

AT SOMERTON TONIGHT

**SWINDON
TOWN**

F.L. Cup First Round (Replay)
Tuesday, 4th September, 1973
Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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TOPIC TALK

MATCH NO. 2

4th SEPTEMBER, 1973



John Macey

FEW OF OUR SUPPORTERS could have hoped to see Swindon Town here in tonight's replay after 46 minutes of last Tuesday's League Cup tie at the County Ground. But our players proved beyond doubt that oft-repeated statement that no match is ever lost until the final whistle. And that 3-3 draw could well go down in our history as one of the finest performances of our career, for never before have we faced such a deficit against a higher division side away from home in a Cup tie, and fought back to level the scores!

The only casualty of the night was John Macey, who showed a continuation of the form which made him our 'Player of the Year' last season. John had to spend the remainder of the week in a Swindon hospital where he was well looked after, and he was forced to miss the match at Gillingham—the first time he has been out of our League side since April 1972.

Don Payne therefore made his first-team League debut and his performance showed that we are indeed fortunate to have two goal-keepers of such a high standard.

We would have won Saturday's game had Roddy Jones' last minute header not been disallowed. However, the goal which we did score through Willie Screen was worth going a long way to see and drew appreciation from a sporting Gillingham crowd. But with our first-half superiority followed by the Gills' intense second-half pressure, a draw could be considered a fair result.



Willie Screen

Tonight's match brings back memories of a similar game six years ago when we defeated Swindon after a 1-1 draw at the County Ground. We won 2-0 that night and went on to meet Blackpool in a memorable match. This evening's winner will be away to the victor of last night's Chesterfield—Mansfield replay.

Swindon gained a 1-1 draw at Preston on Saturday with a Ray Treacy goal just three minutes from time and since we are both unbeaten this season, tonight's game should result in someone's colours being lowered. Naturally we hope that we are successful—but if the match contains half the excitement and entertainment of a week ago, then the fans should be well satisfied.

As well as an improved match-magazine we shall be giving you a better results service from other games. In addition to half-times and brief reports from leading matches, we hope to give you every full-time result immediately our match ends.

Answers to League Cup Quiz (Page 10)

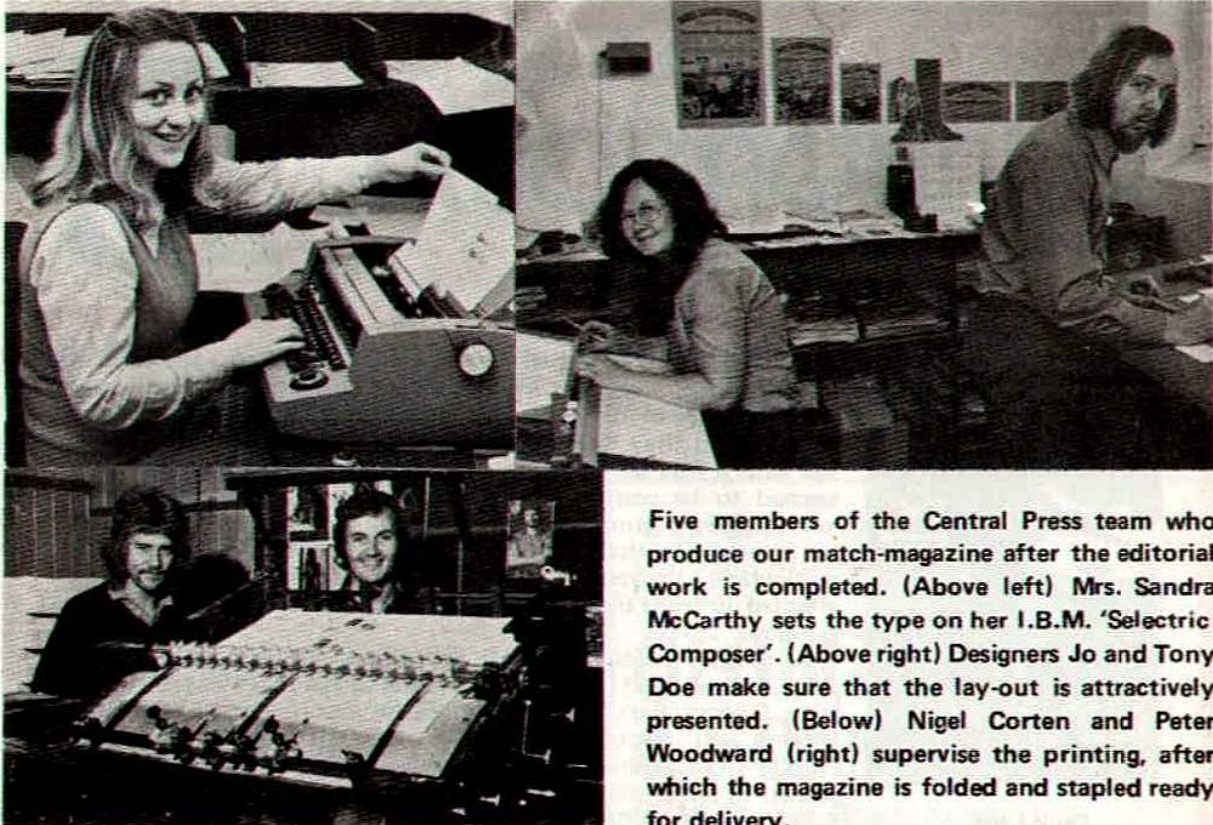
1—Southampton, 2—Shrewsbury, 3—62/63, 4—68/69, 5—Tottenham (2), 6—Manchester City, 7—West Bromwich Albion.

