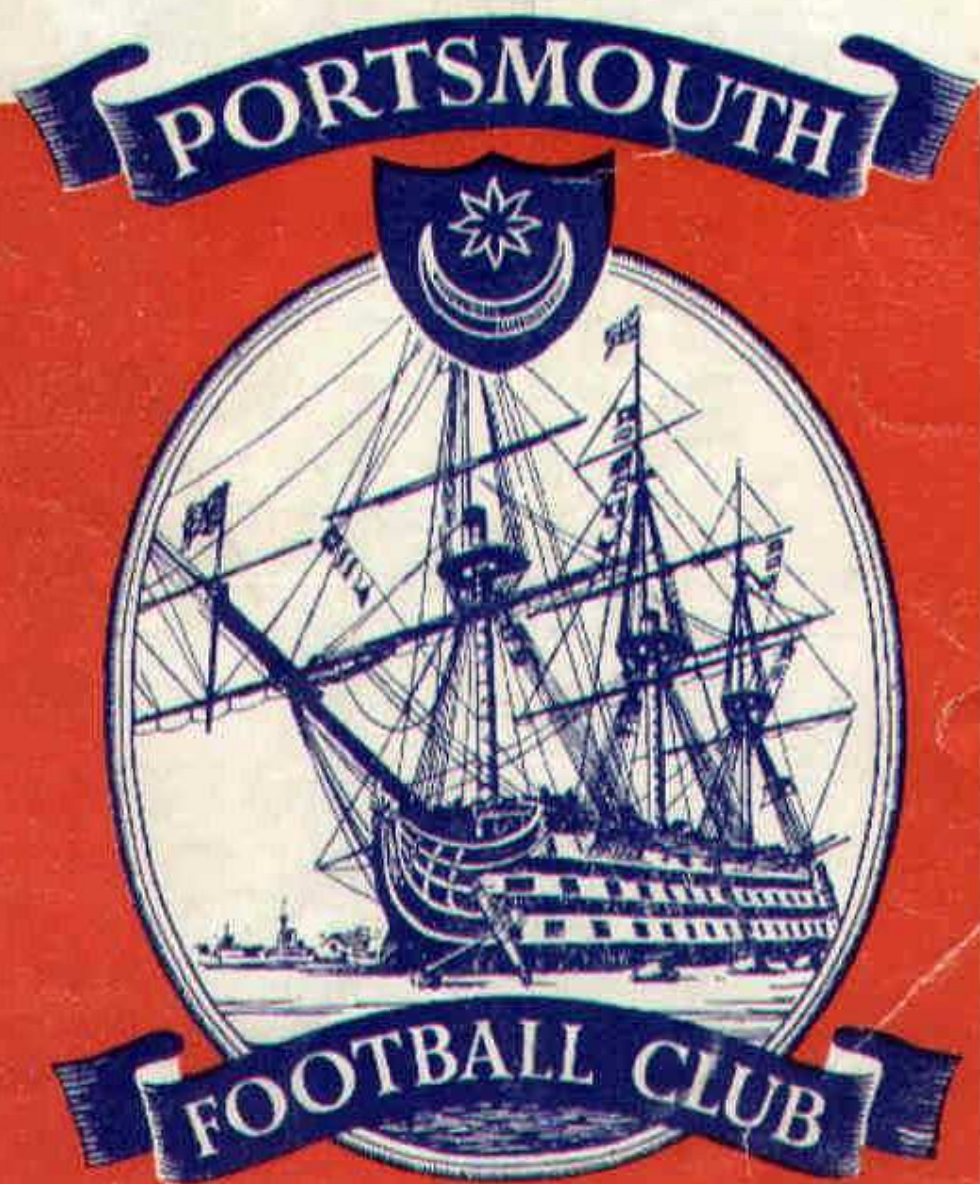


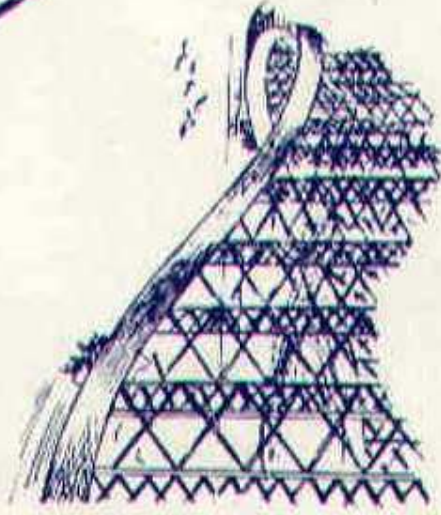
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Swindon Town

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTES

Hello Supporters,

In the absence of the Chairman on holiday I have been asked to write the notes for the programme for this week and to welcome you back to another season of League football at Fratton Park. This I gladly do, and I sincerely hope we give you much pleasure and enjoyment in the months to come.

