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# TEAM MANAGER'S NOTES

BY EDDIE QUIGLEY

**H**ERE we are again at the start of a new season. Like every other Second Division club, we are hoping that this will be our season for promotion.

I am making no rash forecasts. We have a goal and that is to bring back First Division soccer to Ewood Park. The players are well aware of this. They all want to taste First Division football there's nothing like it, after all.

It is a fresh start after the bitter disappointments of last season, and I can only appeal to our supporters for a chance to prove ourselves.

Remember — the players will respond to encouragement. We need a joint effort by players and supporters to help us through.

We have made three important additions to our playing staff in Ken Knighton, Allan Hunter and Brian Hill. We welcome them to Ewood Park, and we also welcome Ken Waterhouse, the former Morecambe manager, who is our new second team trainer.

The new senior trainer is Brian Birch who, you will recall, did a wonderful job with the highly-successful junior side last season. He has taken the place of Jimmy Gordon, who has gone to Derby County as coach.

I hope you are pleased with the appearance of Ewood Park this afternoon. A lot of work has gone into it in the close season and it is a credit to our ground-staff.

So here's a welcome back — and a hope that for all of us it will be a happy and succesful season.

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Another fine season is hoped for from the club youngsters, members of the "B" team which won the Lancashire League Supplementary Cup last season.

The spotlight was turned for a change on the club's young apprentices in a boardroom ceremony before the start of this season when the club chairman, Mr. C. R. Davies, presented the team trophy and each member of the side received a memento.

In addition, one of them, to his great surprise, was specially honoured as the Rovers' "apprentice professional of the year".

He was 17-year-old Jeff Whalley, a winger, or centre-forward from Accrington, who was nominated "for his manner on and off the field and his general character".

Jeff was presented with a handsome trophy by the donor, director Mr. Walter Hubert, who pointed out that the Rovers were the only club in the country to make this sort of an award and added: "If we are to run an apprentice scheme, it is a good thing to encourage the boys".

The trophy is for annual award.

A tankard was given to Brian Birch, now senior trainer-coach, who last season coached the juniors.

Picture shows Jeff Whalley with the trophy and some of his "B" team colleagues and senior players. On Jeff's left is Mr. Walter Hubert.

## MEET THE NEW BOYS

### No. 1 KEN KNIGHTON



THE Rovers got a player in whom they had long been interested when Preston North End were at last persuaded to part with their midfield star Ken Knighton on July 2nd.

This was the third of the close-season captures and Ken followed Allan Hunter (ex-Oldham Athletic) and Brian Hill (ex-Huddersfield Town) to Ewood Park.

The Rovers spent heavily on all three players in the bid to cure last season's weaknesses.

Ken, who saw service with Wolves and Oldham Athletic before his transfer to Preston in the middle

of 1967-68 season at a time when the Rovers were rivals with their Deepdale neighbours for his signature, has been appointed the Rovers' first team skipper and is naturally anxious to see his new club figure prominently in the promotion race.

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									Sub.	Goals	Appearances	Sub.
*Newton, K. R. . . (a)	41	41	31	37	32	33	34	32			289	8
Wilson, W. . . . (a)				8	33	32	42	40			155	
Mulvaney, R. . . (a)				7	23	7	6	23			66	
Sharples, G. F. V.				5	28	25	22	18			98	4
*Rogers, E. . . . . (a)					2	5	34	41			82	16
Darling, M. . . . (a)					17	18	25	33			91	22
Barton, J. B. . . . .						42	13	3			58	
*Connelly, J. . . . .						34	40	39			113	26
*Blacklaw, A. S. . . .							29	39			66	
Coddington, J. W. . .							38	31			69	2
Martin, D. . . . .							15	38			53	15
Calloway, L. . . . .							3	10			13	
Metcalfe, S. . . . (a)							3	38			41	1
Fryatt, J. . . . .								24			24	3
Kopel, F. . . . .								4			4	

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All lined up at Ewood Park on the Press day during pre-season training were the members of the Rovers senior squad. Here they are pictured (left to right):

Back row: Dewi Atherton, John Codington, Jim Fryatt, Laurie Calloway, Don Martin, Dick Mulvaney;

Centre row: Allan Hunter, Ken Knighton, Frank Kopel, John Barton, Adam Blacklaw, George Sharples,, Keith Newton;

Front row: John Connelly, Billy Wilson, Brian Hill, Malcolm Darling, Eamonn Rogers, Stuart Metcalfe, Ray Charter.

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**PETER DOWNSBOROUGH (goal):** Born Halifax and joined Swindon from Halifax Town in August, 1965.

**ROD THOMAS (right back):** A former youth player with Swindon who made rapid progress and after gaining under-23 honours, is now first choice for Wales.

**JOHN TROLLOPE (left back):** Swindon-born, he joined the club straight from school and made his senior debut when only 16 years old.

**JOE BUTLER (right half):** Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne, he joined Swindon in August, 1965, from Newcastle United.

**FRANK BURROWS (centre-half):** Born Larkhall, Scotland. Formerly with Raith Rovers and Scunthorpe, he joined Swindon from the Lincolnshire club.

**STAN HARLAND (left-half):** Born Liverpool. Swindon signed him from Carlisle United in July, 1966. He was formerly with Everton and Bradford City.

**DON ROGERS (outside right or left):** One of the hottest properties in soccer, fancied by a number of First Division clubs. A talented, free-scoring winger who signed for Swindon when only 15. England youth and under-23 international.

**PETER NOBLE (inside forward):** Born Sunderland. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in January, 1968, after four years at St. James's Park.

**JOHN SMITH (inside or wing forward):** Born London. Signed from Torquay United in June, 1968, and previously played for Leyton Orient, West Ham, Spurs and Coventry City. Won England under-23 honours.

