting. The evening's [Olympic Grandstand](#) included cycling and boxing and covered the [women's all round gymnastics](#) final won by Nadia Comăneci of Romania and four swimming finals, the [men's 100m butterfly](#) won by Matthew Vogel of the United States; the [women's 100m backstroke](#) won by Ulrike Richter of East Germany; the [women's 200m breaststroke](#) won by Marina Koshevaya of the Soviet Union; and the men's 4 x 200m freestyle relay (see below). Briton Avril Lennox finished 35<sup>th</sup> in the women's all-around individual gymnastics; in the men's 100m butterfly, Britons John Mills, John Park and Richard Iredale finished tenth, 20<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> respectively; in the women's 100m backstroke, Britons Joy Beasley and Amanda James finished 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively; in the women's 200m breaststroke, Britons Margaret Kelly-Hohmann, Deborah Rudd and Christine Jarvis finished seventh, eighth and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively, meaning that both Margaret Kelly and Deborah Rudd made the final.



Someone came to fix the television on the morning of Thursday 22 July 1976,<sup>36</sup> I noted that I spent the afternoon watching the Olympics. The previous night, Great Britain had won their second medal. This was again in swimming, in the [men's 4x200m freestyle relay](#) where the British team won bronze.<sup>37</sup> In the [gymnastics](#), the Soviet Union won the [women's team event](#) with Japan winning the [men's](#). Nikolai Andrianov of the Soviet Union won the [men's individual title](#) with Nadia Comăneci of Romania famously winning the [women's individual title](#) after registering five perfect tens.<sup>38</sup> I included a table for the women's gymnastics apparatus medals.

*Left – Romanian gymnast Nadia Comăneci was one of the stars of the 1976 Olympics – image from British Olympic Association Official Report*  
*Below – handwritten table in my diary showing results of the women's gymnastics apparatus finals*  
*Bottom – transcribed table correcting spelling of names and adding first names*

in the competition for the apparatus medals in the women's gymnastics the results are

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Vault	N. Kim (USSR)	L. Tourischeva (USSR)	Stombeck (GDR)
Asymmetric Bars	N. Comăneci (Rom)	T. Ungereanu (Rom)	M. Ergyevári (Hun)
Floor	N. Kim (USSR)	L. Tourischeva (USSR)	N. Comăneci (Rom)
Beam	N. Comăneci (Rom)	O. Korbut (U.S.S.R)	T. Ungereanu (Rom)

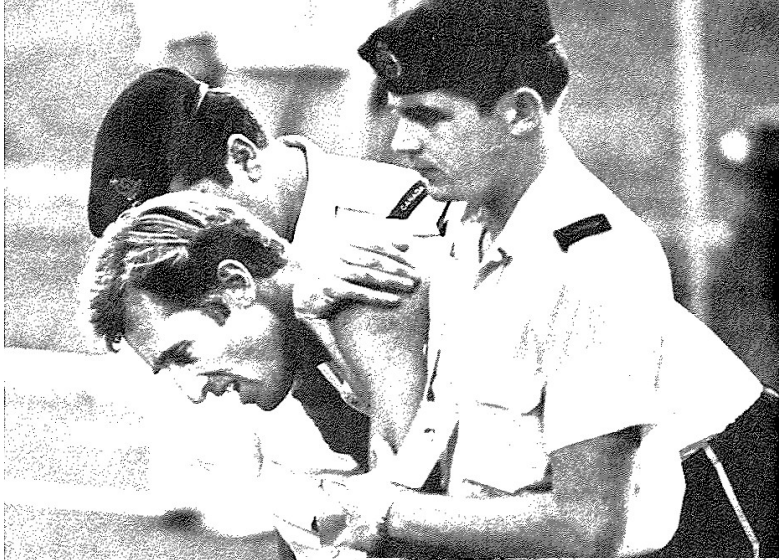
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<a href="#">Vault</a>	Nellie Kim (USSR)	Ludmilla Tourischeva (USSR) and Carola Dombeck (GDR)	
<a href="#">Asymmetric Bars</a>	Nadia Comăneci (Rom)	Teodora Ungereanu (Rom)	Márta Ergyevári (Hun)
<a href="#">Floor</a>	Nellie Kim (USSR)	Ludmilla Tourischeva (USSR)	Nadia Comăneci (Rom)
<a href="#">Beam</a>	Nadia Comăneci (Rom)	Olga Korbut (USSR)	Teodora Ungereanu (Rom)

<sup>36</sup> See [Chapter 128](#).

<sup>37</sup> The USA won gold and USSR silver. The British team consisted of Alan McClatchey, David Dunne, Gordon Downie and Brian Brinkley.

<sup>38</sup> During that Olympics, she received [seven perfect scores of 10](#).

I also noted that Great Britain won their first gold in the modern pentathlon.<sup>39</sup> The British team of Jim Fox, Danny Nightingale and Adrian Parker finished ahead of teams from Czechoslovakia and Hungary. I also commented that, in the swimming, the Americans were dominating the men's competition<sup>40</sup> and East Germany were dominating the women's competition.<sup>41</sup> I remarked that Kornelia Ender had won four golds already.



*Jim Fox being helped after his run which helped Britain win gold in the modern pentathlon – photo from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

*The United States dominated the men's swimming and East Germany dominated the women's including through Kornelia Ender (right) who won four golds – photo from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

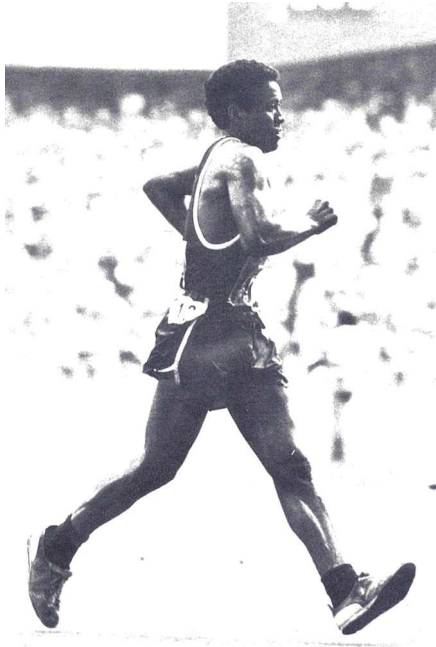


<sup>39</sup> There is a very good account of this event in the British Olympic Association Official Report (pp48-49). It starts out on the night before the final event, a 4000m cross-country run. The British team were strong runners. Publicly, the team were saying they could possibly win bronze while privately they had calculated the times they thought they would need to win gold. At that point, Britain were fifth, 537 points behind leaders Czechoslovakia, and 150 points behind third-placed Poland. Adrian Parker ran the fastest time of 12 min 9 sec for 1,378 points. Danny Nightingale caught the runner in front of him recording a time of 12 min 23 sec for 1,309 points while Jim Fox posted 12 min 47 sec for 1,264 points. Parker finished fifth overall, Nightingale tenth and Fox 15<sup>th</sup>. The report then examined Fox's performance in more detail. It considered that the show jumping had been too easy meaning that 13 competitors, including Fox and Parker, scored maximum points. So, Fox, as a good horse rider, was unable to establish a lead in that event. In the fencing, it was Fox who reported concerns about Boris Onischenko. The Russian's disqualification was said to have shattered Fox who regarded Onischenko as an old friend. It also affected his shooting although he picked up his performance in the swimming and running.

<sup>40</sup> There were [13 men's events](#). Of the 39 medals available, the USA won 27. They won 12 of 13 golds. The only one they did not win was the 200m breaststroke won by Great Britain's David Wilkie.

<sup>41</sup> There were [13 women's events](#). Of the 39 medals available, East Germany won 18. They won 11 of 13 golds. The other countries that won gold were the Soviet Union, in the 200m breaststroke, and the United States, in the 4 x 100m freestyle.

On Friday 23 July 1976, I spent the evening watching the Olympics “as usual”. I noted various Olympic events including that we were third in the three-day eventing at that time.<sup>42</sup> Charlie Magri was out of the boxing having been knocked out. In the sailing, Rodney Pattison<sup>30</sup> had slipped to second in his sailing class but Reg White was still leading his.<sup>32</sup> The athletics had started that day and there had been two finals. These were the women’s long jump, won by an East German (Angela Voigt), and the 20km walk<sup>43</sup> which had not finished when I was writing my diary. There had also been heats for the men’s 100m<sup>44</sup>, men’s<sup>45</sup> and women’s<sup>46</sup> 800m, men’s shot put<sup>47</sup>, women’s javelin<sup>48</sup> and men’s 10000m.<sup>49</sup>



*Above left -Daniel Bautista won gold for Mexico in the 20km walk  
Above right – Angela Voigt won the women’s long jump for East  
Germany  
Both photos from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

<sup>42</sup> [Three-day eventing](#) involves the disciplines of dressage, cross country and show jumping. The British team of Richard Meade, Princess Anne, Lucinda Prior-Palmer and Hugh Thomas failed to finish the competition as two riders did not complete the show jumping course. USA won gold, West Germany silver and Australia bronze.

<sup>43</sup> This was a [men’s event](#). It was won by Daniel Bautista of Mexico with East Germans Hans-Georg Reimann and Peter Frenkel second and third. Britons Brian Adams, Olly Flynn and Paul Nihill finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> respectively.

<sup>44</sup> The heats and quarter finals for the [men’s 100m](#) were held on this day with the semi-finals and final on the next day. There were nine heats and four quarter finals. There were no British athletes in this event. Harvey Glance of the United States produced the fastest time of the day of 10.23 in the fourth quarter final. He finished fourth in the final the next day.

<sup>45</sup> The heats for the men’s [800m](#) were held on this day with the semi-finals on the next day and the final the day after that. There were six heats. British athletes Frank Clement and Steve Ovett won the second and third heats respectively. Steve Ovett finished eighth in the final but Frank Clement was eliminated at the semi-final stage. Rick Wohlhulter of the United States produced the fastest time of the day of 1:45.71. He won bronze two days later.

<sup>46</sup> The heats for the women’s [800m](#) were held on this day with the semi-finals and the final completed over the next three days. There were five heats. British athletes Liz Barnes, Angela Creamer and Chris McMeekin all failed to qualify from the heats. Svetla Zlateva of Bulgaria produced the fastest time of the day of 1:59.24. She finished sixth in the final.

<sup>47</sup> Qualifying for the [men’s shot put](#) was held on this day with the final on the next day. The top 12 athletes proceeded to the final. British athlete Geoff Capes qualified third and finished sixth overall. Aleksandr Baryshnikov of the Soviet Union produced the longest qualifying throw of 21.32m, an Olympic record. He won bronze in the final but had he reproduced his qualifying throw, he would have won gold.

<sup>48</sup> Qualifying for the [women’s javelin](#) was held on this day with the final on the next day. The top 12 athletes proceeded to the final. British athlete Tessa Sanderson qualified seventh and finished tenth overall. Marion Becker of West Germany produced the longest qualifying throw of 65.14m. She won silver in the final.

<sup>49</sup> Heats for the [men’s 10000m](#) were held on this day with the final three days later. There were three heats. British athletes Brendan Foster and Tony Simmons qualified second and first in the second and third heats respectively with Bernie Ford qualifying as a fastest loser from the first heat. Tony Simmons posted the fastest qualifying time of 28:01.82. Brendan Foster went on to win bronze in the final with Tony Simmons finishing fourth and Bernie Ford eighth.

On Saturday 24 July 1976, I wrote my diary while watching the Olympics. I noted with some disappointment that Britain's Geoff Capes only came sixth in the shot put final.<sup>47</sup> However, the British team won bronze in the 4000m cycling team pursuit.<sup>50</sup> <sup>51</sup>I noted various events that would be taking place the next day including the men's 800m men's final<sup>45</sup>, the men's 400m hurdles final<sup>52</sup> and the women's 100m semi-final<sup>53</sup> commenting that Great Britain had Steve Ovett, Alan Pascoe and Andrea Lynch in them respectively. I concluded this day's entry saying that David Wilkie had won Britain's second gold medal in the 200m breaststroke final<sup>54</sup> in a new world record which was better than the old one by three seconds.



*The British pursuit team of Ian Banbury, Michael Bennett, Robin Croker and Ian Hallam won bronze – photo from British Olympic Association Official Report*

<sup>50</sup> The British team for the [men's 4000m pursuit](#) consisted of Ian Hallam, Ian Banbury, Michael Bennett and Robin Croker. They qualified fourth fastest but bettered their qualifying time by almost three seconds to beat fifth-placed Poland in the quarter final. However, they were beaten by eventual winners West Germany in the semi-final. They won the bronze medal by beating fastest qualifiers East Germany. In doing this, the British team produced their fastest time of the competition.

<sup>51</sup> Given how much I enjoy cycling, it is perhaps odd that I did not follow competitive cycling more then. I think this was probably because it wasn't televised and also because there wasn't much British interest in the races I might follow now, such as the Tour de France, and/or major track championships.

<sup>52</sup> The quarter finals for the [men's 400m hurdles](#) had been held two days earlier with semi-finals on this day. There had been four quarter finals and two semi-finals. British athlete Alan Pascoe qualified second from the fourth quarter final and fourth from the second semi-final. He finished eighth in the final. The eventual winner, Edwin Moses, of the United States produced the fastest time in qualifying of 48.29.

<sup>53</sup> Heats and quarter finals for the [women's 100m](#) had been held on this day with both the semi-finals and final being held the next day. There were six heats, four quarter finals and two semi-finals. British athletes Sharon Colyear-Danville and Andrea Lynch qualified fifth in qthird from the second quarter final whereas Sharon Colyear-Danville finished fifth in the third quarter final and was eliminated. Andrea Lynch went on to finish seventh in the final. The fastest qualifier on that first day of competition was eventual winner Annegret Richter of West Germany in 11.19.

<sup>54</sup> Both the four heats and the final of the [men's 200m breaststroke](#) took place on the same day. David Wilkie won the fourth heat in the fastest qualifying time, a new Olympic record, of 2:18.29. Other British swimmers were David Leigh, who finished fourth in the second heat and Paul Naisby who was disqualified from the fourth heat. In the [final](#), David Wilkie broke the world record finishing in 2:15.11.



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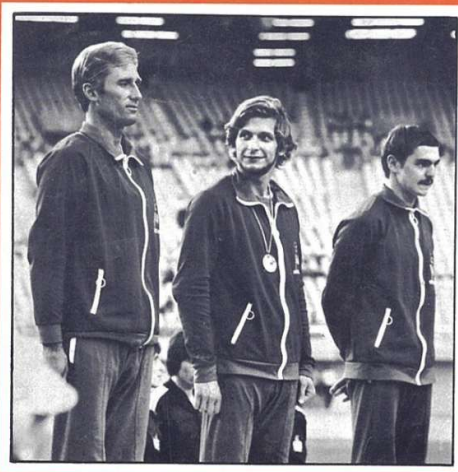
*Left – shot putter Geoff Capes in action in the 1980 Olympics. His Olympic finishes of sixth in 1976 and fifth in 1980 failed to live up to other performances that he had had*  
*Below – Steve Ovett (375) in the 1500m semi-final at the 1976 Olympics. Other athletes (from left to right) are Herman Mignon (Bel), David Moorcroft<sup>7</sup> (GB), John Walker<sup>1</sup> (NZ), Janos Zemen<sup>9</sup> (Hun), Thomas Wessinghage (WG), Graham Crouch<sup>8</sup> (Aus) and David Hill (Can). Another athlete, Fernando Pacheco Mamede of Portugal is largely obscured by John Walker. Numbers in superscript indicate those who qualified for the final and their final finishing position*



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# OLYMPICS '76

## BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL REPORT



Front cover of the British Olympic Association Official Report from Montreal 1976 featuring British gold medallists, David Wilkie (top); Jim Fox, Adrian Parker and Danny Nightingale (above left); and John Osborn and Reg White (above right)

On Sunday 25 July 1976, I noted that we had won two silver medals in rowing, one in the eights<sup>55</sup> and one in the double sculls<sup>56</sup>.

*Britain won silver medals in the men's double sculls and the men's eight ([below](#))*



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<sup>55</sup> This refers to the [men's \(coxed\) eight](#). The semi-finals had taken place a week earlier with the repechage two days after that. The top two teams from the semi-finals (Australia and East Germany) qualified automatically for the final. All others went into two repechage heats with the top two boats qualifying from each heat. The British eight finished second in the second heat and then won the second heat of the repechage. In the final, Great Britain finished second between East Germany and New Zealand. The British team consisted of Jim Clark (1, 6, 6), Timothy Crooks (2, 3, 3), Richard Lester (3, 1, 1), Hugh Matheson (4, 4, 4), David Maxwell (5, 5, 5), Lenny Robertson (6, 8, 8), Frederick Smallbone (7, 7, 7), John Yallop (8, 2, 2) and cox Patrick Sweeney. Numbers indicate seats in the different rounds.

<sup>56</sup> This refers to the [men's double sculls](#). There were three heats with the top three from each heat going through to the semi-finals. The remaining boats went into the repechage with the top three going through to the semi-finals. Oddly perhaps, only one team was eliminated between heats and semi-finals. The top three boats from each semi-final went into the final. The British pair of Chris Baillieu and Michael Hart qualified third in the first heat behind Norway and the Soviet Union. They qualified second in the first semi-final again behind Norway. Norway went on to win the final with the British pair second and East Germany third.

The next day, on Monday 26 July 1976, I noted that Brendan Foster won bronze in the 10000m final.<sup>57</sup> This meant that we, Great Britain, had two golds, three silvers and three bronzes.



*Lasse Virén of Finland won both the 5000 and 10000m in Montreal repeating his feat of four years earlier in Munich. Image from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

<sup>57</sup> The final of the [men's 10,000m](#) was won by Lasse Virén of Finland with Carlos Lopes of Portugal second and Brendan Foster third.

I noted that Tuesday 27 July 1976 had been an exciting day at the Olympics even though it had been an athletics rest day. In the sailing we won two medals, gold for Reg White in the Tornado class<sup>32</sup> and silver for Rodney Patterson<sup>30</sup> in the Flying Dutchman class. I also commented that we had won some sort of medal in the boxing bantamweight category through Patrick Cowdell<sup>58</sup> who qualified for the semi-final. He was the only British boxer left. I also thought it was likely that Dave Starbrook<sup>59</sup>, who had been a silver medallist in 1972, would win some sort of judo medal in the light-heavyweight class.<sup>60</sup>



*Pat Cowdell beat Reynaldo Fortaleza in his quarter final to guarantee at least a bronze medal. Image from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

*Dave Starbrook won bronze in judo to go with his silver from 1972. Image from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

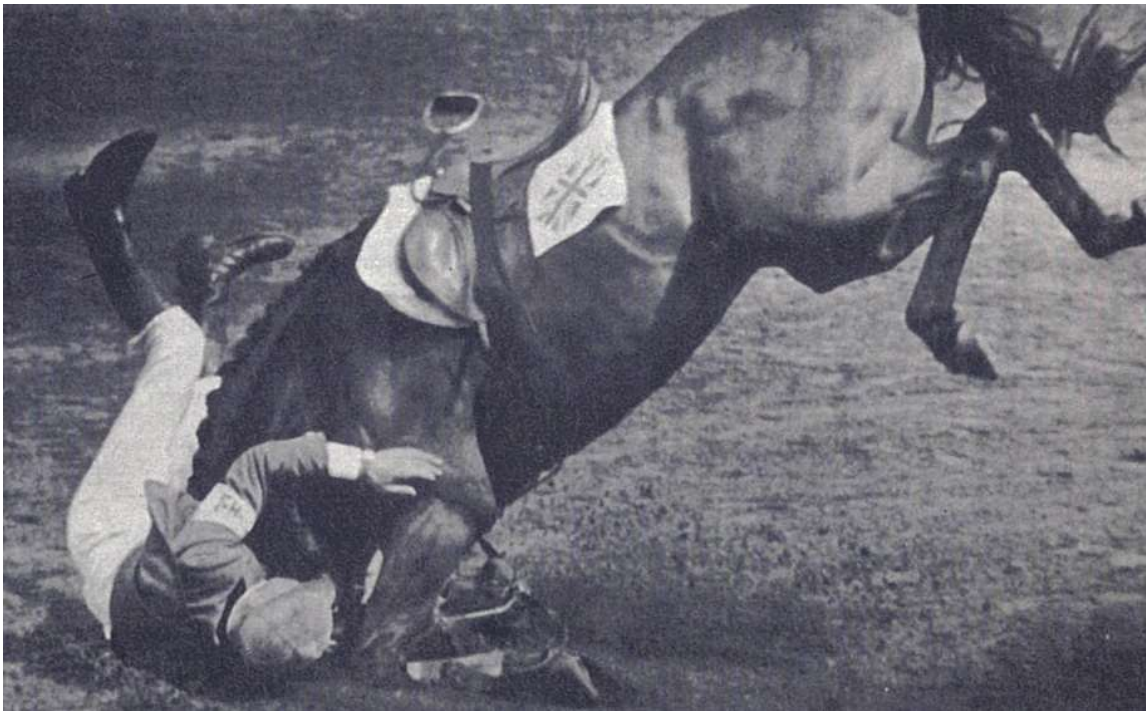


<sup>58</sup> For some reason, I referred to [Patrick \(Pat\) Cowdell](#) as Dave Odwell! In the first round, he received a bye and, in the second round, beat Pole Leszek Borkowski on a unanimous points decision (5-0). He also beat Alejandro Silva of Puerto Rico in the next round by unanimous points decision. In the quarter final, he beat Reynaldo Fortaleza of the Philippines on a split decision (4-1). In the semi-final, he lost to eventual winner Go Yong-Ju of North Korea. This was on a split decision (1-4). He turned professional in 1977 and had two unsuccessful attempts at a world title in 1981 and 1985.

<sup>59</sup> I spelled [David Colin \(Colon\) Starbrook's](#) surname as Starbruck! As already noted, he won two Olympic judo medals for Great Britain, silver in 1972 and bronze in 1976.

<sup>60</sup> This is a reference to the [men's judo 93kg class](#). British competitor David Starbrook received a bye in the first round and won by walkover in the second round against Mohamed Zouagh from Morocco. He then beat Jorge Portelli from Argentina and Jean-Luc Rougé from France before losing to eventual silver medallist Ramaz Kharshiladze of the Soviet Union.

I had quite a lot to say about equestrian events and Britain's achievements in them.<sup>61</sup> I noted that Richard Meade had finished fourth in the three-day eventing<sup>62</sup> and then went on to describe the individual show jumping<sup>63</sup> in some detail. The three British competitors were Debbie Johnsey, Peter Robeson and Graham Fletcher. I noted that both Debbie Johnsey and Peter Robeson made it through to the second round<sup>64</sup> but Graham Fletcher scored 20 faults and was eliminated.<sup>65</sup> In the second round, I noted that Paul Robeson fell which wrecked his chances.<sup>66</sup> Debbie Johnsey scored eight faults in the second round. She was only behind West German Alwin Schockemöhle who jumped two clear rounds even though no other competitor managed even one clear round. However, she tied for second on 12 points with two other competitors who I described as a Canadian (Michel Vaillancourt) and a Belgian (François Mathy). They had to have a jump off which I noted took place after a storm making conditions treacherous. Michel Vaillancourt went first scoring four faults. Debbie Johnsey went next but I commented that she demolished a spread, part of a double and part of a treble and, with a refusal at the second part of the double, she had 15 jumping faults and quarter of a time fault, making a total of 15¼. François Mathy managed a round of only eight faults meaning he took bronze and Debbie Johnsey finished fourth just out the medals.



*Peter Robeson and his horse Law Court fell in the second round of the show jumping. Image from the British Olympic Association Official Report*

<sup>61</sup> Or perhaps I should say lack of achievements! The British Olympic Association Official Report was pretty damning saying that “*the Equestrian Olympics were little short of disastrous for Great Britain*”! It was the first time since 1936 that Britain failed to win any equestrian medal. One factor identified was that Britain stringently excluded their professional riders, such as David Broome and Harvey Smith, while other countries did not.

<sup>62</sup> Richard Meade finished fourth in the [individual eventing](#) behind Edmund Coffin and Michael Plumb of the United States and Karl Schultz of West Germany. In the team event, Britain had to withdraw two horses after the cross-country meaning they only had two horses remaining meaning they were eliminated from the team competition. At that time, they were lying second.

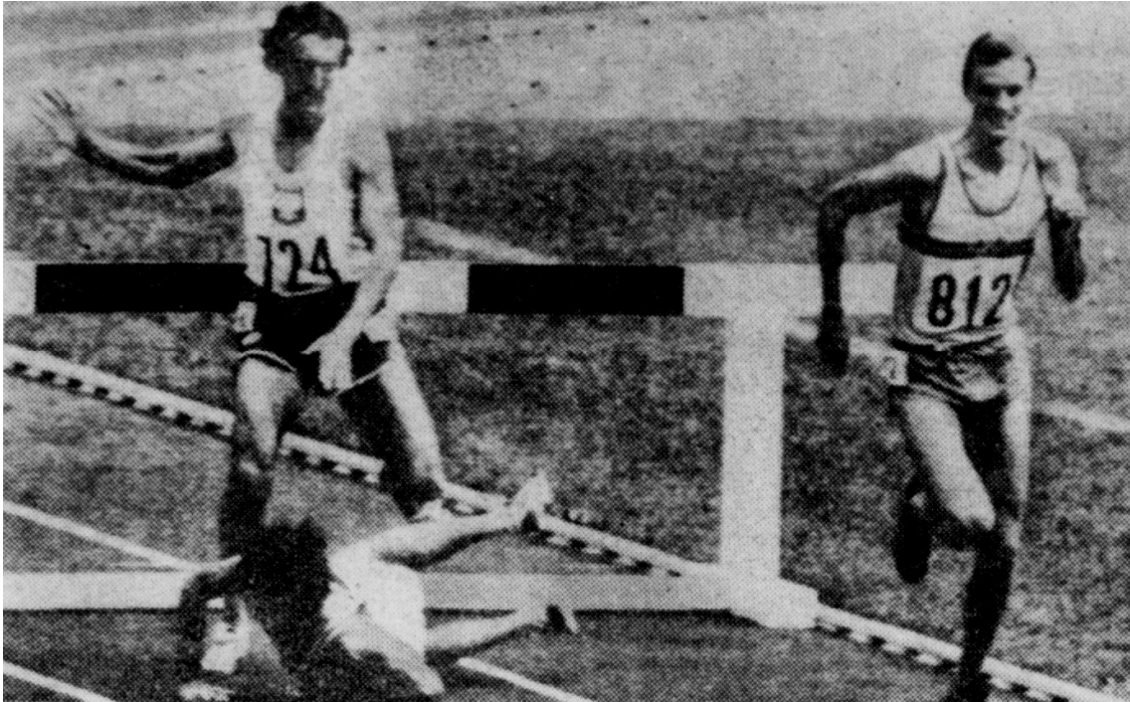
<sup>63</sup> The [individual show jumping](#) competition took place on 27 July 1976 over two rounds with the best-placed 20 competitors in the first round going through to the second round. Combined scores from both rounds determined the results.

<sup>64</sup> Both scored four faults in the first round.

<sup>65</sup> He finished joint 30<sup>th</sup> overall.

<sup>66</sup> He scored 23.75 faults on the second round and finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

On Wednesday 28 July 1976, Dave Starbrook<sup>60</sup> went on to win a bronze medal in the judo light-heavyweight class. I noted that the steeplechase final<sup>67</sup> was later that night with two Britons<sup>68</sup> in it but I considered that they stood little chance.<sup>69</sup> I noted that both Brendan Foster and Ian Stewart qualified for the 5000m final on Friday (30<sup>th</sup>).<sup>70</sup>



*At the final barrier of the 3000m steeplechase, Frank Baumgartl of East Germany fell allowing eventual winner Anders Garderud (812) of Sweden to go clear and Bronislaw Malinowski (724) of Poland to overtake to finish second. Image from Wolverhampton Express and Star of 29 July 1976 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)*

On Thursday 29 July 1976, I noted that Great Britain had not won any more medals but all three Britons<sup>71</sup> had qualified from the heats of the 1500m.<sup>72</sup> I noted that Friday 30 July 1976 was a disappointing day at the Olympics. In the men's 4 x 400m relay<sup>73</sup> Alan Pascoe dropped the baton

<sup>67</sup> This was referring to the [men's 3000m steeplechase](#). There had been two heats three days earlier and the top six had gone through from each heat. In terms of Britons Dennis Coates won the second heat and Tony Staynings qualified sixth in the same heat. John Bicourt was in the first heat but finished eighth and did not progress. The fastest qualifying time of 8:18.56 was set by Bronislaw Malinowski of Poland who would go on to win silver.

<sup>68</sup> Dennis Coates and Tony Staynings.

<sup>69</sup> Dennis Coates finished ninth and Tony Staynings 11<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>70</sup> Three heats of the men's [5,000m](#) had been held that day with the top four qualifying from each heat plus the two fastest losers. British athletes Ian Stewart and Brendan Foster qualified fourth in the second heat and winner of the third heat respectively. Brendan Foster ran the fastest qualifying time of 13:20.34. Fellow Briton Dave Black finished ninth in the first heat and failed to progress. In the final, Brendan Foster finished fifth and Ian Stewart seventh.

<sup>71</sup> Steve Overt won the second heat. Frank Clement finished second in the third heat. Dave Moorcroft finished second in the fifth heat. Surprisingly, Steve Overt was eliminated when he was obstructed in the first semi-final. In the final, Frank Clement finished fifth and David Moorcroft seventh. On this day, the fastest qualifying time of 3:36.87 was produced by ultimate winner John Walker of New Zealand.

<sup>72</sup> Five heats of the [men's 1500m](#) had been held that day. The top three progressed from each heat with the three fastest losers. Two semi-finals were to be held the next day with the top four from each progressing to the final along with the fastest loser.

<sup>73</sup> Two semi-finals of the [men's 4 x 400m relay](#) were held on this day. The British team of Ainsley Bennett, Glen Cohen, David Jenkins and Alan Pascoe did not finish as Alan Pascoe dropped the baton. The ultimate winners, the United States, set the fastest qualifying time of 2:59.52.

although he may have been pushed.<sup>74</sup> Brendan Foster finished fifth in the 5000m. Steve Overt was obstructed and failed to qualify for the 1500m final but the two other Britons<sup>75</sup> did.



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*The British 4 x 400m team (above) won gold at the European Championships in Rome in September 1974. The team were (left to right) Alan Pascoe, David Jenkins, Glen Cohen and Bill Hartley. Ainsley Bennett replaced Bill Hartley for the 1976 Olympics. Sadly, in Montreal, the team dropped the baton and were disqualified*

On Saturday 31 July 1976, I noted that we won a silver medal in the Judo Open Class.<sup>76</sup> I was writing my diary at 4.15pm and noted that a few events remained namely the team show jumping<sup>77</sup> and final track and field<sup>78</sup> and boxing finals.<sup>79</sup>

Overall, Britain won a total of 13 medals, three gold, five silver and 5 bronze placing them 13<sup>th</sup> on the medal table. This ranking was on a par with [Britain's performances at other Olympics of that era](#). From 1960 to 2004, Britain was ranked between 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> on the medal table in all Olympics except in Atlanta in 1996. On that occasion, Britain only won one gold medal resulting in a ranking of 36<sup>th</sup>. Since

<sup>74</sup> The British Olympic Association Official Report states that the baton was knocked from his hand by a passing Jamaican runner.

<sup>75</sup> Frank Clement and David Moorcroft.

<sup>76</sup> The [judo open class](#) was contested on 31 July 1976. British competitor Keith Remfry received a bye for Round 1 then defeated Günther Neureuther of West Germany, Jo Jae-Gi of South Korea and Jorge Portelli of Argentina. He lost to ultimate winner Haruki Uemura of Japan in the final.

<sup>77</sup> The [team show jumping](#) took place on 1 August 1976 over two rounds. The top eight teams progressed to the second round. Teams consist of four riders with the highest scoring rider's score discounted in each round. The fourth rider in the British team was Rowland Fernyhough. At the end of the first round, the British team were eighth so progressed to the final round where they improved slightly finishing seventh overall. The medals were won by France, West Germany and Belgium.

<sup>78</sup> The [final events of track and field on 31 July 1976](#) included men's 1,500m, men's marathon, men's and women's relays at both 100m and 400m, men's high jump and women's shot put.

<sup>79</sup> In the [boxing](#), there were 11 weight classes with the finals taking place on 30 and 31 July 1976. Great Britain won a solitary bronze medal. The United States won five categories, Cuba three and each of East Germany, North Korea and Poland one. Notable winners included [Sugar Ray Leonard](#), [Michael](#) and [Leon Spinks](#) and [Teófilo Stevenson](#).



*Two of the stars of the games were from Cuba.*

*Alberto Juantorena (left) won both the 400m and 800m and remains the only athlete to have done this at an Olympics*

*Téofilio Stevenson (below) won three Olympic heavyweight boxing titles in 1972, 1976 and 1980*

*Both images from the British Olympic Association Official Report*



## Final Medals Table in Montreal

	<b>G</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>B</b>
Soviet Union	47	43	35
East Germany	40	25	25
United States	34	35	25
West Germany	10	12	17
Japan	9	6	10
Poland	8	6	11
Bulgaria	7	8	9
Cuba	6	4	3
Romania	4	9	14
Hungary	4	5	12
Finland	4	2	0
Sweden	4	1	0
Britain	3	5	5
Italy	2	7	4
Yugoslavia	2	3	3
France	2	2	5
Czechoslovakia	2	2	4
New Zealand	2	1	1
South Korea	1	1	4
Switzerland	1	1	2
Jamaica	1	1	0
Norway	1	1	0
North Korea	1	1	0
Denmark	1	0	2
Mexico	1	0	1
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	0
Canada	0	5	6
Belgium	0	3	3
Netherlands	0	2	3
Portugal	0	2	0
Spain	0	2	0
Australia	0	1	4
Iran	0	1	1
Venezuela	0	1	0
Mongolia	0	1	0
Brazil	0	0	2
Austria	0	0	1
Bermuda	0	0	1
Puerto Rico	0	0	1
Pakistan	0	0	1
Thailand	0	0	1

*Final medal table for the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Britain finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall with 13 medals including three golds. Table from British Olympic Association Official Report*

the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Britain's Olympic performances have markedly improved. At that Olympics, Britain ranked fourth winning 51 medals, of which 13 were gold. This performance was bettered in the home games of 2012 where Britain was ranked third in the medals table with 65 medals, 29 of which were gold. In the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Britain ranked second with 67 medals, of which 27 were gold.

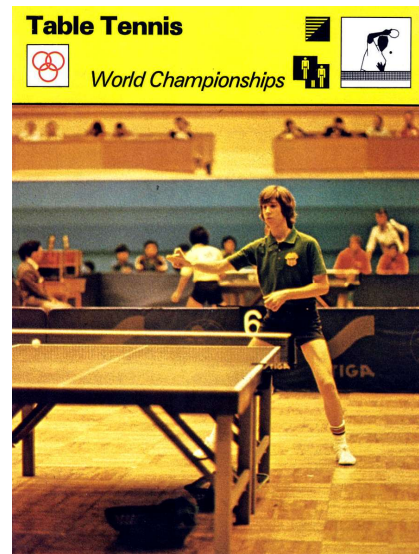


I recall enjoying playing table tennis as a teenager but I do not really remember watching table tennis much. However, on 26 March 1977, I commented that the world table tennis championships had started in Birmingham.<sup>80</sup>

The next day, the 27<sup>th</sup>, I noted watching the table tennis. England men lost their third team game against China<sup>81</sup> and England women lost their first team game against N Korea.<sup>82</sup> They had won three others. I watched again the next day, the 28<sup>th</sup>, and noted that the Hungarian world champion<sup>83</sup> had managed to beat one of the Chinese team which I considered quite an achievement.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, in the men's team event semi-final, China beat Sweden 5-0. I did not know the result of the semi-final match between Hungary and Japan.<sup>84</sup> England finished sixth in their group. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, I noted that in the men's team final China beat Japan 5-0 and in the women's team final China beat S Korea 3-0 meaning they won both team competitions.

From the end of March 1977 into April, the World Championships switched from team to individual competitions. On 3 April 1977, I noted that our main hopes were Denis Neale and Desmond Douglas in the men's doubles. However, they lost in the quarter finals<sup>85</sup> and, by 4 April 1977, I noted that there were no English competitors left in the competition.



*Above left – pin badge from the World Table Tennis Championships in Birmingham in 1977*

*Right – Sportscaster card featuring the Table Tennis World Championships held in Birmingham in 1977*

<sup>80</sup> The [world table tennis championships](#) have been held since 1926. Although the championships were initially held annually, they have been every two years since 1957. Separate team championships have been held since 2000. In 1977, the world championships were held in Birmingham at the newly-opened National Exhibition Centre. In 1975, they had been held in Kolkata in India and, in 1979, they would be held in Pyongyang in North Korea.

<sup>81</sup> The [men's team competition](#) is known as the Swaythling Cup after Baroness Swaythling who donated the trophy in 1926. It saw 16 teams divided into two groups. Each team played all the teams in their group with the top two teams going forward to the semi-finals. England finished sixth in Group A having won two games and lost five. China and Hungary qualified from Group A and Japan and Sweden qualified from Group B. China won gold, Japan silver and Sweden bronze.

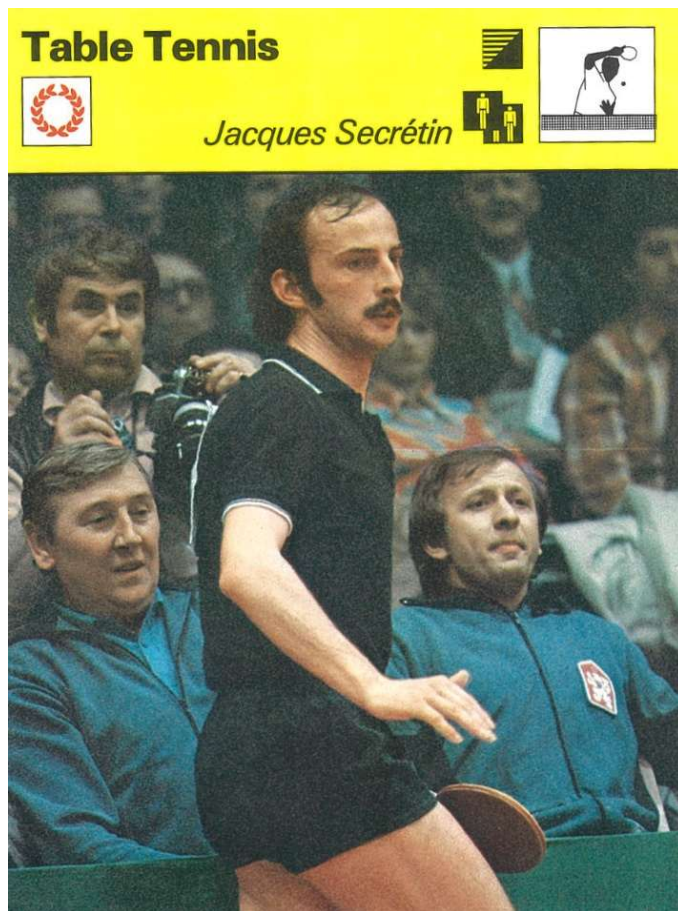
<sup>82</sup> The [women's team competition](#) is known as the Corbillon Cup. The original trophy was donated by Marcel Corbillon, then President of the French Table Tennis Association, in 1933 but disappeared during the second world war. A replica was made in 1949. This competition followed a similar format to the men although there were 18 teams divided into two groups. Each team played all the teams in their group with the top two teams going forward to the semi-finals. England finished fourth in Group 1 having won five games and lost three. China and North Korea qualified from Group 1 and South Korea and Japan qualified from Group 2. China won gold, South Korea silver and North Korea bronze.

<sup>83</sup> I think I am referring to Dragutin Šurbek who beat Wang Chien-chang in the [first round](#) 19-21, 22-20, 22-20, 21-17. However, [Dragutin Šurbek](#) was Croatian/Yugoslav not Hungarian! Also, I don't believe he was ever individual world champion. He did win two world championship golds in doubles but this was later than 1977.

<sup>84</sup> Japan beat Hungary 5-3.

<sup>85</sup> In the first round, they beat Mitsuru Kono and Tokio Tasaka of Japan but then lost in the quarter finals to Chinese pair, and silver medallists, Lu Yuan-Sheng and Huang Liang.

On 5 April 1977, I noted that Kono (Japan) [Misuro Kono] won the men's title, Pak (N Korea) [Pak Yung-sun] won the women's title and the mixed double title was won by a French pair [Jacques Secrétin and Claude Bergeret].<sup>86 87</sup>



*Left – Sportscaster card showing French competitor Jacques Secrétin who won mixed doubles gold with Claude Bergeret  
Below – First Day Cover for the World Table Tennis Championships in Birmingham. I did not have this particular cover in my collection although I did have the stamps as part of a set of four focused on racket sports and issued in January 1977*



<sup>86</sup> I did not note the results of the men's and women's doubles. The men's doubles were won by Chinese pair Liang Ke-Liang and Li Chen-Shih. The women's doubles were won by Pak Yong-Ok of North Korea and Yang Ying of China.

<sup>87</sup> One thing that is odd is that the Chinese were completely dominant in the team competitions but not in the individual competitions leading to the belief that sometimes Chinese players were instructed to allow players from other nations to win. This practice has been [well-documented](#) as part of "ping pong diplomacy" although I don't know for definite if it was at play here.

There was quite a lot about professional boxing in my diaries in both 1976 and 1977.<sup>88</sup> I have never been the biggest boxing fan but I recall watching some boxing as a child and teenager particularly when it was a high-profile heavyweight contest or it involved a British boxer.<sup>89</sup> At the beginning of May 1976<sup>90</sup>, I noted that I thought Muhammad Ali was still world heavyweight champion as he had beaten Jimmy Young on points. Later that month, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, I noted, *“Later this evening Richard Dunn from Bradford in Yorkshire fights Muhammad Ali of the USA for the Heavyweight boxing title of the world in Munich. Richard Dunn is British and European champion. Muhammed Ali is World Champion. Ali won the title many years ago. It was taken from him when he refused to fight in the Vietnam War. Then he won it back. He has only been beaten twice, once by Joe Frazier and once by Ken Norton. He has beaten them both since, Joe Frazier twice. A year ago, Dunn was unknown<sup>91</sup>, he beat Bunny Johnson to win the British title, defended it successfully against Danny McAlinden. He then beat a Texan of some standing [Terry Krueger] and then recently beat August [Bernd August] to win the European title. The odds are stacked in Ali's favour and he is a firm favourite but Dunn & his family think that he will win as I have seen from a tele programme tonight.<sup>92</sup> It is being shown on the tele at 8pm tomorrow but I don't think I'll be able to avoid hearing the result till then so I'm going to listen to a recording of it on the radio in the morning. Despite being the underdog I have a sneaking suspicion that Dunn might just beat Ali.”* However, the next day, I noted *“Despite my optimism, I heard on the radio this morning that Muhammad Ali beat Richard Dunn on a technical knockout in the fifth round. I [watched it on the television](#) this evening and Dunn was not disgraced.”<sup>93</sup>*



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*End of the world heavyweight title fight between Muhammad Ali and Richard Dunn in May 1976*

<sup>88</sup> The only time I really referred to amateur boxing was in the Olympics.

<sup>89</sup> In this regard, I was somewhat similar to grandad who recorded a number of boxing matches in his diary, starting in 1919 with the fight between Georges Carpentier and Joe Becket, see [Chapter 28](#). Later, he also noted fights involving Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Henry Cooper and others, see Chapters [97](#) and [112](#).

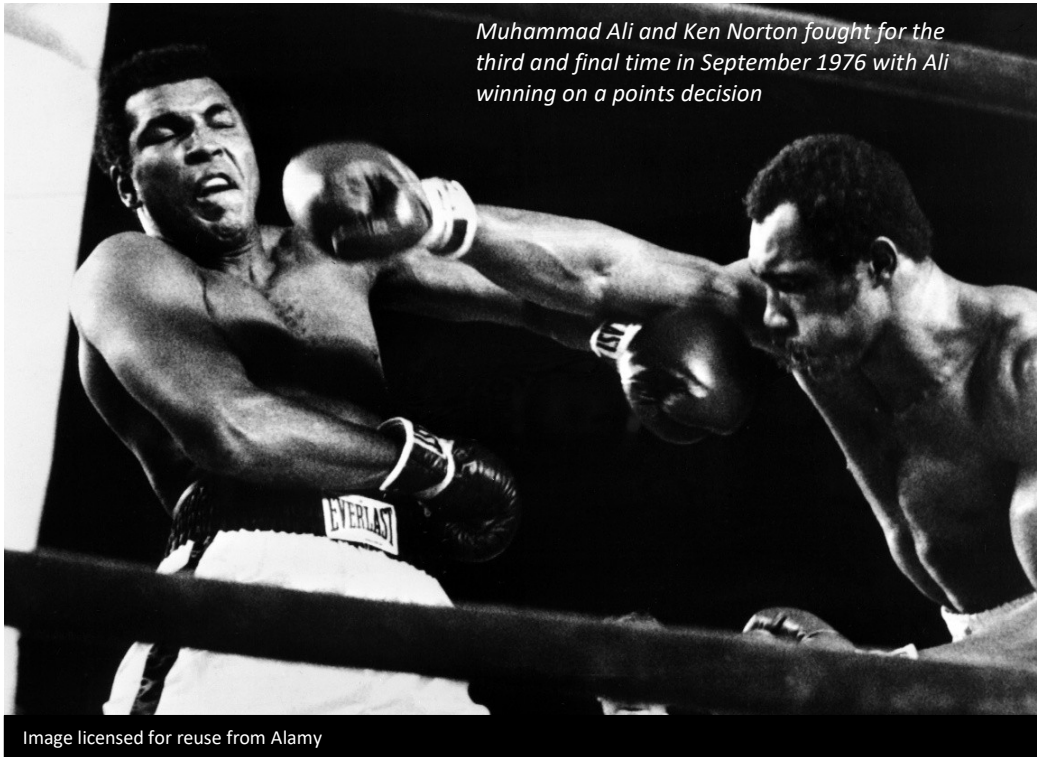
<sup>90</sup> In fact, this fight took place on 30 April 1976.

<sup>91</sup> He had been a professional boxer since 1969. He had had 38 fights winning 29 and losing nine.

<sup>92</sup> This was on ITV at 11pm and was called *“King Richard Rules Ok”*.

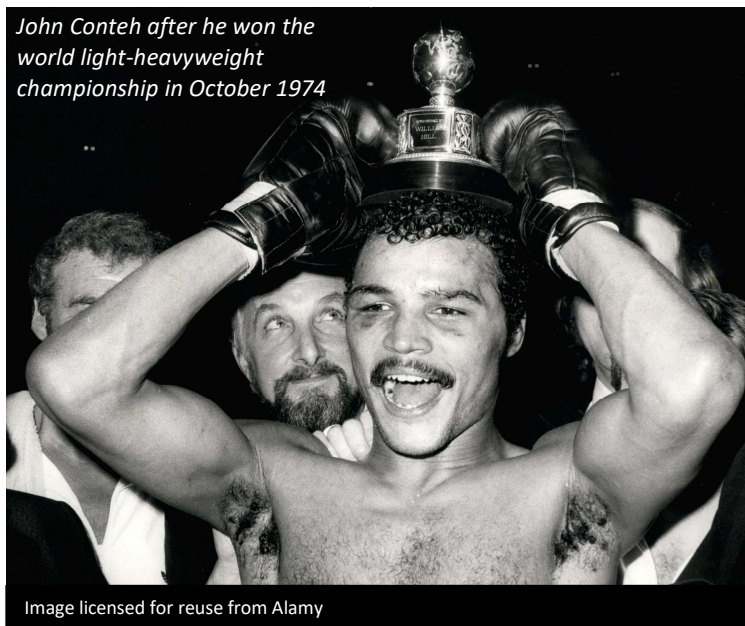
<sup>93</sup> This assessment of mine is interesting as, watching the fight again, it is clear that Ali completely outclassed Dunn knocking him down multiple times.

