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Doug Fraser writes

Here we are again. How good it feels to be back. After 6 weeks of toil and sweat the players are in good shape, and are in terrific spirit, especially after the draw we achieved at Peterborough on Saturday.

The great fear of every team is to be beaten the first match of the season. Although the game itself was not a classic, two teams attempted to turn it on, and a draw was a fair result. I had a word with Peterborough's Manager Noel Cantwell about his secret weapon 'the Streaker' who came on at half-time, the difficulty I had with my players about who was going to mark her, as they had all volunteered. I am glad the distraction did not put them off the rest of the match.

Today we welcome Swindon Town, a team I have a lot of time and respect for, under the capable hands of Manager Danny Williams. Last season the points were shared over both encounters, each team winning at home. The games were a credit to the Third Division. On each occasion they were played in tremendous spirit with some terrific football. I am sure today's match will be rich in entertainment.

Many thanks to the supporters who travelled to Peterborough, it was great to hear you encouraging the team with your vocal support.

Due to our 0—0 draw with Shrewsbury Town in the 1st Leg of Round One in the League Cup last Tuesday, we start all square at the Gay Meadow next Tuesday in the Second Leg. We must score goals in this match since at the final reckoning if the results are equal, away goals count double.

Front cover photograph shows Alan Buckley scoring a typical goal which has helped make him the Club's leading goal scorer the past two seasons.

Swindon Town

This afternoon our visitors are the Directors, Officials and Players of Swindon Town Football Club who, like ourselves, made a gallant attempt last season to return to the Second Division, just missing promotion by the small margin of 2 points, finishing 4th in the League Table. Last season at Fellows Park, the "Saddlers" ran out winners by 2-0, the scorers being Alan Buckley and Nick Atthey, but in March of this year, although the "Saddlers" played attractive football, they went down 3-0 at the County Ground in Swindon.

Supporters will remember the three former Walsall Players who joined us from Swindon, namely John Smith who later became Manager, Willie Penman and Chris Jones who is still at present with York City. Their Manager Danny Williams was the man who steered them to promotion to Division II, and also their League Cup victory in season 1968-69, and will once again be making a determined

effort for Swindon to return to the Second Division.

Of the team which played at Fellows Park last season, only two players are likely to be playing at Fellows Park for the first time this evening, Kenny Stroud midfield player who graduated through the Club's junior teams, and Trevor Anderson who occupies No. 11 position.

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 has since his League debut at the age of 16 has made over 600 appearances for the Club.

Prior to season 1974-75 the Club signed goalkeeper Jim Baron, who was signed from Nottingham Forest, following spells with Wol-

SADDLERS

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EVERY FRIDAY





SWINDON TOWN F.C.

Anderson, Syrett, Burrows, Eastoe, Allan, Barron, Jenkins, Stroud, Trollope, Prophet,
 Dixon, Moss, Hubbard, McLaughlin, Butler,
 Gardner, Chalklin.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, Chelsea and Oxford United, and also Hugh MacLean, a Scottish born left-winger, who has now left the Club.

John McLaughlin, former England Youth International 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 he only played 19 games in that season he was the Club's leading goal scorer. He was also the Club's leading goal scorer last season with 31 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.

Of our previous meetings with Swindon Town, out of the 36 games played, they have won 16, with 8 matches drawn, scoring 50 goals to our 45.

Should Swindon Town display last season's form in the match this afternoon, an entertaining game will be witnessed by all spectators, and could possibly indicate the possibilities of whether both Clubs will be competing for Championship Honours at the end of the season.

Football League 3rd Division fixtures and results

Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise stated.

