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WALSALL v. SWINDON TOWN

Football League Div. III

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from the press box

Yet another page was written into the already glorious history of Walsall Football Club on Wednesday of last week, when First Division West Ham United, who boasted of three World Cup men in their side, were given a stirring fight in the second round of the League Cup by Walsall before going under 5-1, a scoreline that does not do justice to the Walsall side.

GOAL DOWN

They were a goal down after two minutes but hit back to such purpose that it was a member of their side, goalkeeper Standen, who will be leaving the club in three months time, who gave a world class display.

He made four top flight saves as Walsall's great finishing threatened to put them into the game. A second goal after 23 minutes did not dampen their spirit for they came yet again and again only to be frustrated by Standen.

CRUEL BLOW

Only a minute from half time came probably the cruellest blow of all when Peters was brought down and Geoff. Hurst scored from the penalty spot. Three goals down at the interval, Walsall indeed had a stern task in front of them in the second half.

But nothing daunted they did come again in the second half and reduced the lead from the penalty spot through Jackson, who had replaced the injured Middleton.

This was the inspiration the team needed but they could not break down this West Ham defence again and in the last few minutes they conceded two quick goals to give the scoreline its unjustified look.

Beaten but not disgraced as this further page in the history of one of the best "little" clubs in the country. It was a display of which they could all be proud. The townspeople of Walsall certainly are.

BEHIND THEM

With cup glory once more behind them Walsall travelled to Elm Park, Reading, on Saturday, the place where only three days previous our First Division neighbours West Bromwich Albion had been beaten in the League Cup. Although twice behind in this game Walsall drew level with goals by Murray and Taylor and this was how the game ended leaving Walsall still among the pace-setters of the Third Division.



By **JIM TATLER**
Sports Editor
Walsall Observer

Today comes a further chance to brighten our hopes, when Swindon Town, who also have eight points from six matches, are the visitors. Today's points are thus twice as valuable as at other times.

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introducing our visitors

Today, we have another top-of-the-table clash—this time with our old rivals from Swindon—the Town. A glance at the League table on page 13 shows the vital importance of the result to both Town and Saddlers. Many newspaper forecasters settle for a draw. Whatever the outcome, it has every prospect of being a keenly contested match with plenty of good football.



A TWINKLING STAR

Amongst the stars of the visiting team, three of whom are pictured in these notes, we should see **Don Rogers**, probably the most wanted player in British football today. Many clubs have tried to tempt him away from Swindon, completely unsuccessfully.



Don Rogers

Winger

Don was signed by Swindon when only 15. He gained numerous England Youth Caps and subsequently appeared in the England Under-23 team. Equally at home on either wing he was the Town's top goalscorer last season with 33 goals. He was born at Paulton.

OTHER OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Joe BUTLER—Back

Joe joined Swindon from Newcastle United in 1965. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply compensate for his lack of inches. Born Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Stan HARLAND—Wing-half

The Town's first choice for the left-half spot since the beginning of season 1966-7. Stan was signed from Carlisle United in 1966 after previously serving Everton and Bradford City. The forceful, attacking type. Born Liverpool.

Dave HARPER—Wing-half

Dave was signed during last closed season from Ipswich Town where he made 37 League appearances last season. He was formerly with Millwall. Strong, tenacious, never gives up. Born London.

Roy JONES—Goalkeeper

Signed in urgency some four weeks ago to fill in for the injured Peter Downsborough. Roy, an amateur, formerly with Cambridge City, is a Corporal/Electrician in the R.A.F., stationed at Brize Norton, near Swindon.

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"Look at it this way, Sandy . . . the Saddlers may be out of the League Cup but the F.A. Cup is coming up."



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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

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Willie PENMAN—Inside-forward

Willie, formerly with Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle United, joined the Town in 1966 for a considerable fee. A clever ball-player, he has also filled the centre-forward spot on occasion. Born Wemyss, Fife.

Roger SMART—Inside-forward

A local lad who joined the Town direct from Swindon Schoolboys' Team. At 17 he was playing regularly at centre-forward in the Second XI. A versatile player, also at home at wing-half, but excelling as a deep lying inside forward. Born Swindon.

Pat TERRY—Centre-forward



Pat Terry Centre-forward

Our third star, this time a striker. Pat came from Reading where he was the leading goalscorer. He previously served Charlton Athletic, Swansea Town, Gillingham, Northampton Town and Millwall. The really forceful type, particularly good in the air. Born Lambeth.

Rod THOMAS—Back

Rod came to the front last season when he took over from injured Owen Dawson. He subsequently gained both a Welsh Under-23 Cap against Scotland and a Full Cap against Ireland. Born Glyn-corrwg.