Later that year, in September 1976, I noted that Muhammad Ali beat Ken Norton in a controversial points decision.<sup>94</sup>



The next month, in October 1976, I watched the [world light-heavyweight championship fight](#) in Copenhagen<sup>95</sup> between John Conteh and “some Mexican” [Álvaro (Yaqui) López]. I noted that Conteh was the British world champion but that he had not boxed for 14 months because of an injury to his right hand. I also noted that Conteh won on points.<sup>96</sup>

That same month, in October 1976, my friend Everard Mascarenhas came round and we watched [the fight](#) between Joe Bugner and Richard Dunn in

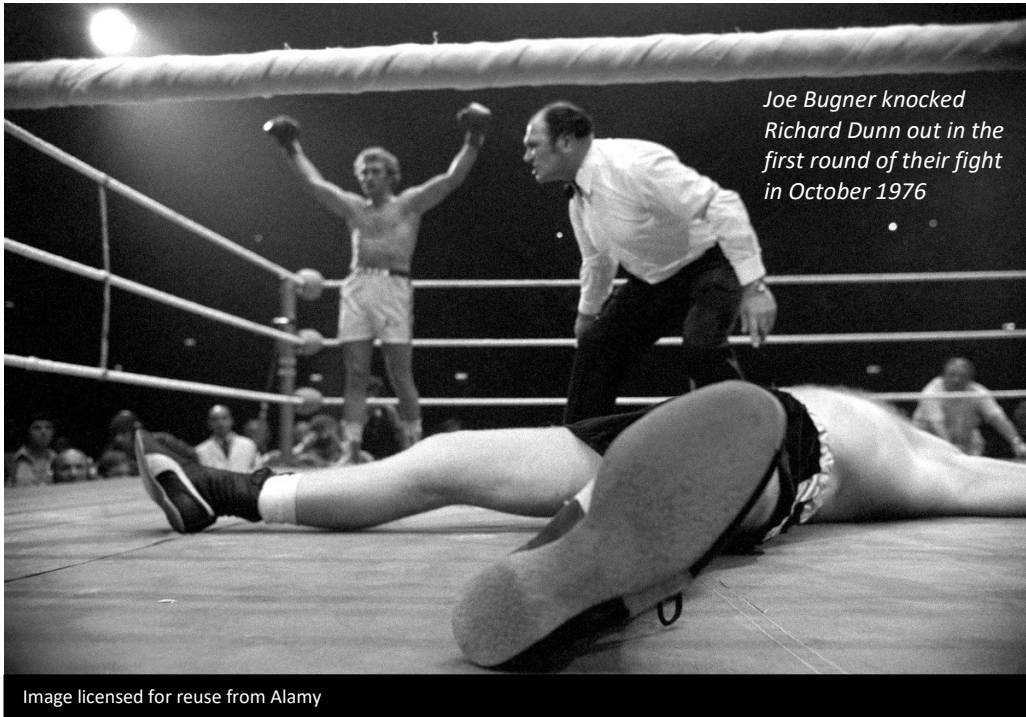


<sup>94</sup> This was the third time the two boxers had met and [the fight](#) was held at Yankee Stadium. It was to be the undisputed world heavyweight champion. In their [first fight](#) on 31 March 1973, Ken Norton had surprisingly beat Ali on a split decision, see [Chapter 112](#). The [re-match](#) was on 10 September 1973. Ali won that time again on a split decision. In this match, Ali won on a unanimous points decision.

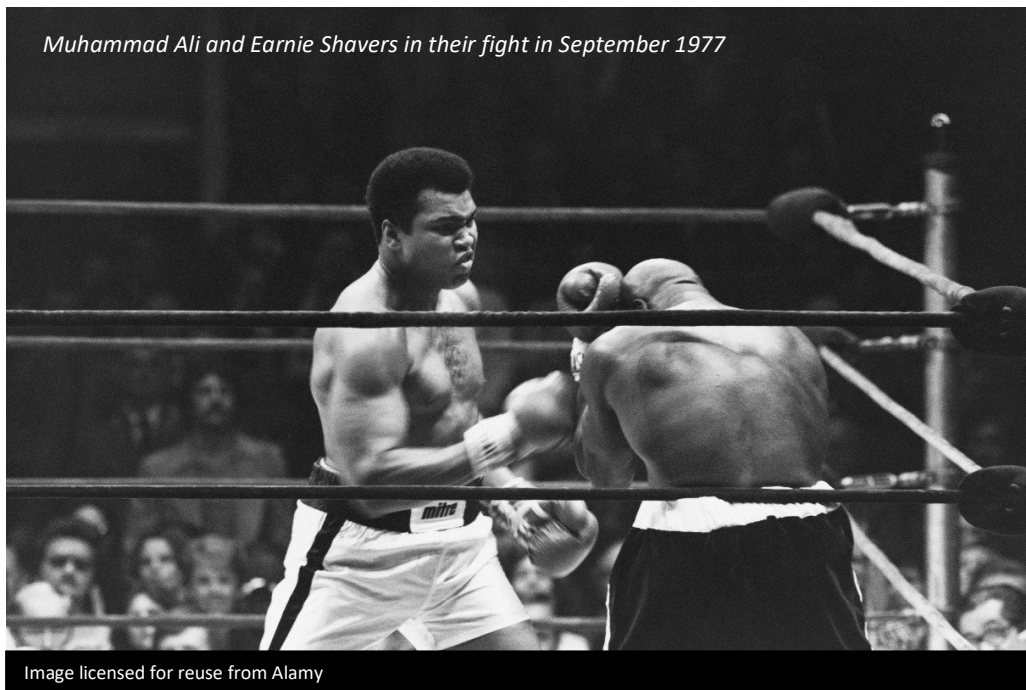
<sup>95</sup> The fight took place at [The Forum](#), a large arena in Copenhagen, which opened in 1926.

<sup>96</sup> This was the third defence of Conteh’s title which he had won in October 1974.

which Bugner knocked Dunn<sup>97</sup> out in just over two minutes.<sup>98</sup> This fight was for British, Commonwealth and European titles.



The following year, in September 1977, I noted that Muhammad Ali won the [world heavyweight fight](#) against [Earnie] Shavers.



<sup>97</sup> This was Dunn's first fight after losing to Ali in May 1976 and was also his [penultimate fight](#) in his career.

<sup>98</sup> Bugner knocked Dunn to the canvas in the first six seconds.

I have never been a huge golf fan but sometimes watched it on the basis that I would watch pretty much any sport, particularly if there was a major Championship especially with British interest. In July 1977, I noted watching the last day of the [British Open Championship](#)<sup>99</sup> “which ended with a battle between 2 Americans Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus. Watson finished 11 under par and Nicklaus 10 under 9 strokes ahead<sup>100</sup> of the next player.”<sup>101</sup>



In October 1977, mum noted that Mr Ashken, the surgeon for whom she worked<sup>102</sup>, and his son had been playing golf and they had locked the car keys in the boot! She had to pick them up to take Mr Ashken home to get the spare keys.

Another sport I did not really follow, but would occasionally watch, was motor racing, specifically Formula One. In early August 1976, I noted that racing driver Niki Lauda had been critically injured in a crash in Germany. At the end of that month, August 1976, I noted that, after Ferrari's return to motor racing<sup>103</sup>, James Hunt won the Dutch Grand Prix in a McLaren which put him two points behind Niki Lauda who was still recovering from his crash injuries. At the end of October 1976, I noted that James

<sup>99</sup> I referred to it as the British Open Championship although formally it is just the Open Championship I believe.

<sup>100</sup> In fact, Watson finished 12 under and Nicklaus 11 under. Nicklaus was ten shots ahead of third place Hubert.

<sup>101</sup> American Hubert Green. In fact, 11 of the top 12 finishers were Americans. The only exception was England's Tommy Horton.

<sup>102</sup> See [Chapter 121](#).

<sup>103</sup> Niki Lauda was driving for Ferrari when he crashed in 1976. They [missed one race the Austrian Grand Prix on 15 August 1976](#) but were back for the [Dutch Grand Prix](#) on the 29<sup>th</sup>. However, they only had one car driven by Clay Regazzoni. He finished second behind James Hunt.

Hunt had become “*Racing Driver Champion of the World*”. He finished third<sup>104</sup> which was enough to clinch the title with 69pts to Nicki Lauda’s 68. Lauda had had to pull out on the second lap.<sup>105</sup>



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*Hunt at the Dutch Grand Prix in 1976*

From memory, mum was more into tennis, particularly Wimbledon, than I was. She watched a lot of games when the tournament was on. So, it is rather paradoxical that I talked more about Wimbledon in my diaries than mum did in hers, particularly in 1976.

On 21 June 1976, I noted that the Wimbledon championships started and that Roger Taylor was knocked out by “*some Indian*” [Sashi Menon].<sup>106</sup> On the 25<sup>th</sup>, I noted that the temperature out in the sun on Wimbledon’s Centre Court was 106°F (41°C). I watched tennis on TV. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, I noted that both the men’s and women’s singles were at the quarter-final stage with the women playing that day and the men playing the next day. In the women’s singles, Chris Evert (USA) beat<sup>107</sup> Olga Morozova (USSR); Martina Navratilova (Cze) beat<sup>108</sup> Sue Barker (GB); Virginia Wade (GB) beat<sup>109</sup> Kerry Reid (Aus<sup>110</sup>); and Evonne Cawley (Aus) beat<sup>111</sup> Rosy Casals (USA).

<sup>104</sup> In the [Japanese Grand Prix](#), a race that was won by Mario Andretti. Going into [the race](#), Lauda was three points ahead of Hunt. [At that time](#), drivers scored nine points for first place, six points for second and four points to one point for third to sixth. So, with Lauda not finishing, Hunt needed fourth or better to win the championship because, had scores been tied, Hunt would have won as he had won six races to Lauda’s five.

<sup>105</sup> It was very wet and foggy. The organisers decided to go ahead with the race and the majority of drivers did not disagree. However, a number of drivers, including Lauda, withdrew as they believed the conditions were too dangerous.

<sup>106</sup> Taylor [lost in five sets](#) 7-5, 2-6, 8-9, 6-2, 8-10.

<sup>107</sup> Chris Evert was top seed and Olga Morozova was seeded fifth. Chris Evert won 6-3, 6-0.

<sup>108</sup> Martina Navratilova was seeded fourth and Sue Barker seventh. Martina Navratilova won 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

<sup>109</sup> Virginia Wade was third seed and Kerry Reid was seeded eighth. Virginia Wade won 6-4, 6-2.

<sup>110</sup> Although she was Australian, I recorded Kerry Reid’s nationality as American.

<sup>111</sup> Evonne Cawley was second seed and Rosy Casals was seeded sixth. Evonne Cawley won 7-5, 6-3.



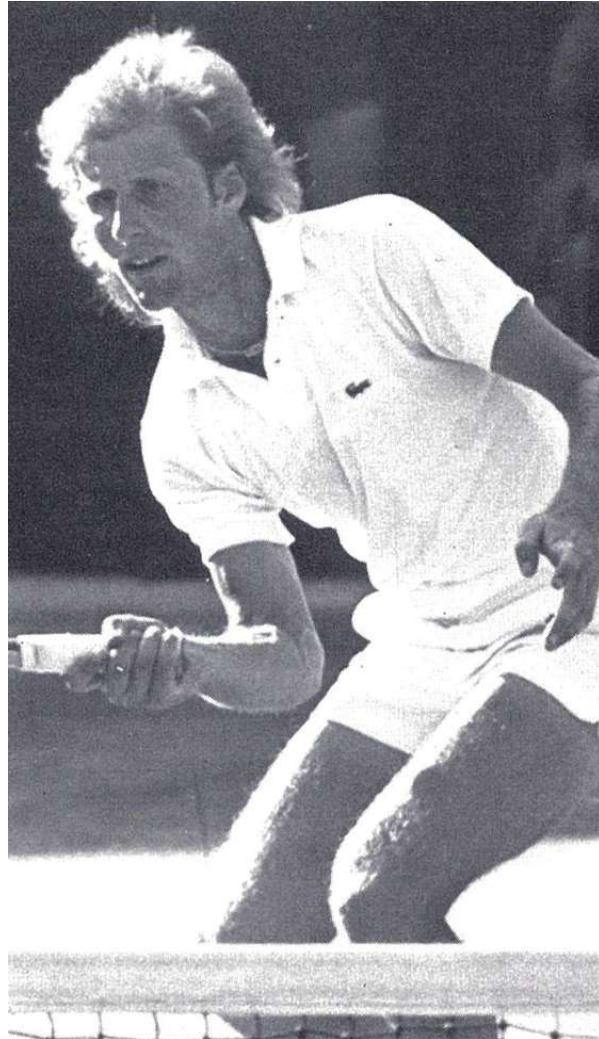
*Chris Evert won the women's singles at Wimbledon three times. One of those times was in 1976 – image from Wimbledon programme for 30 June 1976*

I noted that, in the men's singles, Ilie Nastase (Rom) would play<sup>112</sup> C Pasarell (USA); Jimmy Connors (USA) would play<sup>113</sup> Roscoe<sup>114</sup> Tanner (USA); Björn Borg (Swe) would play<sup>115</sup> Guillermo Vilas (Arg) and Raúl<sup>116</sup> Ramirez (Mex) would play<sup>117</sup> Vitas Gerulaitis (USA).

The following day, the 29<sup>th</sup>, I noted the winners of the men's quarter finals, namely Ilie Nastase<sup>118</sup>, Raúl Ramirez<sup>119</sup>, Bjorn Borg<sup>120</sup> and Roscoe Tanner<sup>121</sup>. I noted that Ilie Nastase would play Raúl Ramirez and Björn Borg would play Roscoe Tanner.

I also noted the women's line-up with Chris Evert playing Martina Navratilova and Virginia Wade taking on Evonne Cawley. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, I watched the tennis, the women's singles semi-finals. I noted that Evonne Cawley beat Virginia Wade easily in two sets<sup>122</sup> while Chris Evert beat Martina Navratilova with difficulty over three sets.<sup>123</sup> On 2 July 1976, I noted that Chris Evert beat Evonne Cawley in the women's singles final in three sets.<sup>124</sup> I said I did not know the women's doubles results<sup>125</sup> but noted that the men's singles final was between Ilie Nastase of Romania and Björn Borg of Sweden.

On 3 July 1976, I summarised the results of the major competitions at Wimbledon. In addition to the results I have already given, Björn Borg won the men's singles beating Ilie Nastase in the final.<sup>126</sup> In the men's doubles, American Brian Gottfried and Mexican Raúl Ramirez beat<sup>127</sup> Australians Ross Case and



*Unseeded Vitas Gerulaitis beat top seed Arthur Ashe to reach the quarter finals – image from Wimbledon programme for 30 June 1976*

<sup>112</sup> Ilie Nastase was third seed and C Pasarell was unseeded having beaten fifth seed Adriano Panatta in the third round 8-9, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

<sup>113</sup> Jimmy Connors was second seed and Roscoe Tanner was seeded seventh.

<sup>114</sup> I sometimes misspelled Roscoe Tanner's first name as Rosco in my diaries.

<sup>115</sup> Björn Borg was fourth seed with Guillermo Vilas seeded sixth.

<sup>116</sup> I never seemed to get his first name right in my diaries referring to him as Ralph or Ral.

<sup>117</sup> Raúl Ramirez was eighth seed and Vitas Gerulaitis was unseeded having beaten top seed Arthur Ashe in the previous round 4-6, 8-9, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

<sup>118</sup> Ilie Nastase beat Charlie Pasarell 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

<sup>119</sup> Raúl Ramirez beat Vitas Gerulaitis 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

<sup>120</sup> Björn Borg beat Guillermo Vilas 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

<sup>121</sup> Surprisingly, Roscoe Tanner beat Jimmy Connors 6-4, 6-2, 8-6.

<sup>122</sup> The score was 6-1, 6-2.

<sup>123</sup> The score was 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

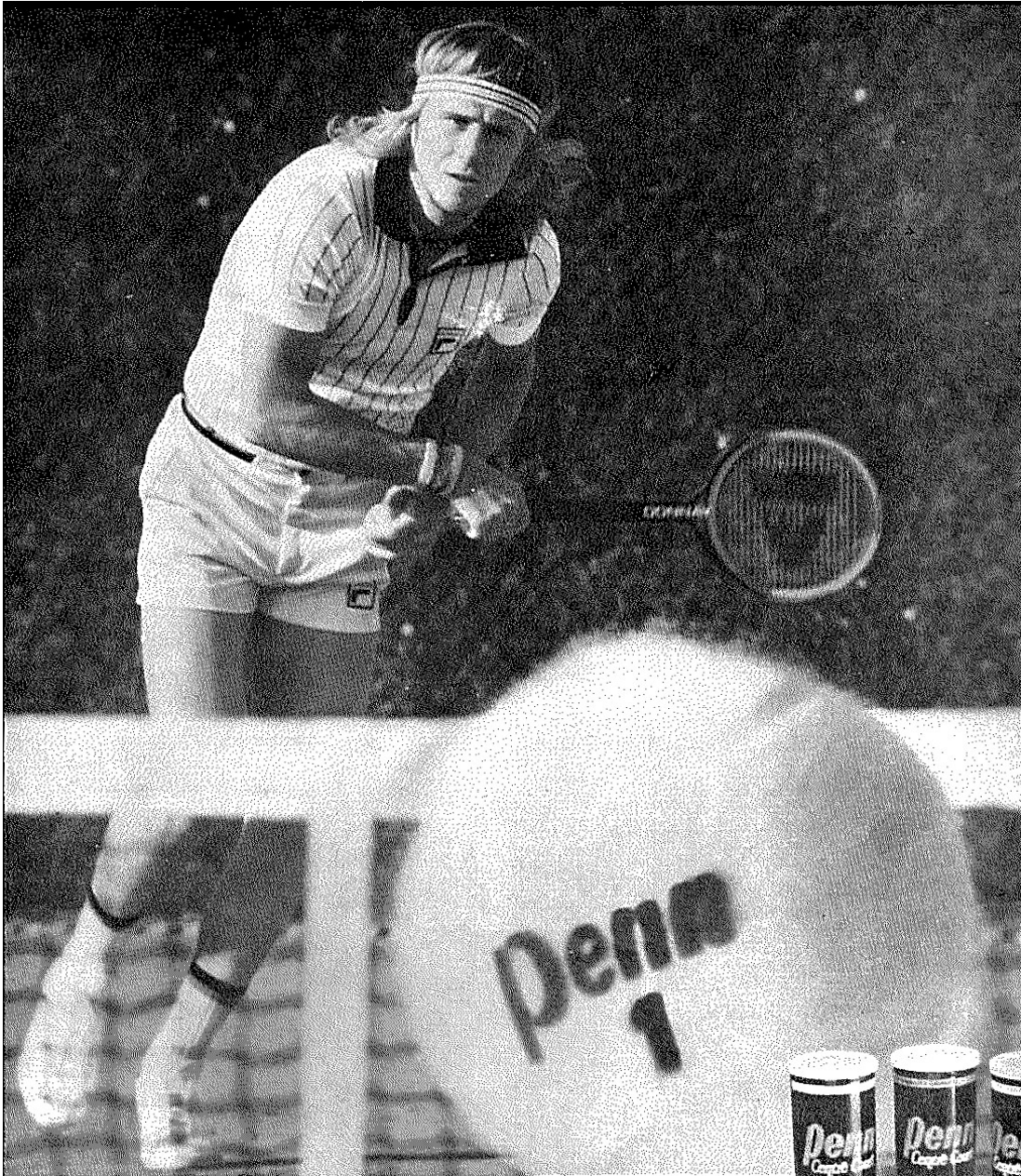
<sup>124</sup> The score was 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.

<sup>125</sup> In fact, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova beat Billie Jean King and Betty Stöve 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

<sup>126</sup> The score was 6-4, 6-2, 9-7.

<sup>127</sup> The score was 3-6, 6-3, 8-6, 2-6, 7-5.

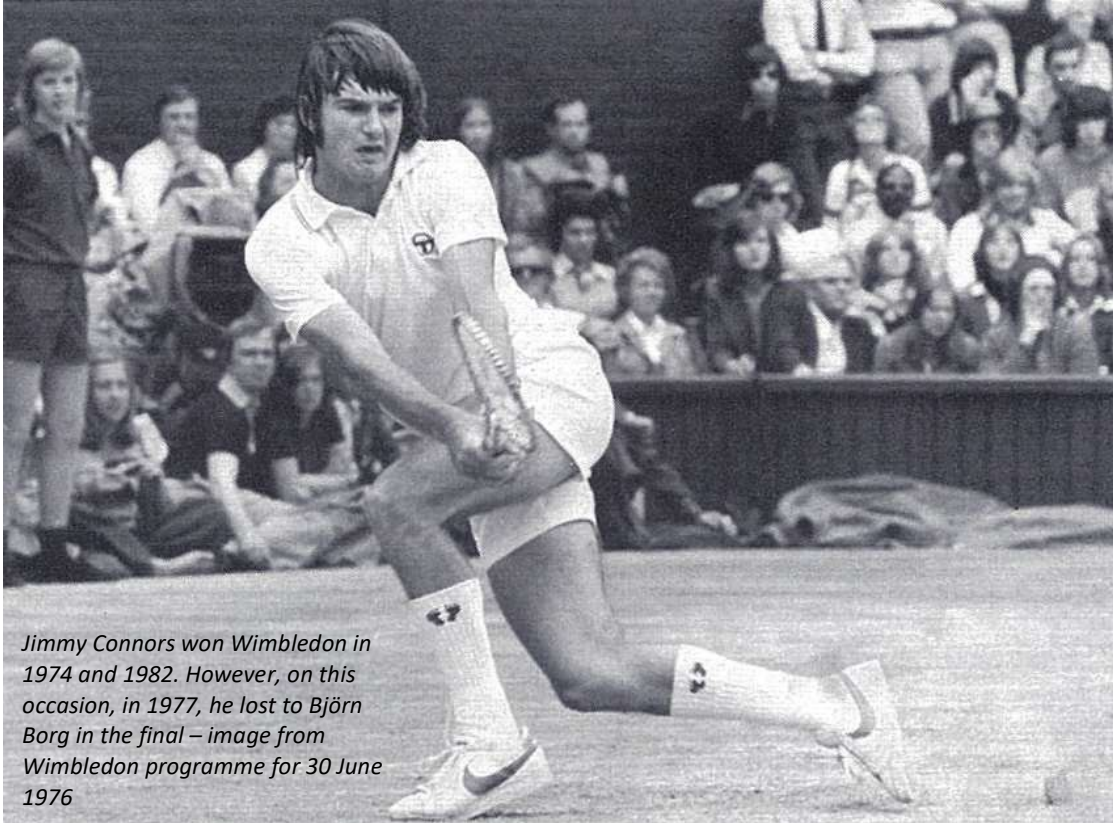
Geoff Masters. In the mixed doubles Tony Roche from Australia and Françoise Dürr from France beat<sup>128</sup> Americans Rosie Casals and Dick Stockton.



*Björn Borg won the men's singles at Wimbledon for the first time in 1976 and then for four more consecutive years. This image is from an advert for Penn tennis balls in the Wimbledon programme for 30 June 1976*

<sup>128</sup> The score was 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

The following year, on 28 June 1977, I noted that it was the men's quarter finals at [Wimbledon](#). I noted that those through to the semi-finals were Jimmy Connors<sup>129</sup>, John McEnroe<sup>130</sup>, Björn Borg<sup>131</sup> and Vitas Gerulaitis.<sup>132</sup> The next day, I noted that it was the women's singles semi-finals and that Virginia Wade beat Chris Evert<sup>133</sup> but that Sue Barker lost to Betty Stöve of the Netherlands.<sup>134</sup> On 1 July 1977, I noted that Virginia Wade won Wimbledon beating Betty Stöve 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I managed to watch some of the tennis while I was supposed to be collecting trolleys at work!<sup>135</sup> I noted that Borg beat Connors in five sets.<sup>136</sup>



*Jimmy Connors won Wimbledon in 1974 and 1982. However, on this occasion, in 1977, he lost to Björn Borg in the final – image from Wimbledon programme for 30 June 1976*

The year after that, on Monday 26 June 1978, mum noted that Wimbledon started. She mentioned at work<sup>137</sup> that she would love to go<sup>138</sup> and Dr Brittain told her to remind him next year.<sup>139</sup>

Another sport I don't think I followed as a child or teenager was cricket. I thought the forms of cricket available then, and which I knew, were slow and boring! I remember going once to county cricket with my dad and remarking that one good thing was that you could go for lunch, come back, and know you

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<sup>129</sup> In the quarter finals, Connors beat South African Byron Bertram 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

<sup>130</sup> On this occasion, he was unseeded. In his quarter final, he beat 13<sup>th</sup> seed Australian Phil Dent 6-4, 8-9, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

<sup>131</sup> In the quarter finals, Borg beat Ilie Nastase 6-0, 8-6, 6-3.

<sup>132</sup> In the quarter finals, eighth seed Gerulaitis beat unseeded American Billy Martin 6-2, 8-9, 6-2, 6-2.

<sup>133</sup> Virginia Wade was third seed and Chris Evert was top seed. The score was 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

<sup>134</sup> Sue Barker was seeded fourth and Betty Stöve seventh. The score to Stöve was 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

<sup>135</sup> See [Chapter 119](#).

<sup>136</sup> The score was 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

<sup>137</sup> See [Chapter 121](#).

<sup>138</sup> Mum loved a good hint!

<sup>139</sup> As far as I know, this never came to anything and mum never managed to go to Wimbledon.

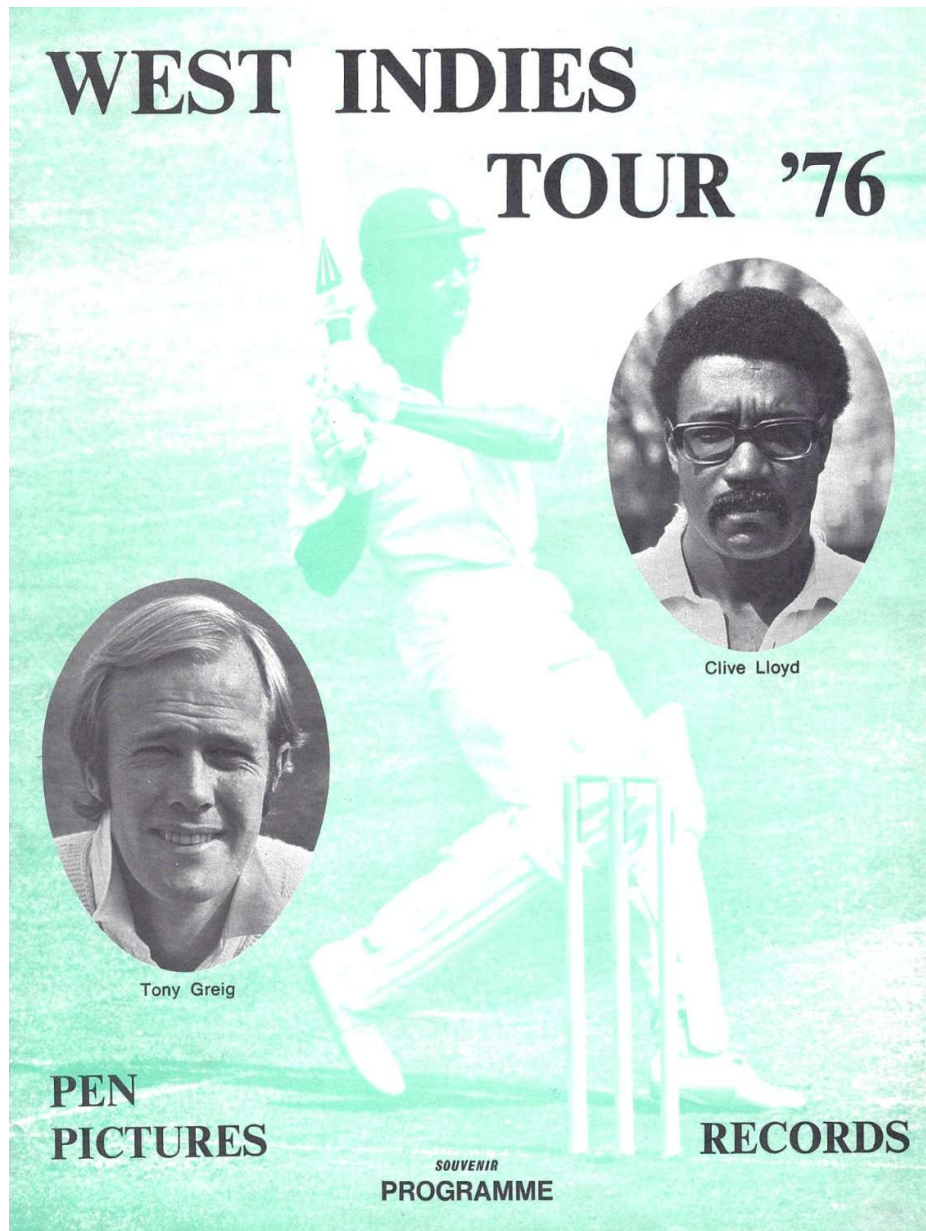


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*A highlight of Wimbledon 1977 from a British perspective was that Virginia Wade won the women's singles*

hadn't missed anything! I believe I got called a "philistine" for this remark, not by my dad though. I believe that my brother, when he was living in the States, described cricket to his American friends as like baseball on Valium!! I confess that my views on cricket have changed over time, not least because of the introduction of one-day cricket and T20, and the effect these forms of cricket have had on the way test cricket is played. While I would not say I am, even now, a regular watcher of cricket, I do watch it on occasions.

However, my diaries might indicate that I took more interest in cricket than I recall. For example, they describe, in some details, the five test matches the West Indies played when on tour in England from May to September 1976.<sup>140</sup>



*Front cover of the programme for the 1976 West Indies tour of England*

<sup>140</sup> The [West Indies cricket team spent almost all of the 1976 cricket season in England](#). They played a five match test series which West Indies won 3-0.

On Thursday 3 June 1976, I watched cricket on television and commented that the last I heard was that the West Indies were 120 for 2. This was the first day of the first test. It was [played](#) at Trent Bridge in Nottingham and the match was drawn. At the [end of the first day](#), West Indies were 274 for 2. On the next day, the 4<sup>th</sup>, I noted that the West Indies were about 490<sup>141</sup> all out but England had not started to bat. At the end of the following day, the 5<sup>th</sup>, which was the third day of the test, I noted that England were about 200 for 3.<sup>142</sup> On the day after that, the 6<sup>th</sup>, I noted that 'of course' there was no play in the test match because it was Sunday.<sup>143</sup>



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*Top right - (top row) David Steele, Bob Woolmer, John Edrich and (bottom row) Bernard Julien, Clive Lloyd, Viv Richards Above – Brian Close batting in the first test with ticket inset*

On the next day, Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, I commented, "in the test match England were all out for 332. David Steele made 106 and Woolmer about 84<sup>144</sup>. The WI are about 100 for 3.<sup>145</sup> They were going for quick runs consequently Julian was brought in early up the order. Lloyd made a magnificent 21 in 10 minutes before being caught by Brearley. Richards has made 33<sup>146</sup> not out." The next day, I noted, "The test match was drawn. The West Indies batted for ½ an hour<sup>147</sup> leaving England 332<sup>148</sup> to get. They got about ½.<sup>149</sup> Steele was out for 6, Brearley for 17 and Edrich & Close were not out." John Edrich had scored 76 and Brian Close 36.

The [second test](#) between England and the West Indies took place from 17 to 22 June 1976 at Lord's. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, I noted that England were 197 for 8 with Brian Close having got 60 and Mike Brearley 40. The following day, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, I noted that England were 250 all out. However, they bowled the West Indies out for about 160.<sup>150</sup> The next day, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, I was going to watch the cricket but it was rained off. Two days later, on the 21<sup>st</sup>, I noted that England had an overall lead of about 290 with three wickets left and one day's play remaining.<sup>151</sup> On the 22nd, I noted that the match was drawn.<sup>152</sup>

<sup>141</sup> 494.

<sup>142</sup> In fact, at the end of day three, England were 221 for 3 with David Steele and Bob Woolmer on 105 and 52 respectively.

<sup>143</sup> [Sunday rest days](#) were abolished in England test matches from 1997 although there had been instances of Sunday test cricket in England from 1981.

<sup>144</sup> 82.

<sup>145</sup> At the end of day four, the West Indies were 124 for 3.

<sup>146</sup> He was finally out for 63.

<sup>147</sup> They declared on 176 for 5.

<sup>148</sup> England made 332 in their first innings and they required 339 to win.

<sup>149</sup> They made 156 for 2.

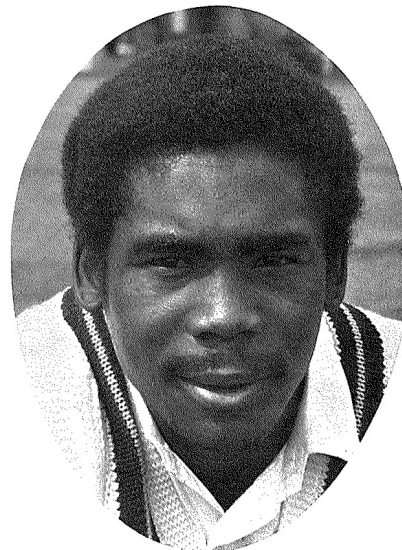
<sup>150</sup> 182. At the end of the second day, England were 27 without loss.

<sup>151</sup> At the end of the fourth day, England were 223 for 7 giving them a lead of 291.

<sup>152</sup> England made 254 in their second innings meaning West Indies needed 323 to win. They made 241 for 6.



The [third test](#) was from 8-13 July 1976 at Old Trafford in Manchester. I only commented on it on the 10<sup>th</sup>, which was the third day. I noted that England had had a terrible innings of 71 all out and that West Indies had added to their total of 211 meaning England had to get about 550 in two days. On the first day, West Indies made 211 all out in their first innings. Gordon Greenidge scored 134. By the end of the first day, England had made 37 for 2 but on the second day collapsed to 71 all out. David Steele, on 20, was the only batsman to register double figures! By the end of the second day, West Indies were 163 for 1 in their second innings with Greenidge on 71 and Richards on 28. On the third day, West Indies declared at 411 for 5 with both Gordon Greenidge and Viv Richards scoring centuries.<sup>156</sup> The West Indies' declaration left England needing 552 to win! At the end of the third day, England were 21 without loss. On the fourth day, I noted that England were almost guaranteed to lose the test match although I thought/hoped it might rain! At the end of that day, England were 125 for 9. They only added one more run on the final day. In their second innings, John Edrich high scored with only 24. West Indies won by 435 runs. That win meant that the West Indies led the series 1-0 with the first two games having been drawn.



C. Greenidge

*Gordon Greenidge from the programme of the West Indies Tour to England in 1976. In the third test, he scored centuries in each of West Indies' innings*

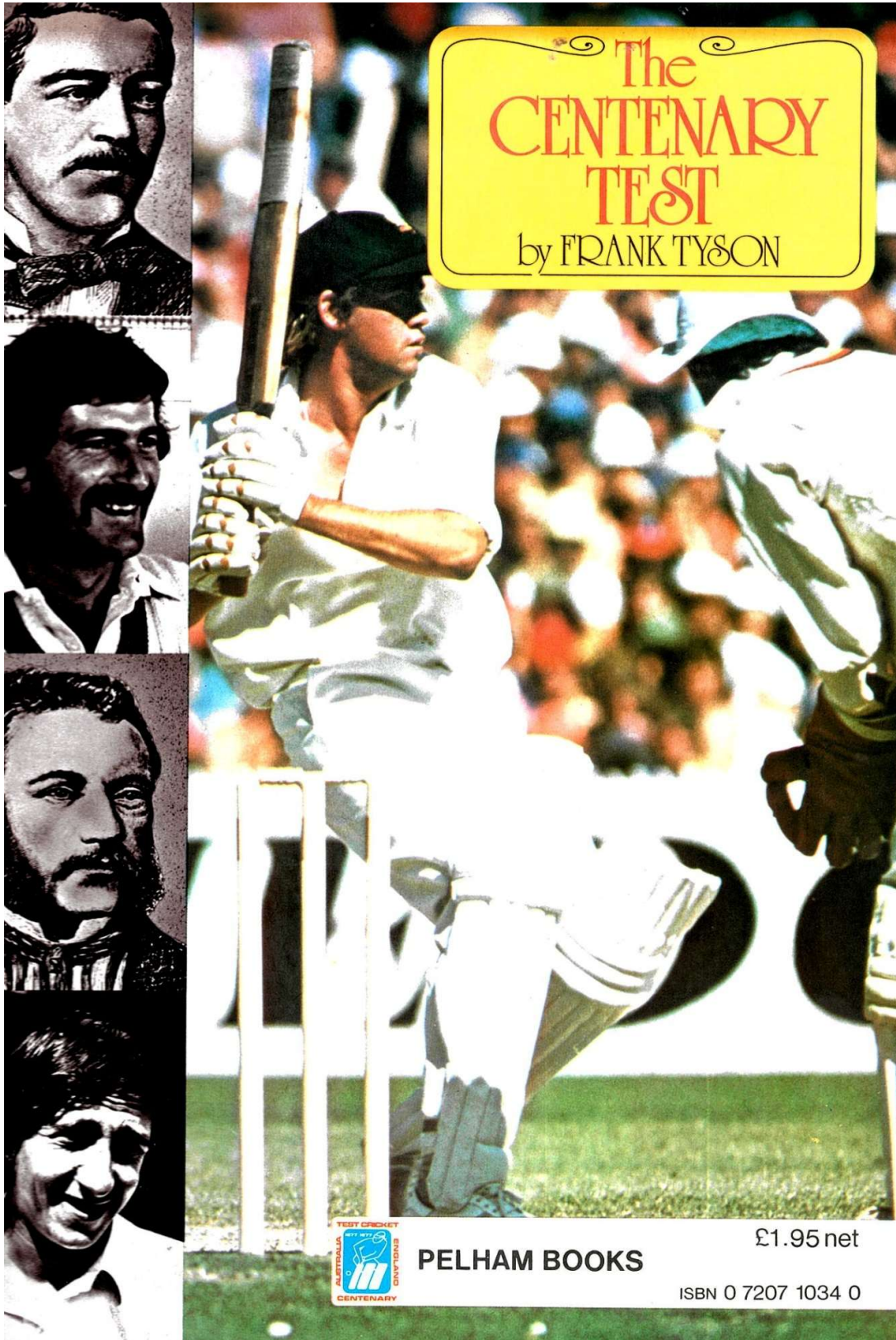
The [fourth test](#) was from 22-27 July 1976 at Headingley in Leeds. Despite the closeness of the result and its importance in determining the outcome of the series, I did not mention this test in my diary at all. Perhaps I was more focused on the Olympics. West Indies won by 55 runs meaning they took an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

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FOURTH TEST MATCH							
ENGLAND v WEST INDIES							
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th & 27th JULY, 1976							
ENGLAND				WEST INDIES			
First Innings		Second Innings		First Innings		Second Innings	
1—R. A. Woolmer .....				1—R. C. Fredericks .....	109		
2—D. S. Steele .....				2—C. G. Greenidge .....	134		
3—J. C. Balderstone .....				3—L. V. A. Richards .....	66		
4—F. C. Hayes .....				4—L. G. Rowe .....	50		
5—P. Willey .....				*5—C. H. Lloyd .....	18		
*6—A. W. Greig .....				6—C. King .....	0		
7—A. P. E. Knott .....				7—D. L. Murray .....	3		
8—J. A. Snow .....				8—V. A. Holder .....	3		
9—D. L. Underwood .....				9—M. A. Holding .....	7		
10—A. Ward .....				10—A. M. E. Roberts .....	7		
11—R. G. D. Willis .....				11—W. Daniel .....	0		
Extras .....		Extras .....		Extras .....		Extras .....	
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FALL OF WICKETS				FALL OF WICKETS			
First Innings: 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- 7- 8- 9-				First Innings: 1- 1-2 2-27 3-38 4-37 5-37 6-43 7-42 8-42 9-43			
Second Innings: 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- 7- 8- 9-				Second Innings: 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- 7- 8- 9-			
Bowling Analysis	Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.	Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.		Bowling Analysis	Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.	Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.	
* Denotes Captain		† Denotes Wicket-Keeper		Hours of Play: First Second Third and Fourth Days, 11-30 a.m. to 6-30 p.m.			
Umpires:		Scorers:		Fifth Day, 11-00 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. or 6-00 p.m.			
D. J. CONSTANT & T. W. SPENCER		E. I. LESTER & G. SAULEZ		Lunch: 1-30 p.m. to 2-10 p.m. Tea: 4-15 p.m. to 4-35 p.m.			
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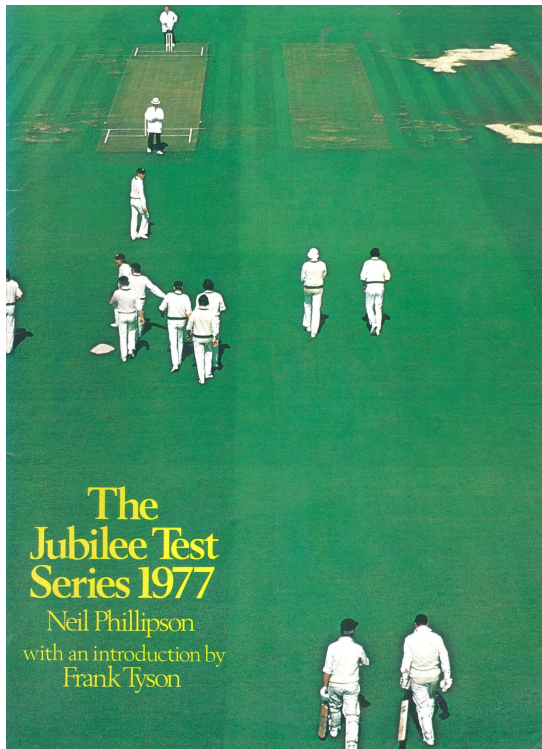
*Scorecard for the fourth test completed for the first day showing the West Indies' first innings*

<sup>156</sup> Gordon Greenidge scored 101 and Viv Richards 135.





Front cover of the book called "The Centenary Test" by Frank Tyson



In the summer of 1977, Australia came to England for an [Ashes series](#) also called The Jubilee Test Series.<sup>166</sup> I followed this to some extent in my diaries but not to the same extent I had covered the West Indies tour. The [first test match](#) was held at Lord's from 16-21 June and was drawn. For some reason, I did not mention it at all in my diary.



*Above left – the 1977 Ashes series in England was also known as the Jubilee Test Series. This is the front cover of a book about that test series entitled “The Jubilee Test Series 1977” by Neil Phillipson*  
*Above right – ticket for first test in that series at Lord’s on 16 June 1977*

On Saturday 9 July 1977, I noted watching cricket. This was the third day in the [second Ashes test match](#) between England and Australia, held at Old Trafford in Manchester. I noted that on Thursday and Friday, the first and second days Australia had hit 297.<sup>167</sup> England’s reply started a bit shakily with the loss of Amiss and Brearley<sup>168</sup> but good stands by Randall (70)<sup>169</sup>, Woolmer (130)<sup>170</sup>, Greig (75)<sup>171</sup> and Knott (39) put England in a very good position.<sup>172</sup> Three days later, on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, the fifth day of the test, I noted that England won the test by nine wickets.

On Monday 1 August 1977, I noted watching the [third test match](#) which was at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. This was the fourth day of that match. I commented that Bob Willis had taken five wickets and had put England in a good position.<sup>173</sup> On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I noted that England had won as expected<sup>174</sup> meaning they were 2-0 up in the series with two games to play.

<sup>166</sup> [The Ashes](#) is a test cricket series contested between England and Australia approximately every two years. The origin of the name is well-known relating to a satirical obituary published in The Sporting Times in 1882 following Australia’s first test victory in England. At the time of this Ashes tour, Australia were holders of the Ashes.

<sup>167</sup> Australia batted into day 2 having reached 247 for 7 at the end of the first day.

<sup>168</sup> At one point, England were 23 for 2.

<sup>169</sup> 79.

<sup>170</sup> 137.

<sup>171</sup> 76.

<sup>172</sup> At the end of the third day, England were 436 for 9 in their first innings. They made 437. On Day 4, Australia were all out for 218 meaning England needed 79 to win. In their second innings, England made 82 for 1 meaning England won the test by nine wickets.

<sup>173</sup> In their first innings, Australia had scored 243 with England scoring 364 in reply. In their second innings, Australia had scored 309 and it was in this innings that Bob Willis took five for 88. England needed 189 to win. At the end of the fourth day, England were 17 without loss.

<sup>174</sup> England made 189 for 3 meaning that they won by seven wickets.

Geoffrey Boycott (*left*) and Mike Brearley (*right*) at the third Ashes test at Trent Bridge, Nottingham in 1977



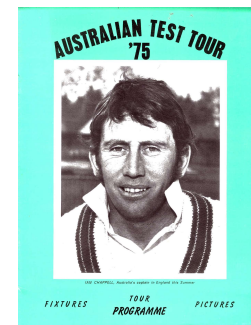
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On Saturday 13 August 1977, I commented that it was the third day of the [fourth test](#) which was being played at Headingley in Leeds. I noted that England were in an excellent position to win. After putting on 436<sup>175</sup>, Australia collapsed to 103 all out and, in the follow-on, were about 115 for 4.<sup>176</sup> England won the test and I commented that this meant England had won the Ashes. They were 3-0 up in the series with only one game to play.

For some reason, I made no mention of the [fifth test](#) which was played at The Oval in London from 25 to 30 August 1977. It may have been, with the series and Ashes won, I simply lost interest. It may also have been that, given there was no play on Day 1 because of poor weather, it was clear that the test was heading for a pretty meaningless draw, which was the eventual outcome.

In addition to the cricket that I followed, mostly on television, in 1976 and 1977, mum noted earlier, on Friday 1 August 1975, that one of the surgeons for whom she worked, Mr Ashken, went to Lord's to watch cricket. This was the second day of the [second test](#)<sup>177</sup> in a [four-match Ashes series](#). Mum noted the score in some detail saying Australia were all out for 263<sup>178</sup> and England had been all out for 315 the previous day. She also noted that, at one point, England had been 49 for 4<sup>179</sup> and Australia 79 for 7.<sup>180</sup>

Front cover of the programme for the Australian test tour of England in 1975



<sup>175</sup> Geoff Boycott made 191.

<sup>176</sup> By the end of the third day, they were 120 for 4. On the next day, they were all out for 248 meaning England won by an innings and 85 runs.