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1975	Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance	Scorers
Aug.	16 Peterborough Utd.	A	0—0	7,174	
	19 SHREWSBURY TN. (L.C.1)	H	0—0	5,917	
	23 SWINDON TOWN	H			
	26 Shrewsbury T. (L.C.1, 2nd leg)	A			
	30 Halifax Town	A			
Sept.	6 SOUTHEND UNITED	H			
	10 League Cup 2				
	13 Preston North End	A			
	20 Bury	H			
	22 SHREWSBURY TOWN	H			
	27 Mansfield Town	A			
Oct.	4 GRIMSBY TOWN	H			
	8 League Cup 3				
	11 Colchester United	A			
	18 CHESTER	H			
	21 MILLWALL	H			
	25 Gillingham	A			
Nov.	1 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H			
	4 Cardiff City				
	8 Rotherham United				
	12 League Cup 4				
	15 Chesterfield	H			
	22 F.A. Cup 1				
	29 Aldershot	A			
Dec.	3 League Cup 6				
	6 Port Vale	H			
	13 F.A. Cup 2				
	20 BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H			
	26 Hereford United				
	27 WREXHAM	H			
1976					
Jan.	3 Crystal Palace	A			
	10 HALIFAX TOWN	H			
	14 League Cup S.F.				
	17 Bury	A			
	21 League Cup S.F.				
	24 PRESTON NORTH END (4)	H			
	31 Millwall	A			
Feb.	7 CARDIFF CITY	H			
	14 ROTHERHAM UNITED (6)	H			
	21 Chesterfield	A			
	24 Shrewsbury Town	A			
	27 GILLINGHAM	H			
Mar.	6 Sheffield Wednesday (6)	A			
	9 Grimsby Town	A			
	13 COLCHESTER UNITED	H			
	17 Chester	A			
	20 ALDERSHOT	H			
	27 Port Vale				
	31 Brighton & Hove Albion	A			
Apr.	3 PETERBOROUGH U. (S.F.)	H			
	6 MANSFIELD TOWN	H			
	9 Southend United	A			
	16 CRYSTAL PALACE	H			
	17 HEREFORD UNITED	H			
	19 Wrexham	A			
	20				
	24 Swindon Town	A			
May	1 F.A. Cup Final				

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

Football League Division III Season 1974/75

46: G. Andrews, A. Buckley, C. Harrison (inc. 1 sub.), M. Kearns; 44: N. Atthey, D. Robinson; 41: B. Wright; 33: R. Fry (inc. 3 sub.), J. Saunders (inc. 1 sub.); 29: S. Bennett (inc. 3 sub.), B. Taylor (inc. 7 sub.); 25: A. Birch (inc. 2 sub.), D. Sloan (inc. 8 sub.); 24: B. Caswell (inc. 3 sub.); 15: T. Spinner (inc. 8 sub.); 9: K. Brown (inc. 3 sub.); 8: L. Jenkins (inc. 5 sub.); 3: D. Serella; 1: K. Clarke (sub.), G. Shelton (sub.)

Midland Intermediate League fixtures and results

Matches are played on Saturdays unless otherwise stated.

1975	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers
Aug. 16	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	0—1	
23	Stoke City	A		
30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
Sept. 6	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A		
13	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H		
20	Hereford United	A		
27	ASTON VILLA	H		
Oct. 4	Birmingham City	A		
11	DERBY COUNTY	H		
18	Leicester City	A		
25	STOKE CITY	H		
Nov. 1	West Bromwich	A		
8	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
15	Nottingham Forest	A		
22	Port Vale	A		
29	Shrewsbury Town	A		
Dec. 6				
13	LEICESTER CITY	H		
20	To be arranged			
27	Derby County	A		
1976				
Jan. 3	HEREDORD UNITED	H		
10	Aston Villa	A		
17	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H		
24	Mansfield Town	A		
31				
Feb. 7	To be arranged			

FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION FINAL TABLE—SEASON 1974-75