John TROLLOPE—Back

Another local lad who joined the Town's Ground Staff straight from school. John was selected for the First XI at the beginning of the 1960-1 season when only 16 years old and was ever present during that season. Along with his partner that year, also 16, he was one of the pair of youngest backs ever to appear in League football. Last season he celebrated 300 consecutive League appearances for the club. Born Swindon.

LAST SEASON

The Town took three points from the Saddlers last season. After making a 1-1 draw at Fellows Park they won 3-2 at their "County" ground. The final table shows them in 8th position with the following record:

PLAYED	HOME			Goals	
	W	D	L	F	A
46	14	5	4	53	21
AWAY				Goals	
	W	D	L	F	A
6	5	12	28	38	50
					POINTS
					50

FLASHBACK

The club was founded in 1881 and adopted professionalism on joining the newly formed Southern League in 1894. It was one of the very few non-League clubs to reach the Semi-final of the F.A. Cup—twice in fact, in 1910 and 1912. Talking of the F.A. Cup—what of their splendid run last season!

The club became a founder member of Division III of the Football League in season 1919-20 when, along with 20 other members of the then Southern League Division I, an en bloc application for membership as a Third Division was successful.

Honours include Runners-up, Division III, 1962-3.

Mel NURSE—Centre-half



Mel Nurse Centre-half

Another star, this time a defender. Mel came from Middlesbrough in 1965. He has made 12 appearances for Wales, gaining 9 of his Caps during his seven years with Swansea Town before his transfer to Middlesbrough. A player of great experience and ability. Born Swansea.

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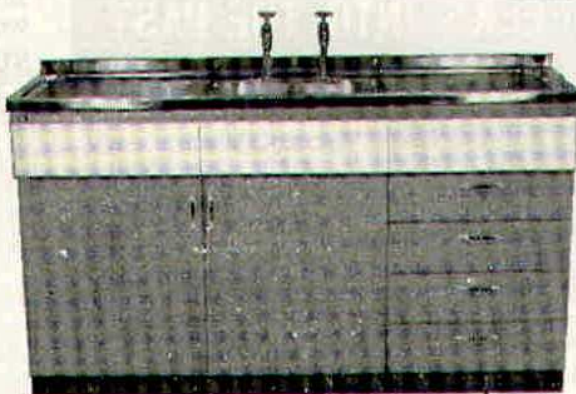
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PEEKS INTO THE PAST

Continued from programme No. 8

CHAPTER XXIV

Probably never before had a favourable turn of fortune's wheel come more opportunely in the Club's affairs than that which gave us a home tie with West Bromwich Albion in the first round proper of the F.A. Cup in the season 1899-1900. It put new life into the team and sparked alight again enthusiasm among our supporters.

RECORD RECEIPTS

The Albion tried hard to get the match transferred to the Aston Villa ground but the Walsall committee would not agree to that, and after an alternative suggestion that the venue should be our old ground at West Bromwich Road had been found impracticable because the pitch was a few yards too short, the teams duly lined up on our present ground on January 27, 1900. A special stand to hold about 3,000 had been erected and the receipts of £328 14s. were easily the highest ever taken at a match in Walsall.

MORE CASH

And there was more to follow, for a 1-1 draw made a replay at The Hawthorns necessary, and although we did not fare so well at the second attempt,

the result being 6-1 against us, our share of the second "gate" was very welcome.

SURVIVAL STILL

So the doubt which had previously existed about whether we should be able



by W. B. Rowlinson

to carry on was removed as far as that season was concerned, notwithstanding that for the next three weeks we were without a match. Without the money from the cup tie such a blank spell would almost certainly have been the last straw, especially as the attendance at our next home match was seriously affected by the departure

of the local volunteers to the war in South Africa.

POOR HELP POOR

Incidentally, shortly afterwards the truth of the old adage about the poor helping the poor occurred. The Loughborough club was so hard up at the time that their players paid their own expenses to enable the fixture here to be fulfilled, and when that became known a collection was made on their behalf.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

THE NEW HANDBOOKS.

May I first apologise for stating in these notes last week that the new handbooks had arrived when in fact they had not. The mistake occurred through a misunderstanding but I am assured that they should be on sale this afternoon. As stated before, in order to keep the price at one shilling each, the quantity has been reduced, so be sure to obtain your copy without delay.

COACHES TO THE AWAY MATCHES.

We are hoping the Saddlers will have plenty of vocal support at their two away fixtures next week after the fine performance they put up at Reading last Saturday. Coach tickets are available to-day after the match at the Sales Kiosk near the Hillary Street entrances. The full details are:—

Monday, Sept. 25th. Orient v. Walsall.

Depart Bloxwich 2.20 p.m., Walsall 2.30 p.m. and Pleck 2.40 p.m. Adults 16/6, Juniors 11/-. The distance by road is 118 miles.