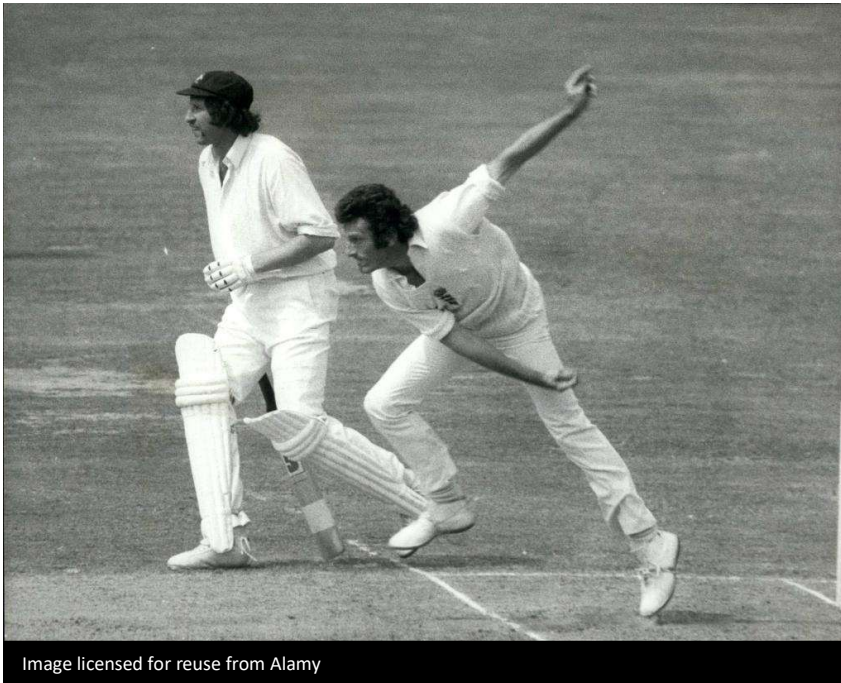
<sup>177</sup> The first test had taken place from 10-14 July at Edgbaston in Birmingham. In their first innings, Australia made 359. In reply, England could only make 101 and 173 meaning that Australia won by an innings and 85 runs.

<sup>178</sup> Mum's diary entry looks like she originally wrote 273 but then changed it to 263. In fact, Australia's first innings score was 268.

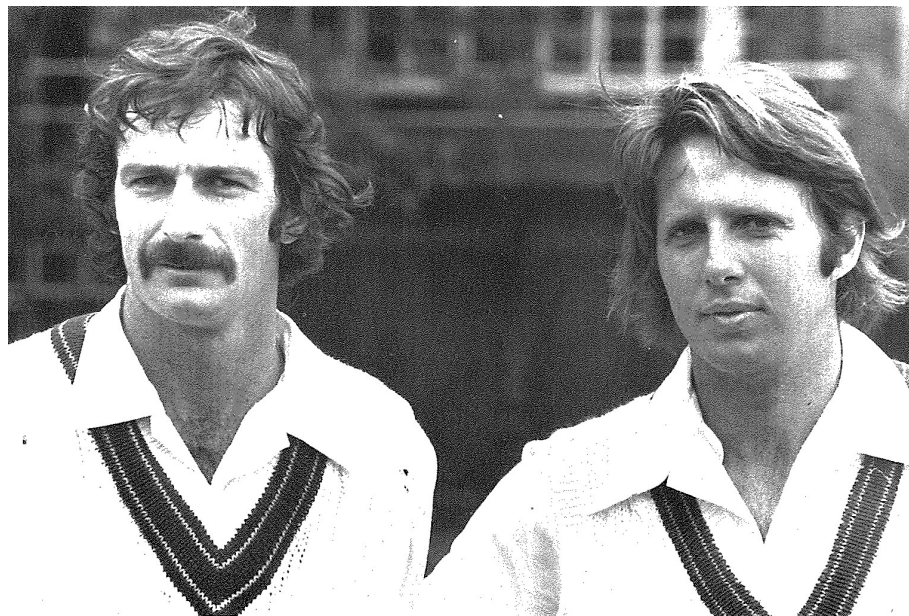
<sup>179</sup> Having lost Barry Wood for 6; John Edrich for 9; Dennis Amiss for a duck; and Graham Gooch for six all to the bowling of Dennis Lillee. As mum also noted, England rallied to 315 all out thanks to 50 from David Steele, 96 from captain Tony Grieg and 69 from wicket keeper Alan Knott.

<sup>180</sup> However, the scorecard records it as 81 for 7. The rally was due to 99 by Ross Edwards and 73 by Dennis Lillee. Edwards and Jeff Thomson made an eighth wicket partnership of 52 with Thomson making 17. Edwards and Lillee made a partnership of 66 before Lillee went on to a final wicket partnership with Ashley Mallett of 69 with Mallett making 14. Highlights of the day's play are available on [YouTube](#).

In the end, this match was drawn as were the third and fourth tests. However, Australia won the series as they had won the first test.



*Left – England fast bowler John Snow in action on the second day of the second Ashes test in 1975. I am not entirely sure who the Australian batsman is pictured but I think it is Rodney Marsh  
Below – Australia’s feared fast bowling duo of Dennis Lillee (left) and Jeff Thomson (right) from the programme for the Australian test tour of England in 1975*

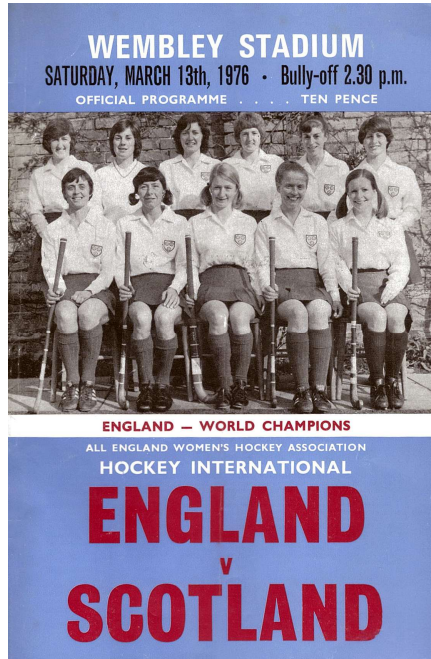


Mr Ashken was not the only person we knew who went to see cricket in person. On 5 June 1976, I noted that Ross, who worked with me at The Scientific Anglian bookshop, was not at work<sup>181</sup>, as he had gone to Chelmsford for some cricket. This was the first day of the county championship [match](#) between Essex and Hampshire which Essex won by nine wickets. [That year](#), Essex finished sixth in the county championship and Hampshire finished 12<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>181</sup> See [Chapter 119](#).

Ross was not the only person who took a day off from working at The Scientific Anglian to attend a sporting event during that period. I noted that, on 13 March 1976, Vivien Gamble was not at work<sup>182</sup> at The Scientific Anglian as she went to Wembley to see a [hockey international](#) between England and Scotland which England won 3-0. Apparently, there was an annual women's hockey international at Wembley from 1951 to 1991.



*Left – front cover for programme for women's hockey match between England and Scotland at Wembley in March 1976*  
*Below – photo of recent match between England, in white shirts, and Wales*  
*Bottom – photos and short bios for England's women's hockey team in March 1976. Of interest perhaps is that, of 22 players for both countries, 16 were PE teachers or lecturers*



PAULINE GIBBON

## FACE TO FACE WITH ENGLAND



MARIE BIRTWHISTLE



ANNE LUNT



LESLEY HURLEY



SHEILA WOOLDRIDGE



JENNY TIPPIN



MARGARET SOUYAVE



VALERIE ROBINSON



JANET JURISCHKA



GWEN JONES



ANITA WHITE

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SUBSTITUTES:  
 Mrs. Sheila Harding (Middlesex).  
 Miss Janet Edwards (Gloucestershire).

<sup>182</sup> See [Chapter 119](#)..

I have always been relatively interested in rugby union although that interest has mainly been at the national/international level and has not really extended to club rugby. Similarly, while I have watched some rugby league, I have never followed it particularly closely.<sup>183</sup>

I noted watching some of the [Five Nations Championships in 1977](#).<sup>184</sup> However, I did not note the first round of games in January 1977. Wales had beaten Ireland 25-9 and England had beaten Scotland 26-6. In February 1977, I did note the second round of games in which England beat Ireland 4<sup>185</sup>-0. France also beat Wales 16-9. Later that month, I noted watching the third round of games, while I was at dad's. France beat England 4-3 and Scotland beat Ireland 21-18.<sup>186</sup> The next month, March 1977, in what was the fourth round of matches, I noted that England lost to Wales 14-9. France also beat Scotland 23-3.<sup>187</sup> There were a final round of matches in mid-March 1977. These did not involve England and I did not write anything about them in my diary. France beat Ireland 15-6 and Wales beat Scotland 18-9. France won the championship with Wales second, England third, Scotland fourth and Ireland fifth.<sup>188</sup>



*Top – programmes for England games in 1977 Five Nations showing left to right Scotland, Ireland, France and Wales*  
*Above left – ticket for England v Scotland game in the Five Nations on 15 January 1977*  
*Above right – England's Roger Uttley passes the ball back from a scrum in the match against Ireland*

<sup>183</sup> Although one thing I do remember, somewhat arbitrarily, was that Tricia's friend, Liz Cowell's father, was a big rugby league fan, supporting Leeds who became [Leeds Rhinos](#).  
<sup>184</sup> This championship was originally the Home Nations Championship from 1883 to 1909. France joined between 1910 and 1931 when it became the Five Nations. However, it reverted to being the Home Nations Championship from 1932 to 1939 until France rejoined in 1947, when the tournament restarted after the second world war. The Championship expanded to become the Six Nations when Italy joined in 2000.  
<sup>185</sup> In rugby union, tries scored four points until [1992](#) when their value was raised to five points. Tries still count four points in rugby league.  
<sup>186</sup> Although I did not note the score of the Scotland Ireland game.  
<sup>187</sup> Although I did not note the score of the France Scotland game.  
<sup>188</sup> Although I only have my diary for this Five Nations Championships, I believe it is likely that I watched others during this period. This was a time of Welsh domination with Wales winning the Five Nations in 1975, 1976, 1978 and 1979.

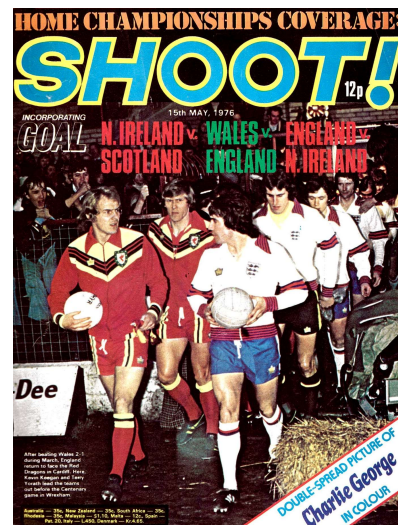


*The Welsh team of the late seventies had a number of great players including fly half Phil Bennett shown here in action against France in the 1977 Five Nations*

Then, as now, the main sport I was/am interested in is football. I was and remain an ardent Norwich City supporter so much of the material in the diaries regarding football relates to Norwich. However, I was also interested in other elements of football, particularly those that featured on television at that time, so international matches involving the home nations; European matches featuring British clubs; major cup matches, such as the FA Cup Final; and highlights from league games. In order to structure the large amount of material I have relating to football, I have organised it into a number of sections covering international matches, then European matches, FA Cup, League Cup, football on TV, Scottish football, five-a-side and finally matches involving Norwich. Because of the nature of these categories, there is some overlap but I have tried to avoid duplication and cross-reference where appropriate.

From 1883/84 to 1983/84, football teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland/Northern Ireland contested the [British Home Championships](#) annually. I made reference to the [1975/76 competition](#) in my 1976 diary.

*Front page cover of football magazine Shoot! for 15 May 1976 with a strong focus on the Home Championships. While I did not buy Shoot! or read it regularly, I was aware of it. This [magazine](#) was published between 1969 and 2008 before it became a monthly magazine and then a digital-only magazine which is [still available](#)*



The first game of the 1975-76 British Home Championship was between Scotland and Wales at Hampden Park on Thursday 6 May 1976. Scotland won this game 3-1. I noted that I had been going to watch an international football match between Scotland and Wales but dad came and we went to the election count instead.<sup>189</sup> Two days later, on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, I watched part of "Match of the Day" which was the Home Championship [match](#) between Wales and England which England won 1-0. Scotland and Northern Ireland played the same day. I noted that I was not sure what the score between them was.<sup>190</sup>



*Left – front cover of programme for Home Championship match between Wales and England in May 1976*

*Above – Leighton James and Mick Mills in action in the game in a photo that was published in the programme for the Wales v Yugoslavia quarter final match second leg*

*Details of squads for Wales and England. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Ian Evans started for Wales but is not listed in the squad.*

## Wales

(Red with Yellow and Green trim)

**GOALKEEPERS**  
 Brian LLOYD  
 \* Dai DAVIES  
 Grenville MILLINGTON

**DEFENDERS**  
 S \* Rod THOMAS  
 \* Malcolm PAGE  
 John ROBERTS  
 \* Leighton PHILLIPS  
 Dave ROBERTS  
 Joey JONES  
 S David JONES  
 Gareth DAVIS  
 Phil DWYER  
 Peter O'SULLIVAN

**MIDFIELD PLAYERS**  
 S Arfon GRIFFITHS  
 \* John MURPHY  
 \* Terry YORATH  
 \* Brian FLYNN  
 Les CARTWRIGHT

**FRONT PLAYERS**  
 \* Leighton JAMES  
 \* John TOSHACK  
 S Alan CURTIS  
 Carl HARRIS  
 Jack LEWIS

**PRE-MATCH ARRANGEMENTS**  
 The Regimental Band of the Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment) (Bandmaster Mr. G. T. Pike) will commence playing at 2 p.m.  
 At 2.50 p.m., both teams and match officials will take the field, immediately following which the band will play 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and 'The Queen'.  
 Music will be played by the Band during the interval.

**TODAY'S REFEREE**  
 Bobby Davidson (Airdrie)  
 One of the best known and most experienced referees in world football, has controlled matches in the 1966, 1970 and 1974 World Cup Finals, many internationals and European inter-club games. On both the F.I.A. and U.E.F.A. lists and was in charge of the Heart of Midlothian v. Rangers Scottish Cup Final last Saturday.

**LINSMEN**  
 W. J. Moulds (Scotland)  
 R. T. Thomson (Scotland)

**MATCH BALL**  
 Adidas Zephyr  
 Kindly donated by the North London Football Company.

## England

(White, Black shorts)

**GOALKEEPERS**  
 Ray CLEMENCE \*  
 Peter SHILTON  
 Phil PARKES

**DEFENDERS**  
 Paul MADELEY  
 Kevin BEATTIE  
 Phil NEAL  
 Colin TODD  
 Roy McFARLAND  
 Phil THOMPSON \*  
 Brian GREENHOFF \*  
 Trevor CHERRY  
 Mick DOYLE  
 Alan DODD  
 Dave CLEMENT \*

**MIDFIELD PLAYERS**  
 Gerry FRANCIS \*  
 Trevor BROOKING  
 Tony TOWERS \*  
 Ray KENNEDY \*  
 Mick MILLS \*  
 Ray WILKINS  
 Colin BELL

**FRONT PLAYERS**  
 Stuart PEARSON \*  
 Kevin KEEGAN \*  
 Peter TAYLOR \*  
 Gordon HILL  
 Mick CHANNON  
 Trevor FRANCIS  
 Joe ROYLE  
 Denis TUEART

**Support Wales!**  
 DON'T miss the next match in the Home International Championship — Wales v. Northern Ireland at the Vetch Field, Swansea, on Friday evening, 14th May, 1976 (k.o. 7 p.m.). Stand tickets £3 and £2; admission to enclosure and ground by payment at turnstiles — £1.50 and £1 respectively (schoolboys 50p).



**Support Wales!**  
 THE match of the year: Wales v. Yugoslavia at Ninian Park, Cardiff, on Saturday, 22nd May, 1976 (k.o. 3 p.m.) in the European Championship quarter-final (second leg). Ground ticket price is £1 (schoolboys 50p). This is the greatest international that Wales have played for years . . . your support is vital.

<sup>189</sup> See [Chapter 129](#)  
<sup>190</sup> In fact, [Scotland beat Northern Ireland 3-0](#).

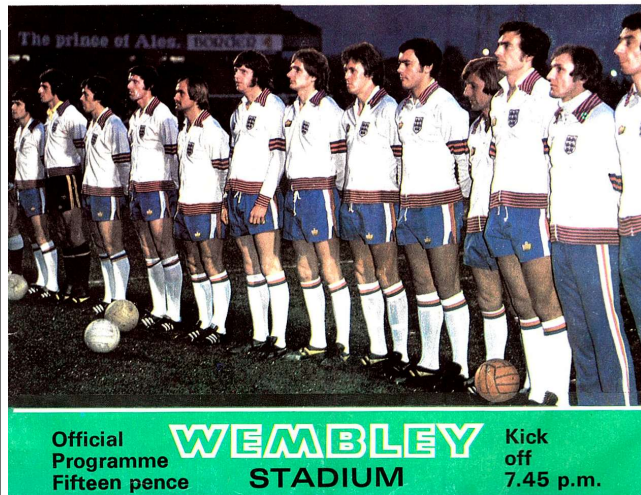
Three days later, on Tuesday 11 May 1976, I watched [England beat Northern Ireland 4-0](#).



*Above* – photos from the match that appeared in the programme for England’s game against Ireland in September 1976 showing Gerry Francis competing for a high ball (*top*) and Stuart Pearson scoring the third goal (*above*)

*Right* – front cover of programme for match in May 1976

*Below* – respective squads from programme. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Manager Dave Clements played for Northern Ireland. England goalscorers were Gerry Francis, Mick Channon (2) and Stuart Pearson



ENGLAND		NORTHERN IRELAND	
(White Shirts with Red and Blue Piping Blue Shorts with Red and White Stripe White Stockings with Red and Blue Tops)		(Green Shirts, White Shorts Green Stockings)	
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	* R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ..... P. PARKES (Queen’s Park Rangers) ..... P. SHILTON (Stoke City)	<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	* P. JENNINGS (Tottenham Hotspur) ..... J. PLATT (Middlesbrough)
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	..... K. BEATTIE (Ipswich Town) ..... T. CHERRY (Leeds United) ..... D. CLEMENT (Queen’s Park Rangers) ..... M. DOYLE (Manchester City) * B. GREENHOFF (Manchester United) ..... R. McFARLAND (Derby County) ..... P. NEAL (Liverpool) * P. THOMPSON (Liverpool) * C. TODD (Derby County)	<b>DEFENDERS</b>	* A. HUNTER (Ipswich Town) (Captain) * S. NELSON (Arsenal) * C. NICHOLL (Aston Villa) ..... J. NICHOLL (Manchester United) ..... P. RICE (Arsenal) ..... P. SCOTT (York City)
<b>MIDFIELD</b>	..... T. BROOKING (West Ham United) * G. FRANCIS (Queen’s Park Rangers) (Captain) * R. KENNEDY (Liverpool) * M. MILLS (Ipswich Town) ..... A. TOWERS (Sunderland) ..... R. WILKINS (Chelsea)	<b>MIDFIELD</b>	* T. CASSIDY (Newcastle United) ..... B. HAMILTON (Everton) ..... P. SHARKEY (Ipswich Town)
<b>FORWARDS</b>	* M. CHANNON (Southampton) ..... C. GEORGE (Derby County) ..... G. HILL (Manchester United) * K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) * S. PEARSON (Manchester United) * J. ROYLE (Manchester City) * P. TAYLOR (Crystal Palace)	<b>FORWARDS</b>	..... T. COCHRANE (Coleraine) ..... T. FINNEY (Sunderland) * D. McCREERY (Manchester United) * S. McILROY (Manchester United) * S. MORGAN (Brighton & Hove Albion) * D. SPENCE (Bury)
Manager: Mr. DON REVIE Assistant Manager: Mr. Les Cocker		*Manager: Mr. DAVE CLEMENTS Trainer: Mr. Bob McGregor	
<b>REFEREE</b> CLIVE THOMAS (Wales) <small>Clive Thomas, who was in charge of the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley earlier this month, is the man in the middle tonight. Married with two children, he also coached important games in the 1974 World Cup.</small>		<b>REFEREE</b> CLIVE THOMAS (Wales)	
<b>LINESMEN</b> G. L. HARRHY (Wales) (Red Flag) I. F. WILLIAMS (Wales) (Flame Flag)		<b>LINESMEN</b> G. L. HARRHY (Wales) (Red Flag) I. F. WILLIAMS (Wales) (Flame Flag)	
<b>Reserve Linesman</b> A. W. WARD (London)		<b>Reserve Linesman</b> A. W. WARD (London)	
<b>SUBSTITUTES:</b> Two substitutes, by both teams, for any reason, will be permitted at any time during the match.		<b>SUBSTITUTES:</b> Two substitutes, by both teams, for any reason, will be permitted at any time during the match.	
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Saturday, 5th June Kick-off 3.30 p.m. SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL: ENGLAND v. FRANCE Seats (all res'd): £1.20, £1.00, 80p, Standing 40p.	Wednesday, 8th September Kick-off 7.45 p.m. INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL: ENGLAND v. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND Seats (all res'd): £5.00, £4.00, £3.00, £2.50, Standing £1.50.
Saturday, 14th August Kick-off 3.00 p.m. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHARITY SHIELD: LIVERPOOL v. SOUTHAMPTON Seats (all res'd): £3.00, £4.00, £3.00, £2.50, Standing £1.50.	Wednesday, 13th October Kick-off 7.45 p.m. WORLD CUP QUALIFYING: ENGLAND v. FINLAND (Watch Press for ticket details.)

Tickets available from Football Box Office, Wembley Stadium, Wembley HA9 0DW. Cheques, postal orders crossed and payable to Wembley Stadium Ltd with S.A.E. or personal callers, Empire Pool Box Office, or pay at Turnstiles on the day.

Three days after that, on Friday 14 May 1976, I noted that [Wales were playing Northern Ireland](#). When I went to bed, it was 1-0 to Wales and that was how it finished. The [deciding game](#) was played between England and Scotland the following day with Scotland winning [2-1](#). I noted how the teams finished in the table. In that year, Scotland won the championship with England second, Wales third and Northern Ireland fourth. Scotland won all their games which, interestingly, were all at home.



Front cover of programme for match between Scotland and England in the Home Championships in May 1976

## SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND PEN PICTURES

**ALAN ROUGH** (*Partick Thistle*)—Won his first full honour last month against Switzerland after playing in many Under 23 games. Looks the logical successor to Harvey on account of his smooth improvement in the past season. 3 caps.

**JIM STEWART** (*Kilmarnock*)—Comes into the pool because of the injury to Leeds United's Dave Harvey. Was in the 1974 World Cup pool. A bright young keeper who was signed by Kilmarnock from Tooten Juniors in 1970.

**MARTIN BUCHAN** (*Manchester United*)—Captained Aberdeen before being transferred for a six-figure sum and now skips Manchester United from his defensive role. A born leader who likes to study languages and to play the guitar. 19 caps.

**WILLIE DONACHIE** (*Manchester City*)—A compact full-back who has played at Under 23 and full international level. Went to Lancashire direct from school football in his native Glasgow. 14 caps.

**ALEX FORSYTH** (*Manchester United*)—Moved south from Partick Thistle for £10,000 but needed time to settle. Can play in either full-back position and packs a match-winning shot. 10 caps.

**TOM FORSYTH** (*Rangers*)—Perhaps the hardest tackler in Scottish football and a valued member of the Irons side. Formerly a midfielder, he changed position when transferred from Motherwell. Captained the Scots against Switzerland. 5 caps.

**COLIN JACKSON** (*Rangers*)—The tall Aberdonian has taken advantage of injuries to Jim Holton and Gordon McQueen to establish himself as first choice centre half. Commanding in the air and always able to score at the other end as he did against Wales a year ago. 7 caps.

**DANNY MCGRAIN** (*Celtic*)—A brilliant, attacking right back who will be able to appear in his own position this year. He has a remarkable understanding with clubmate Dalgleish and stands out for his high quality play. 27 caps.

**KENNY DALGLEISH** (*Celtic*)—Scotland's most accomplished footballer whose class is reflected in his ever present record under Willie Ormond. And yet Kenny has reproduced his club form only recently for his country. 38 caps.

**ARCHIE GEMMILL** (*Derby County*)—Small, industrious schemer who played for Scotland under Bobby Brown. Went from St. Mirren to Preston and to his present club where he blossomed as an outstanding player. 11 caps.

**EDDIE GRAY** (*Leeds United*)—Back in the international limelight after a gap of more than four years in which time he almost quit through injury. A magnificent left-sided player with a lot of talent, he has been a Leeds United regular since mid-season. 9 caps.

**ASA HARTFORD** (*Manchester City*)—Quicksilver midfielder player who moved from West Bromwich Albion for £250,000 close on two years ago after the disappointment of seeing a deal with Leeds United collapse due to a hole-in-the-heart condition. But ASA has proved his health is perfect and his ability exceptional. 9 caps.

**DEREK JOHNSTONE** (*Rangers*)—A young man who is any manager's dream. One of the most regular scorers in Britain, he can work in the middle of the park or play centre half. This Dundee youngster has emerged as a major personality in Scotland. 8 caps.

**DON MASSON** (*Queen's Park Rangers*)—Joined the Scotland squad for the home international as the only uncapped member of the pool. Comes from Banochory and had a brilliant season for Queen's Park Rangers as their midfield maestro. 2 caps.

**BRUCE RITCHIE** (*Derby County*)—At club and international level, he has proved that his left foot is a deadly weapon. Born in Aldershot, he played for Luton Town and Aston Villa before Dave Mackay paid £200,000 for a half-back regularly among the goals from free kicks. 10 caps.

**ANDY GRAY** (*Aston Villa*)—Cost the English club £150,000 from Dundee United but Aston Villa regard it as money well spent for a sharp goalscorer. The fair-haired youngster scored a hat-trick for the Under-23s this season and is especially slick in the air. 1 cap.

**JOE JORDAN** (*Leeds United*)—Rated the best centre forward in Europe after the 1974 World Cup. The tall rangy forward, brilliant in the air, has had cruel luck with injuries and wasn't fit for international duty this season until March. Leeds United bought him from Merton for a bargain price and have profited from their foresight. 19 caps.

**WILLIE PETHGREW** (*Motherwell*)—Burnt onto the senior scene last season as a champion marksmen. Won his first cap against Switzerland lately and grabbed the winner before being injured. Sharp off the mark, his right-footed shots are nearly always on target. 3 caps.

**RAY CLEMENCE** (*Liverpool*)—Alert and swift moving goalkeeper who has played a vital role in his club's successes. Comes from Skegness and cost Liverpool only £18,000 in a deal with Southampton. 17 caps.

**PETER SHILTON** (*Stoke City*)—In contrast to his goalkeeping rival, Leicester City collected £250,000 for his transfer. First capped in 1970, he first showed promise at the age of 11 and learned the business under Gordon Banks. 21 caps.

**TREVOR CHERRY** (*Leeds United*)—Scored the winning goal in the Inter-League match this season. Can operate anywhere in defence and has repaid the faith of Leeds United who paid Huddersfield Town £100,000 for him. 1 cap.

**DAVID CLEMENT** (*Queen's Park Rangers*)—Forms an international partnership with Ian Gillard at club level. Won his first honour in a sub against Wales and played against the same opponents last week. A Londoner and one-club man with considerable experience. 1 cap.

**BRIAN GREENHOFF** (*Manchester United*)—A former midfielder player who was converted into a centre half when Jim Holton had the misfortune to break his leg. Cool and decisive in all his work. Belongs to Barnley and won his first cap last week. 1 cap.

**PHIL NEAL** (*Liverpool*)—A relative newcomer to the top international level, he can play in either full-back berth. Bought from Northampton less than two years ago for £60,000. 1 cap.

**PHIL THOMPSON** (*Liverpool*)—Tall, fair-haired centre half who went to his local team straight from school five years ago. Looked certain to require a knee operation in the early months of the season but recovered well. 2 caps.

**COLIN TODD** (*Derby County*)—Once the pride of the north-east where he played around 200 games for Sunderland, he was bought by Brian Clough for £70,000. Cool and studied defensive half-back. 19 caps.

**TREVOR BROOKING** (*West Ham United*)—A one-club man who has been an outstanding member of the London club for some years. Accurate in the pass and clever on the ball, he can grace any company. 9 caps.

**GERRY FRANCIS** (*Queen's Park Rangers*)—London-born skipper of the England team. He made his debut in Don Revie's first selection in 1974. A busy midfielder player who showed his scoring skills with two goals at Wembley a year ago. 9 caps.

**RAY KENNEDY** (*Liverpool*)—Played in the front line for Arsenal but Liverpool, who handed out £200,000 for his services, have used the busy Winger Bp man in midfield. He claims a fair share of goals in his deeper role. 1 cap.

**MICK HILLS** (*Sunderland*)—For sheer dependability, this full-back takes a lot of beating. Never shony, he is guaranteed to turn in a solid performance as Don Revie full appreciates. 9 caps.

**TONY TOWERS** (*Sunderland*)—Went to Roker Park two years ago in a three-way deal, moving from Manchester City. Played League football at 17 and won youth and Under 23 caps. 1 cap.

**MIKE CHANNON** (*Southampton*)—Almost always the club's leading scorer and a rival with a good record against Scotland. One of the hottest properties in English football, he has stayed faithful to Southampton despite offers from other clubs. 37 caps.

**GORDON HILL** (*Manchester United*)—One of the newest and most talked about personalities in the game. A direct, hard-hitting winger who was bought from Millwall for £70,000 with the promise of £10,000 more once he played for his country.

**KEVIN KEEGAN** (*Liverpool*)—Quicksilver forward with tremendous ball control. One of the finest bargains in modern times, he moved from Southampton for £20,000. No defence can relax against this superb dribbler. Belongs Doncaster. 19 caps.

**STUART PEARSON** (*Manchester United*)—Dynamic centre forward for whom Manchester United paid Hull City £200,000 close on two years ago. His leadership has had much to do with Manchester United's rise in the past two seasons. 1 cap.

**JOE ROYLE** (*Manchester City*)—Another tall forward who figured in a £200,000 deal. He took the short trip from Everton to become an ideal target man in the Manchester City attack.

**PETER TAYLOR** (*Crystal Palace*)—Played a major part in the London club's great cup run which ended at the senior stage. Crystal Palace paid Southampton £120,000 for the winger and could recoup the cash with interest at any time. 2 caps.

\* Number of caps does not include England v. Northern Ireland in mid-week.

Pen pictures for members of Scotland and England squad from programme for Home Championship match between Scotland and England in May 1976

### SCOTLAND



### ENGLAND

WILLIE ORMOND

DON REVIE

#### GOALKEEPERS

- \* ALAN ROUGH
- ..... JIM STEWART
- ..... DAVID HARVEY

#### DEFENDERS

- ..... MARTIN BUCHAN
- ..... JOHN BLACKLEY
- ..... KENNY BURNS
- \* WILLIE DONACHIE
- \* ALEX FORSYTH
- \* TOM FORSYTH
- ..... STEWART HOUSTON
- \* COLIN JACKSON
- \* DANNY MCGRAIN

#### MIDFIELD

- \* KENNY DALGLEISH
- \* ARCHIE GEMMILL
- S EDDIE GRAY
- ..... ASA HARTFORD
- S DEREK JOHNSTONE
- \* DON MASSON
- \* BRUCE RITCHIE

#### FORWARDS

- \* ANDY GRAY
- \* JOE JORDAN
- ..... WILLIE PETHGREW

Today's referee, **KAROLY PALOTAI** of Hungary, was handed his European first here on Wednesday night.

He was recommended strongly by both Scotland and England to Don Revie, the vice-president of UEFA.

On a previous visit to Britain in 1973 he headed to UEFA to interview Leeds United and Liverpool at Elland Road.

Pointed who is 40, will be wearing the whistle on duty at this week's Motherwell Derby.

He stayed for Hungary in the Tokyo Olympics in 1966.

**G. MUDENCZ** (Hungary) - 7' 7 1/2"  
**B. LAUBER** (Hungary) - 6' 7 1/2"

**TODAY'S BALL IS SUPPLIED BY MIERE SPORTS**

**TEAMS & PLAYERS' NUMBERS** will be announced at regular intervals from the public address system with the 15th, 10th, 5th and 1st.

#### GOALKEEPERS

- \* RAY CLEMENCE
- ..... PHIL PARKES
- ..... PETER SHILTON

#### DEFENDERS

- \* KEVIN BEATTIE
- ..... TREVOR CHERRY
- ..... DAVE CLEMENT
- \* BRIAN GREENHOFF
- \* ROY MCFARLAND
- ..... PHIL NEAL
- \* PHIL THOMPSON
- \* COLIN TODD

#### MIDFIELD

- \* TREVOR BROOKING
- ..... GERRY FRANCIS
- \* RAY KENNEDY
- \* MICK HILLS
- \* TONY TOWERS
- ..... RAY WILKINS

#### FORWARDS

- \* MIKE CHANNON
- ..... CHARLIE GEORGE
- ..... GORDON HILL
- \* KEVIN KEEGAN
- \* STUART PEARSON
- ..... JOE ROYLE
- \* PETER TAYLOR

Respective squads for Scotland and England for the Home Championship game in May 1976. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. The goal scorer for England was Mick Channon and the scorers for Scotland were Don Masson and Kenny Dalgleish

### WARNING

Spectators in their own interests, and in the interests of those around them are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground. Their doing so will reduce to a minimum the risk of accident. We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.

The following year, in 1977, the [Home Championship](#) ran from 28 May to 4 June. I noted some of the games in my diary. For example, on Saturday 28 May 1977, I noted that [England beat Northern Ireland 2-1](#) and Scotland drew 0-0 with Wales.



Front cover of programme for match between Northern Ireland and England in the Home Championships in May 1977. This also served as the programme for Northern Ireland's game against Wales

*Respective squads for Northern Ireland and England for the Home Championship game in May 1977. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Mick Mills started for England although he was not listed in the squad. England's scorers were Mick Channon and Dennis Tueart helping England to come from behind*

## Saturday Teamcheck

NORTHERN IRELAND	ENGLAND
✧ PAT JENNINGS (Tottenham Hotspur)	RAY CLEMENCE (Liverpool)
JIM PLATT (Middlesbrough)	PETER SHILTON (Stoke City) ✧
✧ PAT RICE (Arsenal)	JOE CORRIGAN (Manchester City)
SAMMY NELSON (Arsenal)	DAVE CLEMENT (Queen's Park Rangers)
✧ TOMMY JACKSON (Manchester United)	KEVIN BEATTIE (Ipswich Town)
✧ ALLAN HUNTER (Ipswich Town)	EMLYN HUGHES (Liverpool)
✧ JIMMY NICHOLL (Manchester United)	COLIN TODD (Derby County) ✧
CHRIS NICHOLL (Aston Villa)	DAVE WATSON (Manchester City) ✧
✧ BRIAN HAMILTON (Everton)	BRIAN TALBOT (Ipswich Town) S
✧ DAVID McCREERY (Manchester United)	TREVOR CHERRY (Leeds United) ✧
✧ SAMMY McILROY (Manchester United)	RAY KENNEDY (Liverpool)
TOMMY GASSIDY (Newcastle United)	BRIAN GREENHOFF (Manchester United) ✧
S MARTIN O'NEILL (Nottingham Forest)	KEVIN KEEGAN (Liverpool)
✧ CHRIS McGRATH (Manchester United)	MIKE CHANNON (Southampton) ✧
✧ TREVOR ANDERSON (Swindon Town)	JOE ROYLE (Manchester City)
S ✧ GERRY ARMSTRONG (Tottenham Hotspur)	DENIS TUEART (Manchester City) ✧
TERRY COCHRANE (Burnley)	TREVOR FRANCIS (Birmingham City)
S DEREK SPENCE (Blackpool)	RAY WILKINS (Chelsea) ✧ S
Team Manager: D. BLANCHFLOWER	STUART PEARSON (Manchester United)
	PAUL MARINER (Ipswich Town) ✧
	GORDON HILL (Manchester United)
	TREVOR BROOKING (West Ham United) ✧
	STEVE COPPELL (Manchester United)
	Team Manager: DON REVIE

Referee — B. R. McGINLAY (Scotland)  
Linesmen — W. O. A. BAYNE, R. D. CRAWFORD (Scotland)

Three days later, on Tuesday 31 May 1977, I noted that [England](#) lost [1-0](#) to Wales in the Home Internationals. The next day, on Wednesday 1 June 1977, I watched part of the game between Scotland and Northern Ireland. When I went to bed, Scotland were winning 1-0.<sup>191</sup>



# WALES SHOCK ENGLAND

ENGLAND . . . . . 0  
 WALES . . . . . 1  
 JAMES (penalty)

**WEMBLEY STADIUM**  
**TUESDAY, 31 MAY, 1977**  
**(British Championship)**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
WALES	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
ENGLAND	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
SCOTLAND	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
N. IRELAND	1	0	0	1	1	2	0



ENGLAND		WALES	
<small>(White shirts with red and blue piping Blue shorts with red and white stripe White stockings with red and blue tops)</small>		<small>(Red shirts, red shorts, red stockings)</small>	
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ... J. CORRIGAN (Manchester City) * P. SHILTON (Stoke City)	<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	* D. DAVIES (Everton) ... B. LLOYD (Wrexham)
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	* B. GREENHOFF (Manchester United) * E. HUGHES (Liverpool) * M. MILLS (Ipswich Town) * P. NEAL (Liverpool) ... C. TODD (Derby County) * D. WATSON (Manchester City)	<b>DEFENDERS</b>	* I. EVANS (Crystal Palace) * J. JONES (Liverpool) ... M. PAGE (Birmingham City) * L. PHILLIPS (Aston Villa) * S. D. ROBERTS (Hull City) ... J. ROBERTS (Wrexham) ... L. TIBBOTT (Ipswich Town) * R. THOMAS (Derby County)
<b>MIDFIELD</b>	* T. BROOKING (West Ham United) ... T. CHERRY (Leeds United) * R. KENNEDY (Liverpool) ... B. TALBOT (Ipswich Town) ... R. WILKINS (Chelsea)	<b>MIDFIELD</b>	* B. FLYNN (Burnley) ... A. GRIFFITHS (Wrexham) * J. MAHONEY (Stoke City) ... M. THOMAS (Wrexham) * T. YORATH (Coventry City) <i>Captain</i> ... A. CURTIS (Swansea City)
<b>FORWARDS</b>	* M. CHANNON (Southampton) ... S. COPPELL (Manchester United) ... T. FRANCIS (Birmingham City) ... G. HILL (Manchester United) * K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) <i>Captain</i> ... P. MARINER (Ipswich Town) * S. PEARSON (Manchester United) ... J. ROYLE (Manchester City) * S. D. TUEART (Manchester City)	<b>FORWARDS</b>	* N. DEACY (PSV Eindhoven) * L. JAMES (Derby County) * P. SAYER (Cardiff City) ... J. TOSHACK (Liverpool)
Manager: Mr. DON REVIE		Manager: Mr. MIKE SMITH	

**REFEREE**  
 J. R. P. BORDON  
 (Newport-on-Tay)

**LINESMEN**  
 W. MCLEISH  
 (Stonehouse)  
*(Flame Flag)*  
 H. L. STEVENSON  
 (Paisley)  
*(Red Flag)*  
 Reserve Linesman  
 P. C. WRENNALL  
 (Burnham, Bucks)

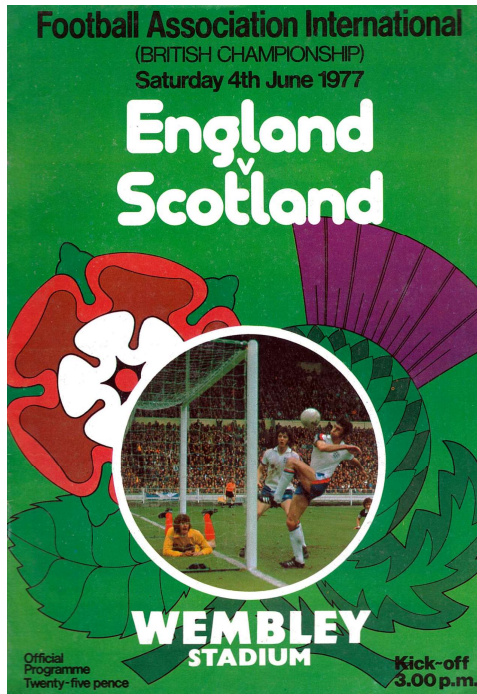
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TEAM NUMBERING - Teams and numbering will be displayed on the scoreboards and announced over the public address system before the game and during the interval.

*Top left* – front cover of programme for match between England and Wales in May 1977  
*Top right* – headline in programme for England's next match v Scotland  
*Middle right* – Mick Channon and Dave Roberts in action in England v Wales clash  
*Above* – respective squads for England and Wales for the Home Championship game in May 1977. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. According to the programme, Wales had not beaten England since 1955 and had not beaten England in England since 1935

<sup>191</sup> The final score was 3-0.

Four days later, on Saturday 4 June 1977, when I got back from work<sup>192</sup>, I discovered that [Scotland had beaten England 2-1](#).<sup>193</sup> As a result, Scotland again won the Championship with Wales second this time, England third and Northern Ireland again fourth.



Above far left – front cover of programme for match between England and Scotland at Wembley in June 1977

Above left – the match was marked by a pitch invasion resulting in damage including to the goalposts – image from *The People* obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)

Above – ticket for match between England and Scotland in June 1977

Below left – squads for the match between England and Scotland in June 1977. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S.

ENGLAND		SCOTLAND	
<p>(White shirts with red and blue piping, blue shorts with red and white stripes, white stockings with red and blue tops)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool)</li> <li>J. CORRIGAN (Manchester City)</li> <li>P. SHILTON (Stoke City)</li> </ul> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* S. B. GREENHOFF (Manchester United)</li> <li>* E. HUGHES (Liverpool)</li> <li>* M. MILLS (Ipswich Town)</li> <li>* P. NEAL (Liverpool)</li> <li>* C. TODD (Derby County)</li> <li>* D. WATSON (Manchester City)</li> </ul> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T. BROOKING (West Ham United)</li> <li>* S. T. CHERRY (Leeds United)</li> <li>* R. KENNEDY (Liverpool)</li> <li>* R. TALBOT (Ipswich Town)</li> <li>R. WILKINS (Chelsea)</li> </ul> <p><b>FORWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* M. CHANNON (Southampton)</li> <li>* S. COPPELL (Manchester United)</li> <li>* T. FRANCIS (Birmingham City)</li> <li>* G. HILL (Manchester United)</li> <li>* K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) (Captain)</li> <li>* P. MARINER (Ipswich Town)</li> <li>* S. PEARSON (Manchester United)</li> <li>* J. ROYLE (Manchester City)</li> <li>* S. D. TUERT (Manchester City)</li> </ul> <p>Manager: Mr. DON REVIE</p>		<p>(Dark blue shirts, white shorts, dark blue stockings)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. CLARK (Aberdeen)</li> <li>* A. ROUGH (Partick Thistle)</li> <li>J. STEWART (Kilmarnock)</li> </ul> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. BLACKLEY (Hibernian)</li> <li>* M. BUCHAN (Manchester United)</li> <li>* W. DONACHE (Manchester City)</li> <li>* T. FORSYTH (Glasgow Rangers)</li> <li>* S. JARDINE (Glasgow Rangers)</li> <li>* D. McGRAIN (Glasgow Celtic)</li> <li>* G. McQUEEN (Leeds United)</li> </ul> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* S. A. GEMMELL (Derby County)</li> <li>* A. HARTFORD (Manchester City)</li> <li>* S. L. MACARI (Manchester United)</li> <li>* D. MASSON (Queen's Park Rangers)</li> <li>* B. RIOCH (Everton)</li> <li>* J. SMITH (Aberdeen)</li> </ul> <p><b>FORWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* K. BURNS (Birmingham City)</li> <li>* D. COOPER (Clydebank)</li> <li>* K. DALGLISH (Glasgow Celtic)</li> <li>* S. W. JOHNSTON (West Bromwich Albion)</li> <li>* K. J. JORDAN (Leeds United)</li> <li>* D. PARLANE (Glasgow Rangers)</li> </ul> <p>Manager: Mr. ALLY MACLEOD</p>	
<p><b>REFEREE</b></p> <p>K. PALOTAI (Hungary)</p> <p><b>LINESMEN</b></p> <p>L. PADAR (Hungary)</p> <p>L. TOMPA (Hungary)</p> <p><b>RESERVE LINESMAN</b></p> <p>A. GUNN (Southwick, Sussex)</p>		<p><b>SUBSTITUTES:</b> Two substitutes, by both teams, for any reason, will be permitted at any time during the match.</p> <p><b>TEAM NUMBERING:</b> Teams and numbering will be displayed on the scoreboard and announced over the public address system before the game and during the interval.</p>	

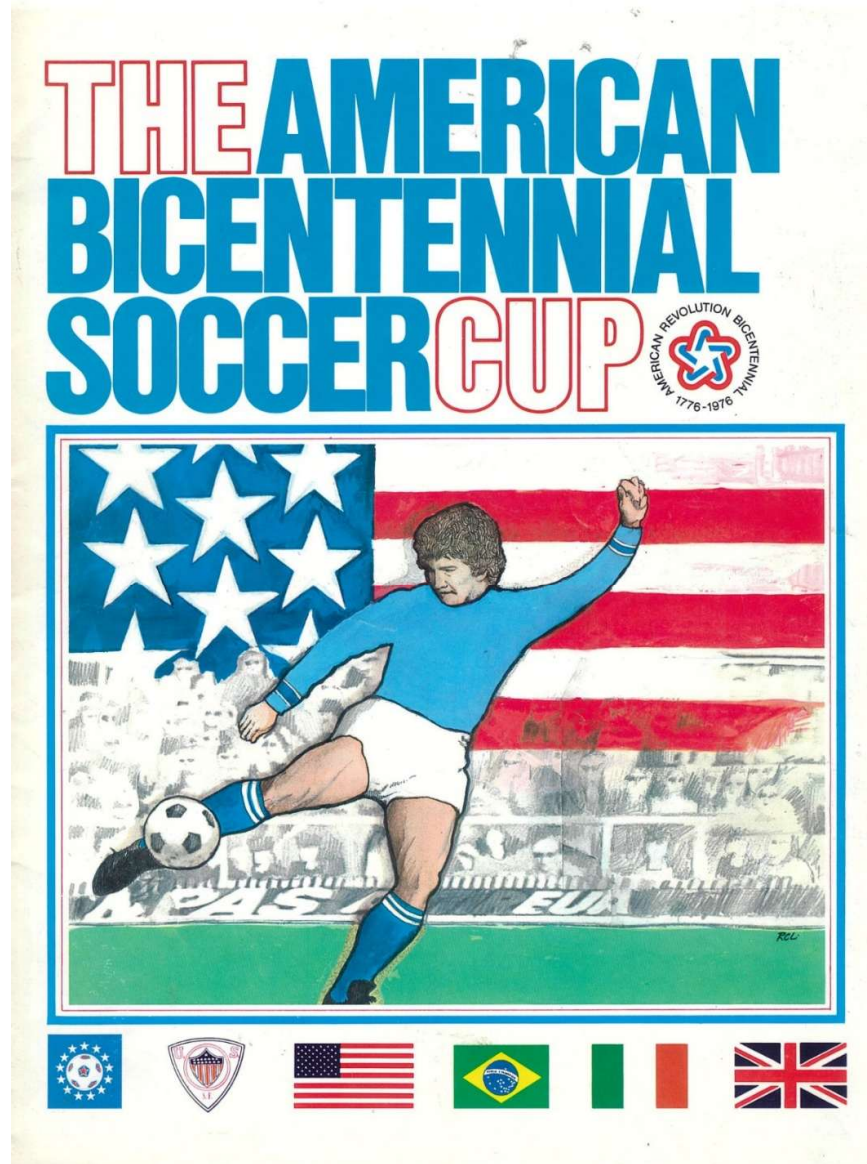
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As 1976 and 1977 were the only years for which I have my diaries, these were the only years when the Home Championship was mentioned. I am sure I would have watched it in other years. England won the [Championship](#) in 1975, 1978 and 1979.

