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BURNLEY

Burnley can trace back their history to 1883—in its present form although in another form they were playing Rugby Football even earlier. They made good progress in their early days and in 1888 were in the original twelve who formed the Football League. They have always been a strong respected side and their achievements have called for greater respect since they have never been able to command the regular 40,000 plus gates we see at the grounds of some of their fellow Lancastrian sides. Every penny they spend has had to be looked at on both sides—and it has not been uncommon for them to have had to sell in order to live.

This season they were off to a difficult start. Early in October, beaten 4-0 at home by Liverpool, the danger signal seemed to have been locked into position. Following this game, for one reason or another, the team was changed and the overall age brought down by the inclusion of a number of young players. The side now went on from strength to strength and won eight matches in succession with what is basically the side playing today.

Their more recent honours include a League Championship in 1959-60, Runners-up in the F.A. Cup and the League in 1961-62, and an appearance in a previous League Cup Semi-Final replay. They have had Division 1 status since 1946-47 and today are tenth in Division 1, with 24 points from 23 games. Their manager is Harry Potts.

SWINDON TOWN

The Swindon Town club was formed in 1881 by the Reverend W. Pitt as an amateur organisation. They became professional in 1894 and were one of the original members of the Southern League formed at that time.

In 1896 they moved to their present ground and continued to make steady progress. By 1907 they had arrived. They competed in the F.A. Cup and reached the Third Round, and three years later reached the Semi-Final to lose to Newcastle United.

Their success in the Southern League continued and twice the Champions Cup was won before the 1914-18 war stopped competitive football.

Swindon Town entered the Football League on the formation of the Third Division (South Section) in 1920-21. They reached their highest position in 1962-63 when promoted to Division 2, losing this place at the end of 1964-65. Today, under manager Danny Williams, they are fourth in the Third Division with 27 points from 19 games, and one step away from Wembley.



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Pen Pictures of some Burnley players

HARRY THOMSON. Made his name as a goalkeeper with the Scottish junior club Bo'ness United. A cousin of Alex Young the ex-Everton player. His first team debut was delayed due to the consistency of Adam Blacklaw, but it arrived at Leicester on 20th March, 1965. Selected to tour with the Scottish team in the close season of 1967-68. Stands five feet nine inches and weighs eleven stone thirteen pounds.

FREDDIE SMITH. Born at West Sleekburn, Northumberland and played at right back in the same County schoolboy side as Brian O'Neil. Signed professional in 1959 and made his first team debut at Stoke City when 20 years of age. Has made over 70 appearances in the first team at right back. Stands five feet six inches and weighs nine stone six pounds.

LESLIE LATCHAM. A native of Crook, County Durham, who has proved his versatility since joining the Turf Moor staff as a junior. Originally an inside forward, he has played for the club's various teams on both wings, at centre forward, wing half and has now made the left back position in the first team his own, being first choice for this position. Stands five feet eight inches and weighs ten stone eight pounds.

MARTIN DOBSON. Born at Blackburn and signed by Burnley after a trial period. Played for Bolton Wanderers and was granted a free transfer by them. Came to Burnley as a centre forward but is now playing in the first team with great success at right half. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs eleven stone six pounds.

WILF WRIGLEY. A case of a local boy making good. A Clitheroe boy who was educated in Blackburn, he attracted the attention of many clubs whilst playing for Blackburn and Lancashire schoolboys before signing for Burnley. Still only 18 years of age he was a member of Burnley F.A. Youth Cup Winning team last season and made his first team debut this season when deputising for the injured Colin Waldron.

COLIN BLANT. Born at Rawtenstall, Lancashire and seen by Burnley scout whilst playing in Lancashire Combination Football. Signed as an amateur and after a trial period signed professional. Made his first team debut against Manchester United in 1966-67 at centre forward, now converted to a defender. Stands six feet one inch and weighs thirteen stone four pounds.

DAVID THOMAS. Born at Kirby in Ashfield, but played all his schoolboy football in the North-East, signed by Burnley as a schoolboy and played for England schoolboys. Signed apprentice professional on leaving school and full professional in October 1967. England youth international and a member of our F.A. Youth Cup team which won the Youth Cup last year. Regular member of the first team and a great future is predicted for this young player.

RALPH COATES. Born at Hetton-le-Hole, the Durham village which also produced our manager, Harry Potts. He was spotted whilst playing at centre forward for Hetton Juniors, but after joining Burnley ground staff and later signing as a professional, he switched to the left wing with outstanding success. He was selected in this position for the England under-23 squad. Now playing in a midfield roll at inside forward.

FRANK CASPER. A native of Barnsley, signed from Rotherham United in June, 1967 for a substantial fee. Made an impressive debut in the first match last season against Coventry City. As a schoolboy he played with Yorkshire Boys'. Slimly built but an effective, useful forward who knows where the goal is and can shoot with great power. Stands five feet nine inches and weighs ten stone nine pounds.

