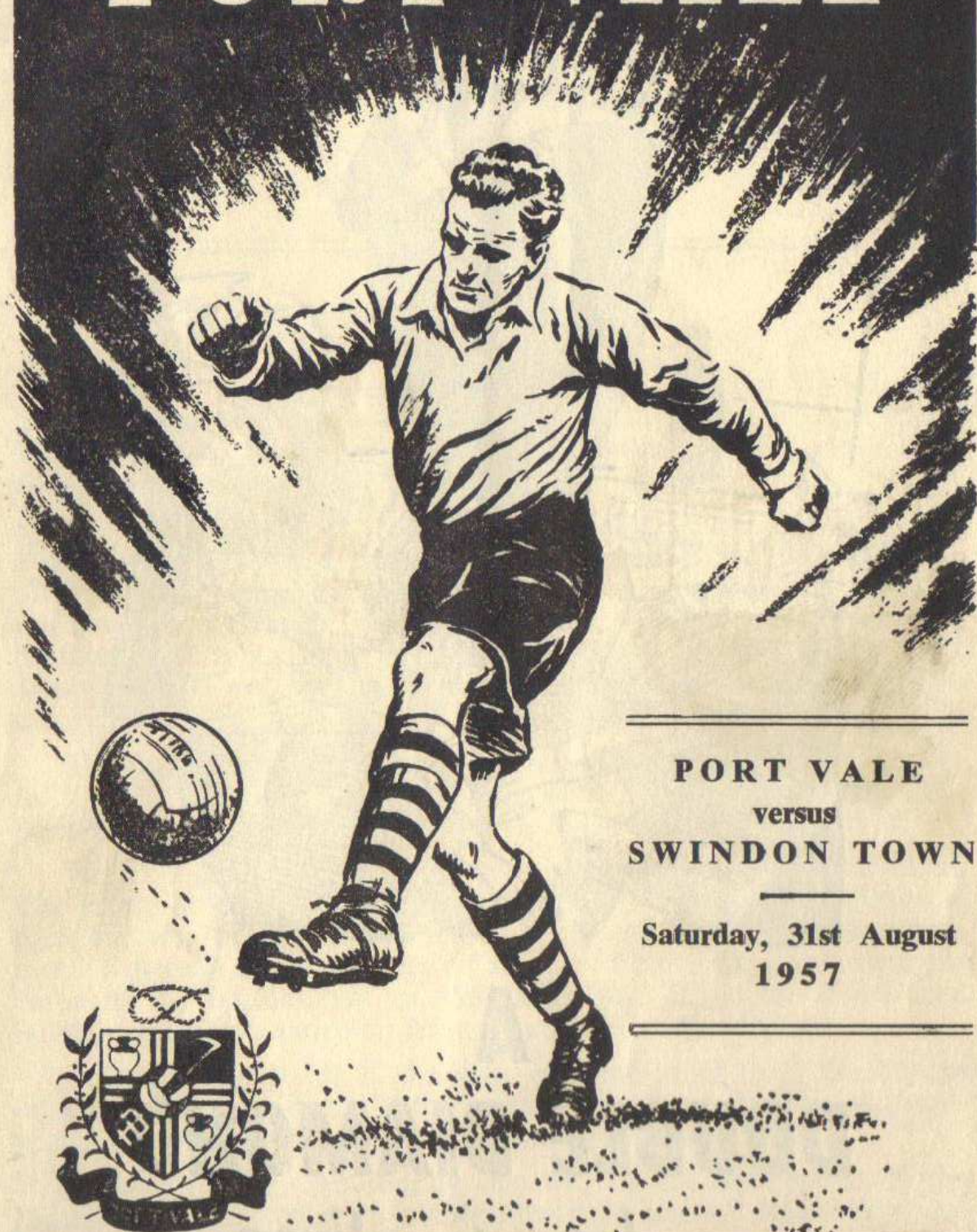


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CLUB NOTES

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the first home game of the new season. There is always a bit of edge in the first games of a new season when all clubs start with a clean slate, and everyone is keen to get off to a good start.

The new season finds us back in the Third Division (South) after a period of six years. In the meantime we have had our moments. Six years ago after being transferred to the Third Division (North) we were runners-up to the champions, and the next year we won promotion with an all-time defensive record for any league club. This year also was the season of our greatest achievement when we reached the F.A. semi-final.