**CHRIS JONES (centre forward):** Born Altrincham. Signed by Swindon from Manchester City and was a real bargain buy.

**ARTHUR HORSFIELD (inside forward):** A close-season signing from Newcastle United. Previously played for Middlesbrough and is a youth international.



Leading athletics coach, Joe Lancaster — the man who helped to make Manchester City the fittest team in the country — is helping the Rovers in their training work. He has regular sessions with the players in a bid to improve stamina, speed and strength. Other well-known athletics personalities, Barrie Kelly and Malcolm Yardley are to help in this work during the season. Picture shows Joe Lancaster (at left) watching a group of players at work.

## FROM THE RECORD BOOKS

SWINDON TOWN, whom we welcome back to the Second Division today, were founded in 1881 as an organisation belonging to a church.

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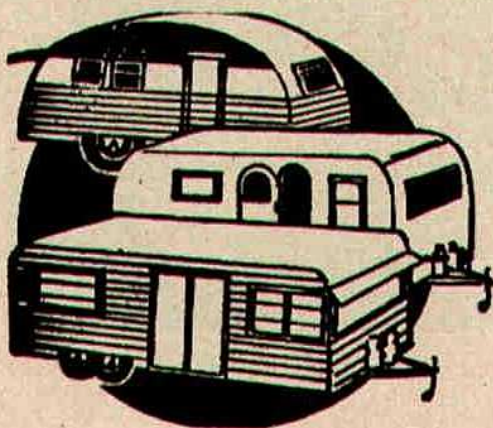
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# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1969			
Aug.	9	—Swindon Town .....	H
"	13	—League Cup (1) Stockport County .....	A
"	16	—Cardiff City .....	A
"	18	—Blackpool .....	A
"	23	—Hull City .....	H
"	26	—Huddersfield Town .....	A
"	30	—Portsmouth .....	A
Sept.	3	—League Cup (2)	
"	6	—Middlesbrough .....	H
"	13	—Preston North End .....	A
"	17	—Queens Park R. ....	H
"	20	—Millwall Ath. ....	H
"	24	—League Cup (3)	
"	27	—Watford .....	A
Oct.	4	—Norwich City .....	H
"	8	—Cardiff City .....	H
"	11	—Birmingham City ....	A
"	15	—League Cup (4)	
"	18	—Charlton Athletic ...	A
"	25	—Leicester City .....	H
"	29	—League Cup (5)	
Nov.	1	—Sheffield United ...	A
"	8	—Bolton Wanderers ..	H
"	12	—Blackpool .....	H
"	15	—Carlisle United .....	A
"	19	—League Cup (Semi-final)	
"	22	—Bristol City .....	H
"	29	—Oxford United .....	A
Dec.	3	—League Cup (Semi-final)	
"	6	—Aston Villa .....	H

1969			
Dec.	13	—Preston North End ..	H
"	20	—Middlesbrough ...	A
"	26	—Hull City .....	A
"	27	—Portsmouth .....	H
1970			
Jan.	3	—F.A. Cup (3)	
"	10	—Millwall Ath. ....	A
"	17	—Watford .....	H
"	24	—F.A. Cup (4)	
"	31	—Norwich City .....	A
Feb.	7	—Birmingham City ...	H
		F.A. Cup (5)	
"	14	—Swindon Town .....	A
"	21	—Leicester City .....	A
		F.A. Cup (6)	
"	28	—Sheffield United ...	H
Mar.	7	—Bristol City .....	A
		League Cup Final	
"	14	—Oxford United .....	H
		F.A. Cup (Semi-final)	
"	21	—Aston Villa .....	A
"	27	—	
"	28	—Carlisle United ...	H
"	30	—Bolton Wanderers ..	A
Apr.	4	—Huddersfield Town ..	H
"	8	—Charlton Athletic ..	H
"	11	—F.A. Cup Final	
"	14	—Queens Park R. ....	A

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1969			
Aug.	9	—Everton .....	A
"	12	—Burnley .....	A
"	16	—Bury .....	H
"	20	—Burnley .....	H
"	23	—Coventry City .....	A
"	27	—Blackpool .....	A
"	30	—Sheffield Wed. ....	H
Sept.	6	—Manchester Utd. ....	A
"	13	—West Brom. A. ....	H
"	20	—Huddersfield Town ..	A
"	22	—Aston Villa .....	A
"	27	—Preston North End ..	H
Oct.	4	—Newcastle United ...	A
"	7	—Bury .....	A
"	11	—Nottingham Forest ..	H
"	15	—Leeds United .....	H
"	18	—Aston Villa .....	H
"	25	—	
Nov.	1	—Wolverhampton W. ..	H
"	8	—Sheffield United ...	A
"	15	—Liverpool .....	H
"	22	—Derby County .....	A
"	29	—Bolton Wanderers ..	H
Dec.	6	—Manchester City ...	A
"	13	—West Brom. A. ....	A
"	20	—Manchester Utd. ....	H

1969			
Dec.	26	—Coventry City .....	H
"	27	—Sheffield Wed. ....	A
1970			
Jan.	3	—	
"	10	—Huddersfield Town ..	H
"	17	—Preston North End ..	A
"	24	—	
"	31	—Newcastle United ...	H
Feb.	7	—Nottingham Forest ..	A
"	14	—Everton .....	H
"	21	—Stoke City .....	H
"	28	—Wolverhampton W. ..	A
Mar.	7	—Derby County .....	H
"	11	—Blackpool .....	H
"	14	—Bolton Wanderers ..	A
"	21	—Manchester City ...	H
"	28	—Liverpool .....	A
"	30	—Sheffield United ...	H
Apr.	4	—	
"	11	—F.A. Cup Final	
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