<sup>192</sup> See [Chapter 119](#).

<sup>193</sup> The previous day, Friday 3 June 1977, Wales and Northern Ireland drew 1-1 in Belfast.

From 23 to 31 May 1976, the United States hosted a football competition called the [bicentennial cup](#) to celebrate America's bicentenary. There were four teams, England, Brazil, Italy and Team America.<sup>194</sup> Apparently, this competition was possible because both England and Italy failed to qualify for the [1976 European Championship](#). Games were played in six US cities, Washington DC, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, Philadelphia and New Haven, Connecticut.



*Programme for the American Bicentennial Soccer Cup held in the United States in May 1976. This contains quite a lot of detail about the teams and explains the "rules" of football. However, it does not say much about the tournament, e.g. how it would be organised or when/where games would be scheduled! Interestingly, although England were participating in the tournament, it is the British flag on the front cover!*

<sup>194</sup> Team America was a team made up of players from various nationalities playing in the North America Soccer League. It was a [controversial idea](#) that was criticised for failing to give American nationals the opportunity to compete against some of the best players in the world. Two well-known players, Rodney Marsh and George Best cited concerns over this as the reasons why they withdrew from the team. The intention was to stimulate US interest in soccer and to showcase the North American Soccer League. Neither of these was particularly successful. Games were poorly attended and Team America lost all three of their games.

In terms of games played and results achieved in the Bicentennial Cup, on Sunday 23 May 1976, Italy beat Team America 4-0 and England [lost 1-0](#) to Brazil. I noted that Roberto scored in the last minute in a very close game which I thought England deserved, at least, to draw. The next games were played on Friday 28 May 1976 with Brazil beating Team America 2-0 and [England beating Italy 3-2](#). The next day, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, I noted the England Italy score and that England had come back to win from 2-0 down.<sup>195</sup> come back from 2-0 down. On Monday 31 May 1976, I watched football on TV but did not say what it was. In fact, it was highlights of the Bicentennial Cup match between England and Team America. This was shown on [ITV](#) at 10.15pm. England beat Team America 3-1 and, on the same day, Brazil beat Italy 4-1. In my diary, I noted that Team America included Pele, Bobby Moore, Mike England, Dave Clement, Tommy Smith, "an Italian who played in the 70 World Cup [Giorgio Chinaglia] and a Hungarian."<sup>196</sup>

## TEAM AMERICA



NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CLUB	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
George Best	forward	5-8	159	29	Los Angeles Aztecs	Northern Ireland
Peter Chandler	defender	6-0	160	23	Hartford Bicentennials	United States
Giorgio Chinaglia	forward	6-0	187	29	New York Cosmos	Italy
Dave Clements	midfielder	5-10	155	31	New York Cosmos	Northern Ireland
Steve David	forward	6-0	155	25	Miami Toros	Trinidad
Keith Eddy	defender	5-11	155	26	New York Cosmos	England
Mike England	defender	6-2	184	34	Seattle Sounders	Wales
Stewart Jump	defender	5-10	160	24	Tampa Bay Rowdies	England
John Kowalik	forward	5-7	145	32	Chicago Sting	Poland
Hank Liotart	midfielder	5-11	176	32	Seattle Sounders	United States
Rodney Marsh	forward	6-1	185	31	Tampa Bay Rowdies	England
Eric Martin	goalkeeper	6-0	175	30	Washington Diplomats	Scotland
Arnold Mausser	goalkeeper	6-2	185	22	Tampa Bay Rowdies	United States
Bob McNab	defender	5-8	165	31	San Antonio Thunder	England
Ramon Miffiin	midfielder	5-9	160	29	New York Cosmos	Peru
Bobby Moore	defender	6-0	183	35	San Antonio Thunder	England
John Pedro	midfielder	6-0	183	25	Rochester Lancers	Portugal
Pele	forward	5-9	165	35	New York Cosmos	Brazil
Bob Rigby	goalkeeper	6-0	175	25	New York Cosmos	United States
Stewart Scullion	midfielder	5-7	155	29	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Scotland
Alex Skotarek	midfielder	6-1	175	27	Chicago Sting	United States
Bob Smith	defender	5-11	165	25	New York Cosmos	United States

Ken Furphy, Head Coach

Ed Firmani, Coach

Manfred Schellscheidt, Coach

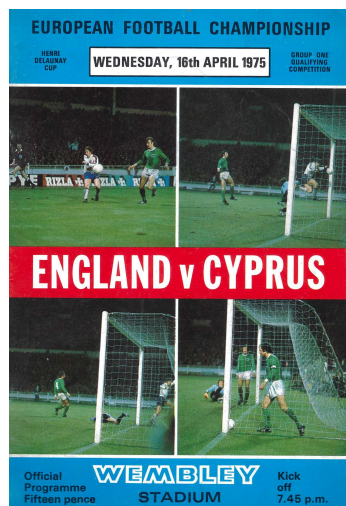
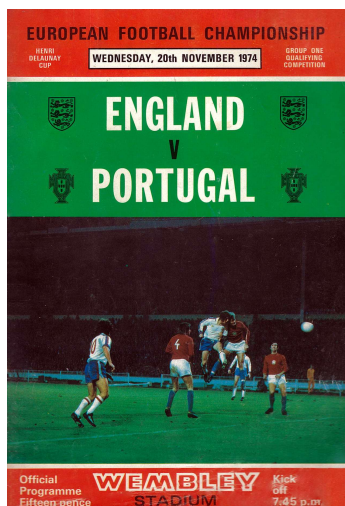
*According to the programme for the Bicentennial Soccer Cup, this was the composition of Team America. Although there were six players from the United States, the majority were foreign players who were playing their football in the United States. Countries represented included Brazil, England (5), Italy, Northern Ireland (2), Peru, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Trinidad and Wales*

<sup>195</sup> Italy were 2-0 up within 20 minutes but England came back with three second-half goals in seven minutes from Mick Channon (2) and Phil Thompson.

<sup>196</sup> Initially, I could not identify who this was as no Hungarian player is listed in the programme. However, a [report](#) for the game itself identifies the player as Gyula Visnyei (Juli Veee). It seems the list in the programme was not completely accurate and up-to-date. I specifically mentioned Tommy Smith but he is not on the list. An [article](#) I read noted that 31 players were called up to the team of whom 13 were American citizens. The programme lists 22 players of whom only six were said to come from the United States.

There has been a [European-wide competition for nations](#) since 1960. Originally called the European Nations' Cup, the name changed to the current name in 1968. Formally, the UEFA European Football Championship, the competition is known less formally as the European Championship, Euro or Euros. From 1960 to 1976, only four teams qualified for the finals with one of the qualified teams hosting the tournament. From 1980 to 1992, the tournament was expanded to eight teams, from 1996 to 2012 to 16 teams and from 2016 to 24 teams.

For the 1976 competition, [qualifying](#) took place between September 1974 and December 1975. There were eight qualifying groups of four teams each. The top team from each group went through to the quarter finals which were played over two legs, in May 1976.<sup>197</sup> The four quarter final winners went through to the final tournament. At the qualifying stage, England lost out to Czechoslovakia in [Group 1](#), a group which also contained Portugal and Cyprus. England drew both their games with Portugal whereas Czechoslovakia only drew one. Italy only finished third in [Group 5](#) below the Netherlands and Poland. The eight teams reaching the quarter finals were Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Spain, Wales, West Germany and Yugoslavia. Wales won Group 2 ahead of Hungary, Austria and Luxembourg. Wales won five games including away in Hungary. They only lost one game away in Austria.



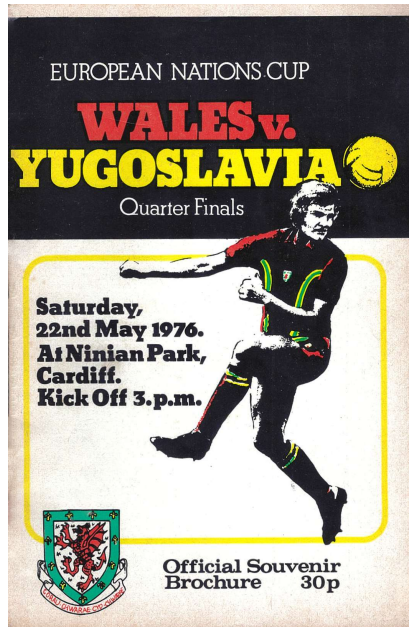
*Above far left – front cover of programme for qualifying match between England and Portugal on 20 November 1974. This game was drawn 0-0 and this result contributed to England's failure to qualify*

*Above left - front cover of programme for qualifying match between England and Cyprus on 16 April 1975. England won this match 5-0*

*Below left – Colin Bell scored two goals in England's 3-0 home victory over Czechoslovakia in October 1974. This picture of Bell's first goal which was England's second appeared in the England Portugal programme. Despite this win, England only finished second to Czechoslovakia in the group meaning they did not qualify*

<sup>197</sup> When England and Italy were taking part in the Bicentennial Cup in the United States. My diaries focused more on the Bicentennial Cup than on the Euros. I presume this reflected the TV coverage of the time and that the Euros were still not seen as a very serious competition, at least not in England.

The quarter finals were played over home and away legs with the first legs being played on 24 and 25 April 1976 and the second legs on 22 May 1976. Wales played Yugoslavia away in Zagreb on 24 April and lost 2-0. In the return leg, in Cardiff, on 22 May, Wales managed to draw 1-1 but lost 3-1 on aggregate.<sup>198</sup>



### ACTION FROM ZAGREB



• The sight that Wales cannot afford today! In goes that 45 second goal that rocked Wales in Zagreb as Vukotic hammers Yugoslavia's first goal. Rod Thomas, Leighton Phillips and John Mahoney can only watch in dismay.



• And this was so nearly the second a few minutes later. Full back Buljan fired a shot across the face of the goal that beat a desperately plunging Dai Davies... but the ball dipped inches wide of the far post as Brian Flynn and Phillips look on anxiously.

Pictures by courtesy of the Football Echo

### Drama at Ninian Park last May

The final result might have been a disappointment — but the 90 minutes of that second leg European Championship quarter-final against Yugoslavia provided football entertainment at its most dramatic. These brilliant pictures capture some of the epic moments.



• Arfon Griffiths, so often the critical goalkeeper for Wales, cracks in a left foot shot despite the challenge of Dzemal Hadziabdic and goalkeeper Enver Maric.



• Magnificent goalmouth action! Brian Flynn's head and the fist of goalkeeper Maric come into painful contact in this last ditch challenge.

Pictures by kind permission of the Football Echo

<p><b>Wales</b> (Red with Yellow and Green trim)</p>	<p><b>PRE-MATCH ARRANGEMENTS</b> The Regimental Band of the First Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers will commence playing at 2 p.m. At 2.50 p.m., both teams and match officials will take the field, immediately following which the Band will play 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and 'The Queen'. Music will be played by the Band during the interval.</p>	<p><b>Yugoslavia</b> (Blue shirts, White shorts)</p>
<p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> Brian LLOYD *Dai DAVIES Grenville MILLINGTON</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> *Ian EVANS Rod THOMAS *Malcolm PAGE John ROBERTS *Leighton PHILLIPS *Dave ROBERTS Joey JONES David JONES Gareth DAVIS Phil DWYER Peter O'SULLIVAN</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD PLAYERS</b> *Arfon GRIFFITHS *John MAHONEY *Terry YORATH Brian FLYNN Les CARTWRIGHT</p> <p><b>FRONT PLAYERS</b> *Leighton JAMES *John TOSHACK Alan CURTIS Carl HARRIS Jack LEWIS</p>	<p><b>TODAY'S REFEREE</b> Rudi Gloeckner (D.D.R.) One of the best known and most experienced referees in world football, referee Gloeckner now adds Ninian Park to the long list of international venues where he has controlled major matches. Mr. Gloeckner was an official at both the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico and the 1974 finals in West Germany and has handled a great many European club games as well as internationals.</p> <p><b>LINESMEN</b> Adolf Prokop (D.D.R.) Siegfried Kirsphen (D.D.R.)</p> <p><b>MATCH BALL</b> Adidas Zephyr Kindly donated by the North London Football Company</p>	<p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> Ognjen PETROVIC Enver MARIC</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> Ivan BULJAN * Josif KATALINSKI * Martin NOVOSELAC Drazen MUJINIC * Dzemal HADZIABDIC * Luka PERUZOVIC</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD PLAYERS</b> Jovan ACIMOVIC Momcilo VUKOTIC Brane OBLAK * Jurica JERKOVIC * Edhem SLJIVO Franjo VLADIC S</p> <p><b>FRONT PLAYERS</b> Dragan DZAJIC Drago VABEC Ivica SURJAK * Danilo POPIVODA * Boro PRIMORAC Slavisa ZUNJAG * S</p>

#### DOBRO DOSLI JUGOSLOVENI

Ovo je utakmica koju ceo Vels zeli da vidi. Poseta ovog finog Jugoslovenskog tima pod takvim dramatičnim uslovima je proizvela izvanrednog interesa — više nego jedan drugi Velski internacionalni susret do sada. Ja znam da smo mogli prodati pet puta više ulaznica nego što je bilo moguće.

Od momenta kad smo sigurni da četvrt finala u Evropskom samoplatu mi smo bili uvereni da smo sposobni da se suprostavimo bilo kojem timu u konkenciji. Jos uvijek smo uvereni u to meda smo izgubili utakmicu u Zagrebu.

Sada je na nas red da se pokazemo. Po interesu pokazanom za utakmicu mi smo

uvereni da ce nas hiljade navijaca podrzati. Nije bitna samo pobeda, nego da izberemo i razliku u golovima i da postignemo krajnji cilj, da uđemo u polufinale.

Jugosloveni, naravno imaju druga zelja. Oni su jedni od najboljih timova u svetu i ja dobro pamtim njihovu odlicnu igru u poslednjem svetskom prvenstvu. Njihova sposobnost pociva na velikom izboru izvrsnih igraca i mi im zelimo topao prijem u Velsu.

Gostoprimstvo koje nam je ukazano u Zagrebu preslog meseca nikad necemo zaboraviti. Fudbal koji je na toj utakmici prikazan bio je izvanredno zanimljiv i ja sam siguran da cemo imati isto takav doživljaj na današnjoj utakmici.

TERI SKVAJA,  
Pressnik Fudbalskog Udruženja u Velsu.

From the programme for the quarter final match between Wales and Yugoslavia in May 1976:  
Top left – front cover Top centre – photos of first leg in Zagreb Top right – photos of second leg  
Above – squads for the match between Wales and Yugoslavia in May 1976. Starters indicated with \*.  
Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Borislav Dordević started but was not listed in the squad

<sup>198</sup> In the other ties, Czechoslovakia beat the Soviet Union 2-0 in Bratislava and then drew 2-2 in Kiev to win 4-2 on aggregate. Spain and West Germany drew 1-1 in Madrid with West Germany winning the return leg 2-0 in Munich meaning that West Germany won 3-1 on aggregate. The Netherlands beat Belgium 5-0 in Rotterdam and 2-1 in Brussels to win 7-1 on aggregate.

On Friday 18 June 1976, I noted that the final of what I still called the “European Nations Cup” was to be between West Germany and Czechoslovakia as West Germany had beaten Yugoslavia the previous night, 4-2 after extra time.<sup>199</sup> The final would be played on Sunday 20 June. On the Sunday, I watched the end of the final. I noted, “at the end of full-time the score was WG 2 Czechoslovakia 2 and it was the same after extra time so penalties.”<sup>200</sup> Czechoslovakia took first and scored their 1<sup>st</sup> 3 so did Germany on the 4th of 5 after the Czech<sup>201</sup> had scored [Uli] Hoeness missed making it 4-3. The Czechs<sup>202</sup> made it 5-3 & took the cup. Yesterday Holland beat Yugoslavia after extra time to take the [3rd Place](#).” So, Czechoslovakia won the tournament with West Germany second, the Netherlands third and Yugoslavia fourth.<sup>203</sup>

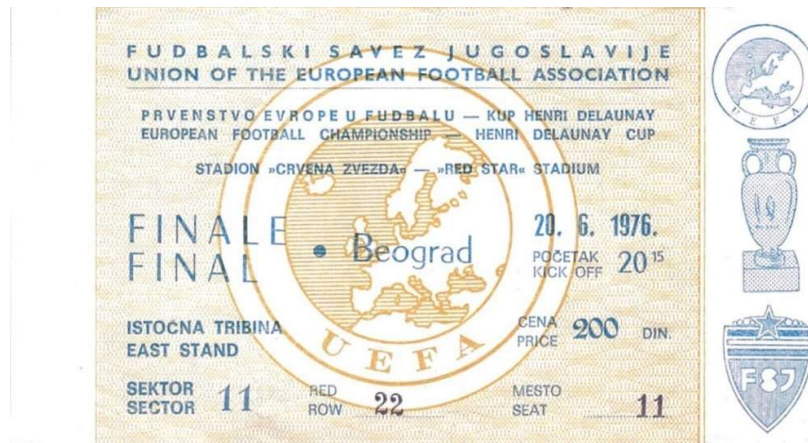


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*Top – Replica ticket for the final of Euro 76 in June 1976 in Belgrade  
Above – Antonín Panenka celebrates after scoring the winning penalty for Czechoslovakia*

<sup>199</sup> This was the [second semi-final](#). Yugoslavia had been leading 2-0 at half-time. Germany only equalised in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute of normal time before scoring twice in extra time. The [first semi-final](#) had been played the day before with Czechoslovakia also beating the Netherlands after extra time.

<sup>200</sup> While there are examples of [penalties being used to settle drawn games](#) prior to 1970, the International Football Association Board adopted a proposal to use penalties as an alternative to drawing lots to determine the outcome of drawn games. This was the first major international tournament to be decided on penalties.

<sup>201</sup> The fourth penalty was taken by [Ladislav Jurkemik](#).

<sup>202</sup> The final penalty was scored by [Antonín Panenka](#). He feigned to play the ball to one side of the net. When the goalkeeper dived, he chipped the ball into the middle of the net. This stylish but risky [type of penalty](#) is named after him.

<sup>203</sup> [Qualification for Euro 1980](#) took place in 1978 and 1979 but is not mentioned in family diaries. England qualified winning Group 1 ahead of Northern Ireland, Ireland, Bulgaria and Denmark. They won all their qualifying games except one which they drew with Ireland in Dublin. Scotland finished fourth in Group 2 behind Belgium, Austria and Portugal. Wales finished third in Group 7 behind West Germany and Turkey.

The [1978 World Cup](#) was to be held in Argentina with the finals contested between 16 teams. Two teams qualified automatically, holders West Germany and hosts Argentina. This left 14 [qualification](#) places available. In [Europe](#), 31 teams competed for eight spots plus one spot in an intercontinental play-off.<sup>204</sup> The draw for qualifying was made in Guatemala in November 1975. Teams were in four pots with the strongest in Pot A and the weakest in Pot D. There were nine teams in each of Pots A to C and four teams in Pot D. Groups 1-4 had four teams each with one from each of Pots A to D whereas Groups 5-9 had three teams each with one from each of Pots A to C only. Scotland were in Pot A and were drawn into Group 7 with Czechoslovakia and Wales. England were in Pot B and were drawn into Group 2 with Italy, Finland and Luxembourg. Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales were all in Pot C. Ireland were drawn into Group 5 with France and Bulgaria; Northern Ireland were drawn into Group 4 with the Netherlands, Belgium and Iceland; and Wales were drawn into Group 7 with Scotland and Czechoslovakia.



## Argentina '78

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*Above – logo for the World Cup in Argentina in 1978. It was designed by Ronald Shakespear in 1972 and is said to represent the former President of Argentina, Juan Perón raising his hands*

*Below left – front cover of team sheet for World Cup qualifier between Finland and England in June 1976*



While I did not cover qualification for the 1974 World Cup in much detail<sup>205</sup>, I did note that England failed to qualify explaining that England had qualified automatically in both 1966 and 1970 as hosts and holders respectively.<sup>206</sup> Their different records in World Cup qualification in 1974 was one major reason why Scotland were seeded higher for the 1978 qualification process than England. This led to England being drawn in a group with a very strong team, Italy. However, Scotland were drawn into a group with Czechoslovakia, another strong team albeit in Pot B, who, at the time the draw was made, were about to go on to win Euro 1976.

On Sunday 13 June 1976, I noted that I did not listen to the charts as was my usual habit<sup>207</sup> as England were playing Finland in their World Cup qualifier.

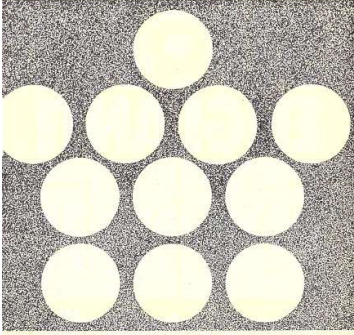
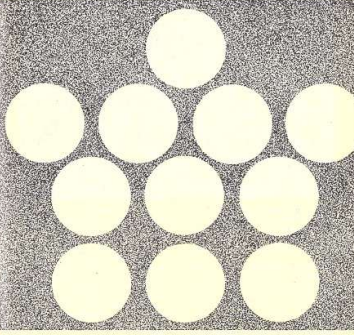
<sup>204</sup> Against a team from South America. This [play-off](#) was played over home and away legs with Hungary beating Bolivia 9-2 on aggregate.

<sup>205</sup> See [Chapter 112](#).

<sup>206</sup> There is an interesting piece on the history of England qualifying for the World Cup in the match programme for England's home game against Finland in October 1976. Apparently, the home nations did not participate in the World Cup until 1950. In both 1950 and 1954, the Home Nations Championship was used for qualification purposes with England and Scotland winning through on both occasions although Scotland declined to take up their place in 1950. In 1958, England qualified in a group that also contained Denmark and Ireland. In 1962, Luxembourg and Portugal were in the group from which England qualified.

<sup>207</sup> See [Chapter 122](#).



ENGLANTI	KOKOONPANOT	SUOMI
		
EROTUOMARI: Alfred Delcourt, Belgia		RAJATUOMARIT: Jacques van Melkebeke ja Joseph Minney, Belgia
ENGLANTI: 1. Ray Clemence, 2. Colin Todd, 3. Mick Mills, 4. Phil Thompson, 5. Paul Madeley, 6. Trevor Cherry, 7. Kevin Keegan, 8. Mick Channon, 9. Stuart Pearson, 10. Trevor Brooking, 11. Gerry Francis.		SUOMI: 1. Göran Enckelman, 2. Erkki Vihtilä, 3. Arto Toisa, 4. Ari Mäkynen, 5. Esko Ranta, 6. Pertti Jantunen, 7. Jouko Suomalainen, 8. Esa Heiskanen, 9. Olavi Rissanen, 10. Aki Heiskanen, 11. Matti Pastelainen, 12. Pertti Alaja, 13. Timo Kautonen, 14. Raimo Vierikko, 15. Juha-Pekka Laine, 16. Seppo Pyykkö.



Top – front cover of brochure review of Finland football teams in 1976  
Above – team sheet for match between Finland and England in June 1976  
Left – article in the programme/team sheet.

The article when translated into English was titled "English football is familiar to Finns" and read as follows, "English football and its top names are familiar to the Finnish football audience. Saturday night television matches have brought the British Isles' league football<sup>208</sup> into our living rooms. The draw for the 1978 Argentina World Cup, held in Rome in the spring, has now brought our acquaintance to the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. Soon, league champions Liverpool's<sup>209</sup> Ray Clemence,

<sup>208</sup> I assume the article was referring to English football primarily.

<sup>209</sup> I assume this refers to the 1975/76 league championship which Liverpool narrowly won from Queens Park Rangers.

Phil Thompson and Kevin Keegan, cup winners Southampton's<sup>210</sup> Mike Channon and West Ham's Trevor Brooking will be running onto the field. Finland has played against English professionals four times.<sup>211</sup> All matches have been played in Helsinki. Only once, in 1956, have we put the ball in England's net. This time the line-ups before the match are perhaps more even. Finland's good matches against Italy in 1975<sup>212</sup>, as well as our victory over Switzerland<sup>213</sup> this spring and our good game against Sweden<sup>214</sup> have made even the English cautious. Team captain Gerry Francis says "We have to win the match in Helsinki. I don't care one bit about how we do against Scotland or Brazil or anyone else."<sup>215</sup> We have to beat Finland in Helsinki." England team manager Don Revie said after Finland's victorious match against Switzerland, "England will have great difficulty beating Finland. I was impressed by the Finnish team's well-organised performance."

I am not sure how genuine Don Revie's comments were or the extent he was trying to respect the opposition. I am pretty sure there would have been an expectation that England would beat Finland, particularly among supporters and media. I suspect there would have been great collective angst had they failed to win. Thankfully, they did win, the score was [4-1](#).<sup>216</sup> I noted that the other teams in their group were Italy and Luxembourg.<sup>217</sup>



Photos of England's goalscorers, namely Stuart Pearson (top left), Kevin Keegan (top right), Mick Channon (above left) and Kevin Keegan again (above right). The image of Stuart Pearson is from the Birmingham Daily Post of 14 June 1976 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)

<sup>210</sup> Southampton won the [1975/76 FA Cup](#) beating Manchester United 1-0 in the final.

<sup>211</sup> I think that was counting this game. The three previous games had been friendlies. In May 1937, England beat Finland 8-0; in May 1956, the score was 5-1; and in June 1966, England won 3-0.

<sup>212</sup> Finland were in the [same group as Italy for qualifying for Euro 76](#). They played each other twice in 1975. In June, in Helsinki, Italy won narrowly 1-0. In September, in Rome, the two teams drew 0-0.

<sup>213</sup> In a friendly in May, Finland beat Switzerland 1-0.

<sup>214</sup> Earlier in June, Sweden beat Finland 2-0 in a friendly in Helsinki.

<sup>215</sup> I am not sure when Gerry Francis was interviewed but I suspect he was talking about England's matches against Scotland and Brazil in May 1976 in the Home Championship and Bicentennial Cup respectively. England lost both those games. This could have prompted Gerry Francis to say that he was not interested in the results of those compared to the result of this competitive game.

<sup>216</sup> With goals from Stuart Pearson, Kevin Keegan (2) and Mick Channon. Newspapers after the game were generally positive, describing it variously as a comfortable, convincing or crushing win and referring to Kevin Keegan as having been in a tormenting mood.

<sup>217</sup> Although they did not play each other until 16 October 1976.

England's next World Cup qualifier was four months later on 13 October 1976. It was also against Finland but was at Wembley. England won [2-1](#).<sup>218 219</sup> In addition to this game, I also noted that there were other World Cup qualifiers. For example, Northern Ireland drew 2-2 away to the Netherlands<sup>220</sup> and Scotland lost 2-0 to Czechoslovakia.<sup>221</sup>



*Above – Kevin Keegan in action at Wembley against Finland from programme of friendly against the Netherlands*

*Left – front cover of programme for match between England and Finland in October 1976*

*Below – squads of England and Finland. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S.*

ENGLAND	FINLAND
(White shirts with red and blue piping Blue shorts with red and white stripe White stockings with red and blue tops)	(Blue shirts, White shorts, Blue stockings)
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b> *R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ... J. CORRIGAN (Manchester City) ... P. SHILTON (Stoke City)	<b>GOALKEEPERS</b> *GÖRAN ENCKELMAN (TPS Turku) ... PERTTI ALAJA (OTP Oulu)
<b>DEFENDERS</b> *K. BEATTIE (Ipswich Town) ... T. CHERRY (Leeds United) ... D. CLEMENT (Queen's Park Rangers) ... M. DOYLE (Manchester City) *B. GREENHOFF (Manchester United) ... P. MADELEY (Leeds United) ... R. McFARLAND (Derby County) ... S. M. MILLS (Ipswich Town) ... P. THOMPSON (Liverpool) *C. TODD (Derby County)	<b>DEFENDERS</b> *ESKO RANTA (Ilves Tampere) *ERKKI VIHILÄ (Ilves Tampere) *ARI MÄKYNEN (VPS Vaasa) *TEPPO HEIKKINEN (OTP Oulu) ... RAIMO VIERIKKO (MIPK Mikkeli) ... MATTI AHONEN (VPS Vaasa)
<b>MIDFIELD</b> *S. T. BROOKING (West Ham United) ... A. TOWERS (Sunderland) *R. WILKINS (Chelsea)	<b>MIDFIELD</b> *PERTTI JANTUNEN (REIPAS Lahti) *SAJOUKO SUOMALAINEN (KPT Kuopio) *AKI HEISKANEN (KPT Kuopio) ... ESA HEISKANEN (KUPS Kuopio) *SEPPO PYYKKÖ (OPS Oulu)
<b>FORWARDS</b> *M. CHANNON (Southampton) ... C. GEORGE (Derby County) *G. HILL (Manchester United) *K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) <i>Captain</i> *S. PEARSON (Manchester United) *J. ROYLE (Manchester City) ... P. TAYLOR (Tottenham Hotspur) *S. D. TUEART (Manchester City)	<b>FORWARDS</b> *MATTI PAATELAINEN (Haka Valkeakoski) <i>Captain</i> *JYRKI NIEMINEN (HJK Helsinki) *MIKKO TOIVOLA (HJK Helsinki)
Manager: Mr. DON REVIE	Coach: Mr. AULIS RYTKÖNEN

**REFEREE**  
Mr. ULF ERIKSSON (Sweden)

**LINESMEN**  
Mr. Erik Fredrikson (Sweden) *(Flame Flag)*  
Mr. Rolf Ericsson (Sweden) *(Red Flag)*  
Reserve Linesman  
Mr. B. H. COOPE (Sweden)

SUBSTITUTES: Five substitutes may be named by each team, two of whom will be permitted to play at any time during the match.

<sup>218</sup> This was the third game in England's group. In addition to England's previous victory over Finland, Finland had beaten Luxembourg 7-1 at home. Finland had also played four friendlies including wins against Iceland (1-0) and Turkey (2-1) and heavy losses against Sweden (6-0) and Scotland (6-0).

<sup>219</sup> Although England won this game, it was much closer than expected and was described in the press as a "dismal" victory. Chants of "what a load of rubbish" greeted the final whistle and the media thought that Finland had variously shown up, panicked and embarrassed England. Ultimately, this result cost England qualification because of poorer goal difference than Italy.

<sup>220</sup> I referred to the Netherlands as Holland. Northern Ireland were in [UEFA Group 4](#) with the Netherlands, Belgium and Iceland. Prior to this game, in September 1976, both Belgium and the Netherlands had beaten Iceland 1-0 away. In their remaining games, Northern Ireland won two (at home to Iceland and Belgium) and lost three (away to Belgium and Iceland and at home to the Netherlands). They finished third in a group won by the Netherlands.

<sup>221</sup> Scotland were in [UEFA Group 7](#) with Czechoslovakia and Wales. This was the first game in this group. Despite this loss, Scotland won their three remaining games to win this group and to qualify for the World Cup finals.

On 2 November 1976, I noted that the England squad had been announced for their match against Italy.<sup>222</sup> I noted that Stan Bowles had been recalled.<sup>223</sup> On Wednesday 17 November 1976, [England played Italy away](#) in Rome and lost 2-0. Our TV was not working so I listened to it on the radio.



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*Left – Stan Bowles (left) and QPR teammate Dave Clement “enjoying a mud lark” after they had both been called up to the England squad to face Italy*

*Right – match sheet providing information about the match between Italy and England in Rome in November 1976 including teams, managers, referee, scorers, goal times etc.*  
*Below – it was usual for programmes to include photos of actions from previous games. It is perhaps telling that in the England Luxembourg programme, although there was a description of the loss in Italy, there were no photos of the action only this photo of the England dugout*



Wednesday 17th November 1976

**Italy v England**  
 World Cup Qualifying Round (Group 2)  
 at Stadio Olimpico, Rome

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Italy</b></p> <p>Goals:          Giancarlo Antognoni 36'          Roberto Bettega 78'</p> <p>Starting lineup:          1 Dino Zoff          2 Antonello Cucureddu          3 Marco Tardelli          4 Romeo Benelli          5 Claudio Gentile          6 Giacinto Facchetti (Capt.)          7 Franco Casale          8 Fabio Capello          9 Francesco Graziani          10 Giancarlo Antognoni          11 Roberto Bettega</p> <p>Substitute:</p>	<p><b>2-0</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>England</b></p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>HT: 1-0          AT: 70,718</p> <p>Starting lineup:          1 Ray Clemence          2 Dave Clement          3 Mick Mills          4 Brian Greenhoff          5 Roy McFarland          6 Emlyn Hughes          7 Kevin Keegan (Capt.)          8 Mick Channon          9 Stan Bowles          10 Trevor Cherry          11 Trevor Brooking</p> <p>Substitute:          Kevin Beattie</p>
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Referee: Abraham Klein (Israel)  
 Manager: F Bernardini & Enzo Bearzot      Manager: Don Revie

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<sup>222</sup> Prior to this game, Italy had played their [first game](#) in the group beating Luxembourg 4-1 away.

<sup>223</sup> Based on news reports at the time, it seems that Bowles was in excellent form for his club Queens Park Rangers. There were also hopes that his temperament had improved. He had not played for England for more than two years after walking out of Joe Mercer's squad after being substituted in a game.

This was a pretty disastrous result for England meaning that Italy took the initiative in the group, an initiative which they kept and which ultimately saw them qualifying.<sup>224</sup>

# England have such a lot to do in 12 months

England have just 12 months to pick up the ruins of their international game and climb back on to the world football bandwagon.

For, as we so clearly drilled home in Rome's Olympic stadium yesterday, the days of England being a world power in football are just as far away as they were two years ago when Munich and the 1974 finals was a no go area for them.

Their hopes of reaching Argentina and the 1978 World Cup finals have been virtually brushed aside by the Italian defeat.

All that remains is that in the next year someone, somewhere will realise English football, at international level, is about as entertaining as a party political broadcast.

Italy visit Wembley on November 16 1977. Between now and then something must be done to lift English international football from its present shambles.

## "IT'S SO DIFFERENT"

"This was not the English football I have always admired," said Italian manager Enzo Bearzot after yesterday's game.

He can say that again. "I have seen 20 Football League games recently and not one disappointed me," he said.

"But when the players get in the international side their play is so different. Perhaps the stakes are too high." Perhaps they are. But to

## ITALY 2, ENGLAND 0 BY BRIAN CLIFFORD

see an England team so clearly outplayed, outfought, and outmanoeuvred, still sticks in the craw.

Once we were the masters — now they won't even let us into the school.

And yet did we really expect anything different from yesterday's game? Did we expect Stan Bowles to dart through the middle like a greyhound? Roy McFarland to block up the middle? Trevor Brooking to take a grip in midfield? And Kevin Keegan to stick up front as a target man?

If we did they all failed to come up to expectations. England played as if they sat on a powder keg. Still missing was the flair, adventure, and, yes I must admit it, much of the basic footballing skills.

It was not that the Italians were great, it was just that England were but a shadow



of the team we once claimed as rulers of the world.

While the Italians in Fabio Causio had a winger of speed, skill and constant danger, Revie left Gordon Hill at home. While the Italians in Francesco Graziani had a man to take on the England defence, Revie kept Stuart Pearson on the substitute's bench.

The Italians gripped midfield through Romeo Bennetti and Fabio Capello, cut out England's middle of

England defender Dave Clement heads clear during yesterday's World Cup clash in Rome. Brian Greenhoff and Mike Channon provide extra cover.

the attack threat through Claudio Gentile and produced in Roberto Bettega the man of skills and flair who when given an inch took a mile.

## FINE SAVES

England's great moments were timed — mainly to the beginning of the first half and later in the match — and at times they left the Italian defence looking rather shaky and only Zoff saved the day with fine saves from Greenhoff and Cherry.

But there was an too much in between that was plainly not good enough. They deserved nothing more when Italy went ahead after 37 minutes with Amognoni firing home after a free kick with his shot getting a deflection off Keegan.

And when Bettega brilliantly headed Italy two up after 77 minutes it was all over.

Both sides had players booked — Cuccurello and Channon — but England outnumbered Italy three to one in free kicks given away.

McFarland was the main culprit and he was extremely lucky to get away with one tackle on Bennetti.

But in the end, as Bearzot told us how his team had got the result to make them believe in themselves — "Now we can come to Wembley with confidence" — England manager Don Revie was again trying to find reasons for his side's failure.

It would be best if we were all to admit the team who played in Rome yesterday are simply not good enough.

## LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

### GROUP TWO

ITALY 2	ENGLAND 0	4
ITALY	2	2
ENGLAND	3	2
FINLAND	3	1
LUXEMBOURG	2	0

### GROUP THREE

EAST GERMANY 1	TURKEY 1
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### GROUP FIVE

FRANCE 2	IRE 0
FRANCE	2
BULGARIA	1
IRE	1

### GROUP SEVEN

SCOTLAND 1	WALES 0
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1	IRE 0
SCOTLAND	2
WALES	1
IRE	1

Friendly: West Germany 2 Czechoslovakia 0.  
Central League: Derby 2 Notts Forest 1, Manchester City 3 Huddersfield 2.  
Rugby Union: North Midlands 22 Leics 9.

The news coverage of England's defeat in Italy was pretty damning. While accepting that qualification was not fully decided, there was recognition that the result meant that qualification would be very difficult for England. This article described England's international game as "in ruins" and a "shambles". It commented that "the days of England being a world power in football are just as far away as they were two years ago" when England failed to qualify for the 1974 finals. In terms of the game itself, the writer felt that England were outplayed, outfought and outmanoeuvred. Individual players failed to live up to expectations and the writer criticised the omission of some players, such as Gordon Hill and Stuart Pearson. Flair, adventure and basic football skills were considered to be missing and the team that played was simply not good enough! Cutting from Wolverhampton Express and Star 18 November 1976 obtained through paid subscription to [Find My Past](#)

<sup>224</sup> Ultimately, because England beat Italy 2-0 in the reverse fixture, qualification was decided on goal difference. So, the lack of goals against Finland proved critical. However, had England won or drawn in Italy, they would have qualified.

Although the press coverage of the defeat in Italy was universally negative and highly critical, the piece by Jack Rollin of the Sunday Telegraph, which was published in the programme of England's next competitive match, against Luxembourg, was quite different and was almost unbelievably positive. It started with the statement that England had only ever lost two World Cup qualifiers although it did recognise that England's participation in World Cup qualifying had been pretty limited and that the first of those losses had been disastrous. The article also claimed that England had a "quite presentable" record in the World Cup finals although it did also note that England lost to the United States in the 1950 World Cup. It also recognised that England's recent form, draw with Ireland, narrow victory over Finland and losses to Italy and the Netherlands, had not been great although this was stated in pretty indirect language saying, "the form displayed by the team during the present season alone is such that every morsel of promise must be wrung by analysts from the matches to provide a constructive basis for the way forward".

## GOLDEN OUR DESPERATE NEED IN THE MATCHES AGAINST LUXEMBOURG! GOALS

by JACK ROLLIN (Sunday Telegraph)

IT IS A PLAIN MATTER OF FACT THAT ENGLAND HAVE LOST ONLY TWO WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCHES IN THEIR HISTORY. THE FIRST OF THESE PROVED ULTIMATELY FATAL. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SECOND HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

Such bald statements are notoriously misleading of course and it is only when flesh is laid on the bare bones that the form takes proper shape. For, in June 1973, Poland's 2-0 win paved the way to elimination from the 1974 World Cup and, last November, a similar defeat in Rome



Encouragement from the England bench during the World Cup qualifying match in Rome last November when Italy triumphed 2-0. Manager Don Revie is obviously getting his point over!

against Italy ensured at least that Group Two will be fought out until the last qualifying tie.

At the same time it should be mentioned that the game with the Italians was only England's 21st in the World Cup qualifying competition. Of the matches concerned, 15 had ended in victory with another four draws.

Our record in the final stages is also quite presentable. Having reached the 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966 and 1970 finals we have played 24 games, winning ten and drawing another six. And in 1966, of course, our triumph in taking the World Cup itself, topped all our performances.

Apart from the countries who have won the World Cup besides ourselves namely Brazil (three times), Italy, Uruguay and West Germany (twice each), Hungary and Sweden are the only others to have won more matches

in the final stages. And, remember, that England did not enter the World Cup at all before 1950.

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REACHING the last sixteen is not such a comfortable cruise, as we know all too well. Moreover, the form displayed by the team during the present season alone is such that every morsel of promise must be wrung by analysts from the matches to provide a constructive basis for the programme ahead.

This, quite naturally, is not always easy to do especially when the lasting memory of any confrontation is usually the result itself. And if one recalls a 1-1 draw here with the Republic of Ireland, a narrow 2-1 win over Finland similarly in a World Cup match and, then, the defeat in Rome before another friendly reverse, again at Wembley, when Holland won 2-0 a month ago, searching for solace is not a task.

But Luxembourg present the immediate problem in the quest for World Cup success. Experience has shown that only the foolhardy dismiss what appears on the surface to be the formality of a fixture. History is usually littered with such madmen.

Our own personal tragedy came in the 1950 World Cup series, in fact, with that infamous 1-0 defeat in Belo Horizonte by the United States of America.

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BUT the match at hand with Luxembourg again allows a further opportunity to renew the most pressing of problems, that of assembling what must soon need to become the settled team that will have to be relied upon for our World Cup qualification hopes.

Yet if this was the sole requirement of this particular game it might be sufficient. Alas, this is not the case. There is the equally important matter of substantially improving the goal difference. For goals are desperately needed in our matches with Luxembourg.

Should history repeat itself from the 1962 World Cup qualification when in two matches with Luxembourg we amassed 13 goals including nine of them in the away fixture, this would be a tremendous advantage if our final clash with the Italians has to be based upon the difference between the 'for' and 'against' columns.

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AGAIN, too, goals to spare against Luxembourg should in itself not be taken as the universal cure for current ills. We need only turn the pages

(continued next page)

of our history to 1973 and view the seven clear goals victory over Austria here at Wembley before the frustrations of the following month's draw against Poland.

Looking ahead slightly, our return match with tonight's opponents takes place in October by which time another important fixture in our group will have been completed, that of Finland entertaining Italy in June.

From this match much is now being expected and, perhaps, not without the foundations of sound reasoning. For when we ourselves met the Finns in June of last year, their own season was but a matter of months old and they were far from the force they presented when we met them here last Autumn.

And, though, when the Italians go to Helsinki the same set of circumstances will face them, it is clear that the Finns are improving and we might well be thankful to have taken four points from this source.

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IN overall terms this is England's 508th full international. Of the previous matches they have won 300, drawn 105 and lost 102. They have scored 1,230 goals and conceded 614. Success number 300 was achieved against Finland. The century of defeat was put up by the Brazilians last summer in the United States Bicentennial Tournament.

But trying to find consolation in a set of statistics is rather like looking at poll predictions based purely on previous elections. When all this is ignored the stark

reality is what happens in the 90 minutes on the evening.

Though the clamour for goalkeeping is an essential ingredient of the moment, confidence in the outcome of events should not be overlooked when assessing prospects.

There has to be exactly the right degree of this, too, because a shade too much confidence can prove equally as disastrous as not having enough. Again, this was a contributory factor in the eventual defeat of England in the 1970 World Cup when, after establishing a two goal lead against the Germans, the advantage was completely eroded into defeat.

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STILL, there is one certain feature of the present England squad and that is not one of football over-confidence. And from this standpoint and given the time scale now facing us in the countdown to Argentina in 1976, it might well prove a vital plus.

While there is the opportunity to strengthen confidence between now and Italy's visit next winter, there would be far more danger in the situation if England were now on Cloud Seven having perhaps done materially better in the match in Rome.

But all these facets are finely balanced and can be tilted first one way then the other during the time it takes to win or lose a game of football. So feel acutely the predicament of Don Revie and the protagonists as they prepare for their performance.



The Dutch 'naif' Jozsef Kezsi Keegan. But this free kick went wide of the target and, during this match at Wembley last month, Holland kept their goal intact.

Review based on England's loss in Italy which appeared in the England v Luxembourg programme in March 1977. It was much more positive in tone than the press coverage which followed the loss. It is perhaps telling that there were no photos of the action in Rome. Rather, there were pictures of the England dugout and of action in a friendly played against the Netherlands which England also lost!

Although I did not remark on it in my diary, that same day, on Wednesday 17 November 1976, Scotland played Wales at Hampden Park, winning 1-0. The following year, on Wednesday 30 March 1977, in the evening, there were three World Cup matches involving teams from the British Isles. I commented that all the results were good. Wales beat Czechoslovakia 3-0<sup>225</sup>, Ireland beat France 1-0<sup>226</sup> and England beat Luxembourg 5-0.<sup>227</sup>


<sup>225</sup> This was in UEFA Group 7. This result of Wales beating Czechoslovakia was not only good for Wales but for Scotland also. At this point, each team had played two games and gained two points.

<sup>226</sup> Ireland were in [UEFA Group 5](#) with France and Bulgaria. Prior to this game, Bulgaria and France had drawn 2-2 and France had beaten Ireland 2-0 at home. Ireland drew one and lost one of their two remaining games against Bulgaria meaning that they finished third in their group with France winning the group and qualifying.

<sup>227</sup> This was in UEFA Group 2 and was the next game played after those already mentioned. While this was a good result and helped England's goal difference, England would have been expected to beat Luxembourg and the result did not really change the situation England were in. Ultimately, it was results against Finland which decided this group with Italy having a much better goal difference in those games (+8) than England (+4).