Sat., Sept. 30th. Shrewsbury Town v. Walsall.

Depart Pleck 12.20 p.m., Walsall 12.30 p.m. and Bloxwich 12.40 p.m. Adults 6/6, Juniors 4/6. The distance by road is 31 miles.

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Richards, 24 Jerome
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First XI fixtures and results

FOOTBALL LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

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Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise shown

		Opponents	Ground	Result	Gate	Goalscorers	League Postn.
1967							
Aug.	5	(Friendly) MORTON	H	3 0	6,691	Taylor, Middleton, Murray	
	12	(Friendly) FULHAM	H	1 1	7,276	Jackson	
	19	Watford	A	2 1	8,861	Murray, Taylor	
	22	* (1) SHREWSBURY	Tue. H	4 2	9,834	Taylor(2), Murray, Baker	
	26	GILLINGHAM	H	3 0	8,288	Baker, Murray, Middleton	3
Sept.	2	Grimsby	A	0 3	4,794		10
	5	ORIENT	Tue. H	5 0	7,476	Murray, Baker(2), Middleton(2)	4
	9	TORQUAY	H	1 1	10,019	Taylor	4
	13	* (2) WEST HAM	Wed. H	1 5	17,753	Jackson	
	16	Reading	A	2 2	10,864	Murray, Taylor	5
	23	SWINDON	H				
	25	Orient	Mon. A				
	30	Shrewsbury	A				
Oct.	3	TRANMERE	Tue. H				
	7	Scunthorpe	A				
	14	OLDHAM	H				
	21	Bristol Rovers	A				
	23	Tranmere	Mon. A				
	28	BARROW	H				
Nov.	4	Oxford	A				
	11	BURY	H				
	14	GRIMSBY	Tue. H				
	18	Bournemouth	A				
	25	COLCHESTER	H				
Dec.	2	Peterborough	A				
	9	† (1)					
	16	WATFORD	H				
	23	Gillingham	A				
	26	STOCKPORT	Tue. H				
	29	Stockport	Fri. A				
1968							
Jan.	6	† (2)					
	13	Torquay	A				
	20	READING	H				
	27	† (3) NORTHAMPTON	H				
Feb.	3	Swindon	A				
	10	SHREWSBURY	H				
	17	† (4) Brighton	A				
	24	SCUNTHORPE	H				
Mar.	2	* (F) Oldham	A				
	9	† (5) Northampton	A				
	16	BRISTOL ROVERS	H				
	23	Barrow	A				
	30	† (6) OXFORD	H				
April	6	Bury	A				
	13	BOURNEMOUTH	H				
	15	Southport	Mon. A				
	16	SOUTHPORT	Tue. H				
	20	Colchester	A				
	23	MANSFIELD	Tue. H				
	27	† (SF) PETERBOROUGH	H				
May	4	Mansfield	A				
	11	BRIGHTON	H				
	18	† (F)					

* Football League Cup

† Football Association Cup

I'M IN CHARGE

Referee **BILL GOW** learnt his football as an amateur whilst graduating at the University of Wales.

In 1953 he switched to referee and came through the Welsh League and the London Combination to the Football League List, first as a linesman for two seasons and then as referee in which capacity he has served the Football League for some five seasons.

Mr. Gow has been a F.I.F.A. referee for the past two seasons. Last season honours came thick and fast — he was the man in charge at Inter-Cities Fairs Cup matches, the Under-23 England v. Scotland International, the European Nations Cup — Denmark v. Hungary, and the Welsh Senior Cup.

His other occupation is that of Schoolmaster. He is 36 years of age, married, and has two daughters.

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1967-8

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Club	PLAYED	HOME Goals					AWAY Goals					POINTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Peterborough	6	2	2	0	11	4	2	0	0	4	1	10
Torquay	6	2	2	0	4	2	1	1	0	3	1	9
Reading	6	2	1	0	9	4	2	0	1	5	4	9
SWINDON	6	3	0	0	9	2	0	2	1	1	3	8
WALSALL	6	2	1	0	9	1	1	1	1	4	6	8
Brighton	6	3	0	0	6	0	0	1	2	2	5	7
Grimsby	6	3	1	0	8	2	0	0	2	0	4	7
Stockport	6	3	0	0	7	1	0	1	2	1	6	7
Colchester	6	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	5	6	7
Bournemouth	6	3	0	0	6	2	0	1	2	2	8	7
Southport	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	6	6	6
Barrow	6	0	2	1	3	4	2	0	1	6	5	6
Shrewsbury	6	2	2	0	6	3	0	0	2	1	7	6
Bury	6	2	0	1	8	3	0	1	2	4	6	5
Mansfield	6	1	1	1	6	5	0	2	1	4	6	5
Oxford United	6	2	0	1	8	7	0	1	2	2	5	5
Bristol R.	6	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	3	4	11	5
Watford	6	2	0	1	9	2	0	0	3	1	9	4
Tranmere	6	2	0	1	9	2	0	0	3	1	9	4
Oldham	6	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	5	4
Gillingham	6	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	3	2	7	4
Northampton	6	1	1	1	5	3	0	1	2	0	6	4
Scunthorpe	6	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	3	2	8	4
Orient	6	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	2	4	11	3

