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**SWINDON
TOWN**

Football League Div. III

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SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969

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from the board room

Dear Supporter,

Once again, the time has come to say **Cheerio** to you all until next season, except, of course, those few hardy souls who will be following us to our last match of the season at Mansfield.

What a great change round we have seen with the advent of Bill Moore, and what a pity we did not bring him back sooner, because with his irrepressible enthusiasm, I am sure we would have found ourselves back in the Second Division, but I, along with my colleagues, feel more than confident that he can do it for us next year.

You may have wondered what has been going on, with chopping and changing of players in every match, but of course, for Bill to decide a player's true value to the Club, this can only be done in first team football, and to be able to do this, and still give good results, is a sure sign of the shrewd Manager that he is.

I think you will all agree, that next season should be a most exciting one for us all, and there is no-one more pleased than I, with the success that big Trevor Meath has had at centre forward, and of course the way in which young Phil Parkes has taken his opportunity to show what an exciting prospect he is, and I am sure that with the experience that Keith Gough is gaining in our Combination side, particularly when you realise that only last year this lad was in schoolboy football, and even though being played out of position, I know you will have seen, along with ourselves, that here is a player with potential. Bill has given him the

opportunity; it is now entirely up to him to see how far he progresses.

Although I have done it many times before, I do not think that I should miss this opportunity of thanking, once again, all our supporters, and I think that now we have proved that we are a side capable of getting promotion, I am sure we shall start to get some of our lost supporters back again, and perhaps find a lot of new ones.

We know that there are positions to be strengthened, and I know here for a fact, that the Manager is getting his scouts, and spending a lot of time himself, on sorting out the right men to strengthen his promotion pool.

I hope in particular, our Season Ticket holders (and as you will have seen in the press, it is our intention to reinstate Ground Season Tickets), will come along as quickly as possible to purchase these, for there is no need for me to remind you, we now have many weeks without income and obviously we shall want to try to find something should the right players come along.

Finally, a few words on our friends from Swindon. They once again have demonstrated how high the quality of football is in the Third Division, and our Heartiest Congratulations to them on winning the League Cup. We obviously do not wish them the best of luck today, as we ourselves will be going flat out to win, and although we shall be sorry to lose them, we wish them the very best in their push for promotion to the Second Division, and perhaps we shall be able to join them for next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in August and hoping you have an enjoyable game this afternoon.

R. HARRISON.

Football League

3rd DIVISION

Teams subject to alteration



Walsall v. Swindon

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	No.	
Parkes	1	Downsborough
Gregg	2	Dawson
Evans	3	Thomas
Atthey	4	Butler
Jones	5	Burrows
Bennett	6	Harland
Harrison	7	Heath
Murray	8	Smart
Meath	9	Smith
McMorran	10	Noble
Morris	11	Rogers
To be named	12	To be named

Referee:
Mr. V. James
York

Linesmen:
Mr. J. L. Sier Red flag
Mr. J. Whalley Yellow flag

SPORTING STAR

Competition Results

Vol. 3 No. 50 (v. Bournemouth): Stan and Eddie Morgan (season 1948/9) were the last brothers on the Walsall professional books before the Clarkes.

No correct solution received.

Vol. 3 No. 51 (v. Plymouth): John Harris scored twice from the penalty spot at Shrewsbury (March 24, 1966).

Winner: Mr. P. Lee, 22 Clockmill Road, Pelsall.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

THE "PLAYER OF THE SEASON" TROPHY

The Supporters' Club has pleasure in announcing that its "PLAYER OF THE SEASON" Trophy has been won by **BOB WESSON** with 18.6% of the votes. In second place is Nick Atthey with 13.1%, closely followed by Stan Bennett with 12.2%. Stan Jones with 8.9% is fourth, fifth equal are Jim Murray and Dave Wilson each with 7.2% and Tommy Watson is in seventh position with 6.5%. Next comes Alan Baker with 5.9%, Frank Gregg with 4.8% and Ray Train with 4.2%. The remaining 11.4% of the votes were for (in alphabetical order) R. Cross, M. Evans, K. Gough, C. Harrison, T. Meath, G. Morris, J. McMorran, P. Parkes, K. Stephens and D. Trevis.