HERE NEXT . . .

CHESTER (Div. 4)
Sat., 8th September
Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

LEWISTOWN (Welsh League)
Sat. 15th September
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

CREWE ALEX. (Div. 4)
Tues. 18th September
Kick-off 7.15 p.m.



Five members of the Central Press team who produce our match-magazine after the editorial work is completed. (Above left) Mrs. Sandra McCarthy sets the type on her I.B.M. 'Selectric Composer'. (Above right) Designers Jo and Tony Doe make sure that the lay-out is attractively presented. (Below) Nigel Corten and Peter Woodward (right) supervise the printing, after which the magazine is folded and stapled ready for delivery.

WELSH F.A. APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Dr. Graham Jones, one of our Medical Advisers, who has been appointed Medical Officer to the Welsh F.A.

He succeeds Dr. William Hughes of Barry who has held the position for the past 36 years having been the first official doctor to be appointed by any of the four Home Associations.

So if Wales succeed this season in their Polish endeavours, we shall be assured of at least one representative at Munich in the World Cup Finals.

Typewriter to Dressing-Room!

Topic's Fourth Division expert Terence O'Donohue took a brief rest from his editorial duties to appear for our Gwent Premier League side recently. His comment:—"I think this team is an extremely useful way of giving young players competitive experience at a good level."

The growing importance of our third team is emphasised by the fact that we have obtained the use of the Royal Ordnance ground at Usk where all our home matches in the Gwent Premier League will now be played. The Club will also use the ground for training purposes.

CALLING OUR YOUNGER FANS

If you like table soccer games, make sure that you come to our match next Saturday when we meet Chester. The Gola Sportswear Company are giving away 100 sets of their fantastic new game 'Gola System Soccer'. The 100 lucky youngsters will be selected at random as they pass through the juvenile turnstiles and they will be able to collect their prize from the Club offices immediately the match is over.

The 'Somerton Star Goal' competition covers tonight's match since we didn't score in our last home game and the idea is for everyone to select on merit the best of our goals scored over our first 5 home matches.

ON THE MOVE

Close season transfers for Wynne Hooper and Brian Harris (right). But these moves were on the home front since Wynne, who was married during the summer, set up house in Newport while Brian has left Wenvoe for Chepstow where he expects a new neighbour shortly—(see Page 9).



WHO WERE THEY?

We had a number of replies to our competition asking you to identify the players on the cover of our match-magazine. The game in question was against Northampton here on 4th November last and the players were Willie Brown and John Clarke. We were 1-0 winners and the scorer was Andy White. The first correct answer received came from Mr. Adrian Morgan of 71 Sycamore Road South, Sebastopol.

SWINDON TOWN



Dick Legg

SWINDON TOWN ended last season in a lowly position in Division Two, and most experts tipped them to do likewise this year. Whether or not they can surprise the pessimists remains to be seen, but they began the new season in grand style ten days ago with a fine 3-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday, and they seemed to be continuing this form in the first 50 minutes of last Tuesday's game before our storming come-back took them by surprise. In that match, their sharp-shooting qualities were particularly impressive and they should not be too much affected up front by the close-season departure of Peter Noble to Burnley.