Follow the

SADDLERS

Every Friday in the

Walsall Observer

Second XI fixtures and results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1st DIVISION

Matches are played on Saturdays
unless otherwise shown

1967	Opponents	Ground	Result
Aug. 11	(Friendly) Wellington	A	2 1
14	(Friendly) Worcester	A	0 1
19	GILLINGHAM	H	3 1
26	Arsenal	A	1 1
Sept. 9	Swindon	A	2 0
15	BIRMINGHAM	Fri. H	1 4
19	CHELSEA	Tue. H	5 1
23	Southampton	A	
Oct. 10	IPSWICH	Tue. H	
17	* BIRMINGHAM	Tue. H	
21	* Gillingham	A	
25	Plymouth	Wed. A	
31	* TOTTENHAM	Tue. H	
Nov. 4	* Birmingham	A	
11	* Tottenham	A	
21	* COVENTRY	Tue. H	
Dec. 5	* Coventry	Tue. A	
12	* GILLINGHAM	Tue. H	
16	Gillingham	A	
23	ARSENAL	H	
30	Peterborough	A	
1968			
Jan. 6	Birmingham	A	
16	SWINDON	Tue. H	
20	Chelsea	A	
30	Coventry	Tue. A	
Feb. 6	SOUTHAMPTON	Tue. H	
13	Ipswich	Tue. A	
20	Northampton	Tue. A	
24	West Ham	A	
Mar. 5	LEICESTER	Tue. H	
12	TOTTENHAM	Tue. H	
26	COVENTRY	Tue. H	
30	Tottenham	A	
April 9	NORTHAMPTON	Tue. H	
15	PETERBOROUGH	Mon. H	
27	Leicester	A	
30	WEST HAM	Tue. H	
May 7	PLYMOUTH	Tue. H	

* Football Combination Cup

half-time scores

A	Southampton Res. Walsall Res.
B	Wolves Burnley
C	Coventry W.B.A.
D	Blackpool Birmingham
E	Aston Villa Crystal Palace
F	Fulham West Ham
G	Barrow Watford
H	Bournemouth Colchester
J	Bristol Rovers Southport
K	Bury Peterborough
L	Gillingham Reading
M	Grimsby Torquay
P	Northampton Shrewsbury
R	Oldham Scunthorpe
S	Orient Brighton
T	Oxford Mansfield

1967-8

league tables

1967-8

Including 16 September

FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION 1

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pts.
					F.	A.		
BIRMINGHAM	6	5	1	0	19	8		11
SOUTHAMPTON	6	4	0	2	16	12		8
TOTTENHAM	4	3	1	0	15	5		7
IPSWICH	5	2	1	2	11	8		5
WALSALL	4	2	1	1	7	6		5
PETERBOROUGH	6	2	1	3	15	17		5
GILLINGHAM	7	2	1	4	8	11		5
PLYMOUTH	2	2	0	0	7	1		4
ARSENAL	4	1	2	1	5	4		4
COVENTRY	3	1	2	0	6	5		4
WEST HAM	2	1	1	0	5	3		3
LEICESTER	4	1	1	2	12	13		3
CHELSEA	3	1	0	2	3	5		2
NORTHAMPTON	4	0	0	4	5	20		0
SWINDON	6	0	0	6	1	17		0

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Section A.					Goals		
Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
NOTTS. COUNTY	4	3	0	1	15	6	6
LEICESTER	4	2	2	0	15	8	6
NOTTS. FOREST	4	1	1	2	8	10	3
DERBY COUNTY	4	1	1	2	8	15	3
STOKE	4	1	0	3	7	14	2
Section B.					Goals		
Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BIRMINGHAM	5	4	0	1	18	10	8
WALSALL	5	4	0	1	12	6	8
SHREWSBURY	5	3	0	2	22	6	6
ASTON VILLA	5	2	1	2	10	11	5
W.B.A.	5	1	0	4	12	21	2
COVENTRY	5	0	1	3	5	25	1

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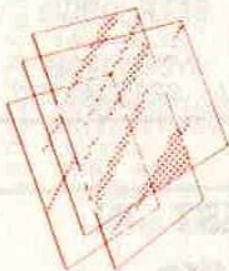
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