Although this is our first home match we have already been in action twice and the results are known to you. These notes have to be written before the Sunderland game, so I can only speak of our first match v. Manchester City and this was a very encouraging beginning to the new season. The team played very well and did us all proud, and thoroughly deserved the victory. Manchester

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City on this display did not impress as a team likely to return to the First Division very quickly, unless some drastic and successful action is taken very soon.

Our prospects for the season can better be gauged by our performance at Sunderland who, because of their final placing at the end of the last two seasons, with players very much unchanged, must be considered as promotion prospects again. At the time of writing I am hopeful of a good result and am sure if the players play with the enthusiasm and method they are capable of, we shall not be disgraced.

As the manager of your Club I am mindful of your ambitions and your natural desire to see your club back in the First Division, where it was for such a long time, and where it was so recently.

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action is channelled toward that end. But I would remind you that the Club gradually made the slide, and equally it will gradually make the return. In fact it is much easier to slide than to climb uphill and could conceivably take a little longer. At each stage we will have to take breath and regroup for the next stage.

Events last season proved that we shall have to stabilise our position in the Second Division, and then proceed from there to gradually attempt to build a team to challenge for promotion. With this in mind we went about obtaining several players who are quite experienced and of good quality, who will give us sound reserve strength, and also who would be able to maintain a first team place when the opportunity arises. The competition for places is a healthy thing in the game, it ensures maximum effort and application from all the players in the team and from there stems consistency of performance that over 42 games can win championships.

I have concerned myself since I have been here with a gradual raising of the playing standard of the players themselves, and also the playing methods, and this must of necessity be a gradual process, and if it goes on producing then for sure we will gradually become a more successful team and will achieve what you desire.

Enough of policy, by the end of this season we will all know whether this gradual process is happening.

We welcome our visitors today, Swindon Town, who have successfully followed us out of the Third Division. Congratulations to them to their players to their directors and to their manager, Mr. Bert Head, who so patiently has built a playing staff that could accomplish this.

They have many fine young players who play with zest and technique, and it should be a fine game to open our home season with, and if it follows the pattern of the Reserve match between the two teams last Saturday, then you will all be glad you came.

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PEN PICTURES OF SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS

MIKE TURNER (Goalkeeper).—Just demobbed from the R.A.F. he joined the Club whilst still in the services, from Dorchester Town. Took over in goal following the injury to O'Hara last season and is expected to make strong bids for the first-team position this season.

TONY HICKS (Goalkeeper).—Another product of Swindon junior football. Extremely agile and fearless. Age 17. Signed full professional 28/9/62.

MIKE O'HARA (Goalkeeper).—Joined Swindon from Luton Town last season and was a regular first-team keeper until he was injured at the end of the season. Just 18 he is also available for the Youth team.

COLIN HUXFORD (Full-back).—A very strong and powerful player. Signed from Chelsea October 1962. Played once for first team last year. Born in Stroud, Gloucestershire. Age 18.

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 and last season. Out with injury during latter half of the season.

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 and last season. Maximum appearances in the League side during 1962-63.

OWEN DAWSON (Full-back or centre-half).—Signed during the close season from Portsmouth. Was a former youth international and is expected to challenge for first-team honours this season.

TONY HELLIN (Centre-half or full-back).—Born in Merthyr Tydfil. Joined Swindon at the age of 15. Signed as a full-time professional 1962-63 season. Another strong and powerful player. Played in many Football Combination games last year. Age 17.

KEITH MORGAN (Right-half) (Team Captain).—A strong, attacking wing-half, who joined Swindon as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every first team game during 1960-61 season and missed only three games last year through injury. Made maximum appearances during 1962-63.

