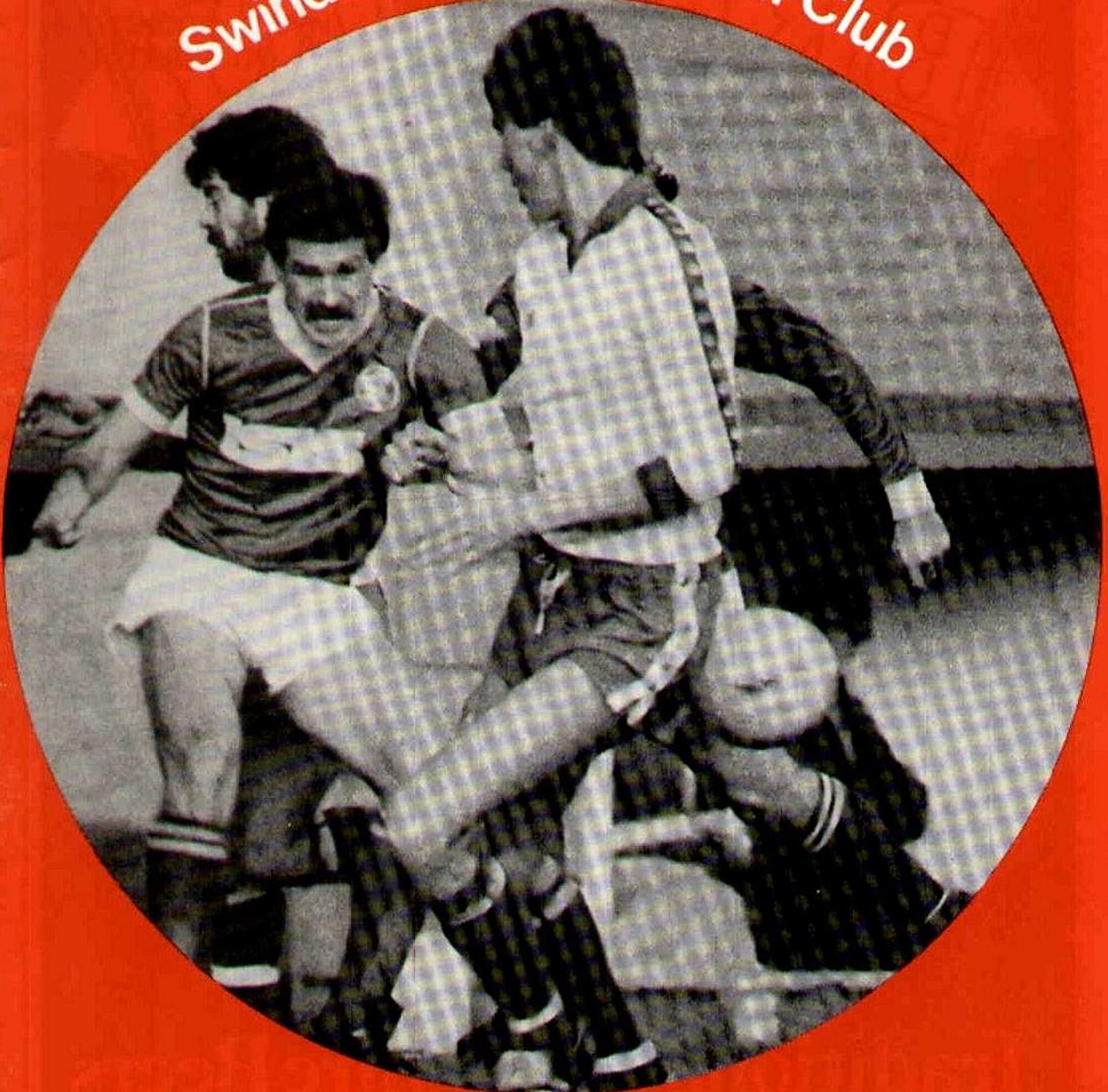




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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

We welcome to the County Ground for our first game in 1983, the Players and Officials of Scunthorpe United. Scunthorpe are having a very successful season to date and are averaging just over three and a half thousand at their home games. They have, on their playing staff, Ian Botham who has also brought fame to the West Country but in his major sport of cricket. I am sure that the success of his football Club will have eased the disappointments a little of our cricket results in Australia.

I cannot comment on our own results over the Christmas period because like our last programme notes these also have been written previous to the game being played. The printing firm's shut down for a couple of weeks over the Christmas holiday period makes things very difficult for us. It is a good thing that the National Press are not the same or else we would be relying only on our radio and television for up to date news.

Our last home game against Hartlepool United, of course is old news, but we were very pleased with the support that we received on the one Saturday in the year that is notorious for low gates. We were not the only club to try and get the fixture moved from the Saturday, but the League Officials find it very difficult to arrange because of the Football Pools agreement etc.

