



OFFICIAL MATCH DAY MAGAZINE 15p

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

SWINDON TOWN
v

WALSALL

Swindon Town Football Co Limited

Registered Office County Ground
Swindon

Telephone No. 22118

President Mr. W. J. Castle

Directors

Chairman C.J. Green

Vice-Chairman C. Cowley

Directors

C. Day, A. W. Done, W. Dore,

M. W. Earle, T. J. Kearsey, L. Smart,

R. Stephenson, G. Whittock.

Financial Manager/Company Secretary

R. A. Morse

Administrative Manager/Secretary

R. J. Jefferies

Team Manager

D. T. Williams

Commercial Manager

D. Buswell

Club Medical Officer

Dr. J. Nicholas

POP INTO THE SOUVENIR SHOP

Managed by Chris Eley
and Bob O'Neill

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Waving Hands | 60p* |
| Ballpoint Pens | 12p & 28p |
| 'Town' Papermate Pens | 88p |
| Satin Scarves | 85p |
| Woollen Scarves | £1.30 |
| Rosettes | 20p |
| Pennants | 30p |
| Lapel Badges - Swindon Town | 35p |
| - Supporters Club | 40p* |
| Mugs | 90p |
| Key Fobs | 15p, 40p & 50p |
| Pencils | 6p |
| Comb & Case | 26p |
| Ties | £2.00 |
| Players Photographs | 30p |
| Shoulder Bags | £2.00 |
| Duffle Bags | £1.60 |
| Bangles | 50p & 55p |
| Pendants | 40p & 70p |
| Bracelets | 55p |
| Rings | 45p |
| Belts | £1.00 |
| Teapot Stands | 55p |
| Ashtrays | 40p |
| Letter Racks | 60p |
| Button Badges | 30p |
| Knitted Hats | 90p |
| Coloured Team Photographs | 60p |
| Autograph Books | 33p |
| Splash Patches | 40p |
| Car Stickers | 16p & 45p |
| Cuff Links | £1.50 |
| Football Figures | £2.25* |
| Postal purchases welcome, please add postage. * New Items | |

Ball Donor

Mr. C.B. Smith
8 Moat Lane,
Yardley,
Birmingham 26

Previous donors :-

Julian, Jeremy, and Gordon Law
The Manager & Staff Barclays Bank, Old Town.

Mr. W. Collins, Turf Accountant,
Swindon (4 match balls).

Castles, 4 & 5 Market Street.

Miss W. Hudd, 34 Euclid Street.

A Well Wisher.

Mr. A. Aubrey, 60 High, Street, Blunsdon.

G. Heath & Son, Building Contractors & Loft

Conversion Specialists, 79 St. Mary's Grove,
Swindon.

Mr. Howard, Manor Farm, Marston, Devizes.

14 Loyal Swindon Supporters from Hungerford.

Ken, Keith, Barrie & Malcolm of Thorn T.V.

Redfussion (South West) Ltd.

43 Bridge Street, Swindon.

Trigmeats, 7/9 St. Nicholas Street, Bristol.

Mr. & Mrs. Williams of Wantage.

Supporters of No. 1 Coach who travel to all our

away games.

Supporters of No. 1 Coach.

W.W. Webb Offset - Banbury.

Arthur Done.

Deborah & Pearl Conner, Ghost Train, Purton.

A Supporter from 1919 to 1978.

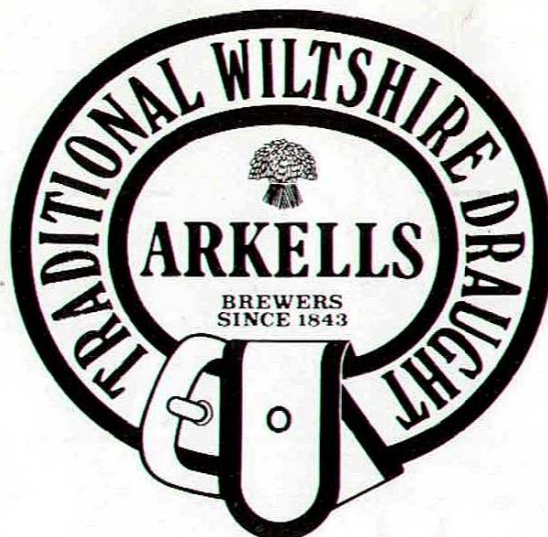
Swindon Viewpoint.

Swindon's Own Cable T.V. & Radio Station.

Mr. J.P. Faherty, Fairhaven, 99 Bath Road,
Swindon.

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Williams of Wantage.

WOULDN'T A PINT GO DOWN WELL TONIGHT?



Bits and Pieces

In 1888 Walsall Town and Walsall Swifts amalgamated to form Walsall Town Swifts. Seven years later the club became known simply as Walsall.

As Walsall Town Swifts, The Saddlers were original members of the Second Division in 1892. Despite finishing fourteenth out of sixteen clubs in 1895, Walsall lost its League place to Loughborough Trinity but returned twelve months later at the expenses of Crewe Alexandra.

Within the space of four years in the 1890's, Walsall suffered two 0 - 12 League defeats in the Second Division one against Darwen and the other against Small Heath - better known as Birmingham City.

Walsall failed to gain re-election in 1901 and it was to be sixty years before the club again graced the Second Division.

The club ended its exile in 1921, joining the new Third Division North. Because of its geographical position, Walsall played in both the northern and southern sections according to the 'balance' of clubs relegated from the Second Division.

In 1922-23, Walsall finished in third place behind Nelson and Bradford Park Avenue. A total of eight clubs from that northern section (20 clubs) no longer feature in the Football League set-up, the others being Wigan Borough, Accrington Stanley, Stalybridge Celtic, Barrow, Ashington and Durham City. By contrast, out of the 22 in the southern only two, Merthyr Town and Aberdare Athletic, have disappeared from the League scene.

In four League encounters with Walsall at the County Ground between 1927 and 1930, Swindon hit seventeen goals with Town centre-forward Harry Morris claiming nine of them. He scored hat-tricks in a 5-0 victory on October 15, 1927 and in a 5-1 win on September 8, 1928.

Walsall notched one of its most notable FA Cup victories ever in 1933, claiming the scalp of League-champions-to-be Arsenal 2-0 at Fellows Park. The club has only ever reached the last sixteen of the F.A. Cup on three occasions. In 1888-89, Walsall's first season as a professional outfit, the Town Swifts lost to finalists Wolverhampton Wanderers by six goals to one. The second time was in the last pre-war season when Huddersfield Town defeated Walsall 3-0 in the Fifth Round after the Midlanders, one off the bottom of the League, had scored a 2-0 away victory over Third South champions, Newport County. Walsall's last appearance in the Fifth Round was in 1975 when both Manchester United and Newcastle United were defeated, before a 43,841 crowd at St. Andrew's saw Birmingham City win by the odd goal in three.