In congratulating Bob Wesson on winning the award, the Officials of the Supporters' Club, and myself as organiser of the ballot, would like to thank all those who took part in the ballot in which 983 votes were received (excluding duplicates, spoilt votes, etc.).

Arrangements are being made for the Trophy to be presented at our "End of Season Dance" in the Saddlers' Club, on Monday, April 28th. Dancing will be to "The Earls Dance Band," from 8.0 p.m.—11.0 p.m.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

This afternoon may I, on behalf of all members of the Supporters' Club, give a very sincere welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters of Swindon Town F.C. and also congratulate them on winning the Football League Cup. Today, some two hundred members of their supporters' club are with us for their annual outing which includes a visit

to the Coventry Theatre this evening. Before the match their members are, of course, invited to visit our "Saddlers' Club."

"THE STAMP PLAN"

Again today leaflets will be distributed giving details of "The Stamp Plan," whereby supporters are asked to purchase special 2/- stamps and exchange them for season tickets when they have collected the required amount. Next season holders of season tickets will have the opportunity of winning a cash prize of up to £100 at each first team home league match. The stamps, if not on sale today, will be available next week from



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Going to Mansfield?

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
MANSFIELD v. WALSALL
Kick-off 7.30

A.A. suggested route:—
A461 to Lichfield
Follow signs "Burton A38"
Keep A38 to edge of Derby
Follow signs "Nottingham A52"
In 6 miles follow signs "Motorway M1"
Join M1 at Trowell
Leave M1 in 8 miles at Junction 27
Follow signs "Mansfield A608"
In $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles turn left A611
In $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles turn left A60
Enter Mansfield by Nottingham Road
Fork left at Portland Street
Field Mill is on left-hand side.
Total mileage — $60\frac{1}{2}$.

The Programme Editor wishes to thank all who have helped in the production of "Saddlers' News" this season, particularly the staff of W. J. Ray & Co. Ltd., our most patient and efficient printers, regular columnists Bernard Johnston, Jim Tatler, Paul Marston and Trevor Gedge, and the "Walsall Observer" for generous supply of photographs.

I'M IN CHARGE

Referee: Mr. V. JAMES
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Mr. Vincent James, a brewery representative, took up refereeing in 1948 after playing in junior football. Starting in the York and District League, he graduated via the Yorkshire League to the Football League Linesmen's list in 1955. Five years later he became a League referee.

He has run the line at full and Under-23 Internationals and for the 1967 F.A. Cup Final. He has also refereed a Scotland v. Switzerland amateur international.

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TO-DAY'S VISITORS

What a splendid finale to our home programme this season to welcome to Fellows Park Swindon Town, who when really "on their game" are surely the best Division III side of all time. There have been "giant-killers" before, but no other team has "slain" teams of the calibre of Coventry, Derby, Burnley and Arsenal in one and the same competition. This is what our visitors did on their way to taking this season's League Cup and did it moreover by sheer quality football. They are, of course, also in the thick of the promotion struggle and we wish them well in their quest of a rare "double."

HISTORY

Founded in 1881, they adopted professionalism and joined the Southern League in 1894. They became founder members of Division III (South) in 1920 and survived three re-election applications between the wars. They were drafted into Division III in the re-organisation in 1958 and promotion came at the end of 1962/3 when they

finished runners-up to Northampton Town. Two years later they were relegated alongside Swansea Town, but since then they have been looking more and more like having the best results in the history of the club and this season they have certainly "arrived."

HERE TODAY

Manager DANNY WILLIAMS is, of course, the former stalwart Rotherham defender, and he has certainly been a worthy successor to Bert Head, now with Crystal Palace. Both have been firm believers in a youth policy as the basis of ultimate success and it is good to see a handsome dividend being paid.