Blackburn	46	22	16	8	68	45	60
Plymouth	46	24	11	11	79	58	59
Charlton	46	22	11	13	76	61	55
Swindon	46	21	11	14	64	58	53
Chrystal Palace	46	18	15	13	66	57	51
Port Vale	46	18	15	13	61	54	51
Peterborough	46	19	12	15	47	53	50
Walsall	46	18	13	15	67	52	49
Preston	46	19	11	16	63	56	49
Gillingham	46	17	14	15	65	60	48
Colchester	46	17	13	16	70	63	47
Hereford	46	16	14	16	64	66	46
Wrexham	46	15	15	16	65	55	45
Bury	46	16	12	18	53	50	44
Chesterfield	46	16	12	18	62	66	44
Grimsby	46	15	13	18	55	64	43
Halifax	46	13	17	16	49	65	43
Southend	46	13	16	17	46	51	42
Brighton	46	16	10	20	56	64	42
Aldershot	46	14	11	21	53	63	38
Bournemouth	46	13	12	21	44	58	38
Tranmere	46	14	9	23	55	57	37
Watford	46	10	17	19	52	75	37
Huddersfield	46	11	10	25	47	76	32

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Brian Taylor	11
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Supporters Comments

Walsall fan Dennis Heath, of Crab Lane, Cannock was suitably impressed with Saddlers goalless game at Peterborough on the opening day of the season last Saturday.

"The team performance was good and a draw was a fair result on the day, but I would like to see a bit more aggression from the players, especially the forwards in tackling back after they have lost possession," said Mr. Heath.

"I thought the new man, Miah Dennehy, had a good match, he seems to have settled in very well.

"And Walsall are certainly going to be a force to be reckoned with if they can keep producing performances like that . . . but I would like to see the team getting better support, especially away from home", he added..

Picture Quiz

COMPETITION No. 1

Unfortunately due to the time allowed for entries to this competition, we are unable to

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J	Coventry C. v Manchester C.
K	Derby County v Queen' Park R.
L	Middlesbrough v W'hampton
M	Norwich City v Aston Villa
R	Notts County v Southampton
S	Portsmouth v Notts Forest
T	West Bromwich A. v Luton T.

Matches at Fellows Park

Saturday, August 30th, 1975—

Midland Intermediate League

West Bromwich Albion

Kick-off 11.00 a.m.

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Football League Division III

Southend United

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Football League Division III

Saturday, 30th August, 1975

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Press Comments

by Trevor Gedge

Goals and winning matches are what soccer is all about, but after their two opening games Walsall, although unbeaten, still have to find the net.

Manager Doug Fraser and his players must be hoping the blank score sheet situation will be rectified at Swindon's expense this afternoon with the team chalking up their first home win of the campaign.

Every club hopes for a good start each new season and the Saddlers' opening performance in the goalless game at Peterborough last Saturday was enough to suggest their away form is on the upgrade.

But Walsall certainly had a bit of a let-off here at Fellows Park on Tuesday night, with Shrewsbury Town failing to capitalise on the chance to build a useful lead for the return leg of their first round League Cup-tie at the Gay Meadow in three days time.

For once, however, luck was with the Saddlers. They go to Shrewsbury to continue the battle next Tuesday night, but they will have to do a lot more in 90 minutes there than they did in the goalless encounter at Fellows Park this week to win through.

Although good runs in the League and F.A. Cup competitions provide much needed extra revenue for clubs like Walsall, the Saddlers' priority this season is promotion.

They missed out on a place in the Second Division because they gave away too many silly points last time and had a very poor away record.

Manager Fraser and his staff are mindful of where they went wrong before and will be trying hard not to make the same mistakes again. But Walsall want a few goals in the back of the net quickly to give themselves and their supporters the fillip they need to put the club on the road to success.

Supporters Club Notes

by R. E. SADLER

Visitors from Wiltshire provide the opposition for the first home game in the League. I hope that the game will be as exciting as the fixture last year. To speculate on the outcome of the team after one or two matches is very difficult. Let us hope for an eventful fixture list with all of the action confined to the pitch. When spectators have paid their money to watch the matches, they at least have the right to be allowed to watch in peace without being surrounded by ill-mannered chaos.

Whenever Swindon visit the Pleck, I always think back to that match in the 60's when, losing 3—0 with 15 minutes to go, they were saved by a sudden fog which reduced visibility to less than ten yards.

AWAY MATCH DETAILS

Arrangements are in hand to cover away fixtures, starting with next week's trip round the Wrekin to Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury. I shall give brief details each week of the next away trip with times and prices.

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