Our game which produced a good result for us was played under difficult conditions, being the first time this season that we have had to play on frozen ground. It makes the game a farce and is only one of the reasons that summer football is discussed. I know that there would be reasons given against such a thought such as cricket, tennis, holidays etc. but surely football played on summer evenings starting at say eight or even nine o'clock would attract a lot more people than the game is at present when we are asking our supporters to get to the grounds under sometimes atrocious conditions and have to stand or even sit in freezing temperatures. I know that our game is one of tradition but in the early days people did not have so many alternative attractions to be able to attend but times have changed and I believe that to survive the Football hierarchy will have to give serious thought to some change.

At the Annual General Meeting we omitted from the Balance Sheet, by mistake, the name of one of our former Directors Mr Arthur Done as one of our Vice-Presidents. I am pleased to record that Arthur is still one of our Vice-Presidents after serving the club for many years on our Board. If the shareholders passed the Amendment to our Articles to enable us to have twelve Directors, I would like to welcome to our Board Mr Nick Arkell, Mr Gary Herbert and Mr Brian Hillier, whom we co-opted prior to the Annual General Meeting. Also we would like to mention Mr Colin Howard whom we will have co-opted to the Board since the meeting. All these gentlemen have joined the Board to help the club at a very difficult financial period and I am sure you will wish them well.

Our sponsors for today are Mr Saunders of Skoda Motors and Mr Richman of Richman Removals and we are very grateful to them for their generous help to our Club.

Hoping that you enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.



JOHN TROLLOPE

Once again these notes have had to be written before the Christmas holidays due to the extended holiday of the Printers and therefore I am only able to write about the match versus Hartlepool United on 18th December last. The result of this match put us into the Christmas period sitting in second position in the league table. Bearing in mind that the game was played in difficult conditions, a part of the pitch being frozen, I thought that both sides adapted to the conditions quite well and provided an entertaining game. In the team we had three eighteen year olds namely Paul Rideout, Paul Batty and Colin Bailie. Colin, in his home debut in the first team, acquitted himself very well and a number of supporters have remarked what a good prospect the lad appears to be.

Let us hope that the results of the last three games will have consolidated our League position in readiness for our challenge in the New Year for Third Division football. In my last notes I wrote about the First teams performances so far this season and today I would like to do the same for the Reserve and Youth teams. Ken Beamish being in charge of the Reserve team has a very difficult task as he is rarely able to field the same team for two games in succession but, to his players credit, they have done quite well and, at the time of writing, occupy a position above mid way in the League table. The results throughout the season have been rather spasmodic due to the regular changes made and because of the necessity of bringing in very young players on occasion. The lads who have come through from the Reserves into the First team have proved that the Football Combination is an ideal breeding ground for our youngsters.

Don Rogers has had a frustrating first half to the season due mainly to the inconsistency of his team. These lads seem to do so well against top teams but often fail against those in the bottom half of the League and whether this is due to complacency or their not being able to play their natural game against the lesser teams is something we must determine but I would suggest that it is a little of both. They occupy fifth place in the League table at the time and but for the disappointing results, they could have been much nearer the top. However, to their credit they have reached the semi final of the South East Counties Junior Cup competition and have every chance of going through to the final. Having commented upon the results I must say that they are, at that level, not so important as is the improvement in the standard of the players ability and skill.

Thank you all for coming along to the County Ground this evening and I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday. A special welcome to all of those who have made the long journey down from Scunthorpe and to all those of our own supporters who are here today after an absence in their support. To all of the regular supporters, who know by now I am sure how much we all appreciate their encouragement, our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and I hope you all have a very enjoyable evening.



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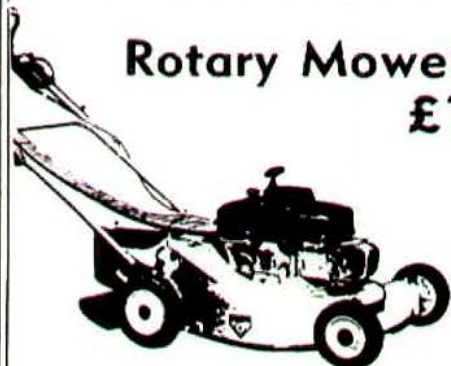
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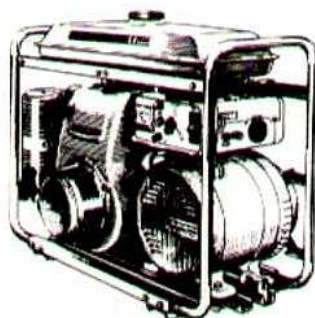
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Picture Parade...

BY DAVE EVANS



Hartlepool goalkeeper Watson is beaten but the ball sails wide of his goal as Paul Rideout closes in during Swindon's victory at the County Ground.

