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We were in the North-Eastern League in those days and as such entered the F.A. Cup at the very first of five qualifying rounds. We won through to the last 16 in the competition, a sequence of 11 matches all told, before Swindon came to Feethams and won 3-0 to prevent us reaching the quarter finals.

Swindon, of course, were noted cup-fighters of the time. They reached the F.A. Cup semi-final in 1910 and 1912 as well as getting past us to the quarter finals in 1911.

It's a long time ago, we know, but it would be nice to get revenge tonight, more than half a century late. Tonight's match is the second round of the Football League Cup and victory would also avenge a defeat we suffered at Swindon three years ago in the same competition.

Swindon are one of the leading sides in the Third Division and, according to all reports, are playing fine football. Unbeaten at home—although remarkably goalless in all three games!—they have lost only once away from home. We were goalless in our first two home games but got off the mark with a fine 2-0 win over Port Vale and hope to remain in winning ways tonight. Our first round tie, at Scunthorpe, saw the team produce some great football to win 2-0 despite being a man short for the whole of the second half, Bill Hopper being taken off with a shoulder injury. More of this and we may well come through again with colours flying.

Our last match, at Crewe on Friday, produced an impressive win by the only goal of the game. Crewe had won 7-1 at home against Bradford City just two days previously but any notions they might have had of similar success were wiped out by a really first class display in both defence and attack. We are at home against Bradford City on Saturday.

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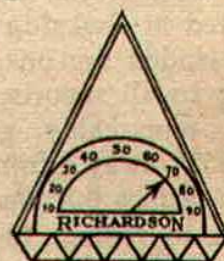
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TROLLOPE, John (left-back)—Born Swindon. A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school.

DAWSON, Owen (full-back)—Born Hatfield. Signed from Portsmouth June, 1962. Was a former Youth International.

SMART, Roger (wing-half)—Born Swindon. Another local born player who joined the Club direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team.

NURSE, Mel (centre-half)—A recent signing from Middlesbrough. He needs little introduction to football followers. A strong forceful player.

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BROWN, Dennis (inside-forward)—Born Reading. Joined the club from Chelsea for a very substantial fee in 1964.

SKEEN, Ken (inside-forward)—Born Cheltenham. He played originally as an amateur with the Club but subsequently joined Trowbridge Town and re-joined Swindon as a professional in 1964.

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