Walsall made four consecutive applications for re-election to the League between 1952 and 1955.

In 1959-60 Walsall won the Fourth Division championship with a club record 65 points and 102 goals. Tony Richards and Colin Taylor, who jointly hold the club goalscoring record (184), netted 24 and 21 respectively. In the F.A. Cup The Saddlers defeated the Town here 3-2 in the First Round before going out to non-League Peterborough United by the same score. The tie was watched by a then record Fellows Park crowd of 20,646.

Walsall suffered relegation in 1963 on goal-average (0.053 of a goal), losing the last match of the season 1-2 to Charlton at Fellows Park. The home side played over half the game with only nine men - Graham Newton having broken an ankle and goalkeeper Alan Boswell his jaw. The club has remained in the Third Division ever since.

The former Town striker Chris Jones was top scorer for Walsall with 11 goals in 1972-73. Also in the Walsall side at that time was another former Swindon man, Willie Penman. Whilst

with the Town Willie had scored seventeen times in 100 League appearances. Chris Jones, who came here from Manchester City in the 1968 close season, scored eighteen goals in 49 full League appearances and 19 as substitute.



WILLIE PENMAN



CHRIS JONES

Current Walsall keeper Mick Kearns, an Eire international, joined Swindon in Italy during the Town's Anglo-Italian success in 1970. First-choice keeper Peter Downsbrough was injured which left the Town with only Roy Jones to fill the position. Kearns, then with Oxford United, flew out with the Swindon party, but was not called upon to play.

Fact finder

WALSALL

CURRENT FORM - LAST FIVE SEASONS:

| | DIV | P | W | D | L | F - A | Pts | Posn | Round Reached | Avge Home | TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORER | |
|-------|-----|----|----|----|----|---------|-----|------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | FAC | FLC | Lge Gte | |
| 76-77 | : 3 | 46 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 57 - 65 | 41 | 15th | 3rd | 2nd | 5497 | Alan Buckley 20 |
| 75-76 | : 3 | 46 | 18 | 14 | 14 | 74 - 61 | 50 | 7th | 1st | 1st | 6136 | Alan Buckley 34 |
| 74-75 | : 3 | 46 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 67 - 52 | 49 | 8th | 5th | 1st | 6268 | Alan Buckley 21 |
| 73-74 | : 3 | 46 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 57 - 48 | 45 | 15th | 2nd | 2nd | 4789 | Alan Buckley 21 |
| 72-73 | : 3 | 46 | 18 | 7 | 21 | 56 - 66 | 43 | 17th | 2nd | 1st | 4803 | Chris Jones 11 |

COMPLETE FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD:

| DIV | P | W | D | L | F - A | Pts |
|-------------|--------|-----|-----|------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Second | : 326 | 107 | 68 | 151 | 538 - 666 | 282 |
| Third | : 690 | 256 | 178 | 256 | 956 - 935 | 690 |
| Third North | : 452 | 175 | 85 | 192 | 720 - 743 | 435 |
| Third South | : 830 | 248 | 187 | 395 | 1227 - 1499 | 683 |
| Fourth | : 92 | 49 | 19 | 24 | 197 - 124 | 117 |
| TOTAL | : 2390 | 835 | 537 | 1018 | 3638 - 3967 | 2207 (to end of last season) |

Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Tonight we welcome Dave Mackay's team from Walsall. I expect that Des Anderson will also be renewing acquaintances with friends that he made while with us at Swindon.

After our last few results from our home fixtures, I am sure that we shall be eager to get amongst the goals again.

Walsall like us have been on the fringe of promotion for some time now, but in spite of good performances, they look as if they will have to wait for another year before attaining this goal.

I know how frustrating it is for our loyal supporters to see us get so close to promotion and then see it slip away from us, but I cannot understand the comments of people who declare that we, the Club, do not want promotion. These kind of statements I am afraid, only show a lack of understanding of the economics of football. To be full members of the Football League is every Club's ambition and it is very much easier to keep players happy in the higher divisions than in the lower divisions.

Football, as supported today through the turnstiles, cannot pay the costs of its players and administration and it is only through supporting activities, such as Supporters Clubs and Competitions run to raise money that the Club can maintain the standards that are necessary to keep a professional football club in existence. We feel that we at Swindon are as ambitious as any club can be and we have given our Manager every support to build up a team capable of getting us success, but in our present League there are twenty three other Managers trying their hardest to get the same success. Clubs like Newcastle in the First Division have spent millions over the years trying for this success and find themselves in spite of changes in management and costly buying, struggling to stay in their League. Portsmouth is another example of a Club that has spent large sums of money on players and also have had changes in management. No one has tried harder than Portsmouth to be successful and yet I suspect that they have their critics like we have, although they are a club whose supporters have rallied round them and a gate of ten thousand for them is low in spite of their struggles.

While on the subject of critics and I think we all belong to this group, because this has always been a healthy part of the game. I would like to reply to Mr. A.D. Aussey of Devizes who I

notice received a prize of £5 from the Advertiser for his comment. He has misquoted my comments from my notes for the Cambridge programme. He says that I said "that the Town End Supporters sing and chant in the way that we all like to hear it done". My remarks came at the end of my condemnation of the minority of hooligans who came to the Oxford fixture, of which he did not mention and then I paid a tribute to the Town End supporters who did sing and chant in the way that we all like to hear. I can only hope that our decent supporters at the Town End will be able to drown the filth that some persist in. Of course we the Management are upset by this kind of behaviour but I think that to try and drown their voices by an amplifier would drive everybody away.

We the Board are considering several suggestions to improve crowd behaviour and the ideas from Mr. D. G. King from Stonehouse, with many others are being given a lot of thought. I hope that next season we shall see some improvements. With regard to

Mr. King's comments that we shall ban all under 18's from our ground unless they have an identification ticket, the problems could arise when local visitors arrive without identification cards. I should hate to think that we were letting a crowd of young frustrated hooligans loose on our town, but we are giving this problem serious thought. Tonight we are issuing forms for our supporters who wish to be Season Ticket holders next season. As you may have seen in the national newspapers the Football League have decreed that the minimum charge for admission to league games shall be £1.00p next season. This will mean an increase of 20p on our present minimum ground charges and will necessitate small increases on seat charges. I dislike increases as much as anybody, because we know that everything appertaining to life is constantly increasing and it is for this reason that we at Swindon have one of the lowest priced stands in the country. I only hope that we can forget our disappointments tonight and enjoy a rousing game and once again thank you all for your support.



Colchester defender Steve Dowman (right) heads the ball clear of Swindon skipper Colin Prohett (white shorts) to halt a Town attack during Saturday's draw at the County Ground.

From the COMMERCIAL OFFICE

We are now going weekly

£3,000 EACH WEEK TO BE WON

The New Moonraker Lottery

1st Prize £1,000
2nd Prize £500
3rd Prize £200

Plus £1,300 in other Prizes in 52 separate prizes.

10% Commission on all sales +
10% Bonus on Winners sold.

We need a few more people to help sell our tickets.

If you can help fill in the form below and return to: The Lottery Office, County Ground, Swindon or Ring 42984 or 31510.

I would like to sell Moonraker Lottery Tickets each week.

Name

Address

..... Tel.No.

I am over 16 years of age and anticipate I could sell tickets each week.

Signature



Do you require

Tracked or Wheeled Excavators
Tracked or Wheeled Shovels
Tractors and Scrapers
Bulldozers
Tipper Lorries
Low Loaders

THEN HIRE FROM

H Hibberd Ltd

PLANT HIRE CONTRACTORS

29 Newport Street, Swindon

Tel: Swindon 36125 or 23876

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Saturday April 8th, 1978

| | P | W | D | L | F-A | W | D | L | F-A | Pts. | Lge. Posns | | Home | | Top Goalscorers |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | This Season | High | Low | Lge. Avge. | |
| Wrexham | 39 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 41-18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 26-20 | 55 | 1st | 18th | 10853 | 19125 | Dixie McNeil 28(16) |
| Preston N.E. | 41 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 42-17 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 12-16 | 51 | 1st | 19th | 8337 | 11920 | Alex Bruce 25(23) |
| Cambridge U. | 42 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 44-10 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 23-40 | 51 | 1st | 24th | 5319 | 10998 | Alan Biley 23(20) |
| Peterborough U. | 39 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 27-11 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 9-14 | 48 | 2nd | 22nd | 5712 | 10156 | Trevor Anderson 13(8), Tommy Robson 11(10) |
| Gillingham | 41 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 34-20 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 27-31 | 46 | 1st | 15th | 7247 | 10978 | Ken Price 19(18) |
| Walsall | 40 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 29-14 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 19-26 | 44 | 5th | 17th | 5394 | 8341 | Alan Buckley 27(22) |
| Chester | 41 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 31-20 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 16-31 | 44 | 7th | 18th | 4119 | 9514 | Paul Crossley 13(9) |
| SWINDON TOWN | 39 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 37-19 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 20-28 | 43 | 2nd | 17th | 7450 | 11054 | DAVE MOSS 21(15) |
| Tranmere R. | 41 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 35-16 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 16-28 | 43 | 1st | 9th | 4198 | 7280 | Ronnie Moore 15(15) |
| Bury | 41 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 32-20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 25-28 | 42 | 2nd | 14th | 5177 | 9783 | Andy Rowland 14(13) |
| Chesterfield | 39 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 31-11 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 17-28 | 42 | 1st | 19th | 4995 | 12395 | Rod Fern 13(12) |
| Colchester U. | 41 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 34-14 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 16-28 | 42 | 1st | 13th | 4639 | 6447 | Bobby Gough 17(13) |
| Shrewsbury T. | 41 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 33-19 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 19-31 | 40 | 1st | 15th | 3558 | 6116 | Ian Atkins 8(8), Sam Irvine 8(8) |
| Carlisle U. | 41 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 27-24 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 25-31 | 40 | 11th | 23rd | 5502 | 11309 | Dave Kemp 24(19) |
| Lincoln C. | 42 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 30-23 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 18-31 | 40 | 13th | 24th | 4985 | 8811 | Peter Graham 9(9) |
| Sheffield W. | 40 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 25-13 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 19-34 | 39 | 13th | 24th | 11155 | 18803 | Tommy Tynan 18(13) |
| Exeter C. | 41 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 26-16 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 16-38 | 38 | 2nd | 20th | 5076 | 8334 | Tony Kellow 16(13) |
| Oxford U. | 41 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 32-17 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 25-42 | 36 | 2nd | 18th | 4769 | 8746 | Peter Foley 20(18) |
| Port Vale | 41 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 27-18 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 15-39 | 35 | 12th | 23rd | 3811 | 5136 | Ken Beamish 14(11) |
| Rotherham U. | 38 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 22-14 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 22-38 | 33 | 2nd | 23rd | 5083 | 12630 | Richard Finney 15(12) |
| Bradford C. | 41 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 35-23 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 14-48 | 32 | 11th | 24th | 5183 | 12857 | Bernie Wright 10(10) |
| Plymouth A | 40 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 22-25 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 26-36 | 31 | 8th | 23rd | 6712 | 12635 | Brian Johnson 6(5), Brian Taylor 6(4) |
| Hereford U. | 40 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 27-19 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 5-33 | 30 | 14th | 24th | 4691 | 6392 | Billy Holmes 9(7) |
| Portsmouth | 42 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 31-36 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 7-35 | 27 | 13th | 24th | 9811 | 13152 | Colin Garwood 13(8) |

No. of League goals scored in brackets.

DIVISION 3 1977/78

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

| Date | Opponents | Ground | Score | Scorers | Attendance |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|------------|
| 1977 | | | | | |
| Aug. 13 | League Cup (1) Swansea City | A | 3 - 1 | 11 - 3 - 9 | 5878 |
| Aug. 16 | League Cup (2) Swansea City | H | 2 - 1 | 7 - 11 | 5415 |
| Aug. 20 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | 1 - 1 | 8 | 12095 |
| Aug. 23 | Peterborough United | H | 2 - 0 | 9 - 10 | 7117 |
| Aug. 27 | Portsmouth | H | 3 - 1 | 8 - 10 - 7 | 9396 |
| Aug. 31 | League Cup 2 Cardiff City | H | 5 - 1 | 9 11(2) 7 10 | 8919 |
| Sept. 3 | Walsall | A | 0 - 2 | | 4717 |
| Sept. 10 | Chesterfield | H | 2 - 1 | 9 - 12 | 6847 |
| Sept. 13 | Preston North End | A | 1 - 1 | 11 | 6014 |
| Sept. 16 | Bury | H | 1 - 1 | 9 | 8139 |
| Sept. 24 | Wrexham | A | 1 - 2 | 7 | 8002 |
| Sept. 27 | Cambridge United | A | 2 - 5 | 7 - 10 | 4423 |
| Sept. 30 | Shrewsbury Town | H | 5 - 0 | 8-5-7-9-3 | 6809 |
| Oct. 4 | Bradford City | H | 0 - 1 | | 7569 |
| Oct. 8 | Lincoln City | A | 1 - 3 | 9 | 4852 |
| Oct. 15 | Port Vale | H | 1 - 1 | 5 | 6132 |
| Oct. 22 | Chester | A | 0 - 1 | | 3539 |
| Oct. 25 | League Cup 3 Portsmouth | A | 1 - 1 | 7 | 14955 |
| Oct. 29 | Exeter City | H | 4 - 0 | 7 - 10 - 11(2) | 7021 |
| Nov. 1 | League Cup 3 Portsmouth | H | 4 - 3 | 8 - 11 - 7 - 10 | 9378 |
| Nov. 5 | Gillingham | H | 3 - 2 | 5 - 7 - 11 | 7080 |
| Nov. 11 | Colchester United | A | 0 - 2 | | 4788 |
| Nov. 19 | Rotherham United | H | 2 - 0 | 10 - 9 | 6008 |
| Nov. 26 | F.A. C. 1 Boreham Wood | A | 0 - 0 | | 2242 |
| Nov. 29 | Replay Boreham Wood | H | 2 - 0 | 7 - 10 | 7016 |
| Dec. 3 | Hereford United | A | 1 - 1 | 10 | 4547 |
| Dec. 7 | League Cup 4 Wrexham | A | 0 - 2 | | 10015 |
| Dec. 10 | Carlisle United | H | 2 - 2 | 7 - 4 | 5889 |
| Dec. 17 | F.A. Cup 2 Brentford | H | 2 - 1 | 6 - 10 | 8447 |
| Dec. 26 | Oxford United | A | 3 - 3 | 8(2) - 9 | 8746 |
| Dec. 27 | Plymouth Argyle | H | 3 - 1 | 7 - 9 - 8 | 9732 |
| Dec. 31 | Gillingham | A | 2 - 2 | 7 - 8 | 7477 |
| 1978 | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | Tranmere Rovers | H | 1 - 0 | 10 | 11054 |
| Jan. 7 | Nottingham Forest | A | 1 - 4 | 7 | 28953 |
| Jan. 14 | Sheffield Wednesday | H | 2 - 2 | 10(2) | 7609 |
| Jan. 20 | Portsmouth | A | 2 - 1 | 7 - 8 | 11451 |
| Feb. 25 | Shrewsbury Town | A | 3 - 2 | 4 - 7 - 8 | 3112 |
| Feb. 28 | Bury | A | 0 - 0 | | 4423 |
| Mar. 4 | Lincoln City | H | 1 - 0 | 19 | 6945 |
| Mar. 7 | Preston North End | H | 0 - 2 | | 10211 |
| Mar. 11 | Port Vale (6) | A | 0 - 1 | | 3723 |
| Mar. 14 | Wrexham | H | 1 - 2 | 7 | 7697 |
| Mar. 17 | Chester (LCF) | H | 1 - 1 | 8 | 4275 |
| Mar. 22 | Exeter City | A | 0 - 0 | | 4449 |
| Mar. 25 | Plymouth Argyle | A | 2 - 0 | 13 - 9 | 9174 |
| Mar. 27 | Oxford United | H | 3 - 2 | 7 (3) | 9517 |
| Mar. 28 | | | | | |
| Mar. 31 | Tranmere Rovers | A | 1 - 1 | 9 | 2812 |
| April 4 | Cambridge Utd. | H | 0 - 0 | | 6774 |
| April 8 | Colchester United (SF) | H | 0 - 0 | | 4596 |
| April 11 | Walsall | H | | | |
| April 15 | Rotherham United | A | | | |
| April 18 | Peterborough | A | | | |
| April 22 | Hereford United | H | | | |
| April 26 | Bradford City | A | | | |
| April 29 | Carlisle United | | | | |
| May 3 | Chesterfield | A | | | |
| May 6 | F.A. Cup Final | | | | |

These fixtures are the copyright of The Football League Limited.

FOR THE RECORD

4th April v. Cambridge United (DIV III)

Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, Trollope, Carter, Prophet, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham

8th April v. Colchester United (DIV. III)

Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, Trollope, Carter, Prophet, Moss, Kamara, Bates, McHale (Stroud), Cunningham

25th March v. Southampton (Football Comb.)

Lymer, Norman, Walker, Reilly, Lewis (Walters), Collicutt, Barry, Taylor, French, Brinkworth, Cox.

27th March v. Arsenal (Football Comb.)

Lymer, Norman, Walker, Reilly, Walters, Collicutt, Barry, Gilligan, French, Brinkworth, Taylor.

| Date | Opponents | Ground | Score |
|-------------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| 1977 | | | |
| Aug. 20 | Birmingham | H | 1 - 1 |
| Aug. 31 | Reading | A | 1 - 2 |
| Sept. 3 | Ipswich Town | H | 0 - 3 |
| Sept. 10 | Luton Town | A | 2 - 1 |
| Sept. 13 | Crystal Palace | H | 1 - 0 |
| Sept. 20 | Orient | H | 0 - 0 |
| Sept. 24 | Oxford United | H | 0 - 1 |
| Oct. 4 | Queens Park Rangers | A | 1 - 8 |
| Oct. 8 | Bristol Rovers | H | 4 - 3 |
| Oct. 15 | Tottenham Hotspur | A | 1 - 3 |
| Oct. 22 | Cardiff City | H | 2 - 1 |
| Oct. 26 | Chelsea | A | 0 - 2 |
| Nov. 12 | Norwich City | H | 2 - 2 |
| Nov. 16 | Crystal Palace | A | 1 - 4 |
| Nov. 19 | West Ham United | A | 0 - 3 |
| Nov. 26 | Leicester City | H | 0 - 5 |
| Dec. 3 | Plymouth Argyle | H | 1 - 1 |
| Dec. 13 | Bristol City | A | 3 - 1 |
| Dec. 17 | Southampton | A | 0 - 4 |
| 1978 | | | |
| Jan. 21 | Ipswich Town | A | 0 - 3 |
| Feb. 7 | Arsenal | H | 2 - 0 |
| Feb. 11 | Orient | A | 6 - 3 |
| Feb. 14 | Birmingham City | A | P |
| Feb. 18 | Oxford United | A | 1 - 3 |
| Feb. 25 | Chelsea | H | 3 - 3 |
| Feb. 28 | Fulham | A | 1 - 2 |
| Mar. 7 | Bristol Rovers | A | 1 - 2 |
| Mar. 11 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | 0 - 2 |
| Mar. 15 | Cardiff City | A | 1 - 2 |
| Mar. 21 | Luton | H | 1 - 1 |
| Mar. 25 | Southampton | H | 1 - 2 |
| Mar. 27 | Arsenal | A | 0 - 4 |
| April 1 | Bristol City | H | 1 - 1 |
| April 5 | Norwich City | A | 0 - 2 |
| April 8 | Leicester City | A | 0 - 3 |
| April 12 | Hereford | A | |
| April 15 | West Ham United | H | |
| April 18 | Fulham | H | |
| April 22 | Plymouth Argyle | A | |
| April 25 | Queens Park Rangers | H | |
| April 29 | Hereford United | H | |
| May 2 | Reading | H | |

First Team Appearances and Goals 1977-78

Totals include subs (Goals in parentheses)

| | Total | League | F.L.C. | F.A.C. |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. Allan | 47 | 38 | 5 | 4 |
| 2. McLaughlin | 47 | 38 | 5 | 4 |
| 3. Trollope | 46(2) | 36(1) | 6(1) | 4 |
| 4. Stroud | 46(2) | 32(2) | 6 | 4 |
| 5. Aizlewood | 34(3) | 25(3) | 6 | 3 |
| 6. Prophet | 48(1) | 39 | 5 | 4(1) |
| 7. Moss | 48(21) | 38(15) | 6(4) | 4(2) |
| 8. Kamara | 47(11) | 37(10) | 6(1) | 4 |
| 9. Guthrie | 40(12) | 32(10) | 4(2) | 4 |
| 10. McHale | 48(13) | 38(9) | 6(2) | 4(2) |
| 11. Anderson | 27(9) | 19(4) | 6(5) | 2 |
| 12. Ford | 34(1) | 28(1) | 4 | 2 |
| 13. Cunningham | 14 | 13(1) | 1 | |
| 15. Gilligan | 3 | 3 | | |
| 16. Roberts | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 17. Lewis | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 18. Carter | 18 | 18 | | |
| 19. Bates | 10 | 10(1) | | |

IN TOWN TODAY

MICK KEARNS (Goalkeeper)

Mick is a Republic of Ireland international and now has nine caps. He began with Oxford and was transferred to Walsall in 1973 after serving both Plymouth and Charlton on loan.

League record: Oxford 69 apps; Plymouth (loan) 1 ap.; Charlton (loan) 4 aps; Walsall 217 aps.

TONY MACKEN (Defender)

Manager Dave Mackay signed Tony from his old club Derby for £10,000 a few weeks ago and he has now taken over at right-back. Tony made a number of First Division appearances for the Rams, beginning with his debut in 1975/76

League record: Derby 20(3) aps., 1 gl; Portsmouth (loan) 10 aps., 1 gl.; Walsall 25 aps.

DAVID SERELLA (Defender)

David was signed from Nottingham Forest towards the close of 1975/76. There was a time, in 1972/73, when he was a regular member of the Forest senior team, but he later became only an understudy and so decided to leave.

League record: Nottm. For. 65(3) aps.; Walsall 89(2) aps., 5 gls.

COLIN HARRISON (Defender)

Colin is Walsall's longest-serving player and he still turns up in any of the back four positions. He made his League debut for the Saddlers back in 1964/65.

League record: Walsall 394(15) aps., 33 gls.

BRIAN CASWELL (Defender)

Brian developed in the club's junior teams and made his League debut in 1972/73. For much of last season he held the left-back position though he has also played in midfield.

League record: Walsall 114(10) aps., 6 gls.

MICK BATES (Midfield)

Walsall paid a club record fee of £25,000 to sign Mick from Leeds in 1976 and he was quickly appointed club captain. Mick was for long periods a regular senior player at Leeds where he made his League bow in 1966/67.

League record: Leeds 106(21) aps., 4 gls.; Walsall 78(1) aps., 2 gls.

WALSALL



Back Row left to right: Dave Mackay (Manager), Ron Green, Alf Wood, Dave Serella, Kelvin Clarke, Roger Hynd, Miah Dennehy, Brian Caswell, Alun Evans, Colin Harrison, Mick Kearns, Des Anderson (Assistant Manager)

Front Row left to right: Henry Newton, Alan Buckley, Gary Shelton, Donald Penn, Wayne Secker, Brian Taylor, Mick Bates, Alan Birch.

Reproduced by kind permission of the "Express & Star" Wolverhampton.

ALUN EVANS (Midfield)

Alun became the first £100,000 teenager when he left Wolves for Liverpool in 1968. He won four England under-23 caps and topped Liverpool's scorers in 1970/71.

League record: Wolves 20(1) aps., 4 gls.; Liverpool 77(2) aps., 21 gls; A. Villa 53(9) aps., 11 gls; Walsall 71(9) aps., 6 gls.

JEFF KING (Midfield)

Jeff was another arrival at Fellows Park from Derby this season. He originally set his career under way with Albion Rovers in Scotland and Derby signed him in May 1974.

League record: Albion Rovers 40(2) aps., 7 gls; Notts. Co (loan) 3 aps.; Portsmouth (loan) 4 aps; Derby 12(2) aps.; Walsall 18 aps., 1 gl.

ALAN BUCKLEY (Forward)

Alan has been Walsall's top scorer ever since he joined the club from Nottingham Forest for £18,000 in 1973. His tally from 1973/74 on has been 24, 27, 35 and 23 last season --- a phenomenal achievement in modern football.

League record: Nottm. For. 16(2) aps., 1 gl.; Walsall 220 aps., 118 gls.

MIAH DENNEHY (Forward)

Miah is another Republic of Ireland international, with eight caps. He gained the first while with Cork Hibs. Nottingham Forest paid £20,000 for him in February 1973 and he moved on to Walsall two seasons ago.

League record: Nottm. For. 37(4) aps., 4 gls.; Walsall 116(5) aps., 20 gls.

TERRY AUSTIN (Forward)

Walsall paid Plymouth £25,000 for Terry on eve of this season's transfer deadline. Once a Crystal Palace reserve, Terry moved on to Ipswich and made his First Division debut in 1974/75.

League record: C. Palace nil aps; Ipswich 10(9) aps., 1 gl; Plymouth 59 aps., 18 gls.; Walsall 4 aps.

ALF WOOD (Forward)

Hestarted with Manchester City and then, after transferring to Shrewsbury, set up that club's scoring record with 37 goals in 1971/72.

League record: Manchester City 24(1) aps; Shrewsbury 257(1) aps., 64 gls; Millwall 99(1) aps., 38 gls; Hull 50(2) aps., 11 gls; Middlesbrough 21(1) aps., 2 gls; Walsall 23(1) aps., 2 gls.

John Ward talks to Roy Carter and Chic Bates

I met Swindon's newest signings Roy Carter and Chic Bates together. Unlike most of the players I had interviewed previously both had had other jobs outside football for some time after leaving school and had come into League football after making their mark with non-League clubs.

Chic Bates is a toolmaker by trade. He played in the Youth team at West Bromwich and the coach, Albert McPherson taught him one of the most important football lessons he has learned: "don't be afraid to play it back to someone who can see what's going on. At school I had only one thought in mind, 'which is the quickest way forward?'" Now 28 he remains a hardened West Brom. supporter. They didn't take him on however and he went off to play for Stourbridge in the Southern League for seven years until one day after a particularly successful season Alan Durban signed him up for Shrewsbury.

Roy Carter comes from Tor Point in Cornwall just across the River Tamar from Plymouth. He played for Falmouth while learning the trade of carpenter. "Most of Falmouth's best players come from Plymouth. I used to play for Argyle reserves on Wednesday nights and any other days when Falmouth didn't have a game." He has a lot of respect for Falmouth's manager and their coach, the former Argyle right half John Williams. (It was John Williams whom some of the Home Park crowd started calling for when Swindon completely dominated the midfield on Easter Saturday). They pushed him on when they realised that he had the ambition and potential to be a full time professional but he bided his time until he got his trade. He had a week's trial at Southampton and then Hereford made him a firm offer. He was a member of their promotion team two years ago: "it was a good little club but when they were promoted the manager sold all the best players and the team spirit went. In the end everyone was hoping it was their turn to leave. In my case the move to Swindon came as a complete surprise. After training one day the manager said that he had had an offer for me from Swindon that the directors wouldn't let him refuse."

Leaving home in Cornwall presented no problems to Roy. He knew that this was something he would have to do when he made up his mind to play in League football. He lived in digs

at Hereford and at present is lodging with Kenny Stroud. He is buying a house in Swindon which he plans to move into in the summer when, at the age of 24, he is marrying a girl from Hereford. I wondered whether footballers were considered a good risk for mortgages. "I didn't have any problems," said Roy. "But then the man at the building society was a Swindon supporter!" For holidays in the summer he returns to Cornwall where he goes surfing, one of his main interests outside football.

Chic Bates is also in temporary digs with Ray McHale but he is going to live in Stratton St. Margaret with his wife and two children, Philip and Llania. Although he admits that travelling to and from the family in Shrewsbury at weekends after the match on Saturday must have some effect on his game he says that it's not something he notices if Swindon have won and he has played well. As with Roy the transfer to Swindon came out of the blue. He had thought that after being with Shrewsbury for three and a half years there was no chance of leaving. He seemed pleased with the move so I asked why. "The set up at Swindon is much bigger and more professional. Also you feel that you're in a football town. Back in Shrewsbury you were lucky if there was a brief mention of the football team in the local paper."

We talked about what they both considered to be their strengths and weaknesses. I said how much I had noticed Chic tackling back and suddenly appearing in his own half, especially in away games. "Yes, I suppose my stamina is one of my main attributes. Maybe one of the reasons they signed me was to get the side working in away games. I like to get involved in the building to a move right at the start rather than staying up at the front flicking on long balls." I asked whether there weren't occasions since he had arrived when he had passed the ball in front of goal when perhaps he should have had a shot. "I've come to look on myself as a goal maker rather than a scorer but certainly when the goals are going in you take pot luck and have a go. If they're not you're tempted to pass it on to someone else."

I asked how difficult it was to settle down in a new team with what might

well be a completely different pattern of play. How did Chic play with Chris Guthrie, for instance? "Terribly!" he replied. "It's not just a question of you adapting to new team mates," added Roy. "They must appreciate your strengths too otherwise you are wasted." Converted by Hereford from a striker to midfield Roy regards his particular strong point as running off the ball from deep positions.

Having seen the number of times he surges forward, unnoticed, alas, by Swindon as much as by the opposition, at Port Vale and Exeter especially, I can see what he means about it taking time for others to adjust to a new player. He prefers playing on the right of midfield although when Swindon are only playing one winger, David Moss, on the left he is happy to alternate with Chris Kamara on the right during a game: running up and down the empty space on the right wing is, he reckons, the hardest job on the field. His main worry at the moment is that he isn't scoring goals. "I normally count on getting into double figures. This is my worst season so far."

We talked about what it needs to get promotion from Division Three. "You can win the Fourth Division and maybe the Third" said Roy "merely by using the long ball, winning corners and knocking it in from there. But if that's all you can do you come unstuck in the Second. It's difficult for a team like Swindon to get out of the Third. We are a ball playing side but you get promoted by picking up points at places like Port Vale against teams who just won't let you play football."

Roy and Chic both came to full time football relatively late and so keen are they on the game that you would think they were living on borrowed time. "Of course training every day can get you down a bit," said Roy. "If only I was 18..." "Yes," agreed Chic wistfully. "I sometimes think these young apprentices don't appreciate what a marvellous life they have. Anyone starting at their age, if they worked at it instead of idling their time away could easily get in the First Division. I know what it's like to work in a factory so I enjoy every minute."

What's In a Programme?

A SURVEY OF SWINDON TOWN PROGRAMMES OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS.

Part Two: 1963 to date

The handy pocket-sized publication produced by the Town from 1962 was also popular with other clubs at that time. During Swindon's first spell in the Second Division, Northampton Town, Portsmouth, Sunderland, Plymouth Argyle, Crystal Palace and Ipswich Town all chose this format.

Late in 1964 a readers' letters column entitled 'In off the Post' was commenced but it met with little response. Those who wrote to the club then, appear to have continued to do so ever since - whether encouraged by the programme or not.

Very little change in style occurred before 1969. An annual change of cover was made and once, in 1965-66, it was altered mid-season to a more austere two-tone pattern.

In 1968-69 the programme included no additional features, but carried a new price tag of 1/- (5p), the first increase for six years, and was an elongated sixteen pages instead of the compact thirty-two. It did, however, incorporate a free insert of the now defunct Football League Review. For the League Cup semi-final edition against Barnsley in December 1968, a special souvenir was produced at no extra cost to the customer. It featured full colour photographs of the teams in opposition and many action pictures from previous League Cup ties that season.

On returning to the Second Division the Town Programme appeared in a totally new guise, behind a coloured cover. The 2-3-5 team formation was scrapped in favour of the present 'twelve in line' and it was moved to a more accessible position on the inside front page. A caricature of a player was sketched each week and although appearing under varying labels of 'Personality Spot' 'Focus' etc., this feature has remained a popular item in the programme since 1970. The players family groups appeared during 1972/73, as did members of the Town youth squad.

An action photograph and the team line-ups appeared on the front cover for the 1971/72 season. By now the price was up to 6p and the size, at almost eight inches square, was then unique amongst other Second Division productions.

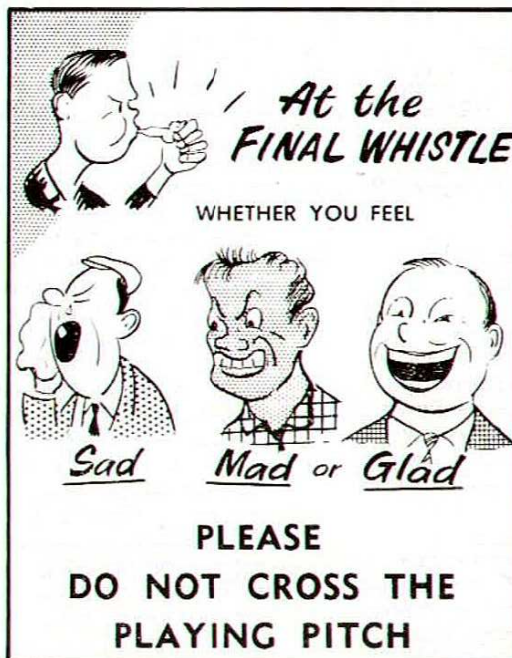
With the arrival of Dave Mackay in 1972, the manager was given his own column - the first since Maurice Lindley

back in the 'fifties, to be allotted a regular space.

In order to hold the price at 7p, drastic cuts had to be made for 1973/74. The content was restricted to a mere eight pages. 'News and Views' received the axe, the only editorial being provided by manager Les Allen. When he was sacked in March 1974 'News and Views' was reprieved. But there was no room for a League Table and until the first Sunday programme appeared, in February, no League fixture list was forthcoming. A serialised Swindon Encyclopaedia had only reached 1947/48 by the close of the season and failed to make any re-appearance. Forced to play afternoon

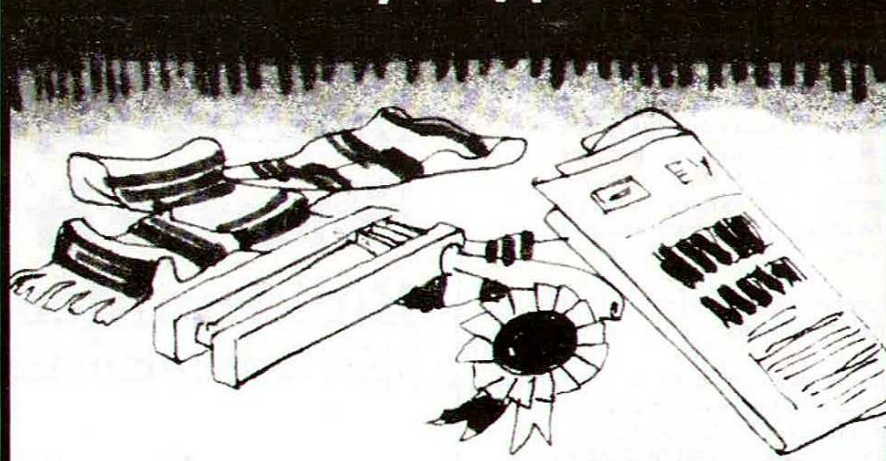
games during the enery crisis, the meagre attendances did not warrant the production of a programme on two occasions. For an F.A. Cup replay with Portsmouth in January 1974, a typed sheet was produced whilst for the League game against Luton in February a printed single sheet appeared.

Since 1974, regular features in the programme have remained largely unchanged. During 1974/75 supporters lost the Football League Review and a 'kitchen and garden' idea was not retained. The present programme is based on a souvenir Everton edition produced in January 1977. Its increased size allows a more flexible presentation of articles.



This request appeared in the programme throughout the sixties its message is still as important today.

Part of every supporter's kit.



The Evening Advertiser

Spotlight on Division 3

TWENTY YEARS ON

by Tony Pullein

We are now nearing the close of the 20th season since the Third Division's regional sections were re-organised as national Third and Fourth Divisions. Since then arguments have raged as to whether or not the regionalised sections were better, as far as the fans were concerned, and whether the additional travelling expenses incurred by clubs were justified.

The Third Division was officially launched on August 23, 1958, and it's interesting to reflect upon some of the attendance figures that day. We had a crowd of 15,299 for the visit of Wrexham, Norwich drew 25,918 for a game against Newport and there were 16,684 at Reading for the match against Q.P.R.

Other crowds that day --- Bournemouth (14,213), Brentford (15,750), Chesterfield (10,685), Hull (14,318), Mansfield (14,038), Notts County (14,872), Stockport (12,000) and Tranmere (12,648).

The smallest attendance of the day was 9,394 at Colchester.

It is a long while since crowds of such proportions flocked to Third Division grounds. The opening games this season drew only one five-figure attendance --- at Sheffield Wednesday. None of the others even reached the nine thousand mark, which was the smallest in 1958.

The drop in attendances in modern times certainly does not indicate that Third Division football has lowered its standards over the years. Indeed, in most people's view, the quality of Third Division play today is higher than it has ever been. This is often reflected in Cup results. Now it has become almost common place for Third Division sides to knock out teams from Division One.

It is safe to say that, however we had re-organised things in the lower divisions, a dramatic drop in attendances was inevitable. The growth of television, the five-day week, the growth in ownership of cars, the appearance of motorways have all had the effect of hitting the smaller clubs.

Football itself has had little control over such events.

The worrying thing is --- can the game stand a continuing drop of such magnitude? Will the normal Third Division gate of 1988 be down to 2,000; the Fourth Division club's expectancy, say 500?

It is logical to think along these lines for, if we study some of the Southern

League attendances of 20 years ago, we find several of the major clubs attracting between 5,000 and 8,000 while today 1,000 is considered very good.

Many of the smaller clubs, aided by the new lottery acts, are making a lot of money from outside activities. Gate receipts now make up a small part of the smaller club's income. Yet, if we take this line of thought a little farther we reach the point where clubs will no longer need any spectators so why waste money on footballers' wages?

Indeed, if most Third and Fourth Division clubs cut out all their travelling and hotel expenses, and sacked all their professional players, most of them would be quite rich organisations!

If we are cruelly honest with ourselves we should consider re-naming many of our football clubs. Wouldn't it be accurate to call them drinking or gambling clubs? In many cases more revenue is drawn from the public's gaming and boozing instincts than is ever paid over the turnstiles.

Talking in this way, however, is depressing and one cynically asks oneself what is the point in the smaller clubs carrying on. On the other hand, if we ask ourselves the question: How many other forms of live entertainment in Britain draws crowds of even 5,000 to watch regularly. I don't think there is any.

So when we take this view, we find ourselves thinking optimistically of football's future. At grass roots level there is more football being played, from a much earlier age, than ever before.

With that sort of interest at the bottom, football is likely to thrive at the top for many more years. But --- and this is the crunch --- all clubs must make adjustments to meet the changing needs of the times.

WALSALL by Tony Pullein

Walsall have enjoyed one of their finest seasons in years and at one stage it seemed they might cap it by winning promotion. That now seems unlikely but they will certainly finish well up the table in the League and they have already equalled their club record by surviving to the fifth round of this season's F.A. Cup.

The draw threw up a fascinating repeat of the classic clash with Arsenal. Back in the 'thirties Walsall became the first of modern F.A. Cup giant-killers by shocking Arsenal --- then in the midst of their hat-trick of Championships and several Cup successes --- and putting them out 2-0.

On that occasion they had ground advantage but this year they had to travel to Highbury where the Gunners gained full revenge with a 4-1 victory.

En route to that fifth round tie Walsall had knocked out Dagenham, Port Vale, Swansea and Leicester.

In an effort to boost his side for a final push for promotion, manager Dave Mackay beat the transfer deadline by signing Plymouth's leading scorer Terry Austin. That was Mr. Mackay's third major deal of the season. Earlier he went back to his old club to sign midfielder Jeff King and defender Tony Macken.

Walsall have several very experienced players in their side, starting with Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper Mick Kearns. In midfield they have former Leeds' man Mick Bates, plus Alun Evans, who spent many years in First Division football. Up front they have another Irish international in Miah Dennehy plus the much-travelled Alf Wood.

The latter, however, did drop out of the side when Austin arrived.

The Saddlers have won four away games in the League --- at Chesterfield

**For fast deliveries of all
Building Supplies contact**

**Sharpe & Fisher
Builders Merchants**

Tel: Cheltenham 21477



Also at Hereford · Bicester · Cardiff · Llanelli

(1-0), Tranmere (1-0), Portsmouth (2-1) and Bury (1-0).

They drew at Lincoln (2-2), Sheffield Wednesday (0-0), Plymouth (3-3), Shrewsbury (0-0), Peterborough (0-0), Colchester (1-1), Exeter (1-1), Tranmere (0-0), Port Vale (2-2) and Chester (1-1).

Walsall were beaten at Rotherham (0-3), Hereford (2-3), Gillingham (1-3), Carlisle (0-2), Wrexham (0-1) and Cambridge (1-2).

Walsall were due at Preston last Tuesday.

The Walsall club was formed as Walsall Town Swifts in 1868 and gained admission to the Second Division of the Football League in 1892. Since then they have had to apply for re-election ten times and have on two occasions been thrown out of the competition --- in 1895 and 1901.

Their seven re-election applications in the Third Division is a record that can never be beaten and this included a run of four successive pleas in the 'fifties when they were fortunate not to have been ejected again.

In spite of their long record of membership in the Football League, Walsall spent most of their time in the lower divisions. Some of their best years began with their Fourth Division championship campaign of 1960. A year later they won further promotion as runners-up in Division Three.

That spell of Second Division football lasted only two seasons, however, and since their relegation in 1963 they have become the Third Division's oldest inhabitants --- all the others have either gone up or down at least once since then.

After their two early ejections from the Football League, Walsall had to await the formation of the Third Division (North) in 1921 for their return to the fold. They made a couple of switches to the Southern Section and in 1958 became founder members of the Fourth Division.

They remained there until winning the championship in 1960.

The Saddlers have made one or two attempts to get back into the Second Division in recent years but in 1971 they had a miraculous escape from relegation when a Reading player's own goal in their last match put them down, and saved Walsall.

Manager Dave Mackay took over after last season after a successful spell at Derby County. He earlier managed Nottingham Forest and, of course, it was here at the County Ground that he experienced his first taste of management.

He spent his playing days with Hearts, Tottenham and Derby, winning many honours and a string of international caps for Scotland.



CASTLE'S

Office and Bakery

4 and 5 MARKET STREET SWINDON

Telephone 22017

Specialists—

Birthdays Cakes : Wedding Cakes : Dairy Cream :
Pastries : Crusty Bread : Buns : Rolls : Sponges



HYGENA SPECIAL OFFER

QA & White Space — Less 33½% off R.R.P.

CARTERTON BUILDING SUPPLIES LTD.

1/2 THE PARADE,
BURFORD ROAD,
CARTERTON.

Enquiries welcome for all types
of Building Materials

Tel. 841665



Tel. 841904

RIMES OF SWINDON

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AGENTS

LUXURY COACH HIRE

FOOTBALL EXCURSIONS

Dep. from
County Ground

All starting from County Ground Car Park.

SERVICE DIRECT TO THE GROUND
ALL SEATS NUMBER AND RESERVED

Book now at

102 Commercial Road,
Swindon.
Telephone 27113

or

46 Cricklade St.,
Cirencester.
Telephone 3479

or any Rimes Booking Agents

SWINDON

1. Allan J
2. McLaughlin J
3. Ford A
4. Trollope J
5. Carter R
6. Prophett C
7. Moss D
8. Kamara C
9. Bates C
10. McHale R
11. Cunningham D
12. Stroud K

at 7.30p.m.



WALSALL

1. Kearns M
2. Paul I
3. Caswell B
4. Harrison C
5. Serella D
6. Evans A
7. Dennehy M
8. Bates M
9. Austin T
10. Buckley A
11. Birch A
12. Wood A

REFEREE:

MR. ALAN C. F. TURVEY (Basingstoke)
 Commenced refereeing in the Southend-on-Sea area and graduated via the metropolitan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League full list. Refereed the Isthmian and Athenian League Cup Finals in 1975, and also in last year's Anglo-Italian Tournament. Was linesman for a European Cup match, in Norway, in 1974.
 A married man with two daughters, he is a Sales Director. Speaks at Referees Societies meetings and is a member of Basingstoke Golf Club. Is Chairman of both the Rothmans Isthmian Association of Referees and Linesmen, and the Basingstoke and District Society of Referees. He is also Vice President of the Basingstoke Round Table.

Linesmen: Red Flag: MR. W. G. CLEEVE - DOWNLEY, HIGH WYCOMBE Yellow Flag: MR. K. W. DEANE - RHONDDA, MID GLAMORGAN

NEXT MATCH

Saturday 15th April - 3.0 p.m.

Football Combination

WEST HAM UNITED

Saturday 22nd April - 3.0 p.m.

Division III

HEREFORD UNITED

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

Table of Results w/e 6.4. 1978

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Leicester City | 15 | 08 | 04 | 03 | 44 | 24 | 20 |
| Coventry City | 15 | 08 | 04 | 03 | 37 | 22 | 20 |
| W.B.A. | 14 | 08 | 04 | 02 | 28 | 14 | 20 |
| Derby County | 14 | 05 | 07 | 02 | 26 | 13 | 17 |
| Wolverhampton | 15 | 07 | 03 | 05 | 31 | 25 | 17 |
| Birmingham City | 16 | 06 | 04 | 06 | 27 | 21 | 16 |
| Swindon Town | 14 | 03 | 05 | 06 | 17 | 27 | 11 |
| Bristol City | 16 | 02 | 04 | 10 | 19 | 36 | 08 |
| Northampton | 15 | 02 | 01 | 12 | 08 | 55 | 05 |

Cup Competition - Part 1

| GROUP 'A' | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Leicester City | 04 | 02 | 00 | 02 | 15 | 07 | 04 |
| Swindon Town | 03 | 02 | 00 | 01 | 05 | 06 | 04 |
| Northampton | 03 | 01 | 00 | 02 | 04 | 12 | 02 |

GROUP 'B'

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Derby County | 03 | 03 | 00 | 00 | 06 | 03 | 06 |
| Wolves | 04 | 01 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 03 | 03 |
| W.B.A. | 03 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 02 | 05 | 01 |

GROUP 'C'

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Coventry | 04 | 03 | 00 | 01 | 14 | 02 | 06 |
| Bristol C | 04 | 01 | 02 | 01 | 04 | 08 | 04 |
| Birmingham C. | 04 | 00 | 02 | 02 | 02 | 10 | 02 |

For High Class Central Heating, Plumbing
 Painting and Decorating
 Electrical Installations and Repairs

NORTH WILTS

Sanitary and Heating Co. Ltd.
 NEWPORT STREET, SWINDON
 Telephone: 35373