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Football League — Division 3

Swindon Town

News & Review 7p

Football League 3rd Division fixtures and results

Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise stated.

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1974		Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance	Scorers	
Aug.	17	Gillingham	A	2—2	6,141	Shipperley (o.g.), Wright (pen.)	
	21	Chester (L.C.1)	Wed. A	1—2	3,583	Buckley	
	24	HALIFAX TOWN	H	1—1	3,280	Robinson	
Sept.	31	Preston North End	A	2—3	7,446	Buckley, Wright	
	7	HEREFORD UNITED	H	3—1	3,328	Buckley (2), Atthey	
	14	Wrexham	A	0—0	4,284		
	16	Southend United	Mon. A	0—3	6,966		
	21	TRANMERE' ROVERS	H	1—0	2,927	Wright	
	24	SWINDON TOWN	Tues. H				
Oct.	28	Colchester United	A				
	1	BRIGHTON	Tues. H				
	5	Plymouth Argyle	A				
	8	PORT VALE (L.C.3)	Tues. H				
	12	ALDERSHOT	H				
Nov.	19	Crystal Palace	A				
	26	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H				
	2	Chesterfield	A				
	4	Port Vale	Mon. A				
	9	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H				
	13	League Cup 4					
	16	Charlton Athletic	A				
Dec.	23	F.A. Cup 1					
	30	Bury	A				
	4	League Cup 5					
	7	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H				
	14	F.A. Cup 2					
	21	Huddersfield Town	A				
1975	26	WREXHAM	Thurs. H				
	28	Grimsby Town	A				
	4	SOUTHEND UNITED (3)	H				
	11	Peterborough United	A				
	15	League Cup S.F.					
	18	BURY	H				
	22	League Cup S.F.					
	25	WATFORD (4)	H				
	Feb.	1	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A			
		8	CHESTERFIELD	H			
15		Watford (5)	A				
22		CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H				
28		PRESTON N.E.	Fri. H				
Mar.	1	L.C. Final					
	8	Swindon Town (6)	A				
	15	COLCHESTER UNITED	H				
	18	GILLINGHAM	Tues. H				
	22	Hereford United	A				
	28	Tranmere Rovers	Fri. A				
	29	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H				
	31	GRIMSBY TOWN	MON. H				
April	1						
	5	Blackburn Rovers (S.F.)	A				
	9	Brighton & Hove A.	Wed. A				
	12	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H				
	19	Aldershot	A				
May	22	Halifax Town	Tues. A				
	25	CRYSTAL PALACE	Fri. H				
	3	F.A. Cup Final					

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VIEWS AND COMMENTS

By **H. J. WESTMANCOAT**

Although the season is only six weeks old, one pleasing feature as far as the Club is concerned, has been the form of several of our young Apprentice Players.

During the close season, the number of Apprentices signed by the Club was increased by three newcomers, namely, Gary Shelton, aged 16; Harry Wood, who has since had his seventeenth birthday, both from Nottingham; and also sixteen year old goalkeeper Carl Eaton, from Telford. These three newcomers, together with the Apprentices already on our staff, have begun to settle down in the reserve team, and their understanding of the game, and the progress they are making, points to them following in the footsteps of our two former Apprentice Players Alan Birch and Brian Caswell.

Kelvin Clarke, who joined the Club as an Apprentice player at the age of 15, whilst taking a little time to determine his best playing position, has given encouraging performances in the defence at left-back, and it appears that he is settling down to command this position.

Kevin Lane, another Apprentice, who joined the Club at the age of 16, has settled down nicely as a striker, and who has the flair for scoring goals, and displayed this ability in the last reserve home match with two brilliantly taken goals. Last season he was the Third Team's leading goalscorer with 25 goals.

Another Apprentice, Bob Parsons, who is now 17, plays as a striker, and uses his height to create panic in the visitor's defence, and has already opened his account with a goal against West Bromwich Albion.

Gary Shelton, whose favourite position has been a goalscoring centre forward, has now taken over the role of a midfield player, a position which would
continued on page 7

Our cover photograph this evening shows Brian Taylor shooting for goal in a recent match. Brian joined us in June 1971, and last season made 39 appearances and scored 7 goals.