Goalkeeper Peter DOWNSBOROUGH, who gave a world-beating display in the League Cup final came from Halifax in 1965. At full-back choice rests between Youth International from Portsmouth Owen DAWSON, Welsh International Rod THOMAS and loyal clubman John TROLLOPE (over 350 appearances in 9 seasons).

The usual sheet-anchor of the defence is Scotsman Frank BURROWS, who came from Scunthorpe after previous service with Raith Rovers. Another man

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SWINDON TOWN, 1968/69

Back Row: F. Burrows, J. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Jones, R. Desmeules, J. Giles, K. Morgan, R. Thomas.

Second Row: H. Cousins (Trainer), J. Conley (Youth manager), Blick, Claypole, Aldworth, Allen, Dangerfield, Smart, Dawson, Butler, Harland, G. Hunt (reserve trainer).

Sitting: Fry, Mascia, C. Jones, D. Williams (manager), R. Morse (secretary), R. Jefferies (assistant secretary), T. Smith, Lowes, Heath, Rogers.

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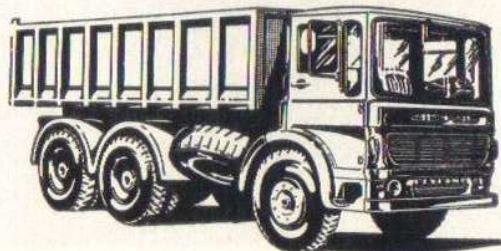
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in retrospect

Walsall v. Swindon

Honours have been fairly even in our post-war meetings with Swindon Town holding a slight advantage before today's game. Of the 33 games played, they have won 14 to our 11 with 8 drawn and they have scored 45 goals to our 43. There have been some splendidly fought games, as the following reminders indicate.

1955-56

This was the season in which we got back into our stride after 4 consecutive re-election applications. In September, we won at the County Ground in a game made remarkable by the fact that all three goals came in a 3-minute flurry. After an hour's play Dave Walsh gave us the lead and after Gibson had equalised almost immediately Dave restored our lead two minutes later. On a veritable Fellows Park gluepot in the following January we completed the double with a 4-0 win. Tony Richards netted in the first half and Dave Walsh (2) and Brian Taylor after the break.

1957-58

This was the last season of the old Third (South) and here in November Bob Edwards gave Town a 30-second lead. Ken Hodgkisson equalised near half-time and there was no further scoring. In the return match the following March our lads gave one of the most courageous displays in the club's history. At the time Swindon had gone 26 home games without defeat. John Richards gave them the lead and after Roy Faulkner had equalised Bob Edwards made it 2-1 at half-time. Again we equalised when Brian Taylor smashed the ball in off a defender. Then with 15 minutes to go spectators were amazed to see our giant goalkeeper John Savage ordered off after a collision with John Richards, and a penalty awarded. Amazingly Tony Richards, who had taken big John's jersey, dived full length to make a remarkable save and in a fantastic ending Brian Taylor robbed a defender and went on to score the decider and give us a 3-2 win.

1960-61

This proved ultimately to be our promotion year, but we suffered the season's first defeat when Cliff Jackson scored the only goal of the game at Swindon on September 3. The return game in

January was abandoned through fog with us leading 3-0 and when the game was rearranged 2 goals by Tony Richards in reply to one by Bobby Woodruffe gave us a priceless 2 points. John Trollope is the only survivor of that team in today's Town side and he was playing alongside Ernie Hunt, Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff. In the following week's programme Jim Tatler wrote "More will be heard of these lads as they gain experience!"

1965-66

After a goalless draw at Swindon in the September. Town came here in February, the week after our unlucky defeat in a great Cup-tie at Norwich. Our lads showed no sign of hangover as Ken Satchwell steered home a through ball after 25 seconds. Taylor netted from an acute angle, and Riley went past three defenders to slam home a third by half-time. Further goals by Riley and Taylor completed the 5-0 rout. From the following teams who played that day it will be seen how much less Swindon's personnel has changed than our own.