Two summer signings have been made by team-manager Les Allen. Maidenhead-born 'keeper **ALAN SPRATLEY** cost £12,000 from Queens Park Rangers where he was understudy to Phil Parkes, and Hackney-born **RAY CLARKE** was bought for £8,000 from Spurs in whose Combination side he was leading scorer. In competition with Spratley for the goalkeeping spot is Scottish-born **JIMMY ALLAN** who made his debut at Watford in September 1971 and played in 15 League games last season.

Goalscorers in last Tuesday's 3-3 draw were **RAY TREACY**, **DAVE MOSS** and **DICK LEGG**. Dublin-born Treacy has represented Eire at Schoolboy, Youth, U-23 and Full International levels. He was signed last season from Charlton in exchange for Arthur Horsfield having previously played for West Bromwich Albion. Moss was spotted playing junior football and was signed as a professional in 1969. Legg came from Chippenham Town in August 1971, and has progressed through the reserve teams.

Club Captain **ROD THOMAS** is familiar as the regular right-back in the Welsh International side. He joined Swindon from Gloucester City in July 1964, and played in the Club's promotion side of 1968-69 when they won the Football League Cup, and in the Anglo-Italian Cup-winning side of '69-70. Other survivors from those days are defenders **JOE BUTLER**, **JOHN TROLLOPE** and **FRANK BURROWS**. Trollope has made over 600 appearances since signing from school in August 1960, while Burrows has been at the County ground for seven years having previously played for Raith Rovers and Scunthorpe. Butler was signed in August 1965 from his home-town club Newcastle, and has been a regular ever since.

Midfield player **TERRY HUBBARD** was born in Newport, and there was talk of his joining us on loan last season only for the arrangement to fall through. He was signed as an apprentice by Swindon in 1969, and last year he gained Welsh U-23 honours. London born winger **TOMMY JENKINS** was signed from Southampton in October 1972 after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Jenkins was formerly with Orient, Margate and Reading. Hayes-born **MICK MCGOVERN** was signed from Queen's Park Rangers last February having previously played in London amateur football.

Londoner **KEN STROUD** joined the Club as an apprentice in 1967 and signed full professional forms in 1970. England Youth Cap **RAY BUNKELL** was signed from his local team Spurs in June 1971 while **CHRIS PORTER** came from his home-town club Bridgwater in 1969 making his first-team debut in October 1970.

The last time we met Swindon was in a pre-match friendly 13 months ago when we lost 6-0. But our last competitive meeting at Somerton was in a 1st Round League Cup replay on 29th August, 1967 following a 1-1 draw at Swindon the previous week. We won 2-0 with goals from Dai Jones and Gerald King and the attendance was 6,537.



Ray Treacy

THEY'VE WON IT! . . .

15th March 1969 was probably the greatest day in Swindon Town's history. Before 98,189 spectators—the then largest crowd ever to watch a League Cup game—the Robins defeated Arsenal 3–1 after extra time at Wembley to carry off the trophy. Don Rogers' second goal will always be remembered as one of Wembley's greatest moments. The previous year, we had defeated Swindon in the First Round.

THEIR HISTORY . . .

Formed in 1881, Southern League Swindon were elected to the new Division 3 in 1920. They were F.A. Cup semi-finalists in 1910 and 1912, and won promotion in 1963, but were relegated two years later. They returned to Division 2 in 1969 and were 5th the following season. Former Q.P.R. boss **LES ALLEN**, a famous name in London soccer, was appointed manager last November following Dave MacKay's resignation. County ground record attendance—29,106 v. Watford (Div. 3) March, 1969.

THEIR RECORD AGAINST US . . .

We haven't met in the League since April 1962. That was our 66th League encounter of which Swindon have won 30 and lost 22. They have also been successful in our two F.A. Cup meetings of November 1927 and November 1934.



August 1972—Swindon's pre-season visit when Steve Peplow scored five goals in their 6–0 win. Here, Jeff Thomas (white) challenges Rod Thomas.

THEIR 73-74 RECORD SO FAR . . .