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*Left* – Front cover of programme for match between England and Luxembourg at Wembley

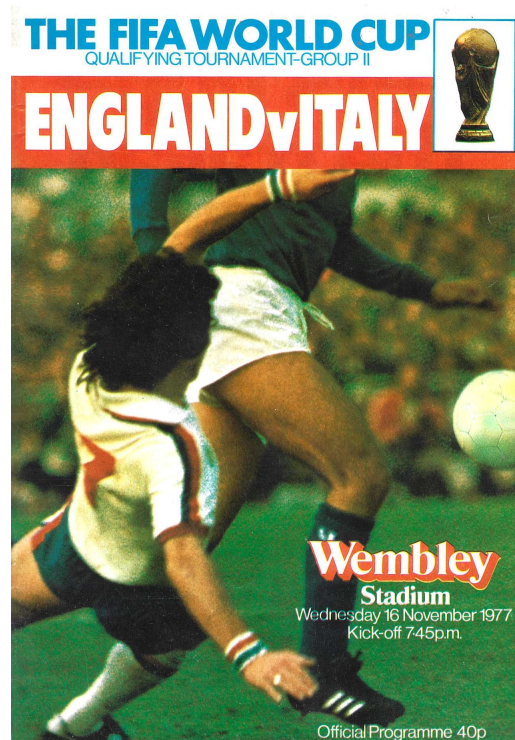
*Above* – Advert for travel to England's away game in Luxembourg from programme for match between England and Scotland

*Below* – squads for match between England and Italy. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. John Gidman and Trevor Francis came in for the injured Dave Clement and Dennis Tueart

ENGLAND	LUXEMBOURG
<p>(White shirts with red and blue piping. Blue shorts with red and white stripe. White stockings and red and blue tops)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> *R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ..... J. CORRIGAN (Manchester City) ..... P. SHILTON (Stoke City)</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> ..... K. BEATTIE (Ipswich Town) ..... D. CLEMENT (Queen's Park Rangers) *J. GIDMAN (Aston Villa) *E. HUGHES (Liverpool) ..... P. JONES (Bolton Wanderers) ..... C. TODD (Derby County) *D. WATSON (Manchester City)</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b> *T. CHERRY (Leeds United) *R. KENNEDY (Liverpool) ..... B. TALBOT (Ipswich Town) ..... R. WILKINS (Chelsea)</p> <p><b>FORWARDS</b> *M. CHANNON (Southampton) *T. FRANCIS (Birmingham City) ..... G. HILL (Manchester United) *K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) <i>Captain</i> S.P. MARINER (Ipswich Town) S*U. ROYLE (Manchester City) *D. TUEART (Manchester City)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Manager: Mr. DON REVIE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>(Red shirts. White shorts. Blue stockings)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> ..... CLAUDE BIRENBAUM (Aris Bonnevoite) ..... JEANNOT MOES (Avenir Beggen) ..... GEORGES RESSEL (Ettelbruck) *RAYMOND ZENDER (Red Black Pfaffenthal)</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> *ROGER FANDEL (Aris Bonnevoite) ..... GILBERT HOFFMANN (Stade Dudelange) *JEAN LOUIS MARGUE (Progrès Niedercorn) *LÉON MOND (Jeunesse Esch) *LOUIS PILOT (Racing Jet Brussels) ..... FERNAND RATHS (Bio-Weiss Madernach) ..... JEANNOT SCHAUL (Jeunesse Esch)</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b> S* MARCEL DI DOMENICO (Red Boys Differdange) *GILBERT DRESCH (Avenir Beggen) ..... JEANNOT KRECKE (Ettelbruck) *PAUL PHILIPP (Royale Union Forest) *JEAN ZUANG (Stade Dudelange)</p> <p><b>FORWARDS</b> *NICO BRAUN (FC Metz) *GILBERT DUSSIER (AS Nancy/Lorraine) ..... ALBERT MAY (Progrès Niedercorn) ..... ROMAIN MICHAUX (Red Boys Differdange) ..... JEAN NOEL (ADO Den Haag) S. NIBIO ORIOLI (Alliance Dudelange)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Manager: GILBERT LEGRAND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">REFEREE P. BONETT (Malta)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linesmen C. Scerri (Malta) (Red Flag)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. Pugliesevich (Malta) (Flame Flag)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reserve Linesman D. H. Holland (Hertfordshire)</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">SUBSTITUTES: Five substitutes may be named by each team, two of whom will be permitted to play at any time during the match.</p>	

Goal scorers for England were Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis, Ray Kennedy and Mick Channon (2). Gilbert Dresch, for Luxembourg, was sent off in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute for a second yellow card.

Three months later, on 8 June 1977, I noted that Italy had unfortunately beaten Finland 3-0.<sup>228</sup> This was the last game I noted in England's qualifying group. By the time the last two games were played in November<sup>229</sup> and December<sup>230</sup>, my diaries had ended. For the two games in October<sup>231</sup>, my diaries do not mention them. I don't know if I had lost interest or was just busy with something else, for example, preparing to take A levels<sup>232</sup> and applying for university.<sup>233</sup>



*Left – front cover of programme for match between Luxembourg and England in October 1977*  
*Right – front cover of programme for match between England and Italy in October 1977*

England's failure to qualify for the 1978 World Cup meant that England had not qualified for the World Cup since 1962.<sup>234</sup> It is true that they qualified in 1966 as hosts and in 1970 as holders. But, they twice failed to qualify in 1974 and 1978. Since then, their qualification record has improved<sup>235</sup> and recently has been very good.<sup>236</sup> However, it might be argued that qualification has become easier. More spots are now available, including for European teams, and England's overall higher world ranking means they are unlikely to draw another top team in qualification as happened in 1978. Nevertheless, it also seems to be the case that England have a better team now and are certainly better at negotiating qualification games.

<sup>228</sup> Earlier, at the end of May, Finland had beaten Luxembourg 1-0. While Italy's result against Finland did not help England, it was not terrible as the margin of three goals was the same as England had achieved in Finland. Ultimately, it was goal difference in the home games with Finland which decided this group with England having a goal difference of +1 but Italy having a goal difference of +5. I wonder if I was disappointed with the result because, the previous year, Finland had held Italy to a draw in Rome.

<sup>229</sup> This was England's home game against Italy which England won 2-0, the same score by which they lost the previous game in Italy. However, by the time of this game, qualification was almost impossible for England. Inferior goal difference meant they would have had to beat Italy by a very large margin to have qualified. The programme's analysis blamed England's 2-0 victory in Luxembourg while just after that Italy beat Finland 6-1 at home.

<sup>230</sup> This was the final group game. Italy beat Luxembourg 3-0.

<sup>231</sup> On 12 October 1977, England beat Luxembourg 2-0 away. Three days later, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Italy decisively beat Finland 6-1.

<sup>232</sup> See [Chapter 118](#).

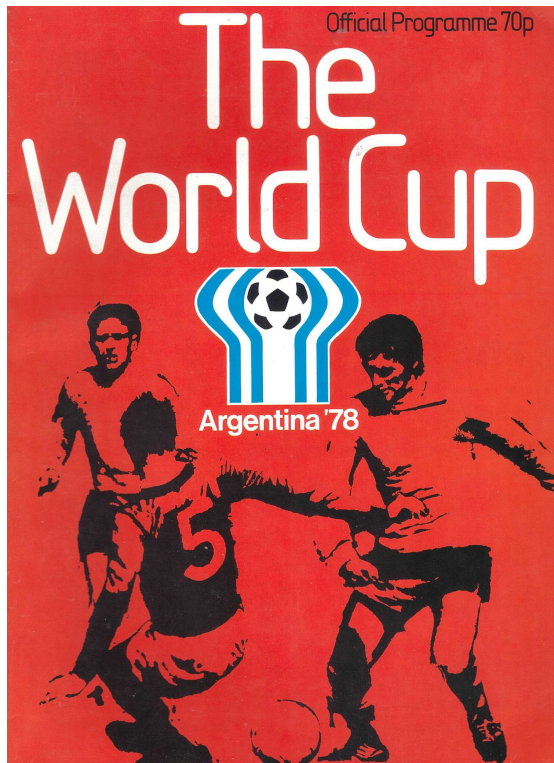
<sup>233</sup> See [Chapter 120](#).

<sup>234</sup> England won qualification group six. They beat Luxembourg twice, with an aggregate score of 13-1. They beat Portugal at home and drew away. They won their group with seven points ahead of Portugal in second with three points.

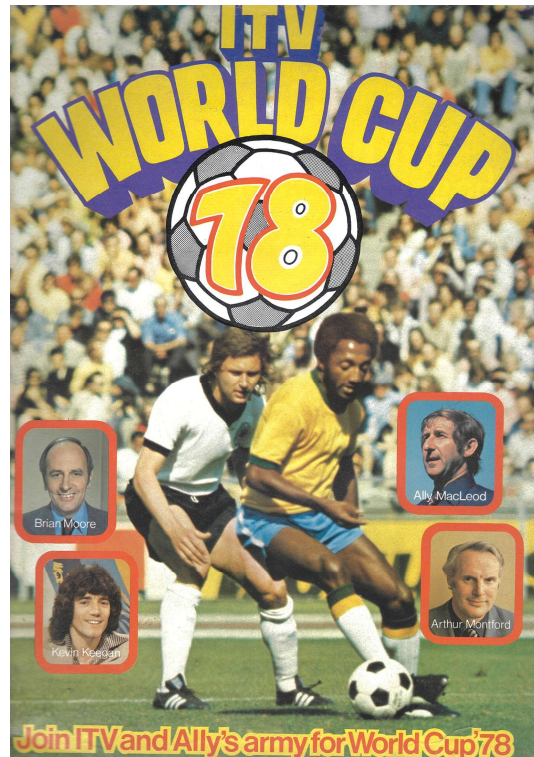
<sup>235</sup> Although England also failed to qualify for the World Cup in 1994.

<sup>236</sup> In their latest qualification campaign, for the World Cup in 2026, they won all their qualification games without conceding a goal.

The [1978 World Cup](#) finals took place in Argentina from 1-25 June. By this time, my diaries had ended. However, I do recall following the tournament and, in the absence of England, supported Scotland as I had in 1974. For the purpose of allocating teams to groups, each team was assigned to one of four pots. Scotland were in the third pot along with Hungary, Poland and Spain. They were drawn into Group 4 with the Netherlands, from Pot 1; Peru from Pot 2 and Iran from Pot 4.



*Left – official programme for 1978 World Cup*



*Right – ITV guide for 1978 World Cup*

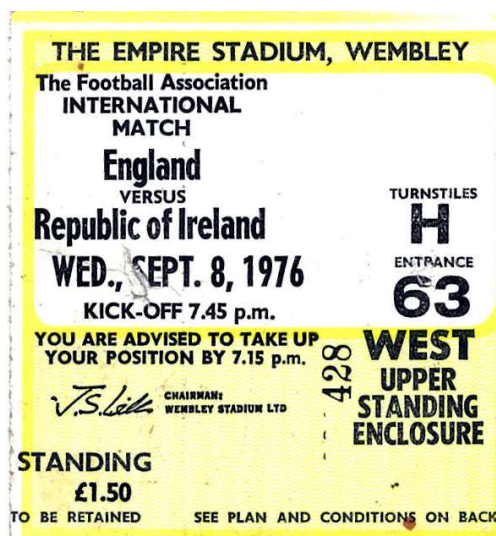
On Saturday 3 June 1978, mum noted watching Scotland's first group game against Peru. They lost 3-1. On the same day, the Netherlands beat Iran 3-0. On Wednesday 7 June 1978, mum noted that Scotland played again but only drew 1-1 with Iran. That same day, the Netherlands played again and drew 0-0 with Peru. On the following Sunday, 11 June 1978, Peru beat Iran 4-1 to, perhaps surprisingly, win the group. Although Scotland managed to beat Netherlands 3-2, they failed to qualify as the Netherlands had a better goal difference despite both Scotland and the Netherlands having the same number of points.

The eight teams that won or came second in the groups progressed to the second group stage. They were Italy, Argentina, Poland, West Germany, Austria, Brazil, Peru and the Netherlands. These were divided into two groups with each team in each group playing each other. Groups winners went to contest the final whereas teams that finished second in the final went into the third/fourth play-off. The Netherlands won Group A with Italy second.<sup>237</sup> Argentina won group B with Brazil second.<sup>238</sup> Brazil then beat Italy 2-1 to finish third. Argentina won the final 3-1 after extra time.

<sup>237</sup> Perhaps surprisingly, West Germany failed to progress beyond the second group stage. They drew with the Netherlands and Italy but then lost their last game to Austria.

<sup>238</sup> Argentina finished ahead of Brazil in the group based on goal difference. Argentina and Brazil drew with each other but Argentina beat Peru 6-0 as opposed to Brazil's 3-0.

In addition to competitive international matches, I also noted a number of friendly internationals. For example, in September 1976, I watched an [international friendly](#) on television between England and Ireland. It finished [1-1](#).<sup>239 240</sup>

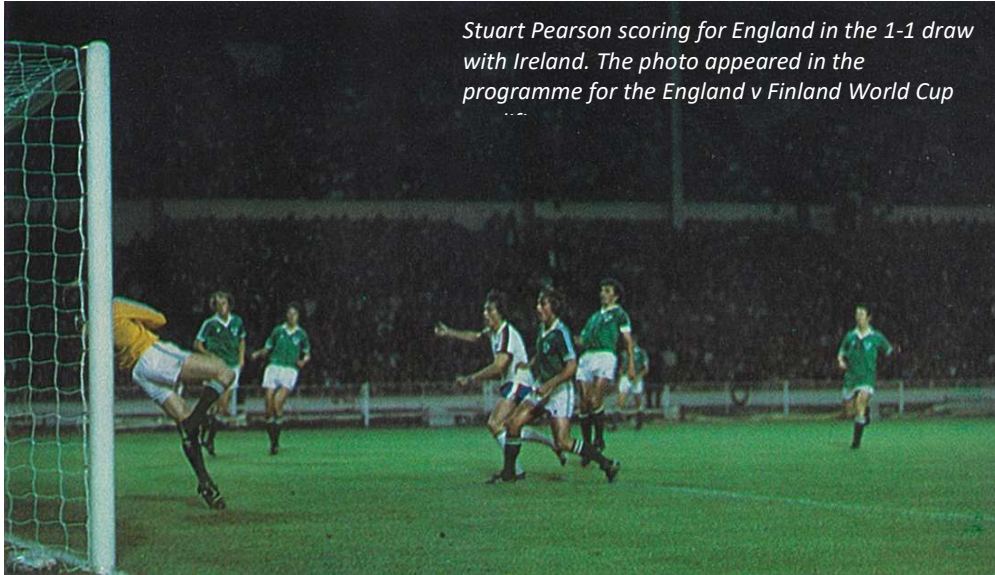


ENGLAND		REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	
(White shirts with red and blue piping Blue shorts with red and white stripes White stockings with red and blue tops)		(Green shirts, white shorts, green and white stockings)	
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	*R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ... P. SHILTON (Stoke City)	<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	*M. KEARNS (Walsall) ... P. ROCHE (Manchester United)
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	... K. BEATTIE (Ipswich Town) *T. CHERRY (Leeds United) ... D. CLEMENT (Queen's Park Rangers) ... M. DOYLE (Manchester City) *S. GREENHOFF (Manchester United) *P. MADELEY (Leeds United) ... M. MILLS (Ipswich Town) ... P. THOMPSON (Liverpool) *C. TODD (Derby County)	<b>DEFENDERS</b>	... A. GREALISH (Orient) *J. HOLMES (Coventry City) *P. MULLIGAN (West Bromwich Albion) ... R. O'BRIEN (Notts County) *D. O'LEARY (Arsenal)
<b>MIDFIELD</b>	*T. BROOKING (West Ham United) ... G. FRANCIS (Queen's Park Rangers) ... A. TOWERS (Sunderland) *R. WILKINS (Chelsea)	<b>MIDFIELD</b>	*L. BRADY (Arsenal) ... N. CAMPBELL (Fortuna Cologne) *G. DALY (Manchester United) *M. MARTIN (West Bromwich Albion)
<b>FORWARDS</b>	... M. CHANNON (Southampton) S *C. GEORGE (Derby County) S G. HILL (Manchester United) *K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) *S. PEARSON (Manchester United) ... J. ROYLE (Manchester City) ... P. TAYLOR (Crystal Palace)	<b>FORWARDS</b>	*T. CONROY (Stoke City) ... M. DENNEHY (Walsall) *D. GIVENS (Queen's Park Rangers) *S. HEIGHWAY (Liverpool) ... D. MURPHY (Coventry City) ... F. STAPLETON (Arsenal) ... M. WALSH (Blackpool)
Manager: Mr. DON REVIE		*Manager: Mr. JOHNNY GILES	

Top left – front cover of programme for friendly between England and Ireland in September 1976  
Top right – ticket for friendly between England and Ireland in September 1976  
Below – respective squads from programme. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Roy McFarland started for England although he was not listed in the squad. Johnny Giles was listed as manager for Ireland but he also played. Stuart Pearson scored for England and Gerry Daly for Ireland

<sup>239</sup> Charlie George played his only game for England while Ray Wilkins won his second of 84 caps.

<sup>240</sup> Mum noted that I was very quiet when she came in from Young Wives but she acknowledged I was watching football.

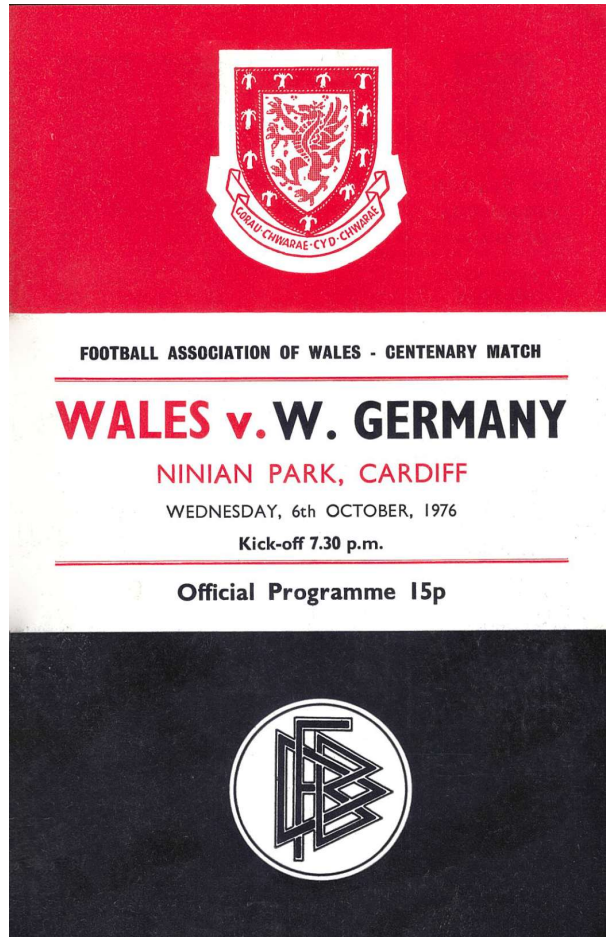


Stuart Pearson scoring for England in the 1-1 draw with Ireland. The photo appeared in the programme for the England v Finland World Cup

In October 1976, I watched an [international friendly](#) between Wales and West Germany which Wales lost 2-0. It was called an [FA centenary international](#) which celebrated the formation of the Football Association of Wales [in 1876](#).

In February 1977, I watched an [international friendly](#) between England and the Netherlands which England lost 2-0.

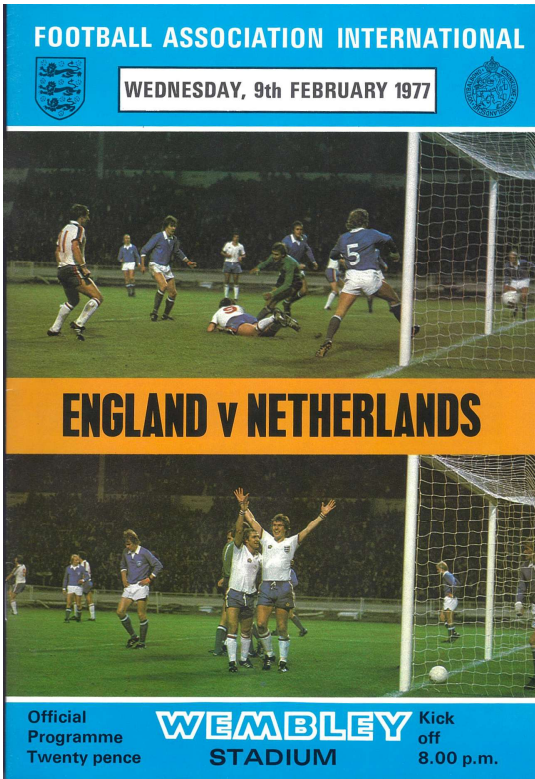
In June 1977, England went on a three-match tour of South America. This was part of England's build up for the 1978 World Cup in Argentina and took place midway through their qualification programme. Ultimately, England failed to qualify making this tour somewhat redundant. While in South America, they played three matches, all of which were drawn. On Wednesday 8 June 1977, England played Brazil. I noted that England had started a South American tour with a [0-0 draw with Brazil](#).<sup>241</sup> On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, England drew [1-1](#) with Argentina.<sup>242</sup> The tour concluded on Wednesday 15 June 1977 with a [0-0](#) draw with Uruguay that I did not mention in my diary.



Front cover of programme for friendly match between Wales and West Germany in October 1976

<sup>241</sup> This was the same day Italy beat Finland 3-0 in the qualifying group they shared with England.

<sup>242</sup> Stuart Pearson scored for England after three minutes.



Left – front cover of programme for friendly match between England and the Netherlands in February 1977

Below – Trevor Francis and Wim Rijsbergen in action in friendly match between England and the Netherlands in February 1977. This photo was in the programme for England's match against Luxembourg the following month, in March 1977

Below – respective squads from programme. Starters indicated with \*. Substitutes and players substituted indicated with S. Dave Watson and Paul Madeley started for England despite not being listed in the squad



ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
<p>(White shirts with red and blue piping Blue shorts with red and white stripe White stock-ings with red and blue tops)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> * R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool) ... J. CORRIGAN (Manchester City) ... P. SHILTON (Stoke City)</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> * K. BEATTIE (Ipswich Town) ... T. CHERRY (Leeds United) * D. CLEMENT (Queen's Park Rangers) * M. DOYLE (Manchester City) S * B. GREENHOFF (Manchester United) ... E. HUGHES (Liverpool) ... R. McFARLAND (Derby County) ... M. MILLS (Ipswich Town) ... P. THOMPSON (Liverpool) ... S. TODD (Derby County)</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b> * T. BROOKING (West Ham United) ... B. TALBOT (Ipswich Town) ... R. WILKINS (Chelsea)</p> <p><b>FORWARDS</b> * S. BOWLES (Queen's Park Rangers) ... M. CHANNON (Southampton) * T. FRANCIS (Birmingham City) * K. KEEGAN (Liverpool) <i>Captain</i> ... S. PEARSON (Manchester United) ... J. ROYLE (Manchester City) ... D. TUEART (Manchester City)</p> <p>Manager: Mr. DON REVIE</p>	<p>(Orange shirts. White shorts. Blue stockings)</p> <p><b>GOALKEEPERS</b> * PIET SCHRIJVERS (Ajax Amsterdam) ... JAN VAN BEVEREN (PSV Eindhoven)</p> <p><b>DEFENDERS</b> * WIM RIJSBERGEN (Feyenoord) * RUDI KROL (Ajax Amsterdam) * HUGO HOVENKAMP (AZ 67 Alkmaar) ... JOHNNY DUSBABA (Ajax Amsterdam) * WIM SUURBIER (Ajax Amsterdam)</p> <p><b>MIDFIELD</b> * JAN PETERS (NEC Nijmegen) * JOHAN NEESKENS (Barcelona, Spain) ... WILLY VAN DER KUYLEN (PSV Eindhoven) * WILLY VAN DER KERKHOFF (PSV Eindhoven)</p> <p><b>FORWARDS</b> * JOHAN CRUYFF (Barcelona, Spain) <i>Captain</i> S * KEES KIST (AZ 67 Alkmaar) ... RUUD GEELS (Ajax Amsterdam) * ROBBY RENSENBRINK (Anderlecht, Belgium) S * JOHNNY REP (Valencia, Spain)</p> <p>Manager: Mr. JAN ZWARTKRUIS</p>
<p><b>REFEREE</b> WALTER ESCHWEILER (West Germany)</p> <p><b>Linesmen</b> Karl H. Fork (West Germany) (<i>Red Flag</i>) Dieter Pauly (West Germany) (<i>Flame Flag</i>) Reserve Linesman C. A. Gregory (Surrey)</p>	
<p><small>SUBSTITUTES: Five substitutes may be named by each team, two of whom will be permitted to play at any time during the match.</small></p>	

**WORLD CUP FOOTBALL AT WEMBLEY NEXT MONTH!**  
 Wednesday 30th March, Kick-off 8.00 p.m.  
**ENGLAND versus LUXEMBOURG**  
 Reserved seats: £6.00, £5.00, £4.00, £3.00. Standing enclosures: £1.50.

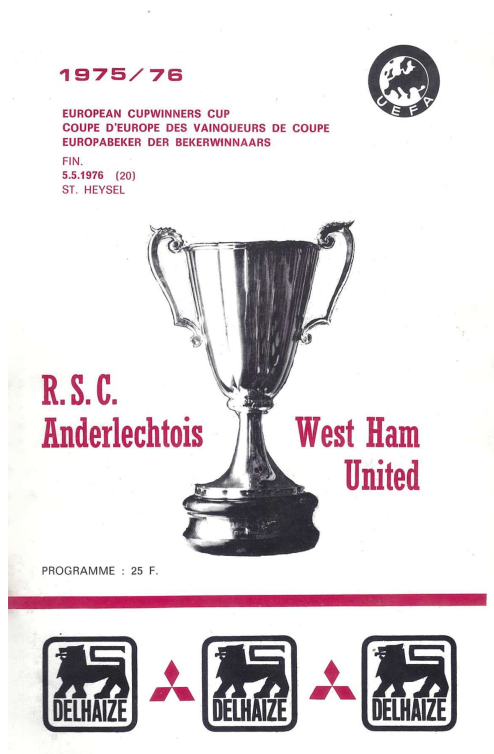
Tickets on Sale TONIGHT at Ticket Booth 7, near Entrance 40 (South Stand) and Ticket Booth 11, near Entrance 1 (North Stand). Tickets may also be obtained by post from FOOTBALL MAIN BOX OFFICE, WEMBLEY CONFERENCE CENTRE, WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX, HA9 0DW with cheque order or cheque payable "Wembley Stadium Ltd." with stamped addressed envelope please. PERSONAL CALLERS can obtain tickets at Main Box Office in the Wembley Conference Centre. (Tel: 01-802-1234)



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*Argentina captain Americo Gallego (left) with England captain Kevin Keegan (right) before the friendly match in Buenos Aires in June 1977*

In addition to watching England internationals on television, I also watched European club competitions where I could, particularly in the latter stages and especially where they involved British clubs. So, for example, on Wednesday 5 May 1976, I watched the [European Cup Winners' Cup<sup>243</sup> Final](#) between West Ham<sup>244</sup> and Anderlecht<sup>245</sup> at the Heysel Stadium<sup>246</sup> in Brussels. Anderlecht won [4-2](#). West Ham took the lead after former Norwich player Graham Paddon crossed the ball and it was headed on by Billy Bonds for Pat Holland to score. Anderlecht equalised after a catastrophic error by Frank Lampard and then took a 2-1 lead in the second half. Keith Robson then equalised before Anderlecht scored the two winning goals, the first from a penalty and the second in the last five minutes as West Ham pressed for an equaliser.<sup>247</sup>



*Left – front cover of programme for 1976 European Cup Winners' Cup Final*  
*Above – final ticket*  
*Below – photo of West Ham's first goal scored by Pat Holland*



<sup>243</sup> This competition was for domestic cup winners and it operated from 1960-61 until it was abolished in 1998-99. British winners include Aberdeen, Arsenal, Chelsea (twice), Everton, Manchester City, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United. West Ham had qualified for it having won the FA Cup in 1974-75.

<sup>244</sup> West Ham reached the final by beating Reipas Lahti of Finland, Ararat Yerevan of the Soviet Union (Armenia), Den Haag of the Netherlands and Eintracht Frankfurt of West Germany.

<sup>245</sup> The Belgian team Anderlecht are based in part of Brussels. They qualified by beating Rapid București of Romania, Borac Banja Luka of Yugoslavia (Serbia), Wrexham and Sachsenring Zwickau of East Germany.

<sup>246</sup> A major stadium in Brussels infamous for the [disaster](#) which happened there later, in May 1985.

<sup>247</sup> Anderlecht's goal scorers were Rob Rensenbrink (2) and François van der Elst (2).

On 13 May 1976, I noted that [Bayern Munich beat St Étienne 1-0](#) in the European Cup.<sup>248</sup> This was the [European Cup Final at Hampden Park](#) which had been held the previous day. This was the third successive time that Bayern had won. While the game had been [shown on ITV](#), I don't think I watched it.<sup>249</sup>



*Front cover of programme for final of European Cup 1976 featuring Bayern Munich and St Étienne*

*Bayern were the holders of the European Cup having won it in 1974 and 1975. Franz Beckenbauer, one of their stars, is pictured here from an article which appeared in "Shoot!" in May 1976*

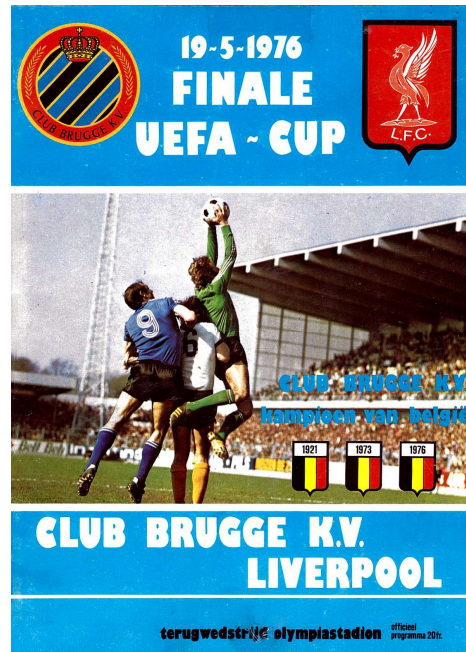


*Beckenbauer v. Lopez in last season's European Cup, when Bayern triumphed.*

<sup>248</sup> This competition ran from 1955 to 1991-92 when it became the [UEFA Champions League](#). British teams have won the competition 16 times including Aston Villa, Celtic, Chelsea (twice), Liverpool (six times), Manchester City, Manchester United (three times) and Nottingham Forest (twice).

<sup>249</sup> Presumably because no British team was involved.

On 19 May 1976, Liverpool won the [UEFA Cup<sup>250</sup> in a two-legged final<sup>251</sup>](#) with FC Bruges. The first leg had been at Anfield on 28 April 1976. Liverpool won that 3-2. The second leg was a [1-1 draw<sup>252</sup>](#) so Liverpool won 4-3 on aggregate.<sup>253</sup>



**De vermoedelijke samenstelling der ploegen :**

**LIVERPOOL F.C.**

Kleuren : rood-wit  
 Trui : rood met witte boord  
 Broek : rood  
 Kousen : rood  
 Manager : Bob Paisley

1. Ray CLEMENCE
2. Tommy SMITH
3. Phil NEAL
4. Phil THOMPSON
5. Ray KENNEDY
6. Emyln HUGHES (aanvoerder)
7. Kevin KEEGAN
8. David FAIRCLOUGH
9. Steve HEIGHWAY
10. John TOSHACK
11. Ian CALLAGHAN

- Invalliers :
12. Jimmy CASE
  13. Pieter Mc DONNELL
  14. Brian HALL
  15. Joe JONES
  16. Terry MAC DERMOTT

De definitieve samenstelling der ploegen wordt pas enkele minuten vóór de aanvang van deze wedstrijd bekendgemaakt en zal langs de mikro omgeroepen worden.  
 Deze finale voor de UEFA-CUP wordt geleid door de bekende scheidsrechter uit de D.D.R. Rudi GLÖCKNER, bijgestaan door zijn landgenoten Fiedl en Maerig.

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 WIR WÜNSCHEN HERR GLÖCKNER UND DIE BEIDEN LINIENRICHTER  
 HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN IN BRÜGGE  
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**CLUB BRUGGE K.V.**

Kleuren : blauw-zwart  
 Trui : wit  
 Broek : wit  
 Kousen : wit  
 Trainer : Ernst Happel

1. Birger JENSEN
2. Alfons BASTIJS (aanvoerder)
3. Eduard KRIEGER
4. Georges LEEKENS
5. Jozef VOLDERS
6. Julien COOLS
7. René VANDEREYCKEN
8. Roger VAN GOOL
9. Raoui LAMBERT
10. Daniël DE CUBBER
11. Ulrik LE FEVRE

- Invalliers :
12. Dirk SANDERS
  13. Hugo PIETERS
  14. Dirk HINDERYCKX
  15. Daniël VAN DEURSEN
  16. Norbert DENAEGHEL



**LIVERPOOL F.C.**

Back row, left to right: Chris Lawler, Steve Heighway, Kevin Keegan, Alec Lindsay, Ray Kennedy, Ray Clemence, Phil Thompson, John Toshack, Terry Mc Dermott, Joey Jones.  
 Front row, left to right: Jimmy Case, Phil Boersma, Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith, Emyln Hughes (Captain), Bob Paisley (Manager), Brian Hall, Peter Cormack, Phil Neal.

*Top left – goalkeepers Ray Clemence and Birger Jensen leaving the field with Liverpool captain Emyln Hughes after the first leg at Anfield*  
*Top right – front cover of programme for second leg of UEFA Cup Final 1976*  
*Above left – team sheet for second leg of UEFA Cup Final 1976*  
*Above right – team photo for Liverpool from programme for second leg of UEFA Cup Final 1976*

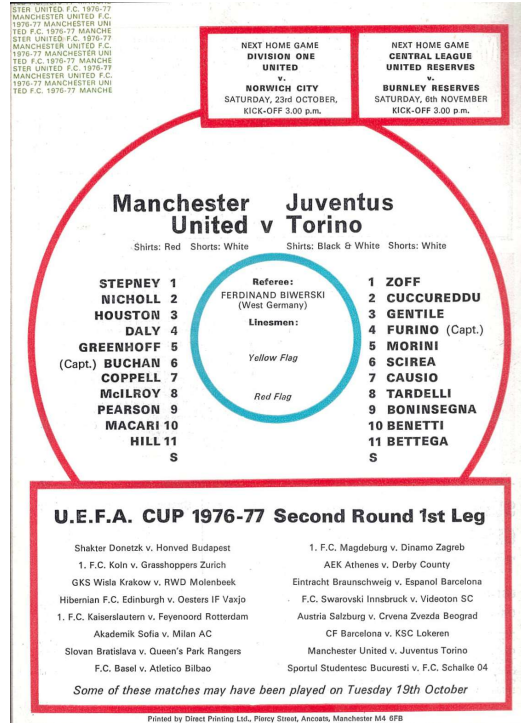
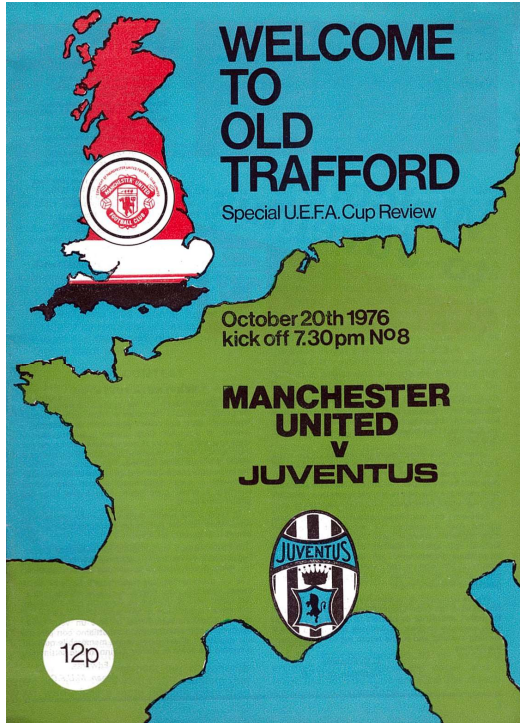
<sup>250</sup> The UEFA Cup was introduced in 1971 to replace the Inter-City Fairs Cup. It became the [UEFA Europa League](#) in 2009. British teams have won the competition ten times including Chelsea (twice), Ipswich Town, Liverpool (three times), Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur (three times).

<sup>251</sup> The final was held over two legs until 1998.

<sup>252</sup> Bruges took the lead from a penalty and, at that stage, would have won on away goals. But, Kevin Keegan scored when the ball was passed to him from an indirect free kick on the edge of the penalty area.

<sup>253</sup> It was the [second time](#) Liverpool had won the UEFA Cup. They had previously won it in 1972-73, the second time the UEFA Cup was staged.

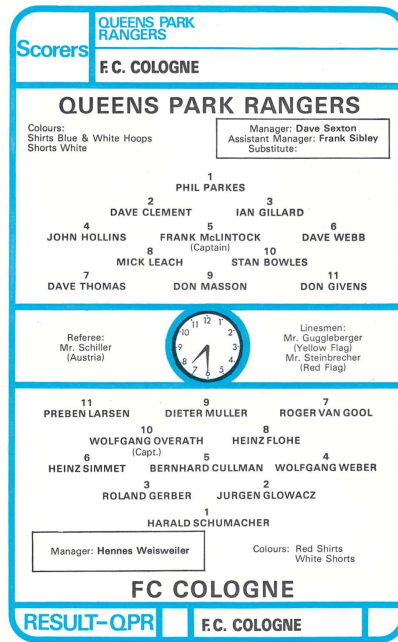
I have most detail of European club competitions from the 1976-77 season because I have my diaries for that period. That season, I did not only watch finals of European competitions but also watched British teams in earlier rounds.<sup>254</sup> In October 1976, I noted watching the [match](#) between Manchester United and Juventus. This was the first leg of the second round of the [1976-77 UEFA Cup](#).<sup>255</sup> Although Manchester United won 1-0, I noted that they would have hoped for a bigger margin.<sup>256</sup>



*Top left – front cover of programme for UEFA Cup match between Manchester United and Juventus*  
*Top right – teams for UEFA Cup match between Manchester United and Juventus*  
*Above right – United players celebrate scoring against Ajax in the previous round of the UEFA Cup*

<sup>254</sup> I suspect this was the case in other seasons but I do not have diaries for those seasons.  
<sup>255</sup> Manchester United had beaten Ajax 2-1 on aggregate in the first round.  
<sup>256</sup> In the end, this winning margin proved inadequate. They played the second leg the next month, in November 1976. Manchester United lost 3-0 meaning they were eliminated. Juventus went on to win the UEFA Cup that year.

The following month, in November 1976, I watched Queens Park Rangers beat FC Köln 3-0 also [in the UEFA Cup](#), the first leg of the third round.<sup>257 258</sup>



**QPR SUPPORTERS CLUB**

**COLOGNE '76**  
UEFA CUP 3rd ROUND TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER 1976  
We have arranged the following four tours for MEMBERS for the above match. BOOKING FORMS are available today from CLUB OFFICES and SHOPS.

BOAT TOUR 1		BOAT TOUR 2	
Monday 6th December 1976	Depart QPR 20.00	Monday 6th December 1976	Depart QPR 20.00
Arrive Cologne (Tuesday 7th Dec.)	11.30	Arrive Cologne (Tuesday 7th Dec.)	11.30
Match k.o. 19.30		Match k.o. 19.30	
Depart for Zeebrugge after the match.		Transfer back to Hotel after the match.	
Arrive QPR (Wednesday 8th Dec.)	13.45	Depart Hotel (Wednesday 8th Dec.)	9.00
	£19.75	Arrive QPR	22.45
			£31.00

AIR TOUR 1		AIR TOUR 2	
Tuesday 7th December 1976	Depart Gatwick 09.30	Tuesday 7th December 1976	Depart Gatwick 10.30
Arrive Köln/Bonn (local time)	11.40	Arrive Köln/Bonn (local time)	12.40
Match k.o. 19.30		Match k.o. 19.30	
Depart for Airport after match		Transfer back to Hotel after the match.	
Arrive Gatwick (8th Dec.)	01.00	Depart Hotel (8th Dec.)	13.00
Includes all coach transfers in Germany.	£46.00	Arrive Gatwick (includes all coach transfers in Germany.)	17.00
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*Top left – front cover of programme for first leg match in UEFA Cup third round between QPR and F C Cologne*

*Above – teams for first leg match in UEFA Cup third round between QPR and F C Cologne*

*Left – travel packages available to QPR fans including to second leg match in Cologne*

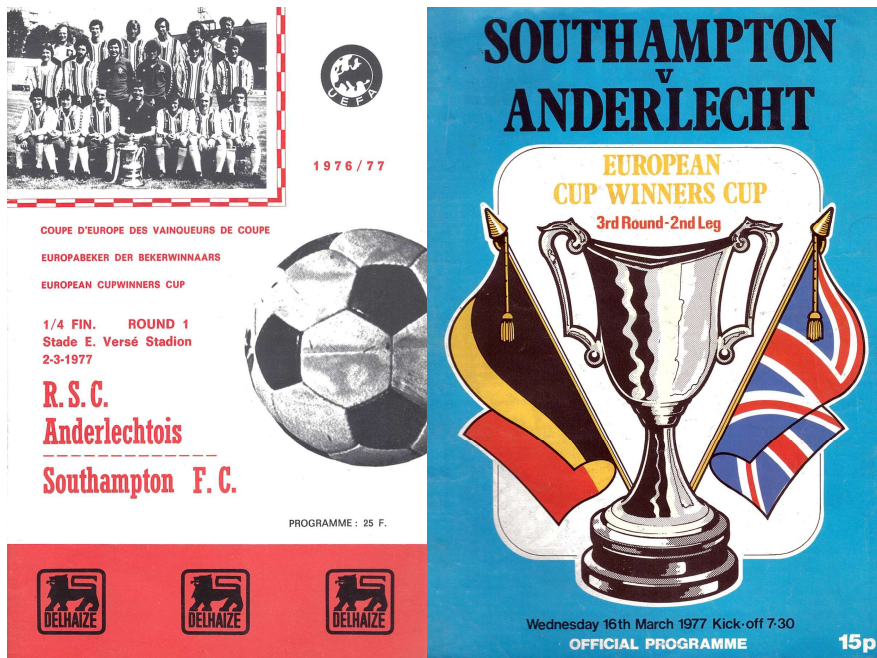
<sup>257</sup> Although QPR lost the second leg 4-1, they progressed on the away goal rule. In the first round, QPR had beaten Norwegian team Brann 11-0 on aggregate. In the second round, they beat Slovan Bratislava from the then Czechoslovakia 8-5 on aggregate. Their quarter final against AEK Athens is covered later in this chapter.

<sup>258</sup> The other English teams in the [UEFA Cup](#) that year were Manchester City and Derby County. Manchester City were eliminated 2-1 by Juventus in the first round. Derby County were eliminated by AEK Athens 5-2 in the second round.

The following year, at the beginning of March 1977, I noted watching football from the quarter finals of three European competitions. Liverpool lost 1-0 to St Étienne away in the first leg of the quarter final of the [European Cup](#).<sup>259</sup> In the first leg of the quarter final of the [Cup Winners' Cup](#) Southampton lost 2-0 to Anderlecht<sup>260</sup> and, in the [UEFA Cup](#), QPR beat AEK Athens 3-0 at home. Two weeks later, the second legs of these matches took place. Liverpool beat St Étienne 3-1 to qualify for the semi-finals of the European Cup. Southampton beat Anderlecht 2-1 but went out of the European Cup Winners' Cup 3-2 on aggregate. In the quarter final of the UEFA Cup, QPR lost to AEK Athens 3-0. There was no further score after extra time and the game went to [penalties](#) with AEK Athens winning 7-6.



*Programmes for 1977 European competition quarter finals involving English clubs including Liverpool in the European Cup (far left); QPR in the UEFA Cup (left); and Southampton in the Cup Winners' Cup (bottom)*



<sup>259</sup> In earlier rounds, Liverpool beat Crusaders from Northern Ireland 7-0 and Turkish side Trabzonspor 3-1 both on aggregate  
<sup>260</sup> In the second round, Southampton had beaten Northern Ireland's Carrick Rangers 9-3 on aggregate and, in the first round, they beat French side Marseille 5-2 also on aggregate.

The next month, in April 1977, I saw the second semi-final of the [European Cup](#) on TV. Liverpool beat FC Zürich [3-0](#) at Anfield. Two weeks earlier, Liverpool had won [3-1](#) away meaning they won 6-1 on aggregate and qualified for the final which was to be played in Rome on 25 May 1977.

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**HOW THEY LINE UP...**

**LIVERPOOL** **F.C. ZÜRICH**



1. Ray CLEMENCE	1. Karl GROB
2. Phil NEAL	2. Max HEER
3. Joey JONES	3. Pius FISCHBACH
4. Tommy SMITH	4. Hilmar ZIGERLIG
5. Ray KENNEDY	5. Pierre CHAPIJAT
6. Emlyn HUGHES (Capt.)	6. Jakob KUHN (Capt.)
7. Kevin KEEGAN	7. Ernst RÜTSCHMANN
8. Jimmy CASE	8. Freddy SCHEIWILER
9. Steve HEIGHWAY	9. Peter RISI
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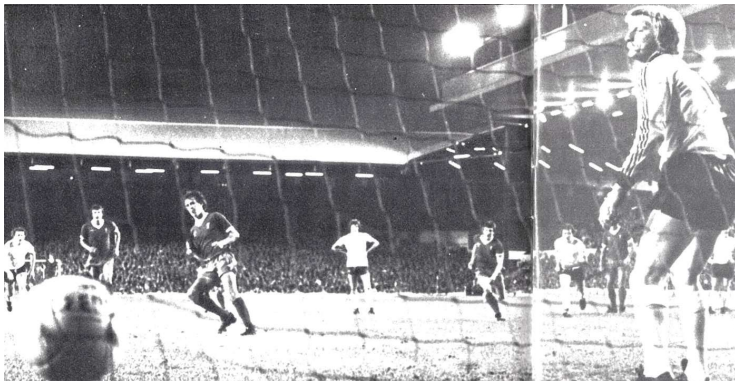
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*Top left* – programme for first leg match between F C Zürich and Liverpool *Top centre* – programme for second leg match *Top right* – teams for second leg match *Centre left* – Liverpool's Kevin Keegan from first leg programme *Centre right* – Liverpool's first goal in their first round match against Crusaders *Above* – Liverpool's second round opponents Trabzonspor *Left* Emlyn Hughes and St Étienne captain Jean-Michel Larque exchange pennants in the first leg



**THE END OF THE ROAD FOR ST. ETIENNE**

● David Fairclough strikes—and it's the end of the European Cup trail for St. Etienne. And how the Liverpool fans and players responded to that winner!

(cont'd from page 13)

Zurich's Letzigrund stadium is 29,000, the attendance for the first-leg semi-final against Liverpool was 30,500 . . . and it was estimated that 1,500 Liverpool supporters were at the game. Some had spent more than two days travelling overland to cheer Liverpool on.

A goal down in five minutes, when Risi scored from the penalty spot, Liverpool bounced back to give an impressive display of skill and power, and when Phil Neal raced up on the blind side of the Zurich defence, to stab home an equaliser, the writing was on the wall for the Swiss team.

Steve Heighway tormented the home defenders on both flanks, and was rewarded for his display with a magnificent goal—and, when he was breaking through again, in a scoring position, he was upended . . . which gave Phil Neal the chance to tuck away his second goal, this time from the penalty spot.

As the game wore on, Zurich visibly wilted, and as the final whistle went, they knew a 3-0 victory was needed at Anfield.

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**ZURICH CAN'T SEE STEVE'S HEELS FOR DUST!**

● Steve Heighway raises the dust as he darts through and leaves a Zurich defender trailing. The two pictures above show how he shot Liverpool into the lead, in the first leg of the European Cup semi-final.

● Top right, it's a penalty, as Fischbach brings down Steve Heighway. Centre: No doubt what the "kop" in Zurich thinks . . . or (right) how skipper Emlyn Hughes feels, at the end.