ARTHUR BELLAMY. Born at Blackhill, Co. Durham and has gradually built up a fine reputation as a midfield player. He came to Burnley in 1959 and made his First Division debut against Manchester City in March 1963. Broke a leg against Liverpool at Anfield in November 1966 but made a good recovery, has played over 100 times for the first team. Stands five feet eight inches and weigh ten stone.

STEVE KINDON. Another member of Burnley's successful youth team who is now playing with the first team. Signed as a schoolboy, he attended a rugby playing school, was selected for Lancashire at Rugby. Signed full professional in December 1967 and was a member of the England youth team last season. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs twelve stone twelve pounds.

JIM THOMPSON. Born at Glasgow. Recently signed by Burnley for a large fee from Chelsea. Signed by Chelsea from Scottish junior club and was a member of the first team pool at Chelsea. Made his debut for Burnley against Liverpool on October, 5th 1968. Stands five feet ten inches and weighs eleven stone seven pounds.

DAVID MERRINGTON. Born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Another player who joined the Burnley playing staff as a junior after being spotted in schoolboy football. All his appearances have been in the half back line. Made his First Division debut against Chelsea at Turf Moor on 24th April, 1965, aged 20. Stands six feet and weighs twelve stone two pounds.

ERIC PROBERT. Born at South Kirby, Yorkshire and signed by Burnley as an apprentice professional on leaving school. Played with Yorkshire schoolboys. Another player who was a member of their youth side and now although only 16 years of age is a regular Central League player.

BURNLEY F.C.



Back row left to right

Martin Dobson Harry Thomson Colin Waldron Stephen Kindon

Middle row left to right

Colin Blant David Thomas Les Latcham John Murray Ralph Coates David Merrington

Front row left to right

Fred Smith Brian O'Neil Doug Collins Frank Casper

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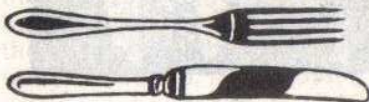
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Leslie Latcham	3	Rod Thomas
Martin Dobson	4	Joe Butler
Wilf Wrigley	5	Frank Burrows
Colin Blant	6	Stan Harland
David Thomas	7	Don Heath
Ralf Coates	8	Peter Noble
Frank Casper	9	John Smith
Arthur Bellamy	10	Roger Smart
Steve Kindon	11	Don Rogers
	SUB	Willie Penman

Referee: Mr J. Finney,
Hereford

Linesmen: Red Flag, Mr A. Bagnall,
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Kick-off: 7.30 p.m.

Yellow Flag, Mr G. Reed,
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

How they arrived . . .

BURNLEY

Second Round	GRIMSBY TOWN	Away	Drew	1-1
	GRIMSBY TOWN	Home	Won	6-0
Third Round	WORKINGTON	Away	Won	1-0
Fourth Round	LEICESTER CITY	Home	Won	4-0
Fifth Round	CRYSTAL PALACE	Home	Won	2-0
Semi-Final	SWINDON TOWN	Home	Lost	1-2
Second Leg	SWINDON TOWN	Away	Won	2-1

SWINDON TOWN

First Round	TORQUAY UNITED	Home	Won	2-1
Second Round	BRADFORD CITY	Away	Drew	1-1
	BRADFORD CITY	Home	Won	4-3
Third Round	BLACKBURN ROVERS	Home	Won	1-0
Fourth Round	COVENTRY CITY	Away	Drew	2-2
	COVENTRY CITY	Home	Won	3-0
Fifth Round	DERBY COUNTY	Away	Drew	0-0
	DERBY COUNTY	Home	Won	1-0
Semi-Final	BURNLEY	Away	Won	2-1
Second Leg	BURNLEY	Home	Lost	1-2

...TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT, WHAT DO WE APPRECIATE..?



Pen Pictures of some Swindon Town players

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH. Born at Halifax. Signed in August 1965 from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football. A fearless agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Stands five feet ten inches and weighs thirteen stone two pounds.

ROY JONES. Born at Clacton-on-Sea. Signed for the club in October 1967 after obtaining his release from the R.A.F. Made 19 appearances for the Division Three side last season. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs eleven stone twelve pounds.

OWEN DAWSON. Born at Hatfield. Joined Swindon Town from Portsmouth in June 1962. He was a regular first team player until he was unlucky to lose his place through injury. A fast tenacious player. He was a former Youth international. Stands five feet nine inches and weighs eleven stone twelve pounds.

ROD THOMAS. Born at Glyncoirwg. A former youth player with the club. He was signed from Gloucester City in July 1964. Took over the full back position last season when Owen Dawson was injured, and maintained his position throughout the season. Has gained Welsh under-23 caps and full Welsh caps. Stands six feet and weighs twelve stone ten pounds.

JOE BUTLER. Born at Newcastle. Joined Swindon Town from Newcastle United in August 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Stands five feet seven inches and weighs eleven stone.

JOHN TROLLOPE. Born at Swindon. A local player who joined the Swindon Ground Staff from school. He was selected for the first team at the beginning of the 1960-61 season when he was just 16 years old, and was ever present during that season. Together with his partner that year, who was also 16, they were the youngest full backs ever to appear as a pair in League football. During last season he completed 322 consecutive League appearances for Swindon Town. Stands five feet ten inches and weighs eleven stone thirteen pounds.