(Photograph published by courtesy of "The Walsall Observer".

Swindon Town . . .

This evening we extend a warm welcome to Swindon Town Football Club, who once again return to the Third Division, after a period of four seasons in Division II, following their promotion at the end of Season 1968-69. During that Season, Swindon completed the double over the "Saddlers", winning 1-0 at Swindon, and 2-0 at Fellows Park. It is interesting to note that two of our present members of the Club, Nick Atthey and Stan Bennett, played in the match at Swindon, with Colin Harrison as substitute, and in the return match at Fellows Park, Colin Harrison and Nick Atthey were again members of the team. In this particular season, Swindon of course won the League Cup Competition, and amongst the names that spring to mind who played at Walsall were, Stan Harland, now with Birmingham City; Don Rogers, who until recently was at Crystal Palace, and of course a none too recent Fellows Park favourite John Smith. Another former Walsall player Willie Penman, was also a member of the first team squad.

Whilst many changes have taken place at

Swindon since our last meeting, one person who will not be unfamiliar with Fellows Park is their present Manager, Danny Williams, who steered them to promotion, and the League Cup victory in Season 1968-69.

Long-serving players who are still with the Club from their successful days are:—Frank Burrows, a 6ft. 1in. tall centre-half, and full-back John Trollope, who is the Club's longest serving professional, having signed for them in August 1960, and who since his League debut at the age of 16, has made over 600 appearances for the Club.

Two close season signings by the Club were goalkeeper Jim Baron, who was signed from Nottingham Forest, following spells with Wolverhampton Wanderers, Chelsea and Oxford United, and also Hugh MacLean, the Scottish born left winger who was secured from West Bromwich Albion.

David Syrett, a striker, was signed by Swindon as a professional in November, 1973, and last season was a member of the England Youth Team. Another former England Youth

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EVERY FRIDAY





Back Row : D. Munks, R. Potter, DD. McGovern, J. Barron, J. Allen, F. Burrows, T. Jenkins, R. Clarke.
Middle Row : N. rollope, D. Moss, P. Eastoe, D. Syrett, D. Hubbard, H. Maclean.
Front Row : J. McLaughlin, W. Dixon, K. Stroud, J. Butler.

International, John McLaughlin, a full-back, joined the Club from Colchester in December 1973, and has secured the left-back position, whilst another signing in May 1973 from Tottenham Hotspur was striker Ray Clarke. Two Midlanders at present with Swindon are: Wolverhampton born centre-half Ron Potter, who started his career with West Bromwich Albion, and Tamworth born Peter Eastoe, who was signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in March 1973 after a loan period, and although only playing 19 games last season, became the Club's leading goal scorer. He is also the Club's leading goal scorer so far this season, with 7 goals to his credit. Wilfred Dixon, full-back or midfield player, was signed from Reading in September 1973, whilst striker Mick McGovan, signed from Queen's Park Rangers in November 1973. Winger Tom Jenkins was secured from Southampton in October 1972, after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Three players who have graduated through the junior teams are: James Allan, a goalkeeper who made his debut in September 1971; Joe Butler, a full-back

who was a regular member of the successful team in the 1968-69 and 1969-70 seasons; Ken Stroud, a midfield player; and outside right David Moss. Terry Hubbard joined the Club as an Apprentice player, signing as a full-time professional in 1969, and who established himself as a regular first team player, and a Welsh "Under 23" International.

Of our previous meetings with Swindon Town, out of the 34 games played, they have won 15, with 8 matches drawn, scoring 47 goals to our 43, and if history is anything to go by, an entertaining game should be provided by both teams this evening.

Swindon Town made a slow start in the League this season but have now begun to collect points and play entertaining football. They have played 8 matches losing only 2 games and at present are eighth in the table with nine points, scoring 14 goals against 15.