From second leg programme – highlights against St Étienne (top) and from first leg v Zürich (above)

On 11 May 1977, I watched the European Cup Winners' Cup Final from Amsterdam between SV Hamburg and Anderlecht. When I went to bed, it was 2-0 to Hamburg.<sup>261 262</sup>



Two weeks later, on 25 May 1977, the European Cup Final took place in Rome. Malcolm Carter came to watch it. Mum recorded that the game was between Liverpool and West Germany (!) with Liverpool winning 3-1. I described the game in some detail saying, *"the main event of today was the live coverage of the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Borussia Moenchengladbach of WG<sup>263</sup>. Mr Carter a friend of mum's came to watch the second half and he got very excited as he comes from Liverpool. Liverpool dominated the first half but the first real chance of the match fell to Borussia when the ball hit the post with Clemence beaten. However, Liverpool went in at half-time deservedly 1-0 up. [Ian] Callaghan tackling back robbed Borussia of the ball, played an intelligent ball to [Steve] Heighway who drew 2 players and slipped the ball through to [Terry] McDermott who having made tremendous space finished superbly. In the 1st 10 mins of the 2nd half Liverpool lived dangerously after a mistake from [Jimmy] Case Borussia equalised through their Danish winger [Allan Simonsen] and only a fine save from Clemence prevented them going 2-1 up. The third goal came when a corner floated across and Tommy Smith playing his 599<sup>th</sup> game for Liverpool headed it home. The final goal came when Kevin Keegan made a run into the penalty area from just over halfway and was brought down by Bertie Vogts from whom Keegan had been getting a lot of stick. The penalty was awarded and Phil Nea converted casually making it 3-1 to Liverpool"*.<sup>264</sup>

<sup>261</sup> This was the [final score](#).

<sup>262</sup> Before and after this game, on 4 and 18 May 1977, the two-legged UEFA Cup Final was held between Juventus and Athletic Bilbao. Juventus won the first leg at home 1-0. Although they lost the second leg 2-1, they won on away goals. I did not mention either game in my diary. As far as I can see, neither leg was shown on TV.

<sup>263</sup> West Germany.

<sup>264</sup> This was the first time Liverpool won the competition but they then won the European Cup/Champions League five more times, in 1978, 1981, 1984, 2005 and 2019. Liverpool were the third British team to win the European Cup after Celtic and Manchester United. From this year inclusive, English teams won the trophy for six consecutive years. Liverpool won in 1977, 1978 and 1981; Nottingham Forest won in 1979 and 1980; and Aston Villa won in 1982.

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Top - my diary entry for 25 May 1977 consisting of a detailed report of the European Cup Final won by Liverpool

Above left - programme for 1977 European Cup Final

Above centre - teams for 1977 European Cup Final with corrections

Above - badge commemorating Liverpool's first win of the European Cup

Left - photos of two stars of the teams in the final - Kevin Keegan and Bertie Vogts

I did not have too much about European competitions in 1977-78 in my diaries as they ended in November 1977. However, I did watch two of Manchester United's games in the Cup Winners' Cup that year.<sup>265</sup> On 14 September 1977, I watched the match between Manchester United and St Étienne. The result was a 1-1 draw which I thought was very good for Manchester United.<sup>266</sup> On 2 November 1977, I watched the second leg match between Manchester Utd and Porto which was played at Old Trafford. I noted that although Manchester United won 5-2, they lost 6-5 on aggregate.<sup>267 268</sup>



*Above left* – programme for first leg of first round match between St Étienne and Manchester United  
*Above centre* – programme for second leg of first round match between Manchester United and St Étienne. This match was played in Plymouth!  
*Above right* – programme for second leg of second round match between Manchester United and Porto

*Above* – Stuart Pearson in action in first leg of first round against St Étienne  
*Right* – Lou Macari in action in first leg of second round against Porto



<sup>265</sup> Manchester United won the FA Cup in 1976-77 beating Liverpool in the final.  
<sup>266</sup> This match was away in France. However, because of violence there, Manchester United were ordered to play the second game at least 200km from Old Trafford so they [played in Plymouth](#)! They won 2-0 progressing 3-1 on aggregate.  
<sup>267</sup> That year, the European Cup Winners' Cup was won by Anderlecht who beat Austria Wien in the final.  
<sup>268</sup> I did not mention English clubs in other European competitions that year. Liverpool were in the European Cup again and, although they received a bye in the first round, they did play their second round tie against Dynamo Dresden on the same days as Manchester United played Porto. Liverpool won the competition again beating Club Brugge in the final. Four English teams took part in the UEFA Cup that year, Aston Villa, Ipswich Town, Manchester City and Newcastle United. They all played first and second leg ties prior to when my diaries ended. Manchester City lost in the first round to Polish side Widzew Łódź. Newcastle United lost in the second round to French side Bastia. Ipswich Town lost on penalties in the third round to Spanish side Barcelona, as did Aston Villa in the quarter finals. The competition was won by PSV Eindhoven who beat Bastia in the final.

The F A Cup Final was similar to the university boat race and the Grand National in that both grandad and mum sometimes watched it on TV and/or noted that it had happened and what the score had been. The first time they did this was in 1951, when mum noted that the FA Cup Final was on TV and Newcastle United beat Blackpool 2-0.<sup>269</sup>

In May 1975, mum noted that I went to Barry and Christine's to watch the FA Cup Final in the afternoon. Barry and Christine were friends of mum's who I vaguely recall. I believe they were in the Salvation Army. I liked them because they were into football and Barry had a moped/scooter which he took me on.<sup>270</sup> The [FA Cup Final](#) in 1975 was between West Ham and Fulham with West Ham winning [2-0](#).



At the beginning of April 1976, I noted that the [FA Cup](#) Final would be between Southampton and Manchester United as [Manchester Utd beat Derby](#) and [Southampton beat Crystal Palace](#) both 2-0. On Saturday 1 May 1976, I stayed in to watch the Cup Final. [Southampton beat Manchester United](#) 1-0.



*Top right* – programme for 1975 FA Cup Final between Fulham and West Ham  
*Above* – programme for 1976 FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Southampton  
*Above right* – Gordon Hill scores the first goal for United in their 1976 semi-final against Derby  
*Right* – Peter Osgood in action for Southampton in their 1976 semi-final against Crystal Palace

<sup>269</sup> See [Chapter 59](#).

<sup>270</sup> See [Chapter 127](#).

In the 1976-77 season, because I was keeping a diary at that time, I commented on the [FA Cup](#) earlier than the final or semi-final stages. In January 1977, on my way back from a visit to Nottingham University<sup>271</sup>, I noted “there were a lot of police at the station as both Nottingham teams, Forest and County were playing at home versus Bristol Rovers and Arsenal respectively.”<sup>272</sup> At the end of January 1977, I noted that, in the cup, Port Vale beat Burnley and Colchester drew with Derby County.<sup>273</sup> At the end of February 1977, I described a number of cup games but mistakenly said they were in the fourth round when, in fact, they were fifth round matches. I noted that Aston Villa<sup>274</sup>, Leeds<sup>275</sup>, Liverpool<sup>276</sup>, Everton<sup>277</sup> and Derby<sup>278</sup> were all through. I noted that Manchester United and Southampton would have to replay.<sup>279</sup> <sup>280</sup> The following month, in March 1977, I noted that Manchester United knocked Southampton out of the cup 2-1 in their fifth round replay. That same month, in the quarter finals of the FA Cup, Everton beat Derby (2-0), Liverpool beat Middlesbrough (2-0), Manchester Utd beat Aston Villa (2-1) and Leeds beat Wolves (1-0).<sup>281</sup> At the end of March 1977, I noted there was an FA Cup semi-final replay in which Liverpool beat Everton 3-0. They had drawn 2-2 the previous Saturday when Manchester United beat Leeds 2-1.



*Left – Arsenal in third round action at Notts County  
Below left – Terry McDermott scoring the first goal for Liverpool in the semi-final against Everton. The game was drawn 2-2 and Liverpool won the replay 3-0*

*Below – Manchester United scoring their first goal against Leeds United in their semi-final which they won 2-1*



<sup>271</sup> See [Chapter 120](#).

<sup>272</sup> These matches were in the [third round of the FA Cup](#). Nottingham Forest and Bristol Rovers were both second division teams at the time. This game finished 1-1. A replay played in Bristol also finished 1-1 after extra time. Forest won the second replay 6-0. In the fourth round, Forest lost to Southampton in a replay. Notts County were also a second division team at that time. They lost 1-0 to first division Arsenal.

<sup>273</sup> These games were in the [fourth round of the FA Cup](#). Third division Port Vale beat second division Burnley 2-1 at home and fourth division Colchester drew 1-1 with Derby County. Port Vale then lost in the fifth round to Aston Villa while Colchester lost the replay to Derby County 1-0.

<sup>274</sup> Aston Villa beat third division Port Vale 3-0.

<sup>275</sup> Leeds beat Manchester City 1-0.

<sup>276</sup> Liverpool beat second division Oldham Athletic 3-1.

<sup>277</sup> Everton beat second division Cardiff City 2-1.

<sup>278</sup> Derby County beat second division Blackburn Rovers 3-1.

<sup>279</sup> They had drawn 2-2. At this point, Southampton were a second division team.

<sup>280</sup> In games I did not mention, second division Wolves beat third division Chester 1-0 and, in an all first division clash, Middlesbrough beat Arsenal 4-1.

<sup>281</sup> All teams were first division teams with the exception of Wolves who won the second division that year. Everton who finished ninth beat Derby who finished 15<sup>th</sup>. Liverpool who won the league beat Middlesbrough who finished 12<sup>th</sup>. Manchester United who finished sixth beat Aston Villa who finished fourth. Finally, Leeds who finished tenth beat Wolves who won the second division.

The FA Cup Final was on 21 May 1977. Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-1.



**ROUND BY ROUND TO WEMBLEY**

3rd Round (Jan. 8)	4th Round (Jan. 23)	5th Round (Feb. 26)	6th Round (Mar. 19)	Semi-Finals (Apr. 23)
Liverpool 0 3	Liverpool 3	Liverpool 3	Liverpool 2	Liverpool 2 3
Crystal Palace 0 2	Carlisle 0	Carlisle 0	Middlesbrough 0	(Main Road, Manchester)
*Cardiff 0 1	*Liverpool 3	*Liverpool 3	*Liverpool 2	LIVERPOOL
Motock Town 1	Coltish 0	Coltish 1	Coltish 0	
*Northwich Vic. 3	*Northwich Vic. 1	Oldham 1	Oldham 0	
Watford 2	*Blaine Rd., Mans. 3	Oldham 3	Oldham 0	
*Oldham A.C. 3	Oldham 0	Oldham 1	Oldham 0	
Plymouth Argyle 0	*Middlesbrough 4	*Middlesbrough 4	*Middlesbrough 0	
*Middlesbrough 0 0	Middlesbrough 0	Middlesbrough 0	Middlesbrough 0	
*Newford United 1	Newford 0	Arsenal 1	Arsenal 0	
Reading 0	Reading 0	Arsenal 1	Arsenal 0	
*Notts County 0	*Arsenal 3	Arsenal 1	Arsenal 0	
Arsenal 1	Coventry 1	Coventry 1	Coventry 0	
*Coventry City 1	Coventry 1	Coventry 1	Coventry 0	
Millwall 0	*Cardiff 3	*Cardiff 1	*Cardiff 0	
*Cardiff City 1	Cardiff 0	Cardiff 1	Cardiff 0	
Tottenham Hotspur 0	Wrexham 2	Wrexham 2	Wrexham 0	
Sunderland 2 0	*Wrexham 2	*Wrexham 2	*Wrexham 0	
Wrexham 2 1	*Windsor 2 1	Windsor 2	Windsor 0	
*Colton 2 0	*Windsor 2 1	Windsor 2	Windsor 0	
Swindon Town 3 5	Swindon 2 1	Swindon 2	Swindon 0	
*Everton 2	Everton 2 2	Everton 2	Everton 0	
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Colchester United 3	Colchester 1 0	Colchester 1	Colchester 0	
*Blackpool 0 2	Derby 1 1	Derby 3	Derby 0	
Derby County 0 3	Derby 1 1	Derby 3	Derby 0	
*Chatham A.C. 1 0	*Blackburn 3	Blackburn 3	Blackburn 0	
Blackburn Rovers 1 2	Blackburn 3	Blackburn 3	Blackburn 0	
*Dunfermline 2 0 0	Blackburn 3	Blackburn 3	Blackburn 0	
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*Ipswich Town 4	Ipswich 2 0	Ipswich 1	Ipswich 0	
Bristol City 1	Wolves 2 1	Wolves 1	Wolves 0	
*Wokingham Wm. 3	Wolves 2 1	Wolves 1	Wolves 0	
Nottingham United 2	*Chester 1	Chester 0	Chester 0	
*Southend United 0	Southend 0	Southend 0	Southend 0	
Cherter 4	Southend 0	Southend 0	Southend 0	
*Luton Town 1	Luton 0	Luton 0	Luton 0	
*Birmingham City 1	*Birmingham 1	Birmingham 1	Birmingham 0	
Portsmouth 0	Leeds 2	Leeds 1	Leeds 0	
*Leeds United 5	Leeds 2	Leeds 1	Leeds 0	
Norwich City 2	*Newcastle 1	Newcastle 1	Newcastle 0	
*Sheff. United 0 1 1	Man. City 3	Man. City 0	Man. City 0	
Newcastle United 0 3	Manchester City 3	Manchester City 0	Manchester City 0	
*Manchester City 1 1	Aston Villa 3	Aston Villa 3	Aston Villa 1	
W.S.A. 1 0	West Ham 0	West Ham 0	West Ham 0	
*Leicester City 1	Port Vale 2	Port Vale 0	Port Vale 0	
Aston Villa 1	Burnley 1	Burnley 1	Burnley 0	
*Wrexham U.L. 2	*Not'n F. 3 1	Not'n F. 3 1	Not'n F. 2 1	
Bolton Wanderers 1	Southampton 3 2	Southampton 3 2	Southampton 2 1	
*Hull City 1 1	Man. United 1	Man. United 1	Man. United 2	
*Port Vale 1 3	Man. United 1	Man. United 1	Man. United 2	
*Burnley 2 1	Man. United 1	Man. United 1	Man. United 2	
Lincoln City 2 2	O.F.J.L. 0	O.F.J.L. 0	O.F.J.L. 0	
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Chelsea 1 0	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	
*Man. United 1	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	
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*O.F.J.L. 2	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	
Shrewsbury Town 1	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	Man. United 2 2	

\* = Club drawn at Home. (3rd Round second replays: A—at Tottenham; B—at Villa Park)

Left – front cover of programme for FA Cup Final 1977  
 Right – all the results in the F A Cup 1976-77

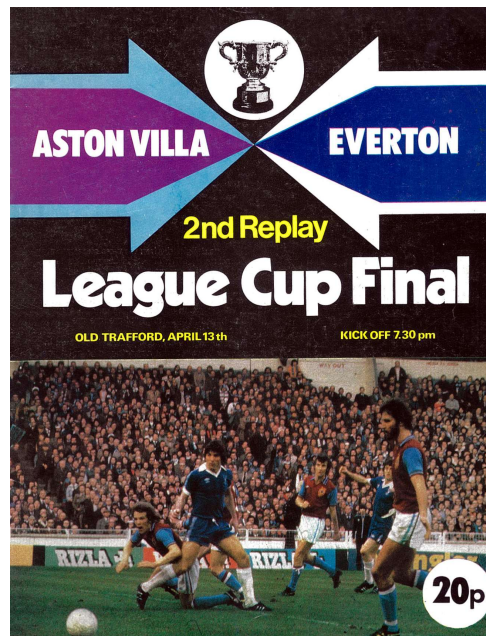
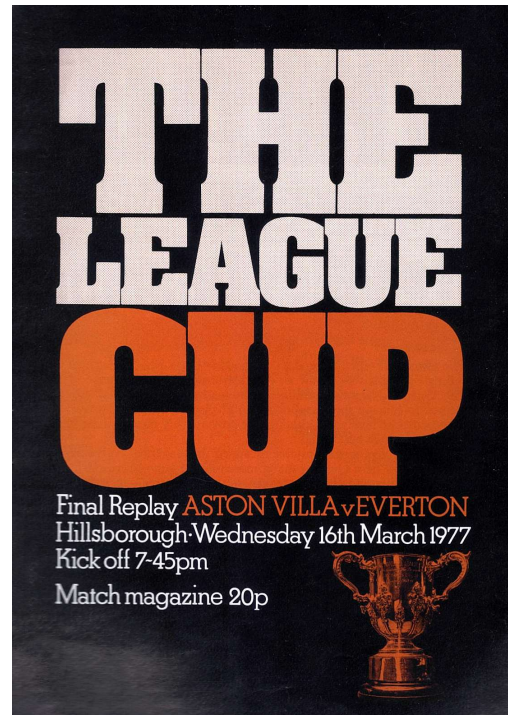
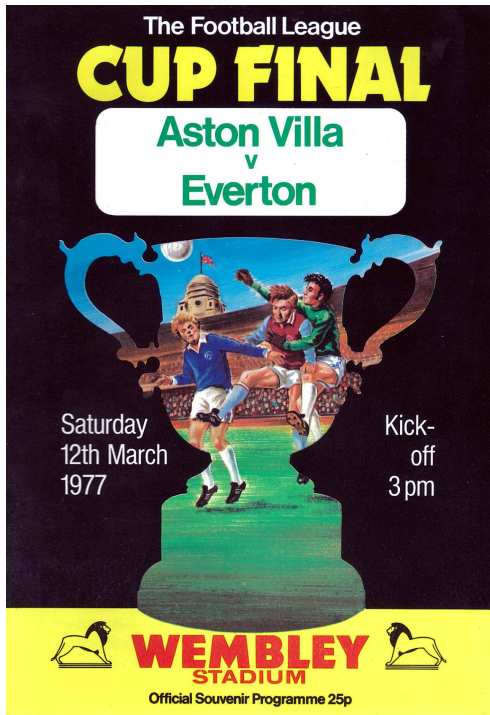
My diaries end in November 1977. Mum’s diaries make no mention of the FA Cup in either 1978 or 1979. In 1978, Ipswich Town won the FA Cup Final 1-0 against Arsenal. Arsenal were again in the final in 1979. However, this time they won 3-2 against Manchester United.

There are fewer mentions of the League Cup than the FA Cup in family diaries except when Norwich City reached the final and this is covered later in this chapter. At the end of October 1976, I noted that, in the League Cup, Manchester United beat Middlesbrough 7-2 and Aston Villa beat Wrexham 5-1. However, I misidentified the team beaten by Manchester United which was actually Newcastle United. These games were part of the [round of 16/fourth round](#).<sup>282</sup> I did not comment on the fifth round or semi-finals. However, in April 1977, I noted that Aston Villa finally won the League Cup Final after two replays! The first match at Wembley with Everton was drawn 0-0.<sup>283</sup> The first replay at Hillsborough had also been drawn 1-1. Villa won the second replay 3-2 after Brian Little scored in the last moments of extra time ending 339 minutes of play!<sup>284</sup>

<sup>282</sup> Manchester United lost to Everton in the next round while Aston Villa won the cup after the final was replayed twice. In other ties on that day, second division Millwall beat third division Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 and Queens Park Rangers beat West Ham 2-0. The four other ties had been played the previous day. Arsenal beat second division Chelsea 2-1, third division Brighton and Hove Albion drew 1-1 with Derby County with Derby winning the replay 2-1; Everton beat Coventry City 3-0 and fourth division Swansea City and second division Bolton Wanderers drew 1-1 with Bolton winning the replay 5-1.

<sup>283</sup> In the 1977 [League Cup Final](#), the original match was on 12 March 1977 with the first replay on 16 March 1977. The second replay was at Old Trafford on 13 April 1977.

<sup>284</sup> Aston Villa had also needed a replay in the semi-finals to get past Queens Park Rangers.



*Top left* – programme for 1977 League Cup Final between Aston Villa and Everton  
*Top right* – programme for 1977 League Cup Final replay between Aston Villa and Everton  
*Above* – programme for 1977 League Cup Final second replay between Aston Villa and Everton

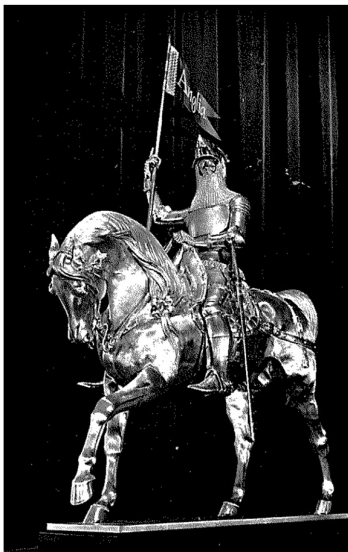
Family diaries do not mention other League Cups in the late seventies except insofar as they involve Norwich City. For example, Norwich City were beaten finalists in 1975 and this is covered later in this chapter. In 1976, Manchester City beat Newcastle United 2-1 in the final, in 1978, Nottingham Forest beat Liverpool 1-0 in a replay and, in 1979, Nottingham Forest won again, this time beating Southampton 3-2 in the final.

A lot of the football I watched in the late seventies was on television. However, the way television covers football now is very different from the way it was covered then. Now, more and more games are shown live, largely on paid channels, such as Sky and TNT, with times of league games often adjusted to allow live television broadcast. There is still a rule that games played at 3pm on Saturday cannot be shown live on TV.<sup>285</sup> Highlights are widely available, e.g. on YouTube. As a result of these changes, I am probably more focused in what I watch now than I was then with most of my attention focused on Norwich City including watching highlights, press conferences, podcasts etc. I rarely watch Premier League football but do watch big games, such as European finals involving British teams, the FA Cup Final and England internationals.

Then, very few games were shown live. Those that were included the FA Cup Final, European Finals involving British teams and England internationals. These were always shown on free-to-view channels as these were the only ones available then. For most of my football viewing, I relied on two highlights packages. The first was the very well-known "[Match of the Day](#)" which has changed relatively little over the years. It still shows highlights of top division games. The second was Anglia's "[Match of the Week](#)" which ran from 1962 to 1983. At the time I watched it, it was shown on a Sunday afternoon. It featured highlights of a single game in which a local team was playing at home. When it started, it initially focused on four clubs, Colchester United, Ipswich Town, Norwich City and Peterborough United. However, over time others were added.<sup>286</sup> In addition to these regular programmes, there were also sometimes special highlights programmes, e.g. for the FA Cup. For example, on Wednesday, 12 January 1977, I referred to watching football at night. This programme featured highlights of the FA Cup third round on ITV at 10.30pm.

I sometimes noted watching these programmes in my diaries of the time. For example, on Saturday 11 September 1976, I noted that everyone was in bed while I was watching "[Match of the Day](#)".<sup>287</sup> Two months later, on Sunday 7 November 1976, I watched football on TV, presumably "[Match of the Week](#)" and noted that Ipswich beat West Brom 7-0. The following month, on Saturday 4 December 1976, I watched "[Match of the Day](#)" but noted that many games had been cancelled because of bad weather, including Norwich's game against Everton.<sup>288</sup> In games that were on, Arsenal beat Newcastle 5-3 and Birmingham beat Leicester 6-2.

On Sunday 5 December 1976, I noted watching "[Match of the Week](#)" which featured the game between Ipswich Town and Liverpool. At this point, these were the teams in the top two positions in the First Division. Ipswich won the game 1-0. It also seems that that programme included highlights of



*Inset top left – badge with Anglia logo*  
*Top – “Match of the Week” logo with photo of presenter Gerry Harrison from column in 1977-78 Norwich City programmes*  
*Above – postcard of Anglia knight used as Anglia logo from 1959 to 1998*

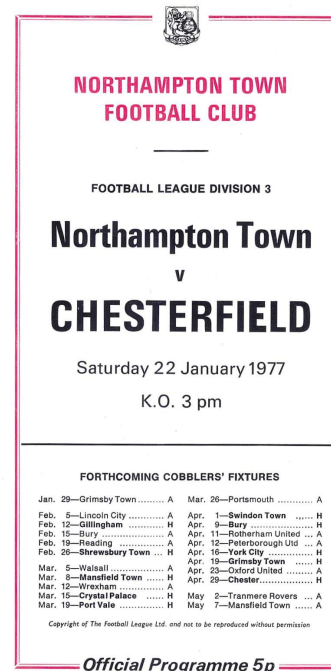
<sup>285</sup> However, this rule was waived during the COVID-19 pandemic when crowds were not allowed to attend stadiums. Also, the rule only applies in the UK. So, bizarrely, when I have been outside the UK, I have been able to watch British football on TV at 3pm on Saturday but I can't do this when at home!

<sup>286</sup> During the 1976-77 season, "[Match of the Week](#)" showed home games from Cambridge United (2), Colchester United (2), Ipswich Town (9), Luton Town (4), Northampton Town (2), Norwich City (8) and Peterborough (1). On eight occasions, a game was shown from a different region. This happened sometimes when the planned local game was postponed.

<sup>287</sup> Although precise times may have varied, it was always shown late on Saturday night. On this occasion, it started at 10.20pm.

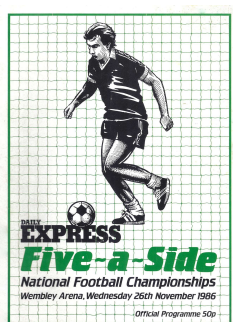
<sup>288</sup> This match was played on 19 January 1977, a game Norwich lost 3-1.

the game between Manchester City and Derby County which Manchester City won 3-2. The following week, I noted watching the game between Liverpool and Queens Park Rangers, which Liverpool won 3-1, on “*Match of the Week*”. This is a trifle odd as this was not a local game. However, it seems that this was one of those occasions where Anglia took a programme from another ITV region. On Sunday 16 January 1977, I noted watching football, presumably “*Match of the Week*”. The game featured was Ipswich against Everton, a game which Ipswich won 2-0. I noted that, apparently, “*Match of the Day*” had showed Norwich v Arsenal, a game that Arsenal won 1-0.<sup>289</sup> A week later, on Sunday 23 January 1977, I noted that “*Match of the Week*” showed the Division 3 match in which Northampton beat Chesterfield 2-1.<sup>290</sup> On Sunday 6 February 1977, I watched “*Match of the Week*” which featured the match between Colchester and Rochdale.<sup>291</sup> A week later, I watched the game between Ipswich and Aston Villa which Ipswich won 1-0. On Sunday 8 May 1977, I started to watch “*Match of the Week*” but commented that as it was only Ipswich beating Newcastle<sup>292</sup> I didn't watch it.<sup>293</sup> I knew it wouldn't be Norwich as they drew 0-0 away at Stoke and I was aware that they only showed games with an East Anglian team at home. The following season, on Sunday 11 September 1977, I watched “*the football*”.<sup>294</sup>



*Programme for match between Northampton Town and Chesterfield which featured on “Match of the Week” on Sunday 23 January 1977*

Although my main interest was English football, and Norwich City, in particular, I did very occasionally mention Scottish football. For example, on Saturday 1 May 1976, I noted that [Rangers beat Hearts](#) 3-1 in the Scottish Cup Final. The following year, in April 1977, I noted that Celtic had won and, as a result, had clinched the Scottish League.<sup>295</sup>



In November 1976, I noted that there was a five-a-side competition in which Wolves beat Stoke in the final. This was a [national five-a-side competition](#), sponsored by the Daily Express, between 1968 and 1986. It was televised until 1983. In this year, Wolves beat Stoke 2-1 in the final. Winners include Arsenal, Aston Villa, Celtic, Charlton Athletic, Crystal Palace, Derby County, Ipswich Town, Leyton Orient, Manchester City, Manchester United, Norwich City, Oxford United, Southampton (twice), Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur, Watford and Wolverhampton Wanderers (twice). Norwich won the competition the last time it was played in 1986/87.

*Programme for the Daily Express Five-a-Side Championship for 1986. I believe Norwich City won it that year and it was the last year it was contested*

<sup>289</sup> I am not sure why I did not watch it. I confess that now I am more likely to watch highlights of a game Norwich won than one they lost but I am not sure that was the case then. One thing this does illustrate is that you needed to watch a programme when it was broadcast. There was no catch-up TV, such as iPlayer. I also don't think we could video TV programmes at that time though that did come later.

<sup>290</sup> At this point, Northampton were 23<sup>rd</sup> in Division 3 and Chesterfield were 14<sup>th</sup>. That season, Northampton finished 22<sup>nd</sup> and were relegated while Chesterfield finished 18<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>291</sup> This was a fourth division match which Colchester won 1-0. That season, Colchester finished third and were promoted to the third division. Rochdale finished 18<sup>th</sup>.


<sup>292</sup> Ipswich won that game 2-0.

<sup>293</sup> Clearly, I did watch some Ipswich games on “*Match of the Week*” but, equally clearly, I was mostly interested in the Norwich games.

<sup>294</sup> Presumably this was “*Match of the Week*”. The programme shown was from another region.


<sup>295</sup> Celtic won the [Scottish League](#) that year nine points clear of Rangers in second. Aberdeen were third and Dundee United fourth.

**1986 NATIONAL FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1st Round k.o. 7 p.m.	2nd Round k.o. 8.31 p.m. approx.	Semi-Finals 1st k.o. 9.14 p.m.	Interval 9.40-9.50 p.m.	Final k.o. 9.55 p.m.	Presentation of the Daily Express Trophy and Souvenirs immediately after the Final
NORWICH CITY LUTON TOWN	NORWICH 2	NORWICH 5	LADIES FIVE-A-SIDE MATCH ENGLAND V SCOTLAND	NORWICH	
WEST HAM ABERDEEN	WEST HAM 1				
COVENTRY TOTTENHAM	COVENTRY 1	COVENTRY 0			
WATFORD READING	WATFORD 0				
CHARLTON MANCHESTER CITY	MAN CITY 3	MAN CITY 1		MAN CITY	
ARSENAL NOTTINGHAM FOREST	ARSENAL 2				
ASTON VILLA OXFORD UNITED	OXFORD U. 0				
SUNDERLAND SOUTHAMPTON	SOUTHAMPTON 1				

**TONIGHT'S LINE-UP**  
(Subject to confirmation)

	<b>ABERDEEN</b> 1. Beckett, S. 2. Riddell, C. 3. Robertson, I. 4. Grant, P. 5. Thomson, L. 6. Falconer, W. Red Shirts Red Shorts	<b>ARSENAL</b> 1. Lukic, J. 2. Sansom, K. 3. Rosewell, D. 4. Davis, P. 5. Nicholas, C. 6. Groves, P. Red Shirts White Shorts	<b>ASTON VILLA</b> 1. Poole, K. 2. Norton, D. 3. Dwyer, A. 4. Kerr, P. 5. Knowles, M. 6. Dalry, T. Clear and Blue Stripes White Shorts	<b>CHARLTON</b> 1. Boddie, B. 2. Walsh, C. 3. Sherrill, P. 4. Stuart, M. 5. Lee, R. 6. Reid, M. Red Shirts White Shorts	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b> 1. Czigecovic, S. 2. Pickering, N. 3. Clavin, M. 4. Borrowe, B. 5. Downes, C. 6. Phillips, D. Blue and White Stripes White Shorts	<b>LUTON TOWN</b> 1. Sealey, L. 2. Donaghy, M. 3. Redmond, S. 4. Hill, R. 5. Steen, B. 6. Stein, M. Blue Stripes Navy Shorts	<b>MANCHESTER CITY</b> 1. Suckling, P. 2. May, A. 3. Redmond, S. 4. Wilson, C. 5. Moulden, P. 6. White, D. Blue Stripes White Shorts	<b>NORWICH CITY</b> 1. Benstead, G. 2. Culverhouse, L. 3. Spearing, A. 4. Bruce, S. 5. Barham, M. 6. Biggins, W. Yellow Stripes Green Shorts
	<b>NOTTINGHAM FOREST</b> 1. Sutton, S. 2. Walker, D. 3. Webb, N. 4. Clough, N. 5. Strides, C. 6. Carr, F. Red Shirts Red Shorts	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b> 1. Lodge, A. 2. Shotton, M. 3. Thewlis, J. 4. Hibbard, T. 5. Adridge, J. 6. Phillips, L. Red Shirts Blue Shorts	<b>READING</b> 1. Bawert, R. 2. Richardson, S. 3. Brown, S. 4. Hurlock, T. 5. Wood, S. 6. Morris, D. Blue Stripes White Shorts	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b> 1. Rivers, T. 2. Baker, S. 3. Tomland, A. 4. Down, L. 5. Wallis, C. 6. Bull, C. Red Shirts Black Shorts	<b>SUNDERLAND</b> 1. Durcan, C. 2. Kennedy, A. 3. Corrie, D. 4. Cullen, E. 5. Gray, F. 6. Atkinson, P. Red and White Stripes White Shorts	<b>TOTTENHAM</b> 1. Pinks, T. 2. Thomas, D. 3. Allen, C. 4. Roberts, C. 5. Vaddell, C. 6. Samways, V. White Stripes White Shorts	<b>WATFORD</b> 1. James, D. 2. Smalley, R. 3. Pines, C. 4. Sherwood, T. 5. Coner, T. 6. Ward, M. Yellow Stripes Red Shorts	<b>WEST HAM UTD</b> 1. McAlister, T. 2. Stewart, R. 3. Gale, T. 4. McAvonnie, F. 5. Coner, T. 6. Ward, M. Clear and Blue Stripes White Shorts

*Partially-completed schedule for the evening's programme. It shows that Norwich and Manchester City reached the final. The teams Norwich beat included Luton Town, West Ham and Coventry. The Norwich team included Graham Benstead, Ian Culverhouse, Tony Spearing, Steve Bruce, Mark Barham and Wayne Biggins*

I have detailed my early experiences of supporting Norwich City in a [post](#) on the topic. These include the period of the early seventies.<sup>296</sup> Those experiences rely heavily on my own memories and limited mentions in family diaries. While those are also sources of information for this period, the late seventies, I also have my diaries for much of 1976 and 1977. These contain quite a lot of information on the topic. I continued to support Norwich City Football Club during this period although I could not always attend in person as I worked on Saturdays during most of this period.<sup>297</sup>

At the start of 1975, Norwich were playing in the second division having been relegated from the first division, with Manchester United and Southampton, the previous year, at the end of 1973-74. That had been Norwich's second season in the top flight.<sup>296</sup> In 1974-75, they were having a good season and, at the start of 1975, were lying [third in the table](#) behind Manchester United and Sunderland.

**HOW WE STAND...**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II**

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts.
Manchester United	25	16	5	4	41-19	37
Sunderland	24	13	7	4	41-17	33
Norwich City	24	11	9	4	33-20	31
West Bromwich Albion	25	11	7	7	30-28	29
Bristol City	24	10	7	7	24-16	27
Oxford United	25	11	5	9	26-43	27
Aston Villa	24	10	6	8	34-21	26
Blackpool	25	9	8	8	24-20	26
Blackpool	25	9	8	8	32-33	26
Notts. County	25	8	10	7	32-33	26
Hull City	25	8	9	8	28-42	25
Fulham	25	7	10	8	24-19	24
Bolton Wanderers	24	9	6	9	26-24	24
Nottingham Forest	25	9	6	10	27-32	24
Bristol Rovers	25	8	6	11	25-34	22
Orient	24	4	14	6	16-24	22
Southampton	23	7	7	9	29-33	21
York City	25	8	5	12	29-35	21
Cardiff City	24	6	8	11	24-32	20
Oldham Athletic	23	6	7	10	23-28	19
Portsmouth	25	5	9	11	19-32	19
Sheffield Wednesday	25	5	8	12	27-38	18
Millwall	24	5	7	12	23-35	17

*Norwich's first league game in 1975 was away at Cardiff. This shows the table from the programme for that match. Norwich were third on 31 points with Manchester United on 37 and Sunderland on 33*

For the first game of 1975, Norwich were drawn away in the FA Cup third round against first division Coventry, a game they lost 2-0. Mum did not mention this match, nor any of Norwich's January league

<sup>296</sup> See [Chapter 106](#).  
<sup>297</sup> See [Chapter 119](#).

fixtures, but she did note that I went to a football match on Wednesday 22 January 1975. This was the second leg of the League Cup semi-final against Manchester United which Norwich won 1-0. Colin Suggett scored the [winning goal](#). Norwich won 3-2 on aggregate having drawn the first leg 2-2 at Old Trafford.<sup>298</sup>



## CANARIES SING IN THE RAIN

● FLASHBACK to seven days ago . . . and the pictures to remind us of that thrilling 2-2 first leg draw with United at Old Trafford.

In the picture strip above, you can see TED MacDOUGALL'S last-minute equaliser in three stages . . . a mix-up between full-back Stewart Houston and goalkeeper Alex Stepney . . . quick-silver Ted sizing up the situation and streaking clear to slot the ball home . . . and the obvious joy at scoring such an important goal against his former club.

In the other picture, Stepney is hopelessly beaten again this time by TONY POWELL seconds before half-time Phil Boyer is the man turning to congratulate him.

**DUNCAN FORBES**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL (2nd leg)**

**NORWICH CITY v MANCHESTER UNITED**

Carrow Road  
Wednesday,  
January 22,  
1975.  
Kick-off  
7.30 p.m.  
Official Programme **10p**

**TEAMS CHECK**

**CITY**  
*(Yellow shirts, green collar, cuffs, shorts)*

- 1- KEVIN KEELAN
- 2- MEL MACHIN
- 3- COLIN SULLIVAN
- 4- PETER MORRIS
- 5- DUNCAN FORBES
- 6- DAVID STRINGER
- 7- JOHN BENSON
- 8- TED MacDOUGALL
- 9- PHIL BOYER
- 10- COLIN SUGGETT
- 11- TONY POWELL

Sub: JOHN MILLER

**Kick off**  
to better motororing with  
**Jim Russell**

**UNITED**  
*(Red shirts, white shorts)*

- 1- ALEX STEPNEY
- 2- ALEX FORSYTH
- 3- STEWART HOUSTON
- 4- BRIAN GREENHOFF
- 5- STEVE JAMES
- 6- MARTIN BUCHAN
- 7- WILLIE MORGAN
- 8- SAMMY McILROY
- 9- GERRY DALY
- 10- LOU MACCART
- 11- JIM McCALLIAG

Sub: TONY YOUNG

*Referee: K. H. Burns (Worship, Worcs)*  
*Linesmen: Red Flag: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge, Middx)*  
*Yellow Flag: D. A. Buntingham (Stanstead, Essex)*

**WILLIE MORGAN**

## ‘SEMI’ TRAIL

**CITY**

**ROUND II:** Bolton 0. Norwich 0. Att. 11,205. Replay: Norwich 3 (Stringer, MacDougall, Boyer), Bolton 1 (Jones, pen.). Att. 14,417.

**ROUND III:** West Brom. 1 (Stringer o.g.), Norwich 1 (Boyer), Att. 11,631. Replay: Norwich 2 (MacDougall, Boyer), West Brom. 0 (After extra time). Att. 18,235.

**ROUND IV:** Sheffield U. 2 (Woodward, Eddy, pen.) Norwich 2 (MacDougall 2), Att. 17,091. Replay: Norwich 2 (Goodwin 2), Sheff. U. 1 (Dearden), after extra time, Att. 19,507.

**ROUND V:** Norwich 1 (Suggett), Ipswich 1 (Whymark). Att. 34,802. Replay: Ipswich 1 (Johnson), Norwich 2 (Miller 2). Att. 29,241.

Extracts from the programme for the League Cup semi-final second leg against Manchester United in January 1975 Top – photos and brief report from the first leg at Old Trafford Above left – front cover Above centre – back cover showing teams Above right – Norwich City’s route to the semi-final including beating Ipswich in the previous round

<sup>298</sup> Of interest perhaps, Norwich played Manchester United four times that season winning two and drawing two.

# ACTION CITY

How the  
Canaries  
beat the  
Manchester  
men to  
reach the  
League Cup  
Final again

● Header — and City were there in the goal that took manager John Bond's heavy favorites through to Wembley again for a League Cup Final date with fellow promotion contenders Aston Villa. Man of the minute COLIN SUGGETT is shown in the top picture hitting the goal that gave us a 1-0 winning goal and that will send Manchester United — and a 5-1 aggregate success — City's job to United's greens — as the bottom picture shows. On the 8 last game, City is pictured with celebration champagne ... and already heading for a repeat performance this afternoon against the hammer club.



## Wembley next stop!



Moment of truth — for Manchester United! Norwich City goalscorer Colin Suggett is swamped by Ted MacDougall after scoring the goal that, last night at Carrow Road, put the Canaries into the League Cup Final for the second time in three years. David Stringer and Phil Boyer add their congratulations; Steve James and a seated Martin Buchan typify United's feelings.

*Top — these images of the League Cup semi-final second leg against Manchester United appeared in the programme for the match against West Bromwich Albion on 8 February 1975. Top — Colin Suggett scored the winning goal and above — Norwich celebrate the winning goal  
Above — local press cutting after Norwich's League Cup Semi-Final second leg win*

On 8 February 1975, mum noted that I went to a football match which meant that I “got a voucher to go to Wembley”. The [match](#) in question was Norwich’s next home game after the League Cup semi-final. It was played against West Bromwich Albion and Norwich won 3-2. It was an important game in its own right as West Brom were one of Norwich’s rivals challenging for promotion that year. However, people who attended that game also received a voucher which allowed them to apply for a ticket for the League Cup Final which was to be played against Aston Villa on 1 March 1975. As a result, attendance was high at 34,509.

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**NORWICH CITY** v **W. B. ALBION**

DIVISION 2, Carrow Road,  
8th February, 1975  
Kick-off 3 p.m.

Official Programme **10p**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ALLOCATIONS OF TICKETS**  
**LEAGUE CUP FINAL, MARCH 1, 1975.**

THE voucher/letter you have received today from the turnstiles, gives you an opportunity of being considered for a Wembley ticket for the above fixture. The form in itself is self explanatory, but, those supporters with BLUE coloured tickets may apply for £4 seats, PINK coloured tickets for £3 seats and GOLD coloured tickets for £2.50 seats. The supporters with WHITE tickets will be considered for £1 standing tickets only.

Applications must be made by post, enclosing the FORM COMPLETED, together with appropriate remittance and a STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. These applications will be accepted as from Monday next, February 10, 1975 until 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 1975 after which date no applications will be considered whatsoever. Should sufficient applications not be received within this time limit, then a further announcement will be made through the local Press. It is pointed out that all successful applicants will not receive their tickets until approximately a week after their application was received by the club, so please do not telephone or write us further regarding your application. As you will appreciate, we are dealing with many thousands and your enquiries only lengthens the time taken to get the tickets back to you.

Supporters who have received forms for seats and perhaps only wish for ground tickets, and also those who have received forms for higher priced seats than they will accept, are advised to “SHOP AROUND” with their fellow supporters and exchange vouchers where you can.

The club cannot do this for you and no application forms will be accepted except for the nominated amounts as above: i.e. —

£4—BLUE; £3—PINK; £2.50—GOLD; £1 (standing)—WHITE.

Any supporters wishing to be considered for tickets together (and this will be done wherever possible) should apply in the same envelope. There is no restriction on the number of applications forwarded together but it is pointed out ONLY ONE TICKET WILL BE ISSUED PER VOUCHER RECEIVED.

Note: It is notified that no £5 tickets are available to the general public, because the limited number received were over-applied for by our own season-ticket holders and shareholders.  
NORWICH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB.

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Largest AUSTIN distributors in the United Kingdom

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KING'S LYNN

## Cup vouchers day at Carrow Road

**TURNSTILES** at Carrow Road will be open from 12.30 today to cope with the demand for League Cup Final vouchers. Supporters are advised to go along as early as possible.

Announcing the arrangements yesterday, secretary Bert Westwood explained that an assortment of vouchers could be obtained from the turnstiles on a first-come, first-served basis. There would be only one voucher per person, which will give supporters the opportunity of being considered for a Wembley ticket.

There will be two turnstiles where vouchers will not be on offer — No. 11 (Thorpe End) and No. 29 (River End). This has been done to accommodate visiting spectators and anybody who wants to come to the Albion match but not to Wembley,” said Mr. Westwood.

“The majority of vouchers available will be for the ground but there will be a very limited number of seat vouchers on each turnstile and early comers will therefore have a choice.

“The vouchers will be evenly distributed but obviously some of the popular siles will probably run out before others. In that event, supporters should shop around as it is likely that other turnstiles may still have vouchers.”

Mr. Westwood stressed that the vouchers — blue for a £4 seat, pink for a £3 seat, gold for a £2.50 seat, white for £1 standing — were not a cast-iron guarantee of a ticket but meant that those holding them could apply to be considered for a ticket.

Applications should be made by post enclosing the completed voucher form together with the money and a stamped addressed envelope. They should arrive at Carrow Road from Monday until 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th.

Successful applicants should not expect their tickets until about a week after sending their

application. Supporters wishing to be considered for tickets together should send their applications in the same envelope, and those who receive forms for seats and perhaps wish for ground tickets are requested to make inquiries among other fans and exchange vouchers before applying.

No £5 tickets are available as the limited number have been taken by the club's season-ticket holders and shareholders. Should there be any tickets over after the closing date for applications, a further announcement will be made.

*Top left* — front cover of the programme for the match between Norwich City and West Bromwich Albion which took place on 8 February 1975. The cover picture is of Colin Suggett with celebratory champagne after he scored the winning goal against Manchester United in the League Cup semi-final

*Top right* — details of the voucher scheme for the allocation of League Cup Final tickets in 1975. This was included in the programme for the match against West Bromwich Albion on 8 February 1975

*Above* — article in local press explaining how the voucher scheme for Cup Final tickets would operate

Following this, I sent off for my ticket which came four days later. Towards the end of February 1975, mum noted that she managed to get two seats for Wembley from David Finnemore. I presume these were for dad and Alan. She tried to phone dad about this but got no reply.

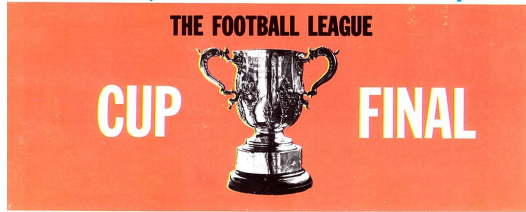
On the weekend of the League Cup Final itself, neither mum nor grandad mentioned the game explicitly in their diaries. However, on the Friday, mum noted that Alan and I went to London to go to dad's after school and, on the Sunday, she noted that we came back. The [match](#) took place on Saturday 1 March 1975. Sadly, Norwich lost 1-0 to Aston Villa when Ray Graydon scored from a penalty rebound after Kevin Keelan had pushed the original spot kick onto the post. The penalty had been awarded after Mel Machin handled on the line to stop a certain goal.



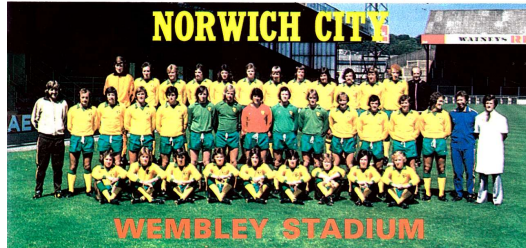
Example of 1975 League Cup Final ticket



SATURDAY, 1st MARCH 1975 · Kick-off 3.30 pm



Official Souvenir Programme . . . . Twenty pence



**ASTON VILLA**      **NORWICH CITY**

Claret and blue shirts, White shorts, Blue stockings.      Yellow and green shirts, green shorts, yellow stockings.