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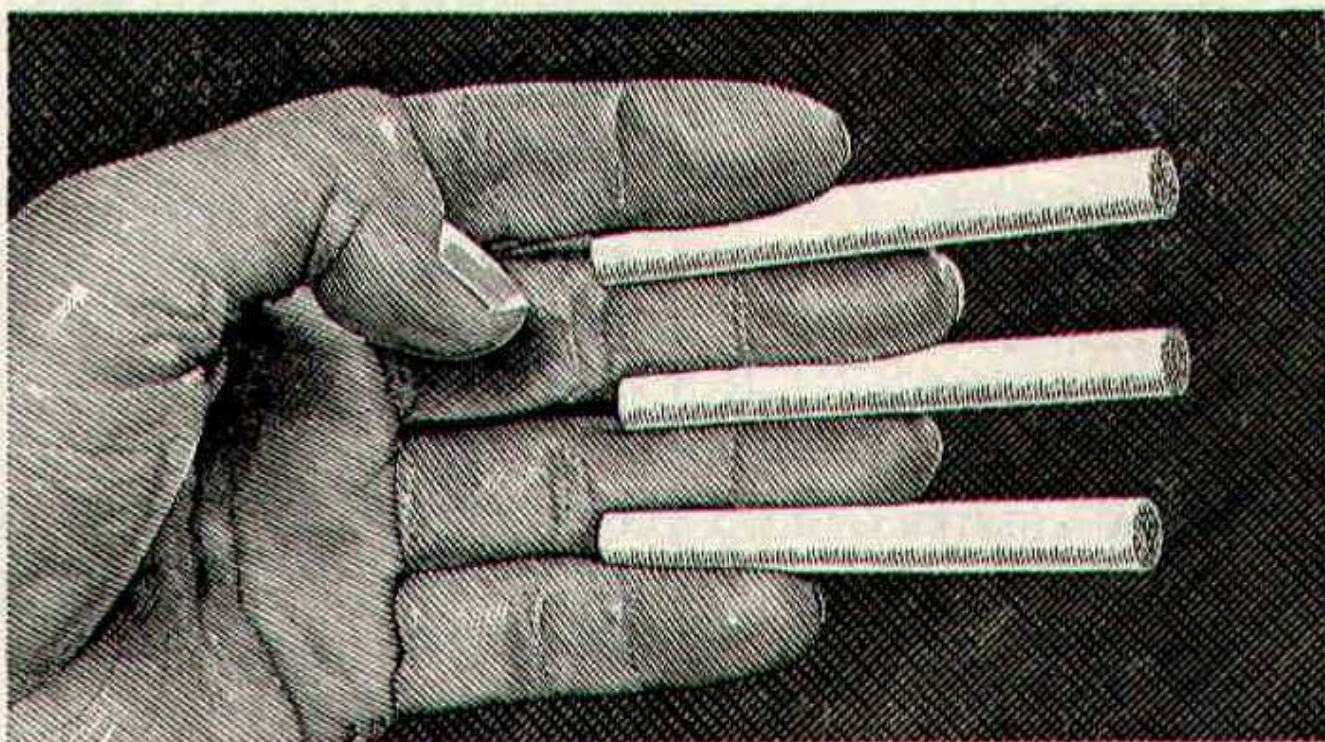
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SWINDON TOWN PEN PICTURES—continued

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 inside-forward in the senior side and his performances have made him a target for several transfer offers.

ROGER SMART (Wing-half).—Another local born player who joined the Club direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. At 17 he made the centre-forward berth in the Reserve team his own. More recently converted to a wing-half, he made four first team appearances last season.

WILLIAM HARBER (Wing-half).—Joined the ground staff from school. A full ninety-minute player. Played in several first team matches last year. Born at Hitchin, Herts. Age 18.

TOM HALLETT (Centre or left-half).—Close season signing from Leeds United. Fast and tenacious player. Age 24.

ALAN SPROATES (Wing-half).—Close season signing from Sunderland. Ball-playing wing-half. Age 19.

KEN McPHERSON (Centre-half).—Signed from Newport County in August 1961, he is a player with a reputation for hard work. Originally a centre-forward, he has proved he has the ability to take over in defence.

ERIC WEAVER (Right or left wing).—A very capable amateur player. Now in the R.A.F. Two-footed, can play on either right or left wing. Age 20.

WILFRED SHERGOLD (Outside-right or Centre-forward).—Another product of the Swindon youth policy. He is fast and can play in almost any position in the forward line.

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

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Aug. 24	MANCHESTER CITY ..	Away	Won 2-0
" 28	W SUNDERLAND ..	Away	Lost 3-0
" 31	SWINDON TOWN ..	Home	
Sept. 4	W SUNDERLAND ..	Home	
" 7	CARDIFF CITY ..	Away	
" 11	W LEEDS UNITED ..	Away	
" 14	NORWICH CITY ..	Home	
" 18	W LEEDS UNITED ..	Home	
" 21	SCUNTHORPE UNITED ..	Away	
" 28	SOUTHAMPTON ..	Home	
Oct. 2	W NEWCASTLE UNITED ..	Away	
" 5	ROTHERHAM UNITED ..	Home	
" 9	W SWANSEA TOWN ..	Home	
" 12	MIDDLESBROUGH ..	Away	
" 19	NEWCASTLE UNITED ..	Home	
" 26	LEYTON ORIENT ..	Away	
Nov. 2	DERBY COUNTY ..	Home	
" 9	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ..	Away	
" 16	(1) CHARLTON ATHLETIC ..	Home	
" 23	GRIMSBY TOWN ..	Away	
" 30	PRESTON NORTH END ..	Home	
Dec. 7	(2) HUDDERSFIELD TOWN ..	Away	
" 14	MANCHESTER CITY ..	Home	
" 21	SWINDON TOWN ..	Away	
" 26	Th BURY ..	Away	
" 28	BURY ..	Home	
Jan. 11	CARDIFF CITY ..	Home	
" 18	NORWICH CITY ..	Away	
Feb. 1	SCUNTHORPE UNITED ..	Home	
" 8	SOUTHAMPTON ..	Away	
" 15	(5) ROTHERHAM UNITED ..	Away	
" 22	MIDDLESBROUGH ..	Home	
" 29	(6) CHARLTON ATHLETIC ..	Away	
Mar. 7	LEYTON ORIENT ..	Home	
" 14	(S.F.) SWANSEA TOWN ..	Away	
" 21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ..	Home	
" 30	M NORTHAMPTON TOWN ..	Home	
" 31	Tu NORTHAMPTON TOWN ..	Away	
April 4	GRIMSBY TOWN ..	Home	
" 11	PRESTON NORTH END ..	Away	
" 18	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN ..	Home	
" 25	DERBY COUNTY ..	Away	