A win tonight for Swindon could see them move into joint second place in the table.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES by R. E. Sadler

Swindon Town will be remembered on this ground for that remarkable sudden blackout of fog which descended on the Pleck at about 4.30 p.m. during a Saturday fixture. Walsall were winning three nil when, out of nowhere, the "Robbins" were saved as visibility was reduced to a few yards. Do you remember who won the "Replay".

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appear to be "tailor made" for him, judging by his recent displays, whilst Harry Wood, although he has only played 3 games this season, is proving to be a useful defender.

Goalkeeper Carl Eaton, who played for the Shropshire County F.A. Youth Team, prior to joining the Club, has given some good performances, in his position as last man of the defence, and is showing improvement in every match.

In our first few reserve matches, the opportunity was given to several Amateur players to show their skills, and also to Roger

Cunningham, the 15 year old English Schools F.A. Reserve Goalkeeper, who has signed Schoolboy forms for the Club.

However, as the Season gets under way, and an established team, comprising of our Apprentice players, and the more experienced Professional players, settle down into a good combination, supporters can be sure of many entertaining reserve matches at Fellows Park, and the accumulation of good results.

Already the reserve team have illustrated their football capabilities, and given pleasure to the supporters who regularly visit Fellows Park and give their vocal support.

CLUB STATISTICS as at 23rd Sept., 1974

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

League Division III

- 7 G. Andrews, N. Atthey, A. Buckley, R. Fry, C. Harrison (inc. 1 sub.), M. Kearns, D. Robinson, J. Saunders, BP. Wright.
- 6 D. Sloan (inc. 3 sub.), B. Taylor.
- 4 S. Bennett.
- 2 A. Birch (2 sub.), B. Caswell, T. Spinner (inc. 1 sub.).

LEAGUE CUP APPEARANCES

- 1 M. Kearns, J. Saunders, R. Fry, D. Robinson, N. Atthey, C. Harrison, G. Andrews, B. Wright, A. Buckley, B. Taylor, D. Sloan (sub.).

RESERVE TEAM APPEARANCES

- 6 K. Brown, L. Jenkins.
- 5 A. Birch, C. Eaton, R. Parsons, T. Spinner, M. Tuohy.
- 4 K. Clarke, K. Lane (inc. 1 sub.), G. Shelton, H. Wood.
- 3 D. Fraser.
- 2 A. King (inc. 1 sub.), A. Pearson (inc. 1 sub.).
- 1 A. Collett, R. Cunningham, M. Gavin (1 sub.), T. Johnson (1 sub.), S. Peate, C. Wood (1 sub.).

Notes by Doug Fraser

Phew! A last gasp effort by Bernie Wright gave us two points against Tranmere on Saturday. Last week, after the Southend game, I said we would play a lot worse and win, after Saturday's display my forecast was correct. To give my report about it, I honestly don't know where to begin.

The plea we made last week for better support for the team seemed to have had the opposite effect. 2,927 has been the lowest crowd for a very long time, times are very hard indeed.

One pleasing point at last, was the 4—1 win

the kids had at Mansfield, Terry Spinner notching all four goals. The confidence and spirit going through the reserve side is tremendous at the moment. A few good results can make all the difference in the world.

If we can get a result tonight against Swindon, I'm hoping the first team get a similar feeling, which I think at the moment is missing, and it's my job to help, and motivate them towards this goal.

Keep shouting us on, I'm sure the players will respond.

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Brian Caswell	11
Alan Birch	12

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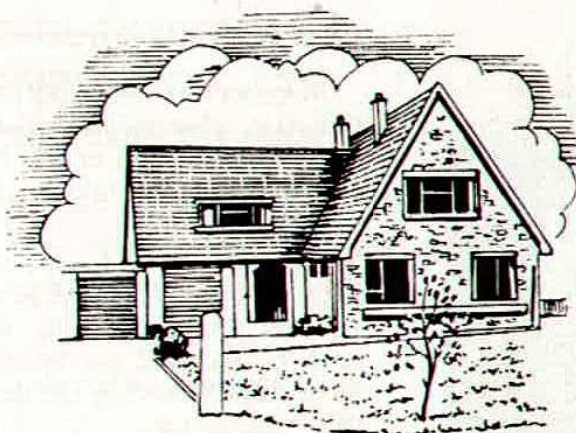
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E	Cambridge Utd. v Mansfield T.
F	Arsenal v Newcastle United
G	Carlisle Utd. v Manchester C.
H	Coventry City v Luton Town
J	Ipswich Town v Stoke City
K	Leeds United v Tottenham H.
L	Liverpool v Burnley
M	Middlesbrough v Leicester C.
P	Queen's Park R. v Everton
R	W'ton Wands. v Sheffield Utd.
S	Notts. County v Orient
T	Sunderland v Norwich City

