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OFFICIAL NOTES

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You All.

With almost a half of our Football League fixtures completed, it is fair to say that we can look back on the games played with some degree of satisfaction. Some did not bring the results expected, but compensation was achieved from others. With 31 points from 21 matches most experts would say is real promotion standard, and of course, we agree. But our chief objective is the continuation of this standard throughout the rest of the season, culminating in promotion.

There has been deep concern about the inability of the forwards to measure up to the required standard. Several permutations have been made, but never really succeeded. So after very careful thought it was decided to to go into the transfer market. For several weeks our scouts have been most active throughout the country and this resulted in two players coming very much into prominence – namely, Dodson of Swansea, and Barton of Nottingham Forest. On Wednesday the Manager was successful in signing the former and at the time of writing these notes negotiations are going on in Nottingham for the latter. All being well it is hoped to include both players in the team against Swindon. Assuming this is so we all wish both players the greatest possible success and also a very happy career with the Club.

Today we welcome Swindon Town. They are not having a too happy season and will be striving to improve their position. So we are assured of a good game.

Here are a few pen pictures of the Swindon players, for reference.

PEN PICTURES OF SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS

SAM BURTON (Goalkeeper).—Signed for Swindon in 1945 from the successful County Youth team. Has played consistently well and has been the established first team goalkeeper for several seasons.

BILL TEAGUE (Goalkeeper).—A recent signing for the Club. He joined Swindon following his demobilisation from National Service. A strong, powerful 'keeper, he made

one first team appearance during season 1960-61.

KEN JONES (Right-back).—Joined the Club from Crystal Palace in March, 1961. After one game in the Reserves he became a regular first team defender. A Welshman, he was a trialist for the Welsh Under-23 international team.

JOHN TROLLOPE (Left-back).—A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the first team at the beginning of the season 1960-61, when

he was 16 years old, and was ever present during that season.

TERRY WOLLEN (Right-back).—Another local boy who made his debut for the first team when 16 years old. He played the majority of first team games during season 1960-61. Was later displaced by Ken Jones.

KEITH MORGAN (Right-half).—A strong, attacking wing-half, who joined Swindon

as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every first team game during 1960-61.

MAURICE OWEN (Centre-half).—The team captain and oldest member of the team. Formerly a centre-forward, he has had a long and outstanding period of service with the Club. Has played in several representative games.



JOHN BELL (Left-half).—Joined Swindon from Stirling Albion at the beginning of season 1960-61. Became the first team left-half mid-way through the season, a position he held to the end.

PETER CHAMBERLAIN (Half-back).—A utility player who has been with the Club for three years. Was signed originally from Leicester City. Scored five goals in one game from the left-half position.

DAVID CORBETT (Outside-right).—Another product of the Club's youth policy. David was a part-time player until recently. A fast, direct player, he has proved his ability with some fine displays in the first team.

ERNIE HUNT (Inside-right).—Joined the Club's ground staff from school. A member of the first team at 16 years old, he is a player of outstanding ability for whom the Club has had many offers. A local boy, he is just 18 years old. Was top goal-scorer 1960-61.

MIKE SUMMERBEE (Centre-forward).—Born in Cheltenham, he is another product of the Swindon youth policy. Formerly played at outside-right, but now has made the centre berth his own. Another of the players wanted by several clubs.

CLIFF JACKSON (Inside-forward).—Swindon born, he joined the club direct from school. He was a schoolboy international and he made his debut in Swindon's first team

at the age of 17. Has a very powerful shot.

BOB WOODRUFF (Wing-half).—Another local born player who came to the town direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. Has played at centre-forward and insideforward in the senior side and his performances have made him a target for several transfer offers. Was an ever present for the Club, season 1960-61.

ARNOLD DARCY (Outside-left).-Joined the Club in November, 1956, from Wigan Athletic. In spite of his lack of inches he is a strong forceful winger with a powerful shot.

FRED THOMPSON (Full-back).—A Swindon born player who joined the Club in 1955 from local youth football. Originally a wing-half, he has played with success in the forward line before being converted to a full-back.