Walsall: Carling; Gregg, Harris; Sissons, Bennett, Atthey; Riley, Summers, Satchwell, Kirby, Taylor.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Richards; Henderson, Smart, East, Rogers, Weaver.

1967-68

Both teams were at their best in the September game here and all-out attack seemed to be the motive of both sides. We scored 2 splendid goals in 20 mins. Jimmy Murray cracked home a 25-yarder from Jimmly McMorran and then laid on a second for Colin Taylor. After the interval Swindon came back with a bang and after Stan Harland had slipped through an offside trap to make it 2-1 Don Rogers cracked home a 30-yarder. We seemed to be having a struggle to hold on to a point, but against the run of play somewhat Jimmy Murray nodded the winner.



Don Rogers

First XI fixtures and results

FOOTBALL LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

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Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise stated

1968	Opponents	Ground	Result	Gate	Goalscorers
Aug. 1	(Friendly) ASTON VILLA	Thur. H	0 1	10,505	
5	(Friendly) LEICESTER	Mon. H	1 0	6,192	Roberts (o.g.)
10	Shrewsbury	A	1 0	7,978	Jones
13	* (1) SHREWSBURY	Tues. H	2 0	9,168	Murray, Biggs (Pen.)
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2 2	7,593	Watson, Biggs
23	Stockport	Fri. A	2 2	8,043	Biggs, Watson
27	Watford	Tues. A	0 0	9,361	
31	NORTHAMPTON	H	0 1	7,762	
Sept. 3	* (2) SWANSEA	Tues. H	1 1	7,462	Biggs
7	READING	H	2 2	6,965	Wilson, Atthey
10	* (2) Swansea	Tues. A	2 3	10,742	Biggs (2)
14	Swindon	A	0 1	10,594	
18	Plymouth	Wed. A	0 1	11,118	
20	CREWE	Fri. H	1 1	5,570	Wilson
28	Bournemouth	A	0 1	8,645	
30	Torquay	Mon. A	2 4	7,565	Biggs (2)
Oct. 5	SOUTHPORT	H	3 0	5,731	Wilson, Morris (2)
8	WATFORD	Tues. H	0 0	6,074	
12	Barnsley	A	0 0	11,314	
19	OLDHAM	H	2 1	5,552	Wilson (2)
25	Tranmere	Fri. A	1 2	6,500	Morris
Nov. 2	ROTHERHAM	H	0 0	4,857	
5	LUTON	Tues. H	2 0	5,381	Murray, Morris
9	Gillingham	A	0 4	4,857	
16	† (1) Leytonstone	A	1 0	1,927	Baker
23	Barrow	A	1 1	4,602	Morris
30	BRIGHTON	H	4 0	4,892	Everitt (o.g.), Wilson, Atthey,
Dec. 7	† (2) St. Albans	A	1 1	4,867	Trevis [Morris]
10	† (2) ST. ALBANS	H	3 1	10,626	Gibbs (o.g.), Watson, Wilson.
14	BARNSELEY	H	3 0	5,163	Baker (2), Morris
20	Oldham	Fri. A	0 1	2,086	
26	Southport	Thur. A	1 2	6,578	Wilson
1969					
Jan. 4	† (3) TOTTENHAM	H	0 1	18,779	
11	Rotherham	A	1 0	7,199	Morris
25	Luton	A	0 1	15,205	
28	GILLINGHAM	H	2 1	6,536	Morris, Baker
Feb. 1	Orient	A	0 0	5,309	
Feb. 4	(Friendly) ASTON VILLA	Tues. H	3 0	7,433	Atthey, Trevis, Wilson
15	Brighton	A	0 3	10,018	
22	TORQUAY	H	0 1	5,239	
25	BARROW	Tues. H	1 1	4,826	McMorran (pen.)
Mar. 1	SHREWSBURY	H	2 0	4,826	Train, Baker
8	Bristol Rovers	A	1 0	7,199	Baker
11	ORIENT	Tues. H	2 1	5,622	Train, Baker
15	STOCKPORT	H	2 0	5,803	Watson, Bennett
22	Northampton	A	1 3	5,763	Train
25	TRANMERE	Tues. H	1 1	4,412	Meath
28	Reading	Fri. A	2 2	4,041	Baker, Meath
Apr. 1	MANSFIELD	H	3 1	5,285	Train (pen), Meath, Watson
4	Hartlepool	Fri. A	1 1	6,696	Wilson
5	BOURNEMOUTH	Sat. H	0 0	5,850	
7	PLYMOUTH	Mon. H	1 1	5,335	Jones
11	Crewe	Fri. A	1 0	4,500	Murray
15	HARTLEPOOLS	Tues. H	1 2	5,003	Meath
19	SWINDON	H			
25	MANSFIELD	Fri. A			