Our next matches

Saturday, 28th September, 1974

Derby County

Midland Intermediate League

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st October, 1974

Brighton & Hove Albion

Football League Division III

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Away to

Colchester United

Saturday, 28th September, 1974, kick-off 3.00 p.m. Suggested route:—M1 motorway to Junction 8, then motorway M10 and A405 signposted Hatfield, at junction with A1 turn left and then right on to A414, passing Hertford until the junction with the A11. Turn left on A11 to Bishops Stortford, then follow A120 and A12 to Colchester, turning left where signposted Stanway. Proceed along this road to traffic lights. Turn right into Straight Road and proceed along this road for approximately 3 miles. Ground situated in Layer Road on left hand side. Estimated distance—180 miles.

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31 West Bromwich Albion	H	3—3	Tuohy, Parsons, Spinner
September			
7 Birmingham City	A	1—1	Spinner
14 SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	2—0	Lane (2)
21 Mansfield Town	A	4—1	Spinner (4)
28 DERBY COUNTY	H		
October			
5 BRISTOL CITY	H		
12 Wolves	A		
19 ASTON VILLA	H		
26 West Bromwich Albion	A		
November			
2 BIRMINGHAM CITY	H		
9 Shrewsbury Town	A		
16 MANSFIELD TOWN	H		
23 Leicester City	A		
30 STOKE CITY	H		
December			
7 Coventry City	A		
14 Port Vale	A		
21 PORT VALE	H		
28 LEICESTER CITY	H		

1975

January

4 Hereford United	A		
11 COVENTRY CITY	H		
18 Stoke City	A		

February

1 Bristol City	A		
8 Derby County	A		
15 HEREFORD UNITED	H		

LEAGUE DIVISION III

As at 23rd September, 1974

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Preston	8	5	2	1	13	6	12
Southend	8	5	1	2	12	5	11
Colchester	7	4	2	1	10	5	10
Bournemouth	6	4	1	1	6	1	9
Peterborough	6	4	1	1	8	5	9
Blackburn	6	4	1	1	7	5	9
Watford	8	3	3	2	12	12	9
Swindon	8	3	3	2	14	15	9
Crystal Palace	7	4	0	3	12	9	8
Charlton	7	3	2	2	9	10	8
Port Vale	7	2	3	2	10	10	7
Brighton	7	3	1	3	6	7	7
Walsall	7	2	3	2	9	10	7
Hereford	8	2	0	5	7	10	6
Chesterfield	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
Plymouth	8	2	1	5	11	13	5
Tranmere	7	2	1	4	5	8	5
Gillingham	7	1	3	4	5	8	5
Bury	7	2	1	4	5	9	5
Halifax	8	1	3	4	9	15	5
Huddersfield	5	2	0	3	6	5	4
Grimsby	6	1	2	3	9	9	4
Wrexham	6	1	2	3	7	10	4
Aldershot	8	2	1	5	9	13	4

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Shrewsbury Town	6	3	1	2	7	7	7
Stoke City	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Hereford United .	6	3	1	2	8	9	7
Walsall	6	2	2	2	11	9	6
Aston Villa	6	2	2	2	9	8	6
Derby County	5	2	1	2	4	3	5
W.B.A.	6	1	3	2	9	10	5
Birmingham City	6	2	1	3	6	9	5
Mansfield Town .	6	2	0	4	7	10	4
Port Vale	5	1	0	4	3	9	2
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