		F A	Att.
25 Aug Sheff. Wed. Div. 2	(H)	3-1	8,267
28 Aug Newport FLC	(H)	3-3	6,873
1 Sep Preston Div. 2	(A)	1-1	12,074

THIS SEASON'S SCORERS . . .

Treacy 3, Moss 2, Legg 1, McGovern 1.



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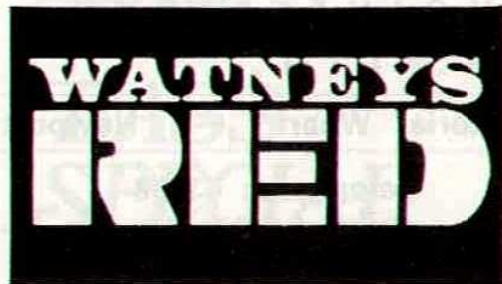
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On the goal trail at Swindon—(Top left) Harold Jarman makes our second goal. (Bottom) A corner from Andy with this header.



Swindon Town '73-74: (Back Row from left)—Ken Stroud, Terry Chris Porter, Richard Legg. (Middle Row from left)—Mike Coll Burrows, Ray Clarke, Tommy Jenkins, Rod Thomas, K. Morris (Pl Maurice Owen (Reserve Team Trainer), Dave Moss, Mick McGov Charlie Tuson, Ray Treacy, Joe Butler, G. Edleston (Coach).



(Top left) Harold Jarman makes it 3-1. (Top right) Willie Screen
(Bottom) A corner from Andy White—and Willie Brown equalises



(Back Row from left)—Ken Stroud, Terry Hubbard, Jimmy Allan, Alan Spratley,
(Row from left)—Mike Collins, Ron Potter, John Trollope, Frank
, Rod Thomas, K. Morris (Physiotherapist). (Front Row from left)—
(left), Dave Moss, Mick McGovern, Ray Bunkell, Les Allen (Manager),
(right), G. Edleston (Coach).

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LEAGUE CUP FOCUS

KITCHEN SCORES HAT-TRICK

OF LAST WEEK'S twenty-eight League Cup ties, twelve are being replayed. There were some fine performances from Division 4. Workington, two up by half-time in their local derby at Carlisle, were eventually held 2-2. Mansfield drew 1-1 at Chesterfield, and both Crewe and ourselves figured in 3-3 draws - at Tranmere and Swindon.



Fred Binney

Exeter's prolific scorer Fred Binney opened his 73/74 account at Swansea, but the Dragons' newly-converted striker Tony Screen (brother of Willie) later equalised to gain a 1-1 draw. There were several high scoring games, notably Doncaster's tremendous 4-3 win at Notts

County. Rovers, 1-0 ahead at the interval, were soon 3-1 down, but fought back to win in the dying seconds with Peter Kitchen scoring a hat-trick. Walsall gave Shrewsbury a 6-1 hiding, Hartlepool, went down 5-3 at Rochdale while Gillingham beat Colchester 4-2.

Bristol Rovers returned to Dean Court four days after defeating Bournemouth 3-0 in a League match, but the home side turned the tables with a 1-0 victory. In local derbies, Wrexham visited Chester winning 2-0, Plymouth travelled to Torquay and won by the same score while Barnsley drew 1-1 at Halifax.

Welsh International Ron Davies scored his first goal for Portsmouth in their 2-1 win over Southend, and in the eagerly-awaited Ninian Park clash, Cardiff City disposed of Hereford with two Andy McCulloch goals. Another Second Division side through to Round Two was Orient for whom Ian Bowyer and Barrie Fairbrother scored in their 2-1 victory at Brentford.

IN THE MIDDLE

MR. KENNETH BAKER of Rugby took up refereeing in the Leamington and District League, progressing through local leagues to the West Midland League in 1965.

He was promoted to the League Line two years later, the Supplementary List in 1970 and the full List in '71. He is chairman of the Rugby Referees' Association and served for 12 years in the Metropolitan and Warwickshire Police forces. He rose to the rank of Det. Sergeant before leaving the force and being appointed the Chief Security Officer of a large industrial concern.

COLOUR TEAM GROUPS . . .

