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**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

**FIFTH ROUND  
(SECOND REPLAY)**

**Monday, 20th March 1967**

**Nottingham Forest**

**v.**

**Swindon Town**

**KICK-OFF 7-30 p.m.**

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## Good evening

Tonight, for the third time of asking and after 210 minutes of keenly contested football, the clubs of Nottingham Forest and Swindon Town meet to determine who are to be the hosts to Everton F.C. in the F.A. Cup Quarter-finals. And to assist them in finding this solution it behoves the privilege, and pleasure, of Aston Villa F.C. to give both camps, and all our other visitors to Villa Park this evening, a most hearty welcome.

Naturally, we remain strictly non-partisan. But we feel sure that this Cup-pairing has aroused the imagination of football fans throughout the country. *Is it not a 'David' once again attempting to fell the 'Giant.'* *Is not this the real glamour behind the F.A. Cup, which so regularly throws up the minnow against the whale?* The romance of football lies in the very tradition of the small clubs ousting the big fellows. And in this second replay, we have Swindon Town making their bid for yet another glory and striking blow for the lower divisions.

Throughout the ages — and if we start with our own local club Walsall who, in 1933, created the sensation of the day by wrecking the hopes of the mighty Arsenal — the memories of these little clubs will be with us. Colchester United, 'freshers' in the Southern League, put out First Division Huddersfield Town in 1948; they were followed twelve months later by Yeovil Town (a household word in the realm of giant-killers) disposing of Sunderland. Clubs like Ipswich Town, Luton Town, Northampton and Norwich City will readily cross the minds of our readers as teams who have, in one way or another, sparked off the headlines. Whilst no one will forget the exploits of Port Vale and Millwall, both Third Division sides who made the grade and reached the semi-final stage. Thus, even to a team so capable and efficient as Nottingham Forest undoubtedly are, they will accept that miracles — in a football sense — are possible and do happen, and in this light will not be treating tonight's game in no other way but sternly.

## The Country Cousins

Swindon Town are at present in the lower reaches of the Third Division, a drop they suffered two seasons ago. In 1963, as a side with great potential that included youngsters of the calibre of Ernie Hunt, Bobby Woodruff, Mike Summerbee and Don Rogers, they were geared up to go places on being promoted to Division Two as runners-up to Northampton Town. However, lack of experience in the middle rank proved their undoing and, failing to find the personality who could hold this skill and enthusiasm in tight rein, they remained for only one season. Since then, the cash coffers have been reimbursed as a result of the transfers of Hunt and Woodruff to Wolves (the latter now being with Crystal Palace), and Summerbee to Manchester City. Don Rogers has been in the envious eyes of almost every club in the country not to say the least of which have been our own, but he is still at the County Ground and, undoubtedly, must rank as the star name of this season's Cup competition.



# TEAMS FOR TO-NIGHT

MONDAY, 20th MARCH 1967

## Nottingham Forest v Swindon Town

All White

All Blue

Peter GRUMMITT	1	Tony HICKS
Peter HINDLEY	2	Rodney THOMAS
John WINFIELD	3	Norman TROLLOPE
Terry HENNESSEY	4	Keith MORGAN
Bob McKINLAY	5	Mel NURSE
Henry NEWTON	6	Stan HARLAND
Barrie LYONS	7	Don ROGERS
John BARNWELL	8	Willie PENMAN
Joe BAKER	9	Ken SKEEN
Frank WIGNALL	10	Roger SMART
Ian MOORE	11	Bruce WALKER
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Referee: Mr. J. K. TAYLOR (Wolverhampton)

Linesmen: Mr. D. C. DAYOLL (Red Flag) and Mr. G. H. THURSTON (Yellow Flag)

## QUOTES . . . (from the London Daily Mail)

*by the Nottingham Forest manager,*

### JOHNNY CAREY

It was another fine game, just the sort of football to delight any crowd and, on balance, I think a draw was fair enough . . . I find it difficult to understand why Swindon are so low in their division . . .

*by the Swindon manager,*

### DANNY WILLIAMS

I'm really proud of the lads. I thought we were all over them in the second half. Having drawn with them twice, I don't see why we shouldn't be in with a great chance when we meet again at Villa Park.



The 'Country Cousins,' as they are so affectionately known, depend on support from a population of 100,000 or so in the railway centre and lightly industrialised area of Swindon, all of whom will tonight be 'rooting' for their team. In the Wiltshire locale they will be thinking of 1910 and 1912, when the 'Moonrakers' were semi-finalists; of 1929 with the defeats of Newcastle United and Burnley; but most of all, they will want to be thinking of 1967, and the defeat of Nottingham Forest!

### Talk of football, talk of Forest

But few clubs can have a more colourful background, or tradition, than Nottingham Forest. *If anything has occurred in the development of football, then, first of all, refer to Forest and invariably the club have had some connection.* As the third oldest club in the country the 'Reds' celebrated their centenary a couple of years ago, yet they still remain unique in not being a limited company. The club is run by a committee selected from its 250 members.

Among the many valuable contributions the Forest club have made to the game are included: Introduction of shinguards (1874) — a present-day reversal to their use would do justice to Sam Widdowson, who devised them; in 1878 the Nottingham supporters were the original onlookers to hear a referee's whistle, whilst cross-bars and goal-nets were used for the first time in 1891 at a fixture arranged on the Forest ground. And one feat, which has the look of immortality about it, is the reaching of the F.A. Cup Semi-final on the club's first entry for the trophy; this the club achieved in 1878-9. Although many might be tempted to 'pooh-pooh' this worthy contribution to the records with the oft-hackneyed phrase of 'Coffee-house' teams, etc., it must be remembered that it was still a game of two elevens competing, and doing so without the modern aids to training and travel comfort that is associated with our senior football of today.

Striding majestically along the League route to the honour that has, so far, eluded them — the supreme championship — Forest are sitting a handy third and feel that this is the springboard from which they can nurture their secret desire of landing the coveted 'double' of both Cup and League. Their playing style is one that has an increasing emphasis on individualism but one that must compromise when the need is apparent; an ideal which must be all for the good of football and certainly an encouragement for the spectators.

### THEIR PROGRESS SO FAR . . .

#### Nottingham Forest:

Round 3—Plymouth Argyle	(h)	2-1	(Wignall, Baker)	34,005
„ 4—Newcastle United	(h)	3-0	(Wignall, Barnwell, Baker)	45,962
„ 5—Swindon Town	(h)	0-0		47,500
	(a)	1-1	(Hindley)	

#### Second replay at Villa Park

Round 5—Nottingham Forest	(h)	1-1	(Walker)	28,008
	(a)	0-0		
„ 4—Bury	(h)	2-1	(Morgan, Rogers)	24,452
„ 3—West Ham United	(h)	3-1	(Penman, Rogers, Skeen)	25,789
	(a)	3-3	(Rogers 2, Brown)	32,000
„ 2—Ashford Town	(h)	5-0		
„ 1—Horsham	(a)	3-0		

#### Swindon Town: