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# SWINDON TOWN



# Face to Face: Mickey Evans

There can be few players who have turned out in no fewer than nine different shirts in a career which spans ten years and 250 odd games for one club. Such a player is Mickey Evans, who joined Wrexham from Wolves in 1966, and has consistently proved that he is one of the most versatile players on the staff (writes Anthony Jones).



But when you have played with No's. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 on your back, even in these days when numbers do not play such an important part in the game, a player must have his preferences. Which is Mickey's?

"I don't know really" he said "I always fancied playing as a defender, even in my days with Wolves when I was playing as a wing-half, as they used to have it. I have not found it hard to adapt, but you have to expect to play where the club tell you. I don't think that coaching helps all that much when you adapt to a new position. When you have been in the game for so long you learn and gain from experience.

"I always try to be creative in my approach to the game—I am not one of those players who like to kick the ball anywhere and in the middle of the back four you have a better chance to see more of the game—it's one of the few positions where you can."

Those of you who read Mickey's "Town Focus" in an edition of last season's programme will have noticed that he has always held a soft-spot for Wolves, his previous club. But why was this so?

"I always used to watch them when I was young" he said "It was during their heyday and they were the nearest club to my home in mid-Wales. The trains from Caersws were probably more frequent than to anywhere else although I sometimes watched Wrexham in the days of Ken Barnes.

"I have never really regretted my move from Wolves although probably having supported them since I was a boy I was a bit disillusioned about football when they released me but once I was over the initial disappointment I began to settle down again.

"I had done a cartilage and when I was recovering Stan Cullis had the sack. I never really got on with Ronnie Allen and he sacked most of the coaching staff. I was one of a dozen or so he released when the staff was pruned".

Mickey married during the summer and he and his wife, Meryl, now live in Borras (Dave Smallman's old house, in fact) after travelling from his home in Caersws for four years. Why did he decide to return to Wrexham when both he and his wife come from mid-Wales?

"I did live here for six years before I began to travel. I, and my wife, find it easy to get on with people here and have settled in quite well" he says.



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# ATTACK

# Racecourse Roundup

- A fortnight is a long time in football. It represents I/26th of a year or I/19th of a season. In that time Wrexham have won their way to the last sixteen in the European Cup Winners' Cup competition and slumped into the bottom four of the Third Division table. It is therefore difficult to describe the events of the period in between our I—0 win over Port Vale and Satruday's sickening 2—0 defeat at Hereford in any detail.
- I say Saturday's defeat at Hereford was nauseating because it perfectly illustrated how difficult we are finding it to score, and gain points, away from The Racecourse. Some unfortunate pressman, in a moment of despair had written over the desk in the sardine tin Pressbox at Edgar Street the simple word "Help!"... It must have summed-up a lot for Wrexham.

### ECHO'S LOUD

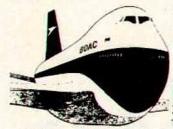
Charles Lambert of the "Liverpool Echo" rates our programme (along with that of Tranmere Royers) as the best

amongst the local Third and Fourth Division clubs. He wrote in his column on Saturday: "Wrexham have provided a restyled programme this season. Once again they use several photographs in each edition, which always help to brighten up the presentation of a regular interview feature, "Face to Face", is a welcome addition."

Mr. Lambert continues that he is surprised to see that we have dropped our "Calendar" feature . . . Read on next Wednesday!

### ECHO'S MISS

- However in his "Milestones" feature (in the "Echo" recently) Mr. Lambert stated that Arfon Griffiths had passed the 500-appearance mark. In fact Arfon is due to make his 500th League appearance for us this afternoon.
- Also this afternoon, Mr. Fred Tomlinson, the Club Chairman, will present a gift, given to him by the supporters of Djurgardens, to Supporters' Association Chairman, Mr. Adrian Jones.



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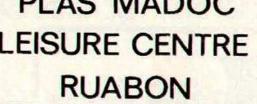
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# Welcome: Swindon Town

JIMMY ALLAN: Jimmy signed for Swindon as an Apprentice Professional in October 1970 and signed full-time forms in July 1971. He made his debut in the first team in September 1971.

TREVOR ANDERSON: Born in Belfast, Trevor joined Swindon on 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. A Northern Ireland international.

JIM BARRON: Born Tantobie, Co. Durham, Jimmy signed for Swindon in July 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolves, Chelsea and Oxford United, he has shared the goalkeeping spot with Allan this season.

FRANK BURROWS: Frank joined Swindon from Scunthorpe United. Previously with Raith Rovers, he has been a regular member of the squad since 1968. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of 1968/69.

JOE BUTLER: Born Newcastle, he joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and

ability make up for his lack of inches. Played in League Cup team of 1969.

WILF DIXON: Born in London, Wilf joined Swindon from Reading in September 1973.

PETER EASTOE: Born in Tamworth, Staffs, Peter was signed from Wolver-hampton Wanderers on 13th March 1974, having joined Wolves as an apprentice. Last season he was the Club's top goal scorer, with 22-goals.

TERRY HUBBARD: Born in Newport, but Terry has been with Swindon since he left school. A professional since 1969, he has now established himself as a regular first team and Welsh under-23 player.

TOM JENKINS: Signed from Southampton in October 1972 after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace, Tom was formerly with Orient and Reading. He also had a spell with Southern League Margate.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN: Born Edmonton, London, John is a former England Youth international who joined the Club from Colchester on the 3rd December 1973, and has since made the left back position his own. DAVID MOSS: Born Witney, David was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional forms for Swindon in 1969.

COLIN PROPHETT: A former Sheffield Wednesday star, Colin joined Swindon in November 1974.

KEN STROUD: Born London, Ken signed for Swindon as an apprentice in 1967 and joined the professional ranks in 1970. This skillful player is rapidly becoming contender for a regular first team place.

DAVE SYRETT: Born in Salisbury, Dave joined Swindon as an apprentice in July 1972 and became a professional in November 1973. During the past season he became a member of the first team squad and was also a member of the England Youth team.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Born Wroughton, near Swindon. John signed for the "Robins" from school and has become their longest-serving professional, making his debut in August 1960. Since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 600-appearances for Swindon.

The Swindon Squad, 1975: (Back L to R)
Trevor Anderson, Dave Syrett, Frank
Burrows, Pete Eastoe, Jimmy Allan,
Jim Barron, Ross Jenkins, Ken Stroud,
John Trollope, Colin Prophett.
(Front L to R): Wilf Dixon, David Moss,
Terry Hubbard, John McLaughlin, Joe
Butler.





# ACTION

Nothing went right for Wrexham on Saturday, as these two pictures show. On the left, Graham Whittle scratches his ear as Hereford goal-keeper, Kevin Charlton breathes a sigh of relief and Mike Thomas (background) watches his shot skid past. On the right, Brian Tinnion tussles with John Galley.

Pictures: Bob Hewitt

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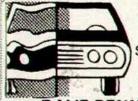
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# TRACK RECORD

### ARFON REACHES A MILESTONE!

Congratulations are duly in order today for Arfon Griffiths, scheduled to make his 500th Football League appearance this afternoon.

According to both the "Liverpool Echo" (Page 3) and the "Rothmans Football Yearbook" he made it 500 at Cardiff, but we are sure—having checked it against club records—that it is 500 not out this afternoon. Even if both the Echo and ourselves are incorrect, with our reckoning, we are pretty sure that he will pass the existing club appearance record, currently held by Alf Jones (503 between 1923 and 1936), next month. And, if he avoids injury, is due to make that record breaking 504th appearance here on 15th November, against Crystal Palace.

His full career record now reads:

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TOTAL: 499 113



For "The Record", here is the complete list of Wrexham F.C. player's career appearances to date (Football League only):

	19/3-/6			Total		
Ashcroft Davies	6(3)		!	123(20)		38
Davis	5(1)		ó	251(6)	-	15
Dwyer	9	$\equiv$	ŏ	11(2)		6
Evans	9	_	0	266(10)	=	16
Fogg	4		0	135(1)		0
Griffiths	5	_	0	499	_	113
Hill		_	0	17	_	0
	10	-	0	183	_	0
Lyons	6(1)	-	1	9(2)	_	4
May	10	-	1	295(4)	_	28
Scott	(2)	-	0	14(4)	-	0
Sutton Thomas	8	-	!	126(1)	-	10
Tinnion	7	-	-	93(11)		13
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Kelly	3	-	ŏ	3	=	ŏ

\*Goals in second column. \*Sub. appearances in brackets.

## THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

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Aug.	16 20 23 27 30	ALDERSHOT, 3-1; 3,318 (LCI) CHESTER, 3-0; 8,267 Millwall, 1-2; 6,785 (LCI) Chester 0-0; 6,346 CHESTERFIELD 1-0; 3,519
Sept.	6 10 13 17 20 24 27	Sheffield Wed. 0-1; 7,855 (LC2) M'FIELD 1-2; 3,644 GILLINGHAM 2-0; 2,654 (ECWCI) D.I.F. 2-1; 9.009 Rotherham 1-2: 3,776 Peterborough 0-2; 5,888 PORT VALE 1-0; 3,000
Oct.	1 4 11 18 21 25	(ECWCI) D.I.F. I-1; 1,769 Cardiff 0-3; 7,653 Hereford 0-2; 6,228 SWINDON Grimsby Brighton
Nov.	1 8 15 19 22 29	MANSFIELD SOUTHEND Bury CRYSTAL PALACE WALES v. AUSTRIA F.A. CUP (I) HALIFAX
Dec.	6 13 20 26 27	Preston F.A. CUP (2) Colchester CHESTER Walsall

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- Back home in Wrexham on 7th Ooctober was Wrexham F.C.'s Club Doctor, Dr. Doug. Jones, who has aspent a month in America, visiting his sister-in-law, and stopping off at Philadelphia, Disney World and New York on the way.
- Dr. Jones told me last week that he thoroughly enjoyed himself in the States, but spent the last few days of his holiday wondering how we had got on against Djurgarden!

"I rang up the biggest newspaper in Philadelphia to try and find out the score" he said "but although they could tell me about a hunt in Germany . . . they could not tell me the score in Sweden!

"I assumed that we had lost because I received a letter while I was over in America and there was no reference to the game!"

 Happily, Dr. Jones was able to cure his fears on his return and take over his duties as club doctor from Dr. Richard Pickles at Hereford on Saturday.

### COMPETITION RESULTS

Those of you who are wondering who won The Supporters' Association competition in the Djurgardens programme can rest assured that we have found a winner... Well, fourteen to be exact!

- Yes, fourteen of the many entries we received were correct, and these also had the tie-breaker question of the correct score in Sweden right, too!
- ◆ The fourteen "winners" will shortly be receiving a further tie-breaker question through the post and we expect to announce the winners next month.

### A JOKES A JOKE

● I am indebted to a member of The Racecourse staff for the following amusing anecdote:

Barnsley were due to play on a Monday evening when their goalkeeper, Ironside, was doubtful because of injury. When asked if he thought Ironside would play, one of their opponents players said: "I don't know — but when I saw him on Saturday he was still in a wheelchair!"

Mr. Reg Winter, Steward at Malpas Sports Club, pictured receiving a £50 "Football Special" prize from our Commercial Manager, Mr. Reg Slater. On the right of the picture, with the Welsh Cup, is Supporters' Association Chairman, Mr. Adrian Jones. Pic. Nigel Buscombe, Chester.



# AIIAGKScene

	WREXHAM	
	BRIAN LLOYD	1
	GARETH DAVIS	
	PHIL DWYER	3
	MICKEY EVANS	4
	EDDIE MAY	2 3 4 5
	MIKE THOMAS	6
	BRIAN TINNION	7
	MEL SUTTON	8
	BILLY ASHCROFT	9
	GRAHAM WHITTLE	10
	ARFON GRIFFITHS	11
	SWINDON TOWN	
	JAMES ALLAN	1
	WILF DIXON	2
	JOHN TROLLOPE	3
	TOM JENKINS	4
	FRANK BURROWS	4 5
	KEN STROUD	6
	DAVID MOSS	7
	JOHN McLAUGHLIN	8
	PETER EASTOE	9
	JOE BUTLER	10
-	TREVOR ANDERSON	11

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