* Football League Cup

† Football Association Cup



appearances and goalscorers



1968-9

(Substitute appearances in parentheses)

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PLAYERS Alphabetically	LEAGUE App. Goals	LEAGUE CUP App. Goals	F.A. CUP App. Goals	COMBN. App. Goals	COMBN. CUP App. Goals	STAFFS. CUP App. Goals
Allner	...	...	...	7(1)	2	...
Atthey	34	2	3	(1)	...	...
Baker, A.	29(2)	7	1	4	2	1
Baker, R.	...	...	...	9(2)	1(1)	...
Ball	...	...	...	6	10	1
Bennett	40	1	3	...	...	...
Biggs	12(1)	4	3	...	...	...
Bullock	7	...	...	13	3	...
Burckitt	...	...	...	3	1	10
Cross	3	(1)	...	23	10	1
Edwards	...	...	...	1	...	...
Evans	34	2	1(1)	3	...	1
Fleet	...	...	...	17	2	2(2)
Forrest	...	...	...	5	7	1
Goater	...	...	...	1	...	...
Gough	...	...	...	11(4)	1	(1)
Gregg	33	3	1	5	...	...
Harris	8	1	3	16	8	...
Harrison	13(5)	1	3	7	5	2
Jones	42	2	3	4	...	1
Keley	...	...	...	3	...	1
McMorran	8(1)	1	2	10	...	1
Meath	9(1)	3	...	14	6	8
Mighalls	...	...	...	22	10	1
Morris	31	9	3	2	1	10
Murray	21(3)	2	3	1	10	9
Parkes	5	...	...	13	3	1
Ratcliffe	...	...	...	1	3(1)	1
Stephens	3	...	...	9	3	...
Tindall	7	1	...	5	1	2
Train	15(1)	4	...	9	2	10
Trevis	26(1)	...	4	1	4	2
Watson, C.	...	...	...	...	3	...
Watson, T.	27(1)	4	3	1	2(1)	...
Wesson	38	3	4	2
Williams	13	1	6(1)
Wilson	28(1)	8	4	1	3	2
Own Goals	1	...	1	3	...	1

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES AND NEWS—continued.

THE "SADDLERS' CLUB"

Details of the summer attractions in the "Saddlers' Club" can always be seen in the foyer of the Club and on our weekly "Pool" sheets.

Membership of the Club is at present open to supporters who are 18 years of age or over. Membership forms are obtainable from the duty doorman.

CONCLUSION

At the end of the season may I thank the Programme Editor, Mr. G. T. Allman, for allowing the Supporters' Club to publish our "Notes & News" in the "Saddlers' News" and thank him and the printers, Messrs. W. J. Ray & Co. Ltd., for their excellent help and co-operation. I have had the pleasure of writing in every first team home match programme for ten years, so until next season "Cheerio, everybody."