Newport County team-groups featuring the whole of our playing staff both in colour and black-and-white are on sale at the Club Shop. Also available—our Official History plus many other interesting items.

introducing... Brian Godfrey

— NO STRANGER TO LEAGUE CUP SURPRISES



BRIAN GODFREY could hardly be blamed if he had some measure of sympathy for tonight's opponents Swindon Town after last Tuesday's match at the County Ground. For Brian knows very well what it's like to be on the wrong end of a 3-3 draw. "Bristol Rovers played Oldham last February" he explained, "at a time when both clubs were highly placed in Division 3. We were 3-0 up and looking comfortable winners, and they eventually equalised, scoring twice in the last three minutes. It's like trying to stop a tidal wave when a side comes at you like that, and last Tuesday I think we finished up the stronger team."

Of course, Brian is quite used to League Cup surprises since during his two seasons at Eastville, Bristol Rovers overcame a number of higher division sides including that sensational defeat last year of Manchester United in a replay at Old Trafford. And before he joined Rovers in 1971, he captained Third Division Aston Villa in the League Cup Final against Tottenham.

—"We lost 2-0, but for us to get there at all was a tremendous achievement and the Villa fans gave us a great reception on our return home. That was the second time I'd been to Wembley for a Cup Final. The first was in 1964 when I was with Preston North End. I'd been in the side up to the 5th Round but for the remaining games including the Final against West Ham, I was 12th man. That was two years before substitutes were introduced so I didn't get a medal."

Brian's move to Bristol Rovers from Aston Villa two years ago, came as a surprise to many people including Brian himself.—"Villa wanted Ray Graydon while Bill Dodgin wanted me. I think both sides would have liked the

two of us together so they settled for an exchange. I enjoyed playing for Rovers. They were an attacking side and it brought us lots of goals, but we never had that something extra to give us promotion.'

Brian has had an interesting career to date. He was born in Flint and joined Everton as a youngster in the late '50's at a time when Brian Harris was one of the Goodison regulars. But he only played once in Everton's League side before Scunthorpe signed him in 1960. That was during their Second Division days and he played up front, scoring 24 League goals in 87 appearances. In the summer of 1963, he moved on to Preston whose performances during their Cup Final year brought him to the attention of the Welsh selectors. He played for Wales against Northern Ireland in '63-64, and against Denmark and Italy the following season. After 126 League appearances and 52 goals for the Deepdale side, Villa signed him following their relegation in 1967, and he seemed a permanent fixture in their line-up until that move to Bristol Rovers.

Having lived in the North, the Midlands and the South, does he have any preference for any particular part of the country?—"I've always found it easy to settle wherever I've lived. Our home is in Nailsea at present. That's on the Somerset side of Bristol and Harold Jarman and I travel over together for training taking it in turns to bring our cars. Since the M5 doesn't cross the River Avon yet, it means I've got to travel through Bristol to reach his house though that won't be a problem much longer since I'm getting a house near Chepstow.

"As for this season's prospects, I think last Tuesday's game was an indication as to what we're capable of. Our performance didn't surprise me because having worked with the lads, I know what they can do. From what I've seen so far, I think we're capable of making a strong challenge. As for me, I don't expect to work miracles, but I'll be satisfied, and the Club will, I hope, if I can maintain the standard of my games over the past few seasons."

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Our Scorers-Lowes, Cook.

LEAGUE CUP QUIZ

(Answers on Page 2)

1. Who were our first-ever League Cup opponents?
2. Who were Swindon's first-ever League Cup opponents?
3. In what season did we meet Manchester City in the League Cup?
4. In what season did Swindon win the League Cup?
5. Which club has won the League Cup most times?
6. Who won the League Cup in 1969/70?
7. Who were the losing finalists in that season?

PLAYERS' CHART 73-74
(Including last Saturday)

(Sub. appearances in brackets)	Apps.		Goals	
	Lge	Cup	Lge	Cup
Steve Aizlewood ...	2	1	-	-
Willie Brown ...	2	1	-	1
Brian Godfrey ...	2	1	-	-
Brian Harris ...	2	1	-	-
Len Hill ...	2	1	-	-
Harold Jarman ...	2	1	-	1
Roddy Jones ...	(1)	-	-	-
John Macey ...	1	1	-	-
Peter Passey ...	2	1	-	-
Don Payne ...	1	-	-	-
Willie Screen ...	2	1	1	1
Kenny Swain ...	2	1	-	-
Andy White ...	2	1	-	-

FIXTURES & RESULTS

FIRST TEAM (Division Four) HOME MATCHES IN BOLD SECOND TEAM (Welsh League)