ROGER SMART. Born at Swindon. Another local player who joined the club direct from Swindon Schoolboys. At 17, he was appearing regularly at centre forward in the Reserves, but he excels as a deep lying inside forward. A versatile player who is able to play at wing half. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs twelve stone eleven pounds.

FRANK BURROWS. Born at Larkhall, Scotland. Joined Swindon Town from Scunthorpe United, for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in Third Division football. Stands six feet one inch and weighs twelve stone eight pounds.

STAN HARLAND. Born at Liverpool. Signed from Carlisle United in July 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. He has been a regular choice at left half since making his debut at the beginning of the 1966-67 season. A forceful player who likes to go forward to back up the forwards in attack. Stands six feet and weighs twelve stone five pounds.

DON ROGERS. Born at Paulton. Probably the most sought after player in the team. He was signed by Swindon Town when only 15 and quickly came to the fore. Gained many England Youth international caps and subsequently played in the England under-23 side. Was the club's top goal scorer last season with 28 goals. Stands five feet ten inches and weighs twelve stone ten pounds.

DON HEATH. Born at Stockton. Signed from Norwich in September 1967. Formerly with Middlesbrough where he served as an apprentice professional. A hard working winger who is also able to play in the inside forward position. Stands five feet eight inches and weighs eleven stone eight pounds.

WILLIE PENMAN. Born at Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle United in September 1966 for a considerable fee. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. A clever ball playing inside forward who has also appeared at centre forward with the club. Stands five feet eight inches and weighs ten stone ten pounds.

PETER NOBLE. Born at Sunderland. Joined the club from Newcastle United in January 1968 for whom he played for four years. Prefers to play an attacking role. Stands five feet eight inches and weighs ten stone ten pounds.

JOHN SMITH. Born at London. Signed from Torquay United in June 1968 and previously played for Leyton Orient, West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry City. A former England under-23 international. Stands five feet eight inches and weighs thirteen stone.

CHRIS JONES. Born at Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City, with whom he toured America. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs eleven stone twelve pounds.

JOHN BAILEY. Born at Oxford. Joined the Swindon club in August 1966 as an apprentice professional and signed as a professional in August 1968. A strong player who has appeared in many positions for the Football Combination side. Stands five feet eleven inches and weighs twelve stone.

SWINDON TOWN F.C.



CLUB NOTES

Tonight we are in the position of Host Club to the Semi-Finalists of the Football League Cup: Swindon Town and Burnley. Already they have met twice on the Home and Away basis and with each side winning the away leg 2-1, stand today one step from Wembley.

The Football League Cup was commenced in 1960-61—a quiet opening—many of the top flight clubs already committed to full fixture lists doubted whether there was wisdom in starting another competition. The first fixtures were arranged on a basis of 'unctual consent'. The football following public knowing the competition was proceeding were often not quite sure where it had got to until at the end of the season Aston Villa were declared the winners.

Lessons were learned from the first attempt: things were tidied up, and with 'conference dates', that is to say special days laid down for each round to be played, it was easy for the supporters to mark the progress of the clubs through the various rounds.

The League Cup competition began to attract the attention of those clubs who had not previously entered. There was honour to be achieved and money to be made and by 1965-66 many of them had changed their minds and decided to take part, we ourselves at West Bromwich Albion were one of the sides who had held back, but now came forward.

If there was to be a special fillip for the competition in the Midlands this was to be the moment. Albion were destined to be the winners, but on the way there were tremendous local derby games with Walsall, Coventry City and Aston Villa, with the cheering crowds packed in up to the doors. The League Cup had well and truly arrived—and the winners gained a qualification to Europe in the Fairs Cities Cup.

The following season another step forward—the Final was moved to Wembley. Again Albion were there, only to lose sensationally to Queens Park Rangers, but Wembley was packed, and we had enough tickets to get over thirty-thousand of our supporters to the Final.

1967-68, Leeds United were winners over Arsenal and have since brought the Fairs Cities Cup back to England even though their qualification was won in the League Competition itself.

So—we come to today. Already the spectators for this season's competition have exceeded those of other seasons up to this point and either or both of tonight's contestants will tell you the importance they attach to winning to take the vacant Dressing Room at Wembley and play Arsenal who are already there for the second season in succession.

A welcome then to Burnley to champion the cause of the North, and no less a welcome to the gallant fighters from Division 3, Swindon Town, who bring with them the hopes of the South; and a welcome too to the Committee and Officers of the Football League who will be here and who made it all possible.

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1960-61	Aston Villa	Rotherham United
1961-62	Norwich City	Rochdale
1962-63	Birmingham City	Aston Villa
1963-64	Leicester City	Stoke City
1964-65	Chelsea	Leicester City
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1966-67	Queens Park Rangers	West Bromwich Albion
1967-68	Leeds United	Arsenal

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