BILL ATKINS (Inside-forward).—At present in the Services, he joined Swindon from Aston Villa at the end of the 1958-59 season. A strong, ball-playing forward. He has played several representative matches while in the Army.

BOB SCOTT (Wing-half).—A Scotsman who was signed during the close season

from Cardiff Cay. He is a powerful attacking type player with a strong shot.

KEN McPHERSON (Centre-forward).—Recently signed from Newport County, he is a player with a reputation for hard work and goal scoring ability.



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On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the Supporters' Club I would like to extend our best wishes to all supporters, and Management and playing staff of the Portsmouth Football Club, for a very Happy Christmas and a most prosperous and successful New Year for 1962, which we sincerely hope will be a promotion year.

To all pool agents and "Pompey Jackpot" ticket sellers our grateful thanks is extended for your kind co-operation and assistance rendered, which is most appreciated in the

interests of the Football Club.

With yet another win last Saturday against Port Vale, and although a very close game played under most difficult conditions, the two welcome points further strengthened Pompey's promotion prospects being deprived of top place in the League only by a very,

small inferior goal average to Bournemouth.

Having received reports from the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs regarding incidents concerning acts of destruction to property in strange towns, vandalism on public transport, and the indiscriminate sticking of labels on houses, shops, vehicles, and in football grounds, being committed in various parts of the country by supporters at away games, I would like to make a special appeal to all Pompey supporters to refrain from indulging in any of these unruly demonstrations, in the interests of the good name of your own club.

Such actions coupled with the throwing of missiles at players, and referees and the invading of the pitch when the game is not running as we would wish, are to be strongly

deplored as not being in the best interests of football and good sportsmanship,

A "BIG Christmas Effort" is needed today, and with your wholehearted support two more valuable points can be gained. Extra Christmas gift prizes are being given in today's "Jackpot" draw. Get your tickets NOW, on sale outside and inside the ground. "Pompey Jackpot" v. Port Vale—1st Prize, £100 No. 08735GF; 2nd Prize, £38/11/3 No. 37806ED; 3rd Prize, Ball, No. 2689GF.

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No. 8 - IKE CLARKE

On 1st November, 1947, Portsmouth were occupying sixth position in the First Division of the Football League, but the centre-forward position was causing some concern to the management. Froggatt, Reid, Hudson and Thompson had all been tried out in the position without the necessary success. In the meantime efforts were being made to get a suitable player, and in the Official Notes on 1st November, 1947, it was stated we had made an offer for Lawton of Chelsea. However, our efforts were of no avail, and so the net was cast in the direction of Birmingham, and this time we were successful in obtaining Ike Clarke, who had made such a name for himself with West Bromwich Albion. He played his first game for them - as an amateur - in January, 1937, scoring three goals, which set him well on the road to a football career. He signed professional forms on 23rd April, 1937, and played his first game as a professional for Birmingham Juniors v. Scotland. He was injured in this game and did not play again that season. However, the following season he soon got into the League team, and began making his mark as a goal-scorer. In 213 League games for West Bromwich he scored 98 goals, including seven hat-tricks and two 4's.



By courtesy of "Football Mall"

His debut for Portsmouth on 8th November, 1947, against Aston Villa, was a most thrilling one. Within six minutes Ike had hit a superb goal which really set the crowd wild with delight, and most thought a victory – long delayed – was now in sight. It was not to be, however, we lost 2–4. Still, Ike had proved to us all he was a good buy and as the years passed these sentiments were fully justified. In fact, the next two seasons he played a great part in the team winning the Football League Championship twice – a great milestone in the Club's history and football records.

Not only was Ike a good footballer, he was also a great club man. As time progressed it was to be expected he would not be able to command a regular place in the first team. Relegation to the reserves did not dismay him in the least because there he was more than happy to coach along the youngsters, and in this respect his efforts were most valuable. He continued – happy in his work – until the end of the 1952/53 season and then went to Yeovil Town as player-manager. After a successful period there he joined Sittingbourne United and is now with Canterbury.

A great saying of his is "You are only as old as you feel". Undoubtedly that outlook played an important part in his youthful approach to the game and physical fitness.

We wish him well.

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