August-1973	F.A.	Scorers	Att.	August-1973	F A
25 READING	0-0	-	4,843	14 Blaenavon (CUP)	1-0
September				25 Llanelli (CUP)	0-2
1 Gillingham	1-1	Screen	3,971	September	
8 CHESTER				1 MAESTEG	0-1
11 Northampton T.				8 Llanelli	
15 Colchester U.				10 Lewistown	
18 CREWE ALEX.				15 LEWISTOWN	
22 ROTHERHAM U.				22 Haverfordwest	
28 Stockport Co.				29 FERNDALE	
October				October	
3 Crewe Alex.				2 CWMBRAN	
5 MANSFIELD T.				6 Cwmbran	
13 Scunthorpe U.				13 Cardiff Univ.	
20 Barnsley				20 CARDIFF CORR.	
23 NORTHAMPTON				27 Cardiff Corrs.	
27 PETERBORO					
November					
3 Lincoln C.					
9 DONCASTER R.					
12 Hartlepool					
17 DARLINGTON					
December					
1 BURY					
8 Exeter C.					
22 STOCKPORT CO.					
26 Brentford					
29 Chester					
January-1974					
1 GILLINGHAM					
5 Workington					
12 COLCHESTER U.					
19 Reading					
26 BRADFORD C.					
February					
2 TORQUAY U.					
9 Rotherham U.					
15 SCUNTHORPE U.					
23 Mansfield T.					
March					
2 BRENTFORD					
9 Peterborough U.					
15 BARNLEY					
20 Torquay U.					
22 Doncaster R.					
26 WORKINGTON					
30 LINCOLN C.					
April					
3 Bradford C.					
6 HARTLEPOOL					
13 Darlington					
15 Swansea C.					
16 SWANSEA C.					
20 EXETER C.					
27 Bury					
28 Aug Swindon FLC1	3-3	Jarman,Screen,Brown	6,873		
4 Sep Swindon FLC1					

To be continued.

THIRD TEAM (Gwent Premier League)

All home matches at Royal Ordnance Ground, Usk.

August-1973	F A
25 FIELDS PARK	0-1
September	
1 Caerleon	2-1
8 Girling	
15 CROESYCEILIOG	
22 Croesyceiliog A.	
29 PENTWYNMAWR	

To be continued.

OUR RECENT LINE-UPS . . .

25th August v. READING (H) Div. 4

Macey, Passey, Swain, Godfrey, Aizlewood, Harris, Jarman, Screen, Brown, Hill, White.

25th August v. LLANELLI (A)

2nd Round S.A. Brain Cup

Payne, Fisher, Wood, Copeland, Crosse, Guilfoyle, Rogers, Hooper, Truman, White, J., Jones, D.

25th August v. FIELDS PARK (H)

Gwent Premier League

Stockham, Stitfall, O'Donohue, Hollyman, Powell, Jones, A., Hayes, Johnson, Morgan, Channing, Gomez.

28th August v. SWINDON TOWN (A)

1st Round F.L. Cup

Macey, Passey, Swain, Godfrey, Aizlewood, Harris, Jarman, Screen, Brown, Hill, White.

Line-up

NEWPORT COUNTY

Tangerine Shirts
Black Shorts

- 1 John MACEY.....
- 2 Peter PASSEY.....
- 3 Kenny SWAIN.....
- 4 Brian GODFREY.....
- 5 Steve AIZLEWOOD.....
- 6 Brian HARRIS (Capt.).....
- 7 Harold JARMAN.....
- 8 Willie SCREEN.....
- 9 Willie BROWN.....
- 10 Len HILL.....
- 11 Andy WHITE.....
- 12 Bob SUMMERHAYES.....

SWINDON TOWN

Blue Shirts
Blue Shorts

- 1 Jimmy ALLAN.....
- 2 Rod THOMAS (Capt.).....
- 3 John TROLLOPE.....
- 4 Terry HUBBARD.....
- 5 Frank BURROWS.....
- 6 Joe BUTLER.....
- 7 David MOSS.....
- 8 Mick McGOVERN.....
- 9 Ray TREACY.....
- 10 Dick LEGG.....
- 11 Tommy JENKINS.....
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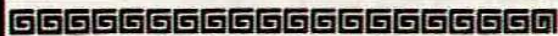
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