The first two seasons in the Second Division were quite successful, then in the third year, when we were hoping to strengthen our position, disaster overtook us and we failed to avoid relegation.

We have got to put the disappointment of last season behind us. The future holds many exciting prospects. There is the challenge to fight our way back; there is the Cup with its hopes and disappointments; there is also the bogey of the new Fourth Division when the clubs in the bottom half of the two Third Divisions—North and South—will be relegated to form this new Fourth Division.

On the brighter side is the very welcome relief from the burden of Entertainments Tax. There is also something for the players—wages have been increased and match bonuses doubled.

The high hopes aroused by our win in the first match of the season at Aldershot were rather shaken when we went down to Shrewsbury Town by the odd goal last Monday. Our boys made a tremendous effort in the last twenty minutes to save the game. Chances

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were made but over-anxiety and erratic finishing were the cause of our failure. It was good to see the spirit with which the team played, but we cannot afford to sacrifice the fine arts of constructive football for sheer physical effort.

Our visitors today are Swindon Town. To players and officials we offer a hearty welcome to Vale Park. Like ourselves, last season Swindon found themselves in the relegation bracket and had to seek re-election. This season they have made quite an impressive start with a 4-0 win at home against Newport and a goalless draw at Watford. Even so we are hoping to register our first home win this season.

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THIRD LEAGUE FIXTURES

1957	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 24	Aldershot ...	a	1 0
26	Shrewsbury ...	a	0 1
31	Swindon ...	h	...
Sept. 2	Shrewsbury ...	h	...
7	Millwall ...	a	...
11	Southampton ...	a	...
14	Gillingham ...	h	...
16	Southampton ...	h	...
21	Exeter City ...	a	...
26	Newport County	a	...
28	Queen's Park R.	h	...
30	Newport County	h	...
Oct. 5	Southend United	a	...
12	Reading ...	a	...
19	Northampton ...	h	...
26	Watford ...	a	...
Nov. 2	Crystal Palace ...	h	...
9	Torquay United	a	...
16	F.A. Cup (1)		...
23	Colchester Utd.	a	...
30	Norwich ...	h	...
Dec. 7	Bournemouth (2)	a	...
14	Walsall ...	h	...
21	Aldershot ...	h	...

THIRD LEAGUE FIXTURES

1957-58	Opponent	F.	A.
Dec. 25	Coventry City ...	a	...
26	Coventry City ...	h	...
28	Swindon ...	a	...
Jan. 4	Brighton (3)	h	...
11	Millwall ...	h	...
18	Gillingham ...	a	...
25	Brentford (4)	h	...
Feb. 1	Exeter City ...	h	...
8	Queen's Park R.	a	...
15	Southend Utd. (5)	h	...
22	Reading ...	h	...
Mar. 1	Northampton (6)	a	...
8	Watford ...	h	...
15	Crystal Palace ...	a	...
22	Colchester Utd.	h	...
29	Walsall ...	a	...
Apr. 4	Plymouth Argyle	a	...
5	Torquay United	h	...
7	Plymouth Argyle	h	...
12	Norwich ...	a	...
19	Bournemouth ...	h	...
23	Brighton ...	a	...
26	Brentford ...	a	...
May 3	F.A. Cup Final		...

CHESHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES

1957	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 24	Congleton Town	h	4 1
26	Wrexham ...	h	1 1
31	Bangor City ...	a	...
Sept. 4	Wrexham ...	a	...
7	Rhyl ...	h	...
9	Winsford ...	h	...
14	Runcorn ...	a	...
21	Stockport ...	h	...
23	Macclesfield ...	h	...
28	Stalybridge ...	a	...
Oct. 5	Tranmere Rovers	h	...
12	Hyde United ...	h	...
19	Winsford ...	a	...
26	Buxton ...	h	...
Nov. 2			...
9	Chester ...	h	...
16	Macclesfield ...	a	...
23	Northwich ...	h	...
30	Ellesmere Port ...	a	...
Dec. 7	Stalybridge ...	h	...
14	Tranmere Rovers	a	...
21	Altrincham ...	a	...
25			...

CHESHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES

1957-58	Opponent	F.	A.
Dec. 26	Crewe Alex. ...	a	...
28	Mossley ...	h	...
Jan. 1			...
4	Stockport ...	a	...
11	Buxton ...	a	...
18	Runcorn ...	h	...
25	Chester ...	a	...
Feb. 1	Rhyl ...	a	...
8	Altrincham ...	h	...
15	Witton Albion ...	a	...
22	Congleton ...	a	...
Mar. 1	Bangor City ...	h	...
8	Mossley ...	a	...
15	Ellesmere Port ...	h	...
22			...
24	Wellington ...	a	...
29	Witton Albion ...	h	...
Apr. 4	Stafford Rangers	h	...
5	Northwich ...	a	...
7	Stafford Rangers	a	...
12	Crewe Alex. ...	h	...
19	Hyde United ...	a	...
26	Wellington ...	h	...

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Player's Appearances— 1st 2nd

Adams, J. A.
Askey, C.	2	...
Barnett, G.
Carberry, R.	2	...
Cunliffe, J.	2	...
Donaldson, F. L.	2	...
Follows, P.	...	2
Griffiths, K. J.	...	1
Hancock, B.	2	...
Hayward, C. B.	2	2
Higgs, K. J.	...	2
Hough, F.
Jones, K.	2	...
Leake, A.	2	...
Martin, J. A.	...	2
Massey, J.	...	2
Miles, T.	...	2
Poole, H.	...	2
Poole, J. A. F.	...	2
Raine, D.	...	1
Reeves, J.	2	...
Sproson, R.	2	...
Steele, S. F.	2	...
Whalley, S. D.	2	...
Wilkinson, B.	2	2
B. Hopkins	...	2
B. Nixon

GOAL SCORERS

	1st	2nd
Steele, S. F.	1	...
B. Nixon	...	3
Massey, J.	...	2

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Our Visitors — Swindon

Formed in 1893, the Club took up professionalism in 1897. They were one of the original members of the Southern League and played a prominent part in that competition until the formation of the Third Division (South) by the Football League.

The 'Robins' have been members of the Southern Section ever since and have had to seek re-election on three occasions, twice during the last two years.

On the credit side Swindon have twice reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup; this was during their membership of the Southern League.

The Club is now managed by Mr. Bert Head, who was appointed last October, following a spell of fifteen months without a manager. Mr. Head was assistant manager with Bury before coming to Swindon, and his playing days were spent as a centre-half with Torquay United.

Last season Swindon Town again had to apply for re-election, for they finished in next to the bottom position. Their last game of the season was a home match against Colchester United, who had almost within their grasp the championship of the League. Swindon won 4-1, but whilst not saving them from having to apply for re-election it did show the possibilities of the side, and Manager Head is no doubt hoping that the 'Railway' men will be on a less bumpy track this season.

In our eight meetings with Swindon since 1948-49 we have won three, drawn three and lost the remainder.

PEN PORTRAITS

Sam Burton (goal)—A product of local football, he signed for Swindon in 1946.

John Neal (right-back)—A newcomer, he was signed from Hull City after spending one season with King's Lynn. He has also been a professional sprinter.

Jimmy Lee (left-back)—Signed from Leyton Orient in January of this year. He has had spells with Blackburn and Nottingham Forest.

Lew Clayton (right-half)—Signed during the close season from Bournemouth, he was an ever-present during that club's great cup run last season.

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George Hudson (centre-half)—A native of Havant, he was a professional with Portsmouth before joining the Town in 1948.

Jack Fountain (left-half)—He joined Swindon midway through last season from Sheffield United.

Alan Moore (outside-right)—Signed from Coventry City. He was formerly with Nottingham Forest, who paid £10,000 for his signature.

Maurice Owen (inside-right)—Born in Abingdon. Shortly after signing professional for Swindon he was the target for offers from many First Division clubs.

Bill Roost (centre-forward)—Was with Bristol Rovers last season. He was one of the key men in the team which won promotion to the Second Division.

Bob Edwards (inside-left)—Last season's top goal scorer with 26 goals. He joined Swindon in 1955 from Chelsea.

Arnold Darcy (outside-left)—He joined Swindon from non-league club Wigan in November of last year and has quickly made this position his own.

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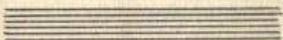
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