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. JIM CUMBES       | 1. KEVIN KEELAN          |
| 2. JOHN ROBSON      | 2. MEL MACHIN            |
| 3. CHARLIE AITKEN   | 3. COLIN SULLIVAN        |
| 4. IAN ROSS (Capt.) | 4. PETER MORRIS          |
| 5. CHRIS NICHOLL    | 5. DUNCAN FORBES (Capt.) |
| 6. BOBBY McDONALD   | 6. DAVE STRINGER         |
| 7. RAY GRAYDON      | 7. JOHN MILLER           |
| 8. BRIAN LITTLE     | 8. TED MacDOUGALL        |
| 9. KEITH LEONARD    | 9. PHIL BOYER            |
| 10. IAN HAMILTON    | 10. COLIN SUGGETT        |
| 11. FRANK CARRODUS  | 11. TONY POWELL          |
- Substitute: ALUN EVANS      Substitute: BILLY STEELE  
 Manager: Mr. R. SAUNDERS      Manager: Mr. J. BOND

Referee: Mr. G. HILL (Leicester)  
 Linesmen: Mr. R. CAPEY (Madeley Heath, Crewe), Red Flag.  
 Mr. B. H. CHAPMAN (Cambridge), Flame Flag.  
 Reserve Linesman: Mr. D. MAPP (Crock, Co. Durham).

**TODAY'S REFEREE**  
 Gordon Hill of Leicester has served on The League's referee's list since 1966 and is in his final season. He began refereeing in his native Lancashire and among the important games he has handled, are semi-final matches in last season's League Cup and F.A. Cup Competitions. A married man with two sons, Mr. Hill is headmaster of a Hinchley, Leicestershire, school.

If scores are level after 90 minutes play, NO EXTRA TIME WILL BE PLAYED.  
 If a replay is necessary, it will take place at this Stadium on Wednesday, 19th March 1975, (Kick-off 7.45 p.m.)

Match Balls for today's Football League Cup Final are kindly provided by Stuart Surridge & Co. Ltd.

**RESULTS OF PREVIOUS LEAGUE CUP FINALS**

Season	Winners	Division	Opponents	Division	Final Score	Legs
1960-61	Aston Villa	I	Rotherham United	II	3-2	(1st 2nd)
1961-62	Norwich City	II	Sheff Wed	IV	4-0	(3-0 1-0)
1962-63	Birmingham City	I	Aston Villa	I	2-1	(2-1 0-0)
1963-64	Leicester City	I	Stoke City	I	4-3	(1-1 3-2)
1964-65	Chelsea	I	Leicester City	I	2-2	(2-2 0-0)
1965-66	West Bromwich Albion	I	West Ham United	I	3-2	(1-2 2-1)
1966-67	Queens Park Rangers	II	West Bromwich Albion	I	3-2	(Wembley)
1967-68	Leeds United	II	Arsenal	I	1-0	(Wembley)
1968-69	Swindon Town	III	Arsenal	I	3-1	(Wembley)
1969-70	Manchester City	I	West Bromwich Albion	I	2-1	(Wembley)
1970-71	Tottenham Hotspur	I	Aston Villa	I	2-0	(Wembley)
1971-72	Stoke City	I	Chelsea	I	2-1	(Wembley)
1972-73	Tottenham Hotspur	I	Norwich City	I	1-0	(Wembley)
1973-74	Wolverhampton Wanderers	I	Manchester City	I	2-1	(Wembley)



*Above left – front cover of programme for League Cup Final 1975*  
*Above right – team lineups for League Cup Final 1975*  
*Left – photos from the League Cup final from the local press including Mel Machin handling on the line and after Norwich had received their runners-up' medals*

At the end of April 1975, mum noted that I went on Mascot coaches<sup>299</sup> to see [Norwich play Portsmouth](#). I recall this game well. I believe it was the first Norwich away game I had been to on my own. I was not quite 15. This was at a time when football hooliganism was rife and I remember being among Norwich fans who vandalised property and spray-painted graffiti. I found it quite shocking but also exciting! There was also trouble inside the ground although I do not recall this. However, it was pretty commonplace at that time.

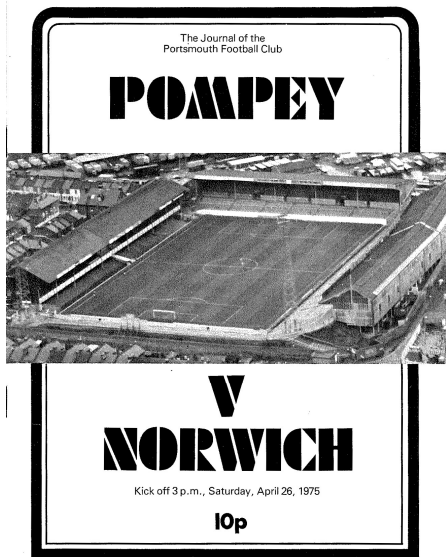
At the start of that day, Manchester United and Aston Villa had already been promoted to division 1. However, there was one place remaining and it was close between Norwich and Sunderland. Both had 51 points but while Sunderland only had one game remaining, away at Aston Villa that day, Norwich had an additional match. This was to be at home against Aston Villa on the Wednesday after the Portsmouth game, a game that Norwich ultimately [lost 4-1](#). However, promotion had already been confirmed by then. Norwich won 'handsomely' 3-0 at Portsmouth while Sunderland lost 2-0 at Aston Villa.

	DIVISION TWO													
	Home					Away								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Manchester United	41	16	3	1	41	12	9	6	6	21	18	59		
Aston Villa	39	15	4	1	45	6	7	4	8	24	25	52		
Sunderland	41	14	6	1	41	8	5	7	8	24	25	51		
Norwich City	40	14	3	3	33	13	5	10	5	21	20	51		
Bristol City	41	13	5	2	28	9	7	3	11	16	23	48		
West Bromwich	41	13	4	4	33	15	5	5	10	20	25	45		
Blackpool	41	12	6	3	31	17	2	11	7	7	12	45		
Hull	41	11	8	1	24	10	3	6	12	15	43	42		
Fulham	40	9	7	4	29	17	4	8	8	14	19	41		
Oxford	40	14	3	3	29	17	1	8	11	11	32	41		
Bolton	41	9	7	5	27	16	5	5	10	16	24	40		
Orient	41	7	9	4	15	15	3	11	7	11	23	40		
Southampton	40	9	6	5	27	20	5	5	10	23	32	39		
Notts. County	41	7	11	3	34	26	4	5	11	13	32	38		
York	41	9	6	5	28	18	5	3	13	23	37	37		
Portsmouth	41	9	7	4	28	17	3	6	12	16	34	37		
Nottm. Forest	41	6	7	7	22	22	5	7	9	19	32	36		
Oldham	41	10	7	4	28	16	0	7	13	12	32	34		
Bristol Rovers	41	10	4	7	25	23	2	6	12	16	10	34		
Cardiff	40	7	8	5	23	19	2	6	12	12	39	32		
Millwall	41	8	8	4	30	18	2	3	16	13	38	31		
Sheffield Wednesday	40	3	7	0	17	25	2	4	14	12	34	21		

TODAY'S LINE-UP	
<b>POMPEY</b> Colours: White shirts with double vertical blue stripe, blue shorts	<b>NORWICH CITY</b> Colours: Yellow shirts, green collars, green shorts
TEAM CHANGES	TEAM CHANGES
1 Phil Figgins	Kevin Keelan 1
2 Norman Piper	Geoff Butler 2
3 Paul Went	Colin Sullivan 3
4 Allan Kane	Peter Morris 4
5 Eoin Hand	Duncan Forbes 5
6 Paul Cahill	Tony Powell 6
7 Peter Marinello	Mick McGuire 7
8 Ken Foggo	Ted MacDougall 8
9 George Graham	Phil Boyer 9
10 Ray Hiron	Colin Suggett 10
11 Mick Mellows	Martin Peters 11
12	12

**REFEREE: C. L. Newsome (Bromley, Selgel)**  
His second season on the League's full list after serving on the line and supplementary list and before that in local Shropshire leagues, the Midland Intermediate and Central Leagues. Headed the England v. Wales youth international last season and was on the line for the France v. Spain international in 1961. He works as a regional sales manager and his hobbies include gardening, cooking and playing squash.

**LINESMEN:**  
A. Gane (Yellow Flag)  
D. V. Reeves (Red Flag)



*Top left* – league table from programme for Portsmouth Norwich game. Note: Aston Villa had two points more than shown as they had won midweek *Top right* – team line-ups from match programme for game between Portsmouth and Norwich. Former Norwich player Ken Foggo played for Portsmouth *Above left* – front cover of match programme for game between Portsmouth and Norwich *Above right* – 1972 advert from Mascot coaches congratulating Norwich on promotion

<sup>299</sup> See [Chapter 110](#).



*Photos from local media from the Portsmouth Norwich game*

*Top – Mick McGuire is mobbed after scoring first goal*

*Centre left – Phil Boyer challenging for the ball with Portsmouth goalkeeper*

*Centre right – Ted MacDougall and Duncan Forbes celebrate victory and promotion*

*Above – the game's goalscorers, Martin Peters, Phil Boyer and Mick McGuire*



# Today's results

## Division One

Arsenal	1	Tottenham	0
Half-time 1-0			
Burnley	0	Stoke	0
Half-time 0-0			
Chelsea	1	Everton	1
Half-time 0-0			
Coventry	0	Middlesbro'	2
Half-time 0-1			
Derby	0	Carlisle	0
Half-time 0-0			
Ipswich	4	West Ham	1
Half-time 1-1			
Liverpool	3	Q.P.R.	1
Half-time 1-0			
Luton	1	Man. City	1
Half-time 0-1			
Newcastle	1	Birm'm	2
Half-time 1-1			
Sheff. U.	4	Leicester	0
Half-time 3-0			
Wolves	1	Leeds	1
Half-time 1-0			

## Division Two

Aston V.	2	Sunderland	0
Half-time 0-0			
Bristol C.	3	Fulham	1
Half-time 0-1			
Cardiff	1	Bolton	2
Half-time 0-1			
Hull	1	Sheff. W.	0
Half-time 1-0			
Man. Utd.	4	Blackpool	0
Half-time 1-0			
Millwall	1	Bristol R.	1
Half-time 1-0			
Notm. F.	2	W.B.A.	1
Half-time 1-1			
Oxford	2	South'pton	1
Half-time 0-0			
Portsm'th	0	Notts. Co.	2
Half-time 0-1			
Portsm'th	0	Norwich	3
Half-time 0-1			
York	0	Oldham	0
Half-time 0-0			

DIVISION 1							DIVISION 2								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby	42	21	11	10	67	49	53	Man. Utd	42	26	9	7	66	30	61
Liverpool	42	20	11	11	60	39	51	Aston Villa	41	24	8	9	75	31	56
Ipswich	42	23	5	14	66	44	51	Norwich	41	20	13	9	57	33	53
Everton	42	16	18	8	56	42	50	Sunderland	42	19	13	10	65	35	51
Stoke	42	17	15	10	64	48	49	Bristol City	42	21	8	13	47	33	50
Middlesbro.	42	18	12	12	54	40	48	W.B.A.	42	18	9	15	54	42	45
Sheff. Utd.	41	18	12	11	58	51	48	Blackpool	42	14	17	11	38	33	45
Man. City	42	18	10	14	54	54	46	Hull	42	15	14	13	40	53	44
Leeds	41	16	13	12	55	45	45	Fulham	42	13	16	13	44	39	42
Burnley	42	17	11	14	68	67	45	Bolton	42	15	12	15	45	41	42
Q.P.R.	42	16	10	16	54	54	42	Oxford	42	15	12	15	41	51	42
Wolves	42	14	11	17	57	54	39	Orient	42	11	20	11	28	39	42
Coventry	42	12	15	15	51	62	39	Southampton	42	15	11	16	53	54	41
Newcastle	42	15	9	18	59	72	39	Notts. C.	42	12	16	14	49	59	40
Arsenal	41	13	11	17	47	48	37	York	42	14	10	18	51	55	38
West Ham	41	12	13	16	57	59	37	Notts. T.	42	12	14	16	43	55	38
Birm'm	41	14	8	19	53	61	36	Portsmouth	42	12	13	17	44	54	37
Leicester	42	12	12	18	46	60	36	Oldham	42	10	15	17	40	48	35
Luton	42	11	11	20	47	65	33	Bristol Rov.	42	12	11	19	42	64	35
Chelsea	42	9	15	18	42	72	33	Millwall	42	10	12	20	44	56	32
Tottenham	41	12	8	21	48	61	32	Cardiff	42	9	14	19	36	62	32
Carlisle	42	12	5	25	43	59	29	Sheff. Wed.	42	5	11	26	29	64	21

Left - results for the top two divisions for 26 April 1975. The results from Portsmouth and Aston Villa guaranteed Norwich's promotion back to the first division that year

Above - league positions for the top two divisions at the end of 26 April 1975. Norwich had 53 points with one game remaining. Sunderland had only 51 points with no games remaining. Norwich could not be caught so were promoted

Below left - Norwich City squad 1974-75 from programme for match against Portsmouth

Below right - summary of 1974-75 season from "100 Years of the Canaries"

# Welcome... NORWICH



Back Row (left to right): M. Machin, D. Livermore, P. Morris, D. Stringer, M. Caverton, K. Keelan, D. Forbes, C. Proppatt, J. Bremson, C. Sullivan (now Bourne-mouth); Front Row (left to right): S. Grapes, C. Suggett, W. Steele, T. Howard, E. MacDougall, F. Boyer, J. Sissons (now Chelsea).

**GEOFF BUTLER:** Spent the summer on the United States soccer circuit with Baltimore Comets. The former Middlesbrough and Chelsea full-back joined City from Sunderland for £20,000 in October, 1968. Has made over 150 first-team appearances.

**DAVID STRINGER:** Local born, he is another veteran of over 400 appearances in a Norwich City shirt. One of the strong men at the heart of the defence, he is having a well-deserved testimonial this season. Despite his defensive duties, he still has a good eye for goal and is especially dangerous with this head - last season, he was third equal top scorer for the club. Stringer was on City's books as an amateur before signing professional forms in May, 1963. A former England Amateur Youth international.

**BILLY STEELE:** One of the club's youngsters who was given his chance after Bond's arrival last December. The Scot signed on as a full professional last June, and got a Boxing Day recall from holiday to make his first-team debut in the local derby against Ipswich last season. Made twelve further appearances in City's unsuccessful fight to avoid relegation.

**COLIN SULLIVAN:** One of the Canaries' latest recruits, moving to East Anglia for £70,000 in June from Third Division Plymouth, his only previous club. At Home Park, left-back, Sullivan was capped at England Under-23 level and he is a former England Youth international. Aged twenty-three he is also not afraid to venture upfield.

**MEL MACHIN:** A cultured full back who loves to come forward in support of his strikers. Joined the Canaries in December, 1973, from Bourne-mouth with a £60,000 rating in an exchange deal. He was an immediate hit with the Norwich fans, but injury forced him to miss the tail-end of last season. Previously with Gillingham and Port Vale.

**TED MACDOUGALL:** Britain's first £1/2 million footballer. His goalscoring feats at Bourne-mouth persuaded Manchester United to pay £185,000 for him, and he then moved to West Ham for £170,000. Was rated at £140,000 when he joined Norwich in an exchange deal with Graham Paddon last December. Always around looking for the half-chance, he has razor-sharp reflexes and is good with his head. Although he only played for them for half a season, he was Norwich's leading scorer last term with thirteen goals in twenty-seven outings. Like Boyer was previously with York, and started his football career at Liverpool where he did not play a first-team match.

**COLIN SUGGETT:** Probably the most skilful player on City's books. Excellent close control and an exponent of the through ball, he joined Norwich principally as a striker but was converted permanently to midfield by Bond. In February 1973, the Canaries paid West Bromwich a ten club record fee of £75,000 for him. Last season, the former Sunderland player missed only two matches.

**STEPHEN GRAPES:** Another youngster given his head by Bond. A right-winger in the old-fashioned mould, he has the footwork to take on and eat him man - and provides the teasing centres for MacDougall and company to convert into goals. Born in Norwich he is a former club apprentice.

**PETER MORRIS:** Norwich's other summer recruit. A powerful midfielder man with a strong shot, he made the short journey from East Anglian neighbours Ipswich Town for a £50,000 fee in June. He didn't see the move as the end of his First Division career - he hopes to be back in the big time with the Canaries. Formerly with Mansfield Town.

**PHIL BOYER:** Became the most expensive Canary in the club's history when he was signed from Bourne-mouth for £145,000 in February. At Dean Court, he formed a lethal goal-grabbing partnership with Ted MacDougall - and Norwich fans are hoping that the two men can recapture that 'golden' touch in the Second Division. A chaser and buster who is guaranteed to give 100 per cent all the time. Boyer has been bought twice by Bond - the present City manager paid York City £20,000 to bring the striker to Bourne-mouth.

**PAUL KENT:** Former club apprentice, who signed professional in February, 1972. Made his first-team debut against Manchester United in a tense relegation struggle towards the end of last season. Rotherham-born he is clearly a Canary of the future.

## 1974 - 1975

City go straight back up, finishing in third place behind Manchester United and Aston Villa. The inspired £50,000 capture of Martin Peters (pictured) from Spurs helps see them over the line with promotion achieved at Portsmouth where the Canaries win 3-0. Another final appearance in the League Cup ends in disappointment - City lose 1-0 to Villa at Wembley - while Coventry win a third round FA Cup tie at Highfield Road.



DIVISION TWO 1974/75							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	42	26	9	7	66	30	61
Aston Villa	42	25	8	9	79	32	58
<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	42	20	13	9	58	37	53
Sunderland	42	19	13	10	65	35	51
Bristol City	42	21	8	13	47	33	50
West Brom Alb'n	42	18	9	15	54	42	45
Blackpool	42	14	17	11	38	33	45
Hull City	42	15	14	13	40	53	44
Fulham	42	13	16	13	44	39	42
Bolton Wanderers	42	15	12	15	45	41	42
Oxford United	42	15	12	15	41	51	42
Orient	42	11	20	11	28	39	42
Southampton	42	15	11	16	53	54	41
Notts County	42	12	16	14	49	59	40
York City	42	14	10	18	51	55	38
Nottingham Forest	42	12	14	16	43	55	38
Portsmouth	42	12	13	17	44	54	37
Oldham Athletic	42	10	15	17	40	48	35
Bristol Rovers	42	12	11	19	42	64	35
Millwall	42	10	12	20	44	56	32
Cardiff City	42	9	14	19	36	62	32
Sheff Wednesday	42	5	11	26	29	64	21

Overall, the 1974-75 season was a successful one for Norwich, bouncing back to the first division at the first attempt and reaching a League Cup Final. Norwich had a strong squad which was further strengthened by signing World Cup winner Martin Peters from Tottenham towards the end of the season, in March 1975. Other signings for that season included Colin Sullivan from Plymouth and Peter Morris from Ipswich at the start of the season, Johnny Miller from Ipswich in October 1974,<sup>300</sup> Tony Powell from Bournemouth in December 1974 and Mick McGuire from Coventry City in January 1975.<sup>301</sup>

I have very little information about the 1975-76 season from diaries as my diaries only started right at the end of that season in March 1976. For the second time, Norwich were back in the first division. Right after the Portsmouth match, Norwich announced plans to upgrade the Carrow Road stadium by installing 4,700 seats in the South Stand. These plans were part of the push to improve stadium safety by moving away from standing to all-seater stadiums. These plans proved controversial over reductions in spectator capacity and concerns over effects on atmosphere and fan experience by moving from standing to sitting.

## City to spend £40,000 on seating

**NORWICH CITY'S** return to the First Division will be marked by determination to strike a balance between finding the cash for better facilities and new players.

That was the pledge last night from club chairman Sir Arthur South following Saturday's promotion-clinching victory at Portsmouth.

"It is our aim to strike that balance and to establish Norwich as a Division 1 club," he said, outlining another big improvements programme for Carrow Road, including a £40,000 splash for seating in the South Stand.

This will give us another 4700 seats, and work will be finished before the start of next season. Our overall seating accommodation will go up to about 9500, while the gate capacity is cut to around 50,000.



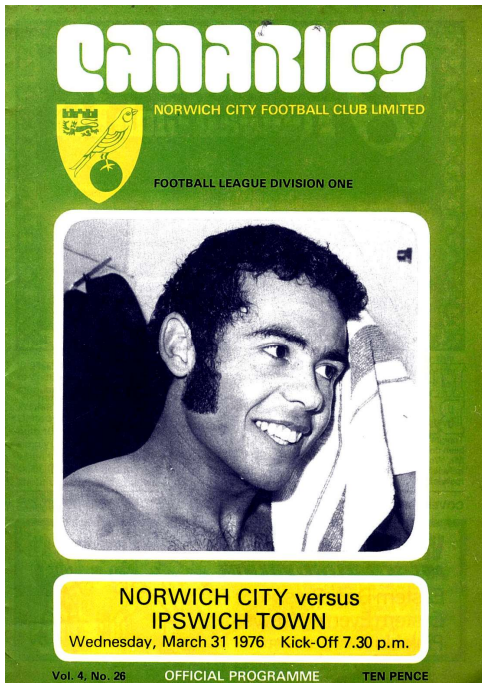
Sir Arthur South: "It is our aim . . . to establish Norwich as a Division One club."

*News cutting concerning plans to upgrade Carrow Road following Norwich's promotion back to the first division. Controversies over stadium re-development and the ambition to be established as a top flight club sound vaguely familiar!*

<sup>300</sup> Given the current furore around the transfer of Marcelino Núñez from Norwich to Ipswich, I was interested that there were two transfers the other way in this season. I am not sure there was quite the uproar about this then as now especially as Miller scored two goals for Norwich to win the fifth round League Cup replay away at Ipswich.

<sup>301</sup> Kevin Bond also joined Norwich at the start of the season but did not play until 1976.

At the end of March 1976, I noted there was an important football match against Ipswich. However, I was unable to go as I had a cold.<sup>302</sup> Norwich [won this game 1-0](#) with Martin Peters scoring the winning goal.<sup>303</sup>



## MATTER OF FACT 1975/76

City	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40													
Aug. 2	FULHAM (ASC)	1-2	6-204	1-2	3-4	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22-23	24-25	26-27	28-29	30-31	32-33	34-35	36-37	38-39	40-41	42-43	44-45	46-47	48-49	50-51	52-53	54-55	56-57	58-59	60-61	62-63	64-65	66-67	68-69	70-71	72-73	74-75	76-77	78-79	80-81	82-83	84-85	86-87	88-89	90-91	92-93	94-95	96-97	98-99	100-101

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 ASC - Anglo-Scottish Competition

Goalscorers	Div. One	League and F.A. Cups	Anglo-Scottish	Combination	Machine 2
MacDougall 21	Graves	MacDougall 6	Forbes	Goodwin 8	Wharton 2
Peters 9	Sullivan	Peters 3	Peters	Miller 4	Watts
Boyer 9	Own Goal 1	Jones	Livermore	Fleming 3	Brown (N.)
Suggett 4				Davis 3	Grimes
Forbes 3				Wilson 2	Steele
McGuire 2					

# Canaries

SHIRTS: Yellow, green collars and cuffs  
SHORTS: Green

- 1 Kevin Keelan
- 2 David Jones
- 3 Colin Sullivan
- 4 Mick McGuire
- 5 Dave Stringer
- 6 Tony Powell
- 7 John Miller
- 8 Ted MacDougall
- 9 Phil Boyer
- 10 Colin Suggett
- 11 Martin Peters
- 12

# Ipswich

SHIRTS: Blue  
SHORTS: White

- 1 Paul Cooper
- 2 George Burley
- 3 Mick Mills
- 4 Pat Sharkey
- 5 Allan Hunter
- 6 John Peddely
- 7 Roger Osborne
- 8 Brian Talbot
- 9 David Johnson
- 10 Trevor Whymark
- 11 Mick Lambert
- 12

Referee:  
J. K. TAYLOR O.B.E.  
(Wolverhampton)

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(Halstead) (Red flag)  
T. S. PAGE  
(Boston) (Yellow flag)

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*Top left* – front cover of programme for game between Norwich and Ipswich in March 1976. Picture is of former Ipswich player John Miller *Top right* – Norwich results to date *Above* – team line-ups for game between Norwich and Ipswich in March 1976. However, David Jones and Dave Stringer were replaced by debutant Neil Davids and former Ipswich player Peter Morris

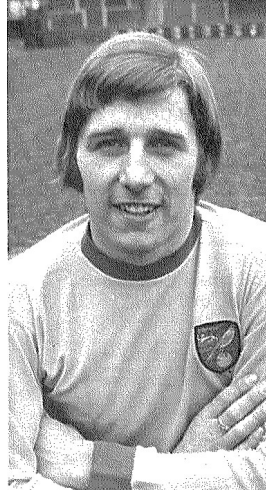
<sup>302</sup> See [Chapter 116](#).

<sup>303</sup> That year, both teams were in the First Division with Ipswich finishing sixth and Norwich tenth.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Q.P.R.	37	20	11	6	55	26	51
Man. Utd.	36	20	10	6	62	35	50
Derby	37	20	10	7	63	46	50
Liverpool	36	18	13	5	53	27	49
Leeds	35	18	8	9	57	37	44
Man. City	34	14	10	10	54	31	38
Ipswich	34	12	14	8	41	34	38
Tottenham	37	12	14	11	56	56	38
Leicester	36	10	17	9	40	46	37
Middlesbrough	36	13	10	13	37	35	36
Stoke	35	13	10	12	42	40	36
West Ham	37	13	8	16	44	60	34
Newcastle	34	12	9	13	59	49	33
Arsenal	36	12	9	15	42	43	33
Norwich	35	12	9	14	50	52	33
Everton	35	11	11	13	49	60	33
Coventry	36	10	13	13	38	48	33
Aston Villa	36	9	14	13	43	52	32
Birmingham	35	10	6	19	47	65	26
Wolves	36	8	9	19	42	60	25
Burnley	37	7	10	20	39	60	24
Sheff. Utd.	36	2	9	25	24	75	13

(Up to and including Saturday, March 27)



## First England Cap

CONGRATULATIONS to Phil Boyer, the first Canary to win a Full England cap while with the club.

Manager John Bond sent a telegram to Phil before the start against Wales at Wrexham and Phil produced all the running and energy we know he is capable of.

"Great fun, I enjoyed every minute," he said afterwards. We wish you many more, Phil!

## HOLD BACK, FANS—IT'S A WINNER!



## Few incidents as City win 1-0

The highest Carrow Road gate of the season, 31,000, saw Norwich win last night's East Anglian derby. They beat Ipswich 1-0.

It was a good night too for Norwich police. Once again their crowd control plans worked successfully.

There were no serious incidents — although some arrests were made, police said.

### TRIED BEFORE

Plans drawn up for crowd safety were similar to those employed — successfully — when Manchester United were the visitors in recent weeks.

Once again they seem to have worked, said Supt. Neville Ball, of Norwich police.

Police lined Riverside Road after the game as they moved a great column of Ipswich fans to Norwich Station where a special train was waiting.

Still more left by coach. Some 25 were parked on Riverside, close to the ground, again as part of the arrangements.

Supt. Ball said most City fans seemed to respond to the appeal to stay in the ground for five minutes after the final whistle to allow Ipswich fans to leave.

### GIVEN BAIL

Most of the arrests were of Ipswich supporters — although Supt. Ball said some local people were also arrested. All were charged with public order offences and bailed to appear in court at a later date.

Ipswich supporters began arriving in Norwich early in the afternoon. Police were kept busy earlier as some roamed the streets, but only one incident was reported to them — a window smashed in Prince of Wales Road.

*Top left* — league table at the time of the game between Norwich and Ipswich in March 1976. Ipswich were seventh in division one and Norwich were 15<sup>th</sup>

*Top right* — there was a note in the programme that Norwich City player Phil Boyer had played for England against Wales. It turned out to be his only cap. England beat Wales 2-1. Boyer was one of eight England players receiving their first cap in [that game](#) which was played to celebrate the centenary of the Football Association of Wales

*Above* — a police line holds Norwich supporters back to allow Ipswich supporters to leave the stadium. At that time, there were always concerns about violence, particularly at such a derby match. Now such derbies are usually held earlier in the day to avoid clashes between fans who have been drinking all day

*Left* — local news article noting that the derby passed off with relatively few incidents although some arrests were made

# MISERY FOR TOWN—AND HARD LUCK FOR CITY



● **WINNER** from Martin Peters (left) as he pounces on a mistake by Ipswich defender John Peddley in the 39th minute at Carrow Road last night. It was Peters' tenth League goal of the season—and his 14th in all.

Hard luck for Canary Phil Boyer (right) as his header strikes the post. Peters had set up the chance with a neat chip following a cross from former Ipswich winger Johnny Miller.



## CITY'S DERBY DELIGHT AS PETERS PONCES

**NORWICH CITY** ... 1  
**IPSWICH TOWN** ... 0

**JOHN PEDDELEY**, the Ipswich defender who celebrates his 21st birthday tomorrow, tossed the key of the door to the eager Canaries last night.

They accepted it gleefully to open the way to one-sided local derby celebrations at Carrow Road with a victory of considerable merit in front of the biggest house of the campaign.

Over 31,000 fans saw Peddley's nightmarish mistake punished with a professional expertise by Martin Peters in the 39th minute. Not that City had to ride to a proud success on the back of that one and enjoy.

Their overall authority was scarcely threatened by a Town side surprisingly short of character and effort in a contest that meant much more to them than revenge.

With their eyes on a fourth successive year in Europe, one expected far more of the Portman Road outfit. They were fortunate to go home without a heavier beating, writes **KETH SKIPPEN**.

Phil Boyer struck the post a few minutes before Peters took his tally of League goals for the season into double figures. A remarkable save by Paul Cooper denied Ted MacDougall another notch on his belt in a second period. That was one of the few incidents to offer Ipswich any satisfaction.

A reshaped home defence, with young Neil Davids sent out for his senior debut and Peter Morris recalled to face his old club at right-back, must have been surprised at the paucity of invention from the visiting front line.

The match proved, easily and quickly, the way as

McGuire, Suggitt and Peters often revealed in their freedom. However, perhaps the biggest gap between the old ritual was carved out by the ebullient Boyer's careless running and worry.

David took his big opportunity with commendable coolness, Powell nursing him through some of the more testing moments. The youngster can look forward to at least another outing while Morris, it was a good night to return, and his display underlined the value of his accuracy in distribution.

**Doubs**

Before last Saturday's trip to West Ham, John Bond called for a few more points to make today must have chased away any lingering doubts before dooming Sheffield Wednesday a call at the record.

Jack Taylor again proved his qualities born out of unquench-

able authority. It was a privilege to see him in command, especially when he roared the "out of the line" chant within moments of his disappearance!

After Bob Matthews' excellent handling of the Upton Park clash, one almost felt obliged to write a hymn of praise for our much-maligned referee.

Town's ease at the back had been betrayed many times before Peters took full advantage of Peddley's misery. Illuster survived a giant appeal for hands, while Burley's agitation was emboldened by a series of sloppy mistakes.

Even so, an overall backpass from Powell almost gave Ipswich the chance to go ahead. Kevin Miller had had some over the packed area, Ilford fans decided to cheer him on in a spot of enthusiasm. "We are convinced," says the impressive and the Town defence line.

when a shot slipped against Keelan's chest. The rebound was bundled to safety.

Suggitt led the late charge for another home goal with some astute breaks after wriggling out of tight situations. A Morris cross from the right saw MacDougall near ecstatically for the header, but Cooper earned his credit with a splendid lunge to the right to keep it out.

**Revenge**

MacDougall, skipper in Forbes' absence, went off to allow Steele a few seconds of the action. The huge roar of approval that greeted the final whistle made it clear that revenge over Ipswich is one of the sweetest items on the soccer calendar for Canary supporters.

The score had been levelled after that defeat in Suffolk last September. On both occasions, the home side deserved their success—and the Canaries could well have made theirs far more convincing.

It was Carrow Road's first goal of the season over the 30,000 mark. The previous biggest was for the first division visit of title-hunting Liverpool—29,028.

John Bond and after last night's derby: "We were always the better side and could have won by a much bigger margin."

Former club: Kevin Morris, Sullivan, McGuire, David, Powell, Miller, MacDougall (Steele), Boyer, Suggitt, Peters, Ipswich Town—Cooper; Burley, Mills, Sharkey, Hunter, Peddley, Osborne (Woods), Talbot, John Jones, Whymark, Lambert.

Referee—Jack Taylor (Wolverhampton).

Attendance—31,021



● **TOWN HOLD ON.** Goalkeeper Paul Cooper fists away as Peters rises to the challenge with Neil Davids in attendance on his senior debut.

*News report of Norwich's 1-0 victory at home against Ipswich in March 1976. In a game that Norwich reportedly dominated, Martin Peters scored the only goal, his tenth league goal of the season. The report considered this "revenge" for the game at Portman Road in September 1975 which Norwich lost 2-0*

*The crowd of over 31,000 was Norwich's biggest home attendance of that season's league campaign*

*Below—summary of 1975-76 season from "100 Years of the Canaries"*

As long as I can remember, derbies with Ipswich have always been a big deal. While different statistics are available, there have been [121 competitive matches](#) since 1902 with Norwich winning 48 to Ipswich's 46 with 27 drawn. In recent times, Norwich have very much been in the ascendancy but the picture was very different in the seventies with Norwich only winning four times<sup>304</sup> to Ipswich's eight. There were also five draws.

Overall, the 1975-76 season was a successful one for Norwich with the club achieving its highest league position to date, tenth in division 1. In November 1975, Norwich won 3-1 away at ultimate league champions Liverpool. This result was even more remarkable as it came after [a run of four straight losses](#). In the League Cup, Norwich lost to Manchester City in the second round after a second replay. In the FA Cup, Norwich beat fourth

### 1975 - 1976

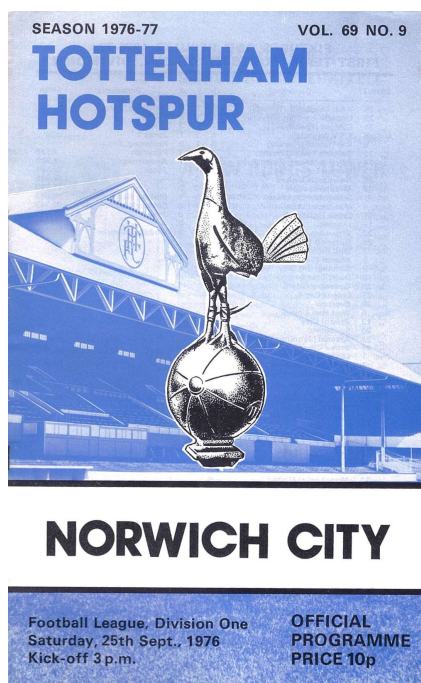
New seats in the South Stand cause controversy off the pitch but on it City settle down well in Division One, finishing in 10th place. Highlights include two hat-tricks for MacDougall in the space of four games and a 3-1 win at eventual champions Liverpool. The undoubted low point is a home defeat at the hands of Fourth Division Bradford City in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

DIVISION ONE 1975/76	
	P W D L F A Pt
Liverpool	42 23 14 5 66 31 60
QPR	42 24 11 7 67 33 59
Manchester Utd	42 23 10 9 68 42 56
Derby County	42 21 11 10 75 56 53
Leeds United	42 21 9 12 65 46 51
Ipswich Town	42 16 14 12 54 48 51
Leicester City	42 13 19 10 48 51 45
Manchester City	42 16 11 15 64 45 43
Tottenham Hotspur	42 14 15 13 63 63 43
<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	42 16 10 16 58 58 42
Everton	42 15 12 15 60 66 42
Stoke City	42 15 11 16 48 41 41
Midwestbrough	42 15 10 17 46 45 40
Coventry City	42 13 14 15 47 57 40
Newcastle Utd	42 15 9 18 71 62 39
Aston Villa	42 11 17 14 51 59 39
Arsenal	42 13 10 19 47 53 36
West Ham Utd	42 13 10 19 48 71 36
Birmingham City	42 13 7 22 57 75 33
Wolverhampton	42 10 10 22 51 68 30
Burnley	42 9 10 23 43 66 28
Sheffield Utd	42 6 10 26 33 82 22

<sup>304</sup> Norwich won the teams' first clash in the first division on 15 August 1972 despite this being away at Portman Road. The game featured here was only one of two other league victories for Norwich in the seventies, the other coming on Boxing Day 1977. Norwich, of course, also won a replayed League Cup fifth round match in September 1974 en route to reaching the League Cup Final that season.

division Rochdale and second division Luton to reach the fifth round where they disastrously lost at home to fourth division Bradford City.

Potentially, the 1976-77 season is the one that I have most information for as I have my diary for the duration of that season. However, I went to very few games. The main reason for this was that I worked on Saturdays<sup>305</sup> but I am not sure that this was the whole story as there were some home games not on a Saturday that I did not go to. It could be that I had other interests and/or that the cost was a factor. I am not sure but I did follow Norwich's performances closely. I often noted Norwich's results and watched as much of their games as television coverage of the day allowed. The first game I noted was on 25 September 1976, when Norwich drew 1-1 away at Tottenham.<sup>306</sup> This was Norwich's ninth game of the season. They had played six league games winning one, against Birmingham City<sup>307</sup>, drawing one, against Derby County, and losing four against Liverpool, Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion and Coventry City. As a result, at the start of the Tottenham game, Norwich were bottom of the league. Norwich had also played two league cup games winning in the second round 3-1 away at fourth division Exeter City but then losing 2-1 away to Aston Villa in the third round.



### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	DIVISION I						
	Up to and incl. 18th Sept.						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Ps.
Liverpool . . . . .	6	5	0	1	11	5	10
Manchester City . .	6	3	3	0	8	3	9
Arsenal . . . . .	6	3	2	1	10	5	8
Middlesbrough . . .	6	3	2	1	4	3	8
Manchester United .	6	2	3	1	10	7	7
Bristol City . . . . .	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
Stoke . . . . .	6	2	3	1	5	6	7
Aston Villa . . . . .	6	3	0	3	13	8	6
Everton . . . . .	6	2	2	2	10	7	6
Newcastle United .	6	1	4	1	8	7	6
West Bromwich A. .	6	2	2	2	6	5	6
Birmingham City .	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Leicester City . . . .	6	0	6	0	5	5	6
Queen's Park R. . . .	6	2	2	2	7	10	6
Coventry City . . . .	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Leeds United . . . . .	6	1	3	2	8	9	5
Ipswich Town . . . . .	6	1	3	2	9	11	5
<b>Tottenham H. . . . .</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
Derby County . . . . .	6	0	4	2	4	7	4
West Ham United . .	6	1	2	3	3	4	4
Sunderland . . . . .	6	0	3	3	4	10	3
Norwich City . . . .	6	1	1	4	2	8	3

*Left – front cover of programme for Tottenham v Norwich match*  
*Above – first division table at the start of the match*

My main motivation for noting this game appears to have been that Terry Tidd, who I worked with at the Scientific Anglian bookshop<sup>305</sup>, had told me he would give me 10p every time Norwich won or drew.<sup>308</sup> I am not exactly sure what this was about or if I had to pay him the same amount when Norwich lost! I assume it means that I was known as a Norwich City supporter at work. I also assume that Terry was a football fan but probably did not support Norwich and was making the point that he thought Norwich would lose a lot of games! I do not recall what team he supported if any.

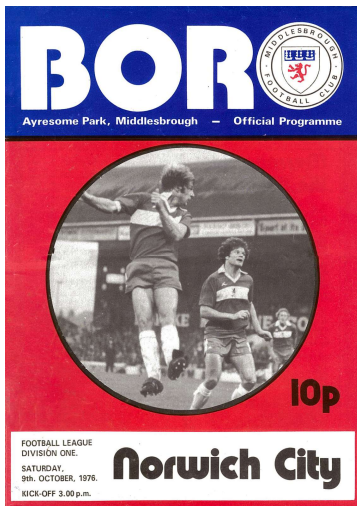
<sup>305</sup> See [Chapter 119](#).

<sup>306</sup> For me, a draw away at Tottenham would be a good result any season. However, [this](#) was not a good season for Tottenham as they ended up being relegated along with Stoke City and Sunderland.

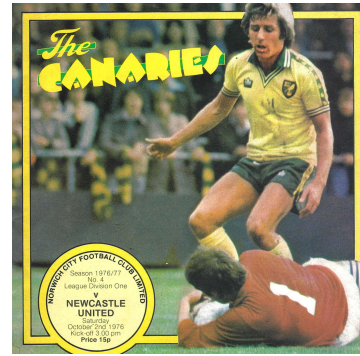
<sup>307</sup> Norwich won this game 1-0.

<sup>308</sup> If this had applied through the whole 1976-77 season only to league games, he would have paid me £2.30 as Norwich won 14 league games and drew nine. If I had made counter payments each time Norwich lost, I would have made a net gain of 40p as Norwich also lost 19 times. My suspicion is that this arrangement probably petered out. I do not recall it!

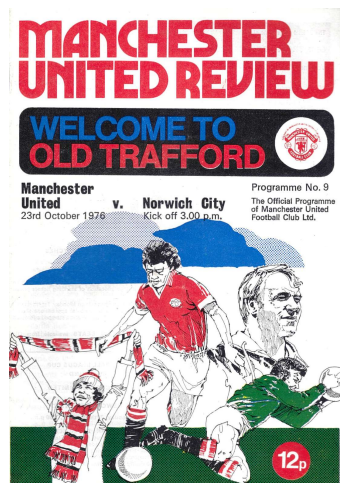
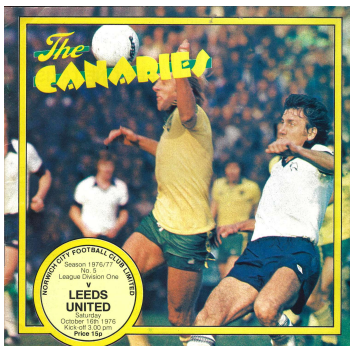
On 2 October 1976, I noted that Norwich beat Newcastle [3-2](#) meaning Norwich were fifth from bottom. I noted that the game was one of those [shown on Match of the Day](#).<sup>309</sup>



A week later, on 9 October 1976, I noted that Norwich lost 1-0 away at Middlesbrough. This was the only first division game to be played because all other matches had been called off because of national commitments.<sup>310</sup> In midweek, Norwich had beaten Queens Park Rangers 3-2 away.



I noted all Norwich's remaining results for October 1976. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, they lost [2-1](#) to Leeds United at home. Leeds led 2-0 with goals from Frank and Eddie Gray before Roger Gibbins pulled one back for Norwich. The following week, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I noted that Norwich drew 2-2 away at Manchester United but, the week after that, on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Norwich lost 2-0 at home to Manchester City. I believe this is a game that dad and my brother Alan went to.



*Top right – front cover of programme for Norwich City v Newcastle United game. Photo is of Martin Peters scoring Norwich's third goal from a penalty*

*Top left – front cover of programme for game between Middlesbrough and Norwich City*

*Middle left – front cover of programme for game between Norwich City and Leeds United*

*Above left – Roger Gibbins and Phil Boyer in action against Leeds United*

*Above centre – front cover of programme for game between Manchester United and Norwich City*

*Above right – front cover of programme for game between Norwich City and Manchester City*

<sup>309</sup> Norwich were 3-0 up by half-time with goals from Viv Busby and two from Martin Peters, including one from a penalty. However, in the second half, Martin Peters conceded a penalty from which Tommy Craig scored and Alan Gowling added a second with 20 minutes to go.

<sup>310</sup> World Cup qualifiers were being played at this time including games on 13 October 1976 between Northern Ireland and the Netherlands, Scotland and Czechoslovakia, and England and Finland. I assume that the Norwich and Middlesbrough squads were minimally-affected by these matches.

So, during October 1976, Norwich played six games winning two, drawing one and losing three. As a result, they moved off the bottom of the table to 18<sup>th</sup> or fifth bottom. They were two points clear of Bristol City who, at that point, were occupying the final relegation place.

In reviewing these results, I have looked at a number of match day programmes of that era. One thing that struck me was the variation in programme prices. While the majority of first division clubs, fifteen including Norwich, charged 15p, six clubs were cheaper. Liverpool, Manchester United and Newcastle United each charged 12p while Middlesbrough, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United only charged 10p. Leicester City had the most expensive programme at 20p.

Norwich played four games in November 1976 of which I noted three.<sup>311</sup> On the 6<sup>th</sup>, Norwich drew 1-1 at Leicester. Two weeks later, on 20 November 1976, Norwich lost 3-1 away to Bristol City. The following week, on 27 November 1976, Norwich drew 1-1 at home to Aston Villa.<sup>312</sup> I noted it could have been worse. I noted that Norwich were then sixth from bottom<sup>313</sup> but they had played more games than most other teams.



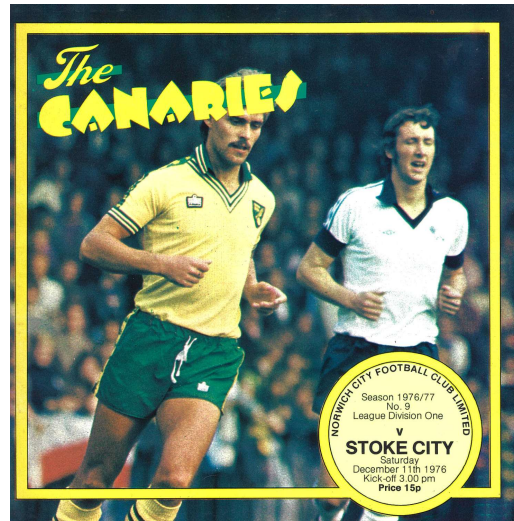
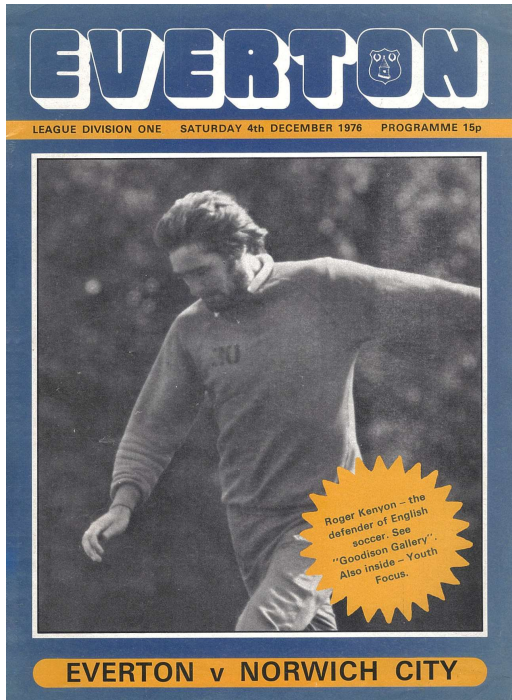
**DIVISION ONE – How they stand (Up to and including Saturday, 27th November).**

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts	
Liverpool	16	7	1	0	19	4	4	2	2	9	7	25
Ipswich	15	5	3	0	20	6	4	1	2	11	9	22
Newcastle	16	6	3	0	17	7	2	3	2	9	8	22
Aston Villa	16	6	1	1	25	10	2	2	4	6	10	19
Man. City	15	4	3	1	10	6	2	4	1	8	5	19
Leicester	17	2	5	1	12	9	2	5	2	6	10	18
Arsenal	15	4	2	1	13	5	3	1	4	13	18	17
Leeds	16	2	5	1	12	11	3	2	3	10	9	17
W.B.A.	16	5	2	1	18	5	1	2	5	5	16	16
<b>EVERTON</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>
Stoke	16	6	1	0	10	3	0	3	6	2	13	16
Coventry	15	4	2	3	14	11	1	3	2	5	7	15
Birmingham	16	4	2	1	12	8	2	1	6	8	15	15
Middlesbrough	15	6	0	2	7	4	0	3	4	2	11	15
Man. United	15	1	3	3	11	13	3	2	12	11	14	14
Q.P.R.	16	5	1	2	13	9	0	3	5	7	14	14
<b>Norwich</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
Derby	14	3	3	1	15	7	0	3	4	4	13	12
Bristol C.	16	2	3	3	10	8	2	1	5	5	11	12
Tottenham	16	3	3	3	8	8	1	0	6	12	26	11
Sunderland	16	1	2	4	4	8	1	3	5	9	17	9
West Ham	16	2	2	4	9	13	1	1	6	8	18	9

Programmes from three of the four games Norwich played in November 1976. These were away to Leicester City (top left), away to Bristol City (top centre) and home to Aston Villa (top right). Of their four November games, Norwich won one, drew 2 and lost one.  
 Above left – Phil Boyer in action in the home game against Aston Villa  
 Above right – league table at the beginning of December 1976. Norwich were 17<sup>th</sup> but had played more games than teams below them

<sup>311</sup> The one I didn't note was at home on 10 November 1976 against West Ham United which Norwich won 1-0.  
<sup>312</sup> I noted that there was conflict with my sister Liz over watching this game on Sunday, see [Chapter 114](#). I noted, "After dinner Liz got cross because I was supported by mum when I wanted to watch the football. Liz claimed I always watched the football, I didn't last week or the week before, I always watched what I wanted which is also not true as I missed The Brothers tonight so that she could watch Hawaii Five O. She also said that I wasn't really interested in the football anyway even though it was Norwich v Aston Villa. She tried to antagonise me by playing Joseph as loud as she could in the other room at the same time but I ignored her."  
<sup>313</sup> The teams below them were West Ham (9 pts), Sunderland (9pts), Tottenham (11 pts), Bristol City (12 pts) and Derby County (12 points). Norwich had 13 points. They had played 17 games unlike Derby County, who had only played 14, and the other four teams below them who had played 16.

