

ABOUT OUR VISITORS

PETERBOROUGH United have fully justified the confidence shown in them when they were elected to the Football League in 1960. They topped the Fourth Division in their first season with a record total of goals (134 in 46 matches) and have had no difficulty holding their own in Division III.

Mr. Gordon Clark, assistant-manager with Sheffield United before taking over as manager of Peterborough last April in succession to Jack Fairbrother, has frequently rung the team changes this season, and nobody has an ever-present record.

Goalkeeper Willie Duff won Scottish Under-23 international honours with Hibernian, from whom he joined Charlton in 1956. He moved to Peterborough in May 1963.

Right-back Ron Cooper, a local product, has shown considerable versatility since making his debut at right-half last season. He has filled both wing-half positions, and switched to full-back last November.

One of the many additions to Peterborough's playing staff last summer was left-back Graham Birks, from Sheffield Wednesday. In four years as a professional at Hillsborough he had made only four senior appearances, all of them in 1962-63.

Capped by Wales in 16 full internationals while with Aston Villa, Vic Crowe joined Villa in 1952, making over 300 League appearances for them. A native of Abercynon in South Wales, he joined Peterborough last July and has been an inspiring captain.

Another Welshman is centre-half Frank Rankmore. While with Cardiff City he gained Welsh Under-23 recognition, then moved to Peterborough in August 1963.

Harry Orr left Belfast Distillery for Sheffield United in October 1958, together with utility forward Denis Shiels. Both of them made only occasional appearances in the Sheffield team, however, and moved to Peterborough together last July.

Now with his fifth League club, Bolton-born right-winger Ron Barnes began his career with Blackpool, and had spells with Rochdale, Wrexham and Norwich City before signing for Peterborough last June.

Although he spent five years as a professional with Huddersfield Town, Eire-born Oliver Conmy made only three League appearances for them before joining Peterborough nine months ago.

Centre-forward Derek Dougan is handsomely repaying the big fee involved when Peterborough signed him from Aston Villa in June 1963. Belfast-born and capped by Ireland on nine occasions, Dougan was with Distillery, Portsmouth and Blackburn Rovers (for whom he played in the 1960 Cup Final), before joining Villa in 1961. His goals this season include F.A. Cup hat-tricks against Salisbury and Chesterfield.

The scorer of Peterborough's two goals in the replay win at Swansea last week was Peter Deakin, another of last summer's recruits. He joined them in June from Bolton Wanderers, and combines football with a school-teaching post.

Outside-left Peter McNamee, now in his twelfth year with Peterborough, is the last surviving player from their non-League days. A Scot from Glasgow, he was signed from Junior football in 1953.

HOW THEY STAND IN DIVISION III

	Leading Positions											
	HOME			Goals AWAY			Goals			Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L		F	A
Hull City	35	11	4	3	42	19	8	4	5	31	22	46
Gillingham	35	14	4	0	40	8	5	3	9	20	29	45
Mansfield	34	11	3	2	39	20	6	6	6	30	29	43
Carlisle	35	9	4	3	30	15	8	5	6	24	24	43
Bristol Rov.	35	12	3	2	45	17	3	8	7	23	32	41
Brentford	33	13	3	1	43	16	4	3	9	21	28	40
Bristol City	34	9	5	3	40	16	6	4	7	29	32	39
Grimby	32	9	7	0	30	16	3	6	7	22	29	37
P'BRO'	32	11	2	3	46	26	5	2	9	18	30	36

PETERBOROUGH'S GOALSCORERS

League: Smith (now Crystal Palace) 14, Deakin 12, Dougan 9, McNamee 7, Crawford 5, Shiels 4, Conmy 3, Moulden 3, Barnes 2, Wright 2, Singleton 1, Opponents 2. Total 64.

F.A. Cup: Dougan 7, Deakin 6, McNamee 2, Barnes 1, Crowe 1. Total 17.

League Cup: Nil.