

## COMBINATION COMMENT

**O**UR unbeaten run now stands at eight matches (5 wins, 3 draws) and we lead the Football Combination by a point from Ipswich, who have a match in hand. In a 1-1 draw at Plymouth (Nov. 21) Ian Hutchinson headed us in front just before half-time, and Argyle's equaliser was a 35-yarder midway through the second half.

Tommy Baldwin shot the only goal to beat Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park (Friday, Nov. 24). It came ten minutes from time from Alan Taylor's cross, and Baldwin sent the 'keeper the wrong way for the goal that took us to the top of the table. This was our best performance of the season, with young Scot Ian Britton outstanding in midfield.

In heavy going last Saturday Tommy Baldwin saved us at home to Swindon (2-2) with a last-kick goal. After falling behind to a defensive mistake, we equalised when Ian Hutchinson got above everyone to head in Marvin Hinton's centre, but we struggled second half and Swindon again went in front, this time with an angled shot. Finally, after several scrambles in their goalmouth, Baldwin slid in the equaliser. Hinton, John Boyle and, once again, Britton did particularly well.

(Team line-ups for the above games appear under Match Summaries on page 19.)

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## WITH THE JUNIORS

**I**N the S.E. Counties League Cup quarter-final against Luton at Mitcham (Nov. 25), we put our passes together after a goalless first half and won 3-0. Jim McMorran shot us ahead left foot through a crowded "box," and Teddy Maybank scored the other two goals. For his first, he held off two strong challenges before shooting, and two minutes from time he ran onto David Lucas's ball through the middle and took another fine goal. John Sparrow was outstanding at centre-back.

Second half goals also carried us through the second round F.A. Youth Cup-tie 2-0 at home to Fulham here on Nov. 27. "Butch" Wilkins set up the opener (55 mins.) for Brian Bason, and the second goal came when Steve Perkins headed in a corner as Steve Finnieston's attempt to connect unsighted the 'keeper.

In the S.E. Counties League, away to Millwall last Saturday, the Juniors suffered only their second defeat (1-3) of the season. Missing several players through injury, we further handicapped ourselves with poor passing and were three down before McMorran scored our goal near the end.

Tuesday night's Southern Junior Floodlit Cup replay at West Bromwich was postponed because the pitch was unfit—no new date yet.



**THE WILKINS BOYS**—Graham (left), a full professional, and his apprentice brother Ray (or "Butch" as he's known here). Their father George Wilkins used to play for Brentford.

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