1968-69

league tables

1968-69

TO APRIL 14

DIVISION III

	HOME Goals					AWAY Goals				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Watford	41	14	5	2	33 7	11	5	4	36	19 60
SWINDON	41	15	4	1	34 7	8	5	8	30	27 55
Luton	42	18	3	0	51 12	4	7	10	14	23 54
Plymouth	43	10	8	5	34 25	7	6	7	18	21 48
Tranmere	42	11	3	7	35 29	7	6	8	32	34 45
Bournemouth ..	41	15	2	4	40 16	3	6	11	17	28 44
Torquay	41	12	3	5	34 17	5	7	9	17	25 44
Brighton	44	12	6	3	47 17	4	6	13	23	44 44
WALSALL	43	10	9	2	33 14	4	7	11	15	29 44
Stockport	41	13	5	3	48 24	2	9	9	17	35 44
Reading	43	13	3	5	41 23	2	10	10	26	40 43
Southport	40	12	6	1	43 16	3	4	14	15	36 40
Rotherham	42	10	5	5	33 19	4	7	11	16	28 40
Bristol R.	42	11	5	5	38 26	4	5	12	22	38 40
Northampton ..	42	9	8	5	37 29	5	3	12	15	27 39
Barnsley	41	10	6	4	30 18	3	6	12	20	41 38
Barrow	40	10	6	6	27 23	5	2	11	22	42 38
Gillingham	41	9	9	3	33 20	2	4	14	14	38 35
Orient	41	9	7	5	26 18	3	4	13	19	39 35
Oldham	43	9	5	8	32 26	4	3	14	16	51 34
Hartlepool	41	6	10	5	25 29	3	6	11	12	38 34
Shrewsbury	39	8	6	4	19 14	4	3	14	21	45 33
Mansfield	38	10	4	3	26 13	1	6	14	20	43 32
Crewe	40	10	3	8	33 26	1	4	14	11	41 29

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Fulham	23	18	2	3	73	29	38
Arsenal	21	16	4	1	61	14	36
Tottenham	24	16	3	5	65	26	35
Crystal P.	24	15	3	6	45	30	33
Ipswich	21	12	5	4	55	30	29
West Ham	23	9	11	3	40	26	29
Bristol C.	22	12	3	7	42	28	27
Southampton ..	23	10	5	8	32	19	25
WALSALL	23	9	5	9	39	33	23
Gillingham	20	9	5	6	21	21	23
Q.P.R.	24	8	7	9	39	44	23
Cardiff	24	9	5	10	30	37	23
Chelsea	22	9	4	9	40	36	22
Peterborough ..	24	6	10	8	30	35	22
Bristol R.	24	8	5	11	39	52	21
Norwich	23	6	8	9	41	42	20
Birmingham ..	24	7	5	12	35	34	19
Leicester	22	7	5	10	29	35	19
Oxford	21	7	4	11	25	42	18
Plymouth	22	6	6	10	21	35	18
Luton	22	5	8	9	24	45	18
Bournemouth ..	21	4	7	10	25	42	15
Swansea	20	4	6	10	25	43	14
Swindon	24	5	4	15	16	41	14
Northampton ..	22	5	2	15	25	55	12
Reading	24	4	3	17	23	64	11