Because of bad weather, Norwich only played two games during December 1976. Games away against Everton, scheduled for 4 December 1976<sup>314</sup>, at home against Stoke, scheduled for 11 December<sup>315</sup> 1976 and away against Ipswich scheduled for 29 December 1976<sup>316</sup> were all postponed. I noted specifically that the match against Stoke was cancelled because the pitch was frozen.<sup>317</sup>



Programmes for two of Norwich City's games in December 1976 that were postponed because of bad weather. These were the away game against Everton (left) and the home game against Stoke City (above),

The two games Norwich did play in December were away at Sunderland on the 18<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, and at home against Queens Park Rangers on Monday 27 December. Norwich won both these games. I did not mention the first of these games in my diary<sup>318</sup> but noted that I went to the QPR game with my dad who was with us for Christmas.<sup>319</sup> Norwich won 2-0 with goals from Mel Machin and Viv Busby.

*One of only two games Norwich City played in December 1976, I did not note our game away at Sunderland. Sadly, in that game, Graham Paddon, who had just re-signed for Norwich from West Ham, broke his leg in three places and was unable to play for a year. The message (right) appeared in the programme for the Norwich v QPR game*



<sup>314</sup> This game was rescheduled for 19 April 1977 meaning that Everton played Norwich twice, home and away, that month.

<sup>315</sup> This match took place on 29 January 1977. I wonder if this was when the away game had been scheduled as that only took place on 7 May 1977.

<sup>316</sup> This game was rescheduled for 15 February 1977.

<sup>317</sup> Although some clubs introduced [under-soil pitch heating](#) as early as the 1950s, Norwich only did so in 2004.

<sup>318</sup> Norwich player Graham Paddon was badly injured in this match and was out for a full year.

<sup>319</sup> See [Chapter 122](#).



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- 9 P. BOYER
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- P. PARKES 1
- D. CLEMENT 2
- I. GILLARD 3
- J. HOLLINS 4
- F. MCLINTOCK 5
- D. WEBB 6
- D. THOMAS 7
- E. KELLY 8
- D. MASSON 9
- S. BOWLES 10
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**REFEREE AND LINESMEN**

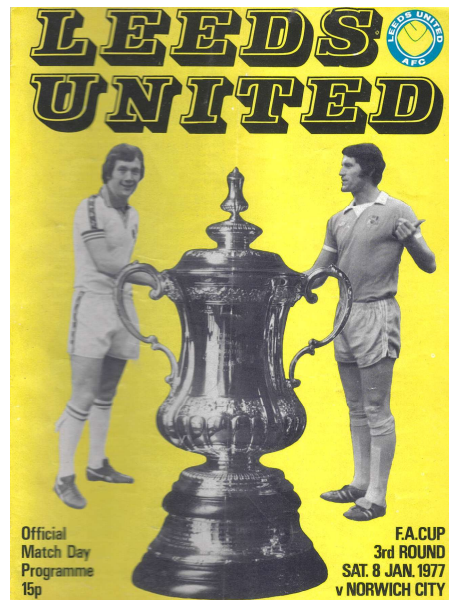
**Today's referee:** Peter J Richardson (Lincoln)  
 Started refereeing in the Lincolnshire League then graduated via Midland Counties and North Midlands Leagues to the Football League list. Was linesman for a UEFA Cup match in Italy in 1974, also the 1973/74 Texaco Cup Final.  
 A married man, he is a Works Director. He plays golf and is Secretary of his local golf club.  
**Today's linesmen:** N. N. Benton (Cambridge) — red flag and B. A. O'bray (Huntingdon) — yellow flag.

**Next Home Fixture**  
 Saturday January 1st 1977  
**Leicester City**  
 League Division One  
 Kick-off 3.00 pm

Programme from home game against QPR which I think was the only game I went to that season. Top – front cover showing Norwich 1976-77 squad of (back row) David Jones, Duncan Forbes, Mel Machin, Roger Hansbury, Kevin Keelan, Martin Peters, Tony Powell and Ted MacDougall (front row) Phil Boyer, Steve Grapes, Billy Steele, Colin Sullivan, Colin Suggett, Mick McGuire and David Stringer Above – teams for the match. That season's signings John Ryan, Jimmy Neighbour and Viv Busby started. As new signings, they are not shown in the original squad photo

Although the weather severely limited the football played in December 1976, the two games they played and won resulted in Norwich moving up to 13<sup>th</sup> place in the [end-of-year table](#). They had a four-point cushion over the third-bottom team which, at this point, was Tottenham Hotspur.

On New Year's Day 1977, I noted that dad went to see Norwich's home game. I am not sure why I did not go. Rather, I went to see my friend Michael Grey. I did note that Norwich won 3-2 and I did watch the [game on television](#) the next day before we went to grandma's. The game was against Leicester and the game was decided by a Viv Busby hat-trick with Norwich taking the lead three times with Leicester managing to equalise twice.



Bad weather intervened again as it had in December. On Monday 3 January 1977, I noted that many football matches and all racing meetings were cancelled because of the weather. Football matches cancelled included Norwich's planned away trip to Manchester City.<sup>320</sup> The next Saturday, Norwich lost heavily, 5-2, to Leeds away in the third round of the FA Cup. I noted watching it on [television](#) the next day.

*Top right – front page of the programme for the match in which Norwich played Leicester City at home on New Year's Day 1977*  
*Above left – Viv Busby scoring the first of his hat trick against Leicester*  
*Above right - programme for the match between Leeds United and Norwich City in the FA Cup Third Round in January 1977*

Norwich had three more league games in January 1977 and I noted them all in my diary. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Norwich lost 1-0 away at Arsenal and, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Norwich drew 1-1 at home with Stoke. However, probably the biggest result was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> when Norwich beat league leaders Liverpool 2-1 at home. Norwich's goals came from Martin Peters and Jimmy Neighbour.

<sup>320</sup> This game was rescheduled for Tuesday 1 March 1977.

Official Programme 15P  
Season 1976-77



# Arsenal



Saturday 15 January      Football League Division One  
Norwich City  
kick off 3 pm



*The CANARIES*

NORWICH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED  
Season 1976/77  
No. 13  
League Division One  
v  
**STOKE CITY**  
Saturday  
January 29th 1977  
Kick-off 3.00 pm  
Price 15p



*The CANARIES*

NORWICH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED  
Season 1976/77  
No. 12  
League Division One  
v  
**LIVERPOOL**  
Saturday  
January 22nd 1977  
Kick-off 3.00 pm  
Price 15p

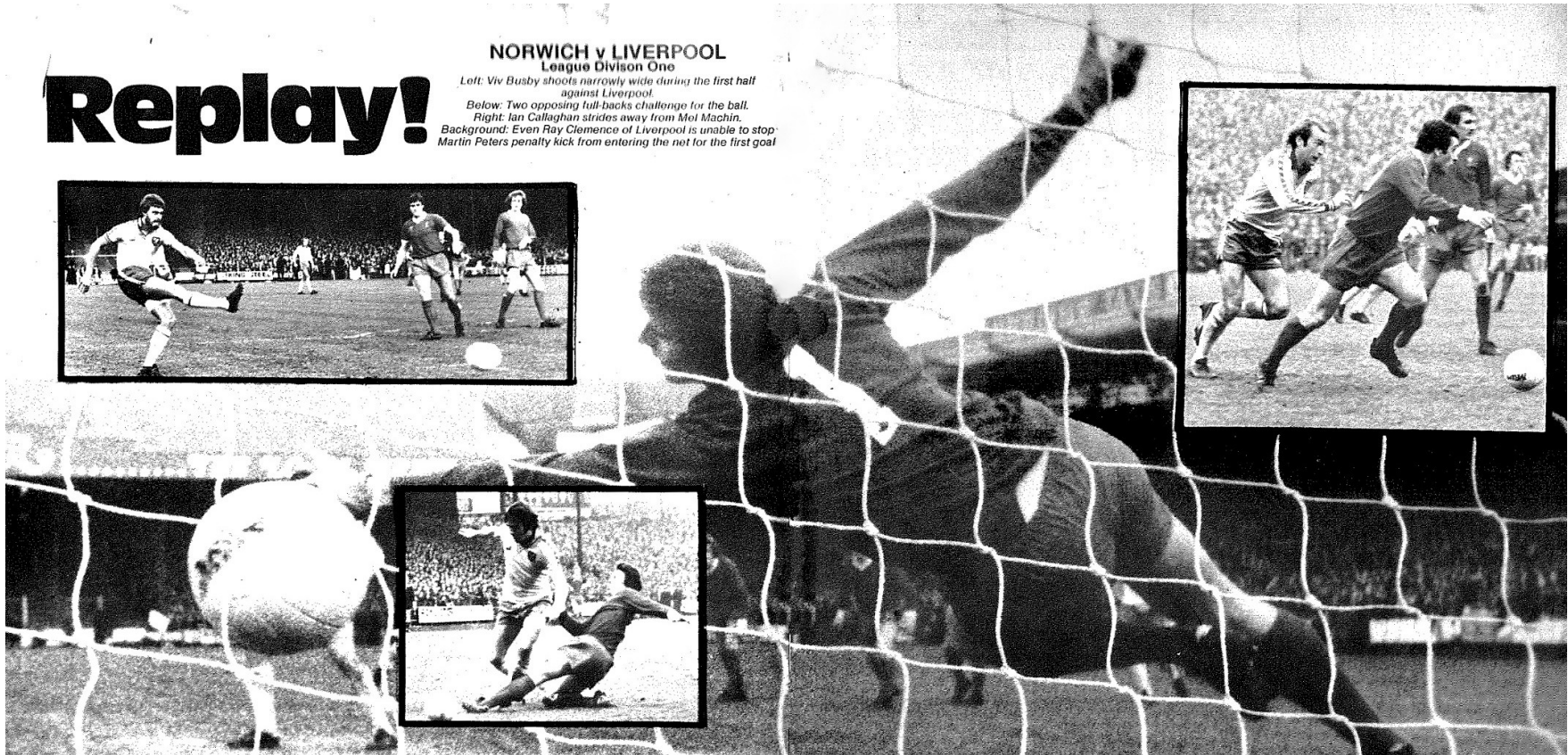


*Programmes for Norwich matches played in January 1977 including away at Arsenal (top left), home to Stoke City (top right) and home to Liverpool (middle right)*  
*Above – photo highlights from Norwich victory over Liverpool including Jimmy Neighbour and Ray Kennedy in action (top left); Emyln Hughes clearing the ball (top right) and Jimmy Neighbour with Brian Kettle (central inset). Background picture shows Jimmy Neighbour's winning goal. These photos appeared in the programme for the game against Stoke City*

# Replay!

## NORWICH v LIVERPOOL League Division One

*Left: Viv Busby shoots narrowly wide during the first half against Liverpool.*  
*Below: Two opposing full-backs challenge for the ball.*  
*Right: Ian Callaghan strides away from Moi Machin.*  
*Background: Even Ray Clemence of Liverpool is unable to stop Martin Peters penalty kick from entering the net for the first goal*

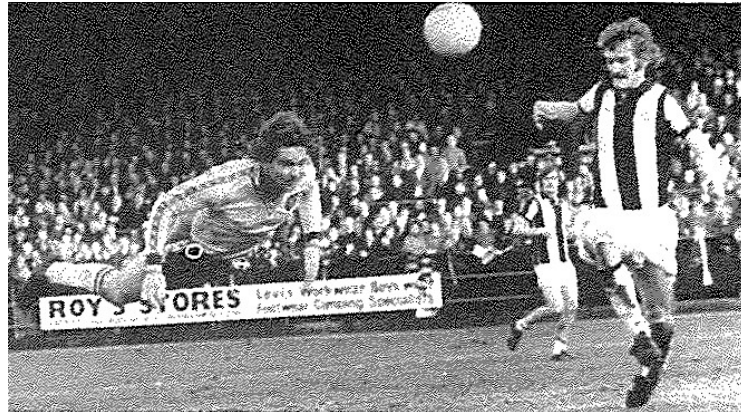


*Norwich's victory over that season's eventual league champions Liverpool was a huge achievement. As a result, photos from that game featured in two programmes including this set which appeared in the programme for the home game against West Bromwich Albion at the beginning of February 1977*

Norwich City played four games in February 1977 and I noted them all in my diary. There was no game on the 26<sup>th</sup> and, although I did not note the reason for this, it was because the opponents scheduled for that day, Derby County, had a fifth round FA Cup tie against Blackburn.<sup>321</sup> The Norwich Derby game was played midweek two months later, in April. Of the games that were played, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Norwich beat West Bromwich Albion 1-0 at home and I noted that this meant they were virtually clear of relegation troubles.



DIVISION ONE												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Liverpool	25	10	2	0	29	6	4	3	6	12	18	33
Ipswich Town	22	8	4	0	25	7	5	2	3	16	13	32
Manchester City	22	7	4	1	21	9	3	6	1	12	7	30
Aston Villa	22	8	1	1	32	12	4	2	6	12	16	27
Arsenal	23	7	3	1	23	10	3	4	5	18	25	27
Middlesbrough	23	8	2	2	12	6	2	5	4	8	15	27
Newcastle United	20	7	3	0	19	7	2	3	5	15	19	24
Manchester United	22	5	3	3	21	14	4	3	4	17	18	24
Leicester City	24	4	5	2	18	16	2	6	5	10	21	23
Birmingham City	23	5	4	3	21	15	3	2	6	16	19	22
W.B.A.	22	5	4	2	22	10	2	4	5	8	17	22
Leeds United	21	2	5	3	13	16	5	3	3	14	11	22
Norwich City	23	6	3	3	16	14	2	3	6	9	16	22
Coventry City	21	5	4	3	20	15	2	3	4	6	11	21
Stoke City	21	6	1	1	10	5	0	6	7	3	18	19
Derby County	20	5	4	1	20	9	0	4	6	6	18	18
Q.P.R.	20	6	1	2	15	10	1	3	7	11	20	18
Everton	22	4	4	3	18	16	2	7	7	14	17	18
Tottenham Hotspur	22	5	5	3	15	13	1	0	8	14	30	17
Bristol City	20	3	3	4	13	10	2	2	6	7	14	15
West Ham United	22	3	3	6	11	15	1	2	7	9	20	13
Sunderland	24	1	3	7	4	11	1	3	9	9	25	10



The following week, Norwich lost 3-2 away at Birmingham. I described this as an exciting game. Birmingham took the lead in the first minute only for Colin Sullivan to equalise three minutes later. Midway through the first half, Kevin Reeves put Norwich ahead only for Birmingham to score two second half goals to win the match. On Tuesday 15 February, Norwich suffered a very heavy defeat to Ipswich, 5-0 away at Portman Road. I noted that 12 players were unfit and 19-year old Kevin Reeves' father had died on the day of the match. However, the following Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, I noted that Norwich beat Coventry 3-0, a game that was played at home. I also noted that Ipswich and Manchester City both lost which meant that Liverpool were top of the table.<sup>322</sup>

*Top left – front cover of programme for match between Norwich City and West Bromwich Albion in February 1977*

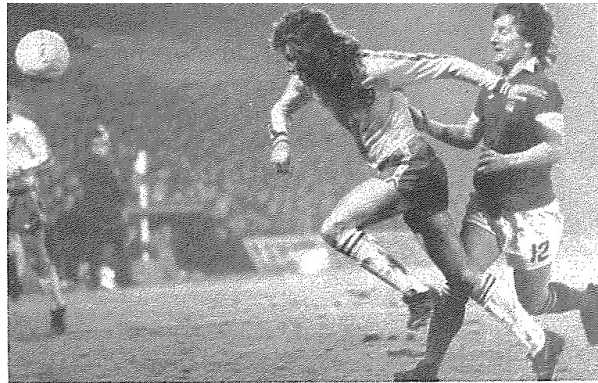
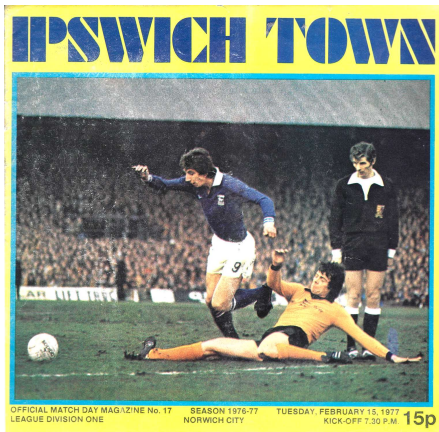
*Top right – first division table from that programme, that is at the start of that game. Norwich were sitting 13<sup>th</sup>, seven points clear of relegation. I noted that Norwich's victory over West Brom meant that they were virtually clear of relegation troubles. However, it is worth noting that only one of the three teams ultimately relegated, Sunderland, were in the bottom three at that time. The other two relegated teams, Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur were 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively*

*Above right – Roger Gibbins heading the winning goal in the game against West Bromwich Albion. This photo was featured in two home programmes for the matches against Coventry City and Tottenham Hotspur*

*Above left – front cover of programme for match between Birmingham City and Norwich City*

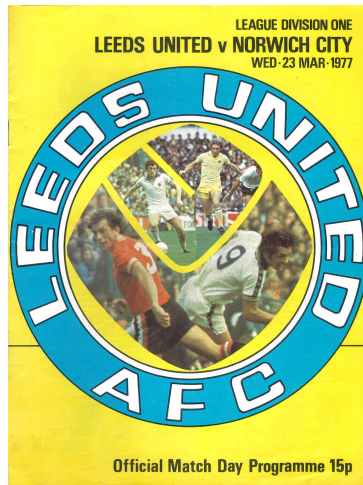
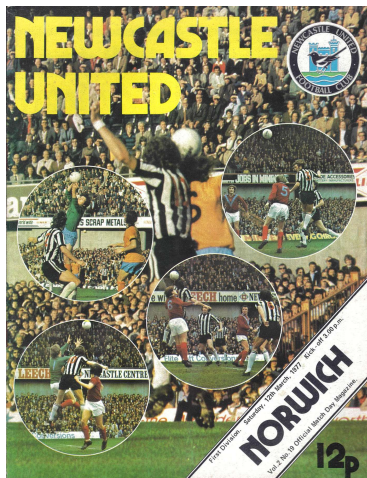
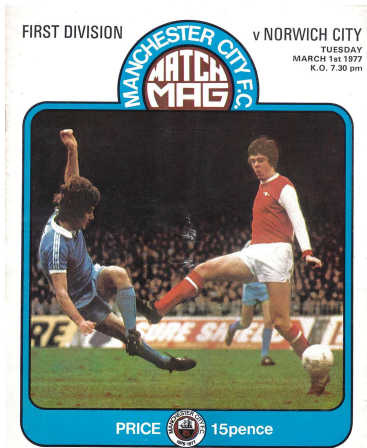
<sup>321</sup> Which Derby won 3-1.

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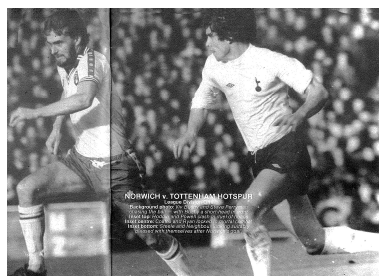


Norwich's last two games of February 1977 were ones of extremes. First, there was a heavy defeat at Ipswich – see programme (top left) and action involving Tony Powell and Eric Gates (top right). The final game of February saw Norwich beat Coventry City 3-0 at home. Photos include Kevin Reeves scoring his first Norwich goal (middle left), front cover of the programme (middle right), Viv Busby celebrating scoring (above left) and Jimmy Neighbour in action (above right)

Norwich had five games in March 1977. The first was played away at Manchester City on the 1st. This was the rescheduled game that had been cancelled because of bad weather on 3 January 1977. Norwich lost 2-0 but there is no mention of this match in my diary. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, I noted that Norwich lost 3-1 to Tottenham. This game was played at home. I also noted that Sunderland won 6-0.<sup>323</sup> On Wednesday 9 March 1977, Norwich beat Middlesbrough 1-0 at home. This game had originally been scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup><sup>324</sup> but was brought forward because of Middlesbrough's sixth round FA Cup match with Liverpool. Norwich then lost their two remaining away games in March. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, they lost 5-1 to Newcastle and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> <sup>325</sup> 3-2 to Leeds. I noted on the 26<sup>th</sup> that most games had been cancelled because of midweek international commitments. However, somewhat surprisingly, I did not comment that Norwich had played that week.



Programmes from matches Norwich City played in March 1977 including away to Manchester City (*top left*), home to Tottenham Hotspur (*top middle*), home to Middlesbrough (*top right*), away to Newcastle United (*far left*) and away to Leeds United (*left*). They won one game but lost four. *Bottom centre* – Viv Busby and Steve Perryman in action in Norwich's home defeat to Tottenham in March 1977. Photo from programme for match between Norwich and Manchester United



<sup>323</sup> This [match](#) was against West Ham.

<sup>324</sup> I noted that on 19 March 1977 Ipswich lost 1-0 at Sunderland. This was a fairly remarkable result as Ipswich finished third that year and Sunderland were relegated.

<sup>325</sup> Norwich City's final football programme of the year, against Sunderland on 14 May 1977, shows the date this game was played as 26 March 1977. While this was the date originally scheduled, I think it was moved forward because of international commitments.

Norwich played eight games in April 1977, largely to catch up with fixtures postponed because of bad weather earlier in the season. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Norwich beat Manchester United 2-1, the first time United had lost in 15 games. Norwich's goals were scored by Colin Suggett and Kevin Reeves. This game was characterised by rioting Manchester United fans causing unprecedented damage at Carrow Road, something which was featured on national television. I did not note this rioting in my diary but I did note that Ipswich lost 2-1 to Manchester City meaning that Liverpool were top of the table.



MOMENTS OF MAGIC FROM CANARIES' YOUNG STRIKER



SIR MATT SALUTE FOR CANARY STAR REEVES

**MANCHESTER CITY** 2 John Brown, 20 scored... **MANCHESTER UNITED** 1 Phil Boyer, 19... **WHEN** Kevin Reeves made his 100th appearance for Norwich in January, he was called in the highest and most prestigious manner... **Back comes Boyer with winning goal**... **Big chance**... **Grand news**... **THE HEAD ENGINEER**... **HAPPY RETURN**... **THE HEAD ENGINEER**... **HAPPY RETURN**... **THE HEAD ENGINEER**... **HAPPY RETURN**...



Above left – front cover of programme for the match between Norwich City and Manchester United in April 1977  
 Above – photos from the match against Manchester United which appeared in the programme for the match against Ipswich. They show Kevin Reeves scoring (top right) and celebrating his goal (left) and Martin Peters in action (bottom right)  
 Left – local news coverage of the match focusing on the performance of Kevin Reeves who was 19 at this point. Another article (far left) noted that Phil Boyer played for the reserves as part of his comeback from injury and scored the winning goal in a 1-0 victory over Ipswich

# Thirty hurt as United fans rampage

## AFTERNOON OF TERROR

Pictures that tell the story of violence at Carrow Road on Saturday. Below, left, a policeman, injured, staggers after being hit in the face by a missile. The "battlefield" scene, below, was caught by the camera as injured spectators received attention before the start of the match.

Saturday's shocking scenes in pictures—back page



**NORWICH** was yesterday creating the cost of an afternoon of violence and terror when Manchester United football fans went on the rampage.

At least 30 people were hurt in ugly clashes before and after Saturday's match; 19 United followers have since been charged by police as a result; damage estimated at £800 was caused at the Barclay Stand at the ground.

Among the injured were eight policemen, some of whom had to be given oxygen and heart massage.

One man was a month into his recovery when he was attacked by other supporters who had gathered on a

### Stabbing

As United manager Tommy Docherty tried to restore peace between the two sides, a man was stabbed in the chest. The victim, a 35-year-old man, was taken to hospital with a broken nose and a lacerated forehead. He was later discharged.

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### Managers join to condemn violence

Rival managers John Bond and Tommy Docherty joined forces to condemn the boogies who marred Saturday's first game at Carrow Road.

Both managers expressed their disgust at the scenes of violence which marred the match.

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### Attacks on homes by fans



Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty attempts to United supporters to leave the pitch before Saturday's game at Carrow Road.



Manchester United fans were seen at the pitch at Carrow Road on Saturday.



An injured United fan lies on the ground after being hit by a missile.



Tommy Docherty, police shepherd Manchester United fans from Carrow Road.



Damage to the Barclay stand after Saturday's violence.

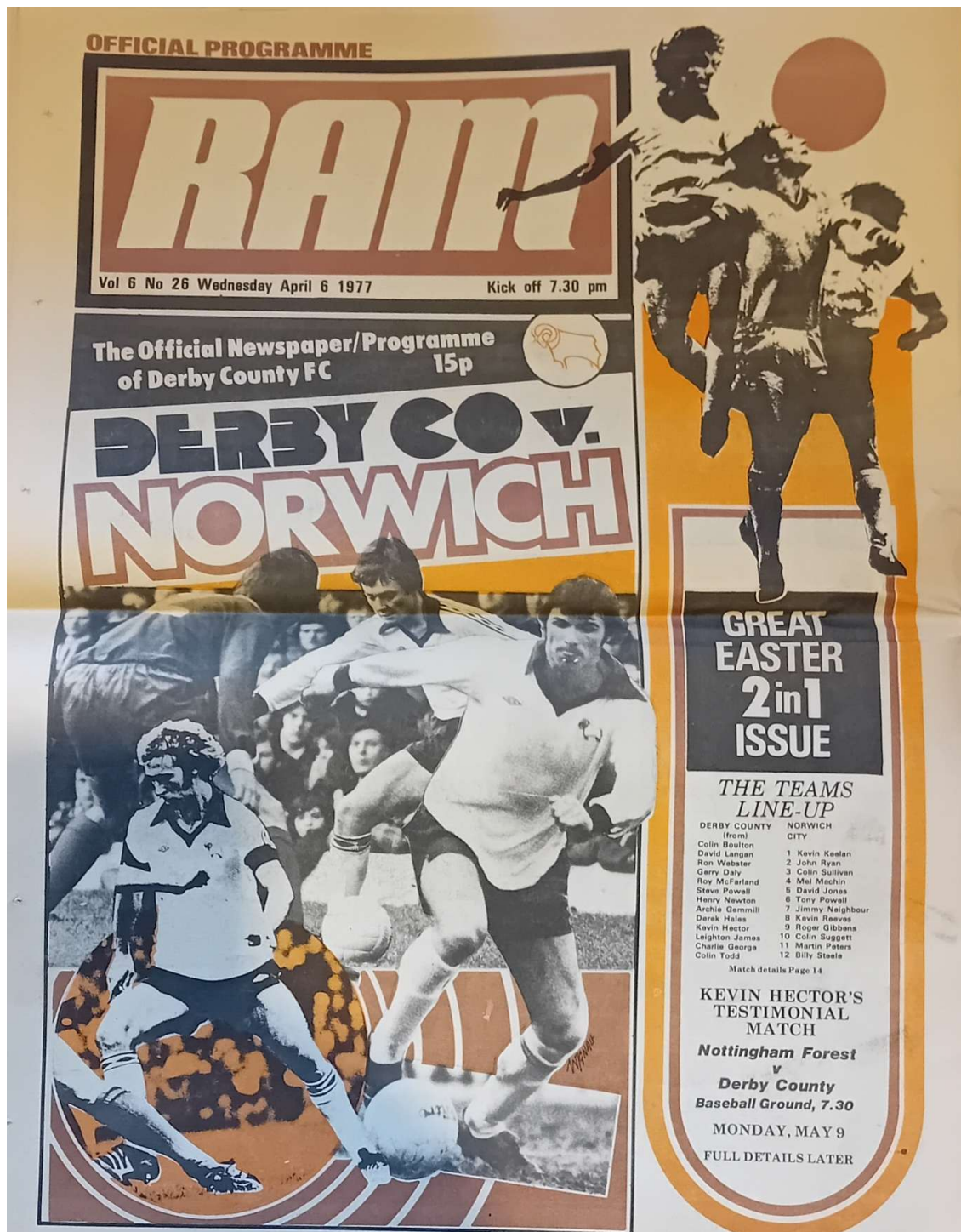
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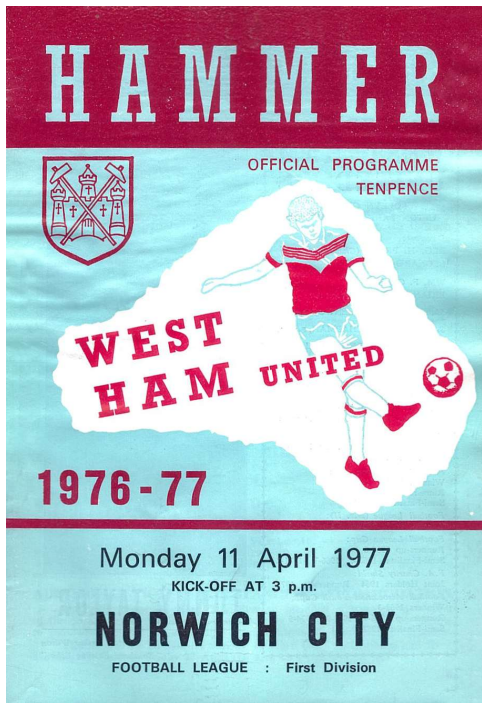
However, in the local media, the result on the pitch was overshadowed by off the pitch events in which United fans rioted and caused extensive damage

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Norwich played their rearranged game away at Derby County. This was a 2-2 draw although I did not note this in my diary. On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, Norwich again lost to Ipswich Town, this time 1-0 at home. I noted that, from what I saw on Match of the Day, Norwich were unlucky. On Easter Monday, 11 April 1977, Norwich again lost 1-0, this time away at West Ham United. I did not note this game in my diary. However, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, I did note that Norwich beat Bristol City 2-1 with great goals by Martin Peters and Kevin Reeves. This game was at home and I described this as a very pleasing result. I also noted that Ipswich lost meaning Liverpool went to the top of the table.<sup>326</sup> I did not note either of Norwich's next two games. These were both away, the rescheduled game at Everton on the 19<sup>th</sup> which Norwich lost 3-1, and at Aston Villa on the 23<sup>rd</sup> which Norwich lost 1-0. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, I did note that Norwich beat Everton 2-1. This game was at home and I considered this a very good result.

<sup>326</sup> Ipswich lost 2-1 away at Leeds. Liverpool beat Arsenal 2-0 at home.



Above – Derby County’s programmes were unusual in that they were in newspaper format. The one illustrated covered two games including the game against Norwich City in April 1975  
Overleaf – top left – programme for match between Norwich City and Ipswich Town  
Top right – Martin Peters and Kevin Beattie in action in match between Norwich and Ipswich  
Middle left - programme for match between West Ham United and Norwich City  
Middle right and bottom left – programmes for matches against Bristol City on 16 and 1977 and Everton on 30 April 1977.  
Bottom right – Kevin Reeves and Doug Evans celebrate the winning goal against Bristol City



I did not note either of Norwich's two games in May 1977. These were against two of the teams that would ultimately be relegated, Stoke City and Sunderland. Norwich drew both games, 0-0 away at Stoke and then [2-2](#) at home to Sunderland.<sup>327</sup>



*Left – programme for Norwich City's final match of the season against Sunderland*

*Below – table at the start of that game. While this was Norwich's final game, teams below them had between one and five games remaining. As a result, QPR and Bristol City moved clear of relegation and Sunderland and Stoke City were relegated with Tottenham. Norwich finished 16<sup>th</sup> on 37 points, three points clear of relegation*

DIVISION ONE	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A		
Liverpool	40	18	2	0	47 11	5	8	7	14	20	56
Man. City	41	15	5	1	38 13	5	9	6	21	21	54
Ipswich	40	15	4	2	41 11	7	3	9	25	27	51
Newcastle	40	13	6	1	37 13	4	7	9	24	32	47
Aston Villa	38	15	2	1	49 16	5	4	11	19	30	46
Man. Utd.	39	11	6	3	38 20	6	4	9	25	33	44
Arsenal	41	11	6	4	37 20	5	5	10	25	36	43
W. Brom.	39	9	6	5	35 21	6	6	7	23	29	42
Leicester	40	8	9	3	30 27	4	9	7	17	30	42
Leeds	40	8	8	4	28 25	6	4	10	19	25	40
Middlesbro	41	11	5	4	25 14	3	7	11	15	31	40
Birmingham	40	10	5	5	37 24	3	5	12	23	34	36
Everton	38	7	6	5	30 23	5	6	9	26	39	36
Norwich	41	12	3	5	28 21	2	5	14	17	41	36
Derby	40	8	8	3	34 18	0	10	11	14	37	34
Coventry	40	7	8	4	32 23	3	6	12	14	33	34
Sunderland	40	9	5	7	29 16	2	6	11	15	34	33
Stoke	39	9	7	4	18 13	1	6	12	6	31	33
West Ham	40	8	6	6	24 21	2	7	11	18	42	33
Q.P.R.	37	9	6	4	28 19	2	4	12	14	28	32
Bristol C.	39	7	7	6	23 18	3	4	12	11	27	31
Tottenham	41	8	7	5	24 20	3	2	16	22	52	31

<sup>327</sup> With ten minutes to go Norwich were leading 2-0 but Sunderland scored twice in the last ten minutes to level the match.

Overall, the 1976-77 season was an average one. Norwich's league position of 16<sup>th</sup> ensured they finished clear of relegation but it was six positions down on the previous season's tenth place. Norwich exited both the League and FA Cups in the third round with defeats to Aston Villa and Leeds United respectively. Highlights included beating both Liverpool and Manchester United at home even though the latter match was known more for the rioting which occurred than for the result!

That season, there were some major personnel changes with Ted MacDougall going to Southampton and 19-year old Kevin Reeves joining Norwich from Bournemouth. From January 1977, Reeves played 21 games for Norwich scoring eight goals. In his summary of the season in the programme for the last home game of the season against Sunderland, John Bond noted that the departure of Ted MacDougall had felt "*like having a pistol held to my head*". Other players had come in including Graham Paddon from West Ham<sup>328</sup>, Viv Busby from Fulham, Roger Gibbins from Oxford United, John Ryan from Luton and Jimmy Neighbour from Tottenham.<sup>329</sup> There had been serious, long-term injuries for Graham Paddon, Micky McGuire and Phil Boyer. Because of these injuries and his own good form, Kevin Reeves had played more games than John Bond had originally intended. He had planned to use him more sparingly.

*Summary of 1976-77 season from "100 Years of the Canaries"  
Although the text states that Norwich finished 13<sup>th</sup>, the table shows their final league position as 16<sup>th</sup>*

1976-1977

Ted MacDougall departs for Southampton for £50,000 and

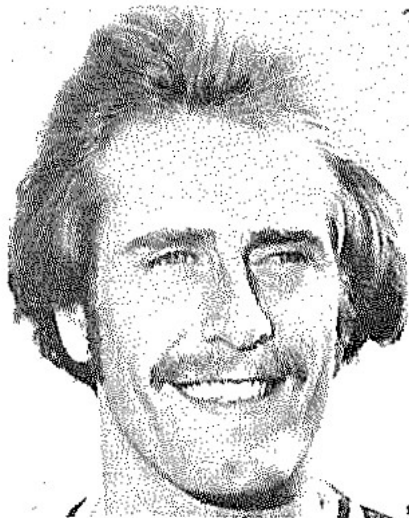


**Kevin Reeves (pictured right)** is signed for the same sum from Bournemouth to replace him. City finish 13<sup>th</sup> in the league

and bow out of the FA Cup 5-2 at Leeds. Rioting Manchester United fans cause unprecedented havoc at Carrow Road during the league game on April 2.

DIVISION ONE 1976-77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Liverpool	42	23	11	8	62	33	57
Manchester City	42	21	14	7	60	34	56
Ipswich Town	42	22	8	12	66	39	52
Aston Villa	42	22	7	13	76	50	51
Newcastle Utd	42	18	13	11	64	49	49
Manchester Utd	42	18	11	13	71	62	47
West Bromwich	42	16	13	13	62	56	45
Arsenal	42	16	11	15	64	59	43
Everton	42	14	14	14	62	64	42
Leeds Utd	42	15	12	15	48	51	42
Leicester City	42	12	18	12	47	60	42
Middlesbrough	42	14	13	15	40	45	41
Birmingham City	42	13	12	17	63	61	38
QPR	42	13	12	17	47	52	38
Derby County	42	9	19	14	50	55	37
<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>
West Ham Utd	42	11	14	17	46	65	36
Bristol City	42	11	13	18	38	48	35
Coventry City	42	10	15	17	48	59	35
Sunderland	42	11	12	19	46	54	34
Stoke City	42	10	14	18	28	51	34
Tottenham	42	12	9	21	48	72	33



*Graham Paddon's move from West Ham featured in the Bristol City programme in November 1976*

**GRAHAM PADDON** became the latest Norwich signing last week when he rejoined the club from West Ham for £110,000, £35,000 less than the fee received from the Hammers three years ago. Manchester-born, he started with Coventry until his £25,000 move in 1969. An England Under 23 international. Played for the Hammers at Ashton Gate in September.

<sup>328</sup> In November 1976, Graham Paddon came back to Norwich from West Ham. However, he only played three games before breaking his leg which kept him out of football for a year.

<sup>329</sup> Apart from MacDougall, other players that had left included Steve Grapes to Cardiff, Dave Stringer to Cambridge United, and Peter Morris and Johnny Miller both to Mansfield Town.

# LEAGUE HALT MAC MOVE



Ted MacDougall . . . the goal-scoring talent that cost Southampton £50,000 could be idle tomorrow afternoon. Picture: FREDDIE COOPER

By NIGEL CLARKE

**THE Football League yesterday refused to rubber-stamp the £50,000 transfer of Ted MacDougall from Norwich to Southampton.**

Now the Scottish goal-scoring star may miss tomorrow's match against Nottingham Forest at the Dell

The League feel that MacDougall is not entitled to his 5 per cent. of the transfer fee—because of his threat to quit the game unless he moved from Carrow Road. They consider this amounts to a transfer request.

A League official said last night: "We have queried one aspect of the deal. Now it is up to the two clubs to resolve it."

"We have given Southampton until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"If everything is sorted out to our satisfaction, MacDougall can play. But if it isn't he is ineligible."

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy said: "As far as we are concerned, Ted's registration was sent off in time for him to get clearance to play."

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"Now I gather there is some hold-up at the League's headquarters over the financial aspects of his contract. This means further discussions between us and Norwich."

McMenemy had hoped to field tomorrow a side including Mike Channon, Peter Osgood, Jim McCalliog and MacDougall.

It would have swelled a crowd already eager to see Saints again after their 4-0 defeat of Olympique Marseilles in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

"There is plenty of ability in my side," said McMenemy. "Now what I want is the kind of application and determination we showed against the French."

"Only those players prepared to work and run for me will find places in my line-up."

*The Football League had reservations over Ted MacDougall's transfer to Southampton particularly over whether MacDougall had made a transfer request or not and, as a result, whether he was eligible to receive 5% of the transfer fee. John Bond felt his hand had been forced but the transfer did go ahead*

Martin Peters was Norwich City's [player of the 1976-77 season](#) as he had been the previous year. Describing him, John Bond said he had "battled on in style" and that he represented all that is best in the paid player. Martin Peters played every game for Norwich that season scoring eight goals. He also captained the side. Overall, he played 207 league games for Norwich from 1975 to 1980 when he was in his early thirties. Colin Suggett had won the award for player of the season in 1974-75 while John Ryan and Tony Powell would go on to win it in 1977-78 and 1978-79 respectively. All those winners, with the exception of John Ryan, are members of Norwich City's Hall of Fame.



*Left – Martin Peters was Norwich’s player of the season in both 1975-76 and 1976-77. He is pictured here in the programme for the away match against Ipswich in February 1977*

*Above – Peter Morris (right) left Norwich in the 1976-77 season. He had been player of the month at the end of the previous season in April 1976. He is pictured with manager John Bond (centre) and Maureen Holden (left) the wife of joint manager of sponsors Reliance Garage*

I am currently in the process of reviewing local news coverage of Norwich’s 1976-77 season with the intention of cross-referencing this to my own diary coverage. Once completed, I will either update this section or produce a separate blog about it. To date, I have reviewed the end of the previous season only.

Norwich’s last game that season was a 2-0 away win at Stoke City with goals from Ted MacDougall and Colin Suggett. This was their sixth away win that season.<sup>330</sup> However, even when the season was finishing so positively, there were rumours of a possible board room rift which exploded into public view over the next few days. It seems that there was a major clash between then Chairman, Sir Arthur South, and former Chairman Geoffrey Watling. It appears that Watling was seeking to oust Arthur South and had support from five of seven directors<sup>331</sup> including vice-Chairman Henry Robinson. The local news coverage was unclear as to what the underlying issues were but it appears that there had been a heated confrontation between the Chairman and one of the directors<sup>332</sup> at an earlier away game and there may have been issues of concern in Arthur South’s private life although the directors involved denied this. Geoffrey Watling denied that he was seeking to be reinstated as



*News headline concerning the boardroom row at Norwich City in April 1977. It centred around the Chairmanship of Sir Arthur South*

<sup>330</sup> The other five were against Sheffield United, Liverpool, Leeds United, West Ham United and Middlesbrough.

<sup>331</sup> Other directors included Ernest Burrell, Jack Murray, William Young and George Fish. Local media reports are not entirely clear as to which directors were seeking to oust Arthur South. However, Jack Murray resigned as a director in the midst of this turmoil.

<sup>332</sup> Jack Murray.

Chairman. Arthur South received strong support from fans, players and the manager, John Bond. Some made attempts to mediate in the dispute including the then Lord Mayor of Norwich, Joyce Morgan, and the Bishop of Lynn, Aubrey Aitken. I am not exactly sure how the issues were resolved but Arthur South [remained Norwich City chairman until 1985](#). Of interest perhaps is that I did not note anything about these boardroom issues in my diary.

Although these boardroom issues dominated the news in early May 1976, there was also, as might be expected, some coverage of possible transfers ahead of the 1976-77 season. An article on 1 May 1976 noted that John Bond was looking for a so-called “*Mr Consistency*” to bring width and balance to the team’s attack. Bond had a strong commitment to wingers and a number of players had been tried in that role, including Steve Grapes and former Ipswich player Johnny Miller. However, the article considered that both had not displayed enough consistency in that role and, as a result, they were available for transfer. It was also, apparently, only a matter of time before Peter Morris joined Mansfield Town as player manager. A number of other players had been given free transfers.<sup>333</sup> While that article did not identify any players that could possibly fill that winger role, it does seem that former Tottenham player Jimmy Neighbour ultimately did so.

My diary only goes to November 1977 so I only have information from that about the first part of the 1977-78 season. On 27 August 1977, I noted that Norwich got one point from QPR. This meant they were seventh in the table with four points.<sup>334</sup> Nottingham Forest were top of the league.<sup>335</sup>



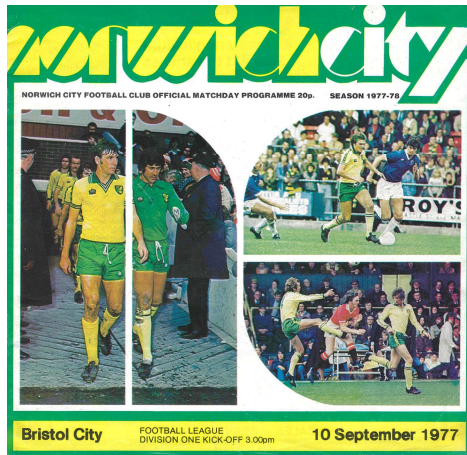
*Programme for the Norwich City match against Queens Park Rangers on 27 August 1977*

<sup>333</sup> Paul Wilson, Mervyn Cawston, Paul Kent, Chris Watts and Micky Wharton.

<sup>334</sup> After three games! Prior to this game, Norwich had won 3-1 at West Ham and had drawn 1-1 at home with Middlesbrough. At the end of the season, Norwich finished 13<sup>th</sup> five places above Ipswich Town.

<sup>335</sup> And went on to win the league.

The following month, Norwich won 1-0 against Bristol City in what I heard had been a poor match. The month after that, Norwich beat Wolves 2-1 and this meant they were sixth in the table. That same month, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Norwich were featured on Match of the Day. They drew 2-2 with Derby.



Top – programmes for Norwich City’s matches against Bristol City (left) and Wolves (right)  
Above – in October 1977, in the home game against Newcastle United, goalkeeper Kevin Keelan made his 600<sup>th</sup> appearance for Norwich City  
Right – programme in newspaper format for match between Derby County and Norwich city in October 1977  
Below right – summaries of 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons from “100 Years of the Canaries”

The two seasons 1977-78 and 1978-79 were fairly average for Norwich City with the team finishing 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the first division respectively. Their cup record was poor. In the League Cup, they lost to second division teams in the second round in both seasons, to Burnley in August 1977 and to Wrexham in August 1978. Their FA Cup record was no better losing to second division teams in the third round in both seasons, to Orient in January 1978 and to Leicester City in January 1979. In terms of East Anglian derbies in those two seasons, Norwich won one, drew one and lost two. They finished above Ipswich Town in 1977-78.

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When dad lived in London, he was involved in Ilford Football Club.<sup>336</sup> On 14 August 1976, we went to London from Birmingham and went to his neighbour's Doug and Dot's. They weren't in but we found them at the football club.

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<sup>336</sup> See [Chapter 112](#).