SWINDON TOWN PEN PICTURES—continued

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 was top goal-scorer 1960-61 and 1961-62. Capped for England Under-23's during 1962-63.

BILL ATKINS (Inside-forward).—Joined Swindon from Aston Villa at the end of the 1958-59 season. A strong, ball-playing forward. He played several representative matches while in the Army. Was demobbed mid-way through last season and quickly made the inside-left position his own.

JOHN STEVENS (Centre-forward).—An amateur player. Was a regular in the promotion side last season. Scored seven times in fourteen appearances. Age 21.

JACK SMITH (Centre-forward).—Joined the "Robins" from Watford during the 1960-61 season. He was formerly with Hartlepool United. A strong, forceful player with the ability to get the unexpected goal.

ARNOLD D'ARCY (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.

GRAHAM FRENCH (Left-wing).—Close season signing from Shrewsbury Town. Gained his Youth international cap for the very successful England Youth side last season. He is a fast, elusive player. Age 18.

PETER LEGGETT (Forward).—A close season signing from Weymouth. He is a fast powerful player who can play in any position in the forward line.

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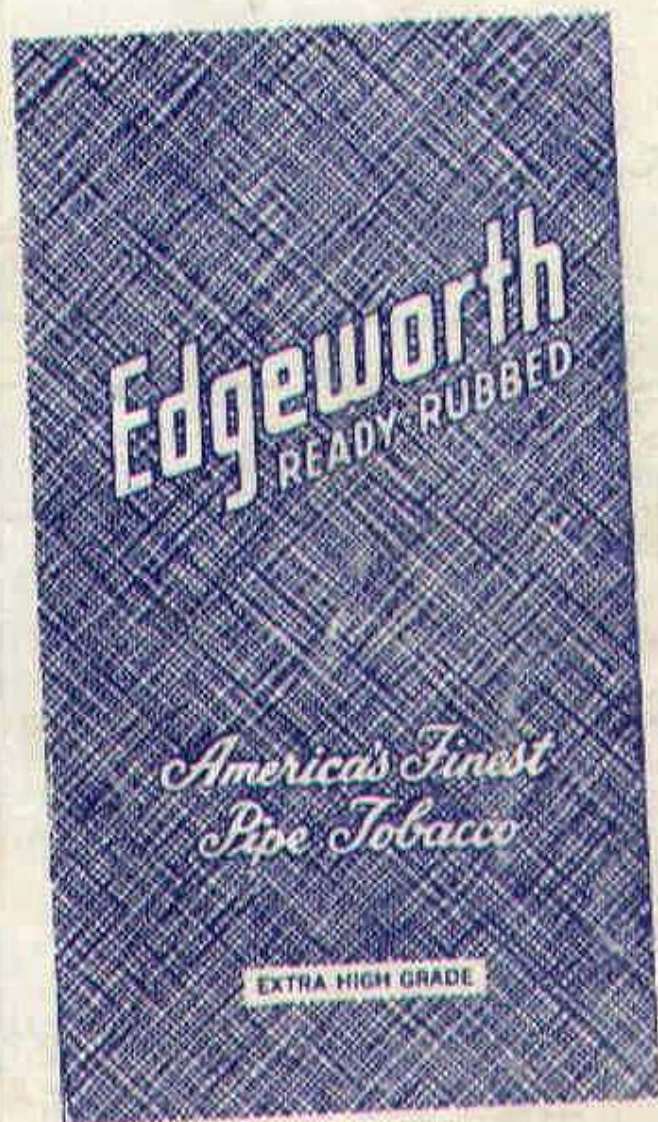
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