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Second XI fixtures and results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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1968		Opponents	Ground	Score
July 27		(Friendly) Bromsgrove	A	3 1
Aug. 3		(Friendly) Wellington	A	6 1
10		†NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3 2
21		†Peterborough	Wed. A	1 1
24		†Q.P.R.	A	2 1
27		†PETERBOROUGH	Tues. H	1 2
31		†Luton	A	2 0
Sept. 7		†West Ham	A	2 4
10		†BIRMINGHAM CITY	Tues. H	0 0
17		†LEICESTER CITY	Tues. H	1 1
21		†Leicester City	A	0 2
24		†Northampton Town	Tues. A	2 1
Oct. 5		Fulham	A	1 2
12		SWANSEA	H	2 3
15		*BILSTON	H	4 1
19		Q.P.R.	A	2 7
26		READING	H	5 0
Nov. 2		Ipswich Town	A	2 6
12		ARSENAL	Tues. H	0 0
18		*Stoke City	A	1 3
Dec. 7		SOUTHAMPTON	H	0 1
14		Gillingham	A	1 1
17		OXFORD	H	4 1
21		LEICESTER CITY	H	2 0
1969				
Jan. 11		Plymouth	A	1 1
14		BRISTOL ROVERS	H	1 0
Feb. 1		†NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	2 0
15		CHELSEA	H	2 0
18		BRISTOL CITY	Tues. H	5 0
Mar. 1		Cardiff City	A	0 2
15		Luton	A	0 2
19		WEST HAM	Wed. H	2 3
22		Swindon	A	1 1
29		Crystal Palace	A	1 1
Apr. 5		Peterborough	A	0 2
8		TOTTENHAM	H	1 0
12		NORWICH	H	4 0
19		Bournemouth	A	
22		Birmingham	A	

† Football Combination Cup.
* Staffs. Senior Cup.

Third XI fixtures and results

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise shown

1968		Opponents	Ground	Score
Aug. 31		†Shrewsbury Town	A	1 5
Sept. 7		†Birmingham City	A	0 1
14		†COVENTRY CITY	H	3 2
28		†ASTON VILLA	H	3 2
Oct. 5		†Coventry City	A	0 5
12		†SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	0 3
30		†B'HAM CITY	H	3 1
Nov. 9		*Blaby & Dist. Boys' Club	H	4 0
16		Notts. County	A	2 3
23		MANSFIELD	H	3 1
30		Aston Villa	A	0 1
Dec. 3		*Leicester	A	0 3
11		†W.B.A.	A	2 1
21		COVENTRY CITY	H	3 3
1969				
Jan. 4		Stoke City	A	3 1
11		PORT VALE	H	2 3
18		Notts. Forest	A	2 3
25		ASTON VILLA	H	2 1
Feb. 1		LEICESTER CITY	H	0 8
Mar. 8		B'HAM CITY	H	0 5
15		Coventry City	A	0 5
22		Port Vale	A	0 8
29		DERBY COUNTY	H	0 6
Apr. 5		NOTTS. COUNTY	H	1 2
12		Shrewsbury	A	2 2
17		STOKE CITY	Thurs. H	
19		SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	
26		B'ham City	A	
		† Cup Competition.		
		* F.A. Youth Cup.		
		To be arranged:—		
		Derby County	A	
		Mansfield Town	A	
		NOTTS. FOREST	H	

TODAY'S VISITORS (continued from page 7)

usually to be found where the defensive battle is toughest is Joe BUTLER, who came from Newcastle in 1965. Small in stature, but fast and tenacious in the tackle, he plays a similar game to our Nick Attthey.

Key man in midfield is Stan HARLAND, a Liverpoolian, who saw previous service with Carlisle, Everton and Bradford City. He is happiest when backing up the attack.

The same can be said of John SMITH, a former England Under-23 International, who was with Torquay last season and will be remembered from his days with Spurs and Coventry. He scored a sensational goal against Burnley at The Hawthorns in December.

Ace goal-scorer Don ROGERS needs no introduction. He has been at the County Ground since he was 15. He netted 28 times last season and seems likely to beat that figure this time and is of course one of the most sought-after players in the game. Also hot on the goals trail is Peter NOBLE, who came from Newcastle last season and has already netted 20 times this season. Nor must we forget Roger SMART, another local boy who got the winning goal against us in September. Don HEATH, ex-Norwich, and Willie PENMAN, ex-Newcastle, have played many fine games for the club in the past. The fact that they cannot always squeeze into the team these days is a fair indication of the team's strength.

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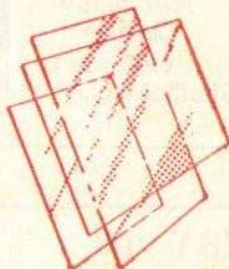


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