SCUNTHORPE

JOHN DUNCAN (Striker) Height 5' 11"
Weight 11st 11 lbs. Born Lochee. The Club's Player/Manager joined Scunthorpe United from Derby County in summer 1981. He had a very successful goalscoring record with his previous Clubs Dundee and Tottenham, although injuries have limited his appearances in United's colours.

JOE NEENAN (Goalkeeper) Height 6' 3"
Weight 11st 13 lbs. Born Manchester. Signed from York City and has proved to be a very capable young keeper in his two seasons with United. Works hard at his game in training and has attracted the attention of several First Division Clubs with some impressive displays last season.

ANDY KEELEY (Defender) Height 5' 9½"
Weight 11st 2 lbs. Born Basildon. Former England Youth International and the brother of Blackburn Rovers defender Glen Keeley. He was John Duncan's first signing in the 1981 close season and his stylish defending made him very popular with spectators in his first season with United. Previous Clubs are Tottenham and Sheffield United.

STEVE BAINES (Defender) Height 6' 2"
Weight 12 st 12 lbs. Born Manchester. The Clubs Player/Coach joined Scunthorpe United from Walsall in the close season for a small fee. A tall powerful defender who leads by example. He gave good service to Huddersfield Town and Bradford City after starting his career at Nottingham Forest.

LES HUNTER (Defender) Height 6' 2"
Weight 11 st 10 lbs. Born Middlesbrough. A very experienced defender and former England Youth International. United are hoping that this close season signing from Chesterfield will add stability to their defence.



BACK ROW: Allan Boxall, Martin Fowler, Paul Johnson, Joe Neenan, Les Hunter.
MIDDLE ROW: Andy Keeley, Simon Snow, Neil Pointon, George Telfer, Vince G.
FRONT ROW: Dennis Leman, Stephen Baines (Player Coach), John Duncan (Player Manager), McLoughlin (Youth Team Coach), Noel Parkinson, Paul O'Berg.

STEVE CAMMACK (Forward) Height 5' 10¼"
Weight 11 st 9 lbs. Born Sheffield. Now in his second spell with Scunthorpe, he started his League career with Sheffield United. Chesterfield was his next Club and he originally signed for Scunthorpe in 1979. He was top scorer in 1980/81 and then moved to Lincoln City at the beginning of last season. Returned to United in March 1982. Another former Youth International.

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CHRIS COWLING (Forward) Height 6' 1½"
Weight 11 st. Born Scunthorpe. A youngster
with a lot of potential having completed his
apprenticeship and signing professional
forms in August 1979. Made his League
debut in 1979/80 aged seventeen years and
established himself as a first team regular
last season with impressive and powerful
performances in defence as well as attack.

NEIL POINTON (Defender) Height 5' 9"
Weight 10 st 4 lbs. Born Church Warsop.
Joined the Club as an apprentice in June
1981. United were quick to give him a full
contract last summer after several impressive
displays in the first team earned his selection
in the England Youth Shadow Squad.

VINCE GRIMES (Midfield) Height 5' 9½"
Weight 11 st 10 lbs. Born Scunthorpe.
Fourth season with United after joining
them from Hull City. He is a very consistent
player who enjoys supporting forward play-
ers and consequently the scorer of some very
useful goals.

NOEL PARKINSON (Midfield) Height 5' 8"
Weight 10 st 7 lbs. Born Hull. Joined
Ipswich Town from school and made his
debut aged nineteen years in a UEFA Cup
Game. He moved to Mansfield Town in July
1980 and was voted 'Player of the Year' by
their supporters last season. Signed for
Scunthorpe United in the summer after sur-
prisingly given a 'free' from Field Mill.

MARTIN FOWLER (Midfield) Height 5' 11"
Weight 12 st 10 lbs. Born York. A strong
powerful player who moved to Scunthorpe
in August 1982 from Stockport where he
was virtually an ever-present. Previous Clubs
were Huddersfield and Blackburn.

DENIS LEMAN (Midfield) Height 5' 5"
Weight 11 st 4 lbs. Born Newcastle. Exper-
ienced player who gave valuable service to
Sheffield Wednesday after beginning his
League career with Manchester City. Signed
for United from 'The Owls' in July 1982.

PAUL O'BERG (Midfield) Height 5' 5"
Weight 9 st 3 lbs. Born Hull. Small but
delightful player who reminded former
manager Ron Ashman of Kevin Keegan. An
unfortunate history of injuries has delayed
his progress and promise of a future in a
higher grade of soccer.

From the Scunthorpe Archives

Compiled by PAUL PLOWMAN

Founded as Scunthorpe and Lindsey United back in 1904, the club was not admitted to the Football League until 1950 - and then only after three ballots. In 1929-30 Scunthorpe had come within a whisker of reaching the F.A. Cup Third Round - they lost 4 - 5 at Rotherham after a 3-3 draw at the Old Show Ground - but their regular applications for election to the League cut little ice with existing members. The best that the Lincolnshire club could achieve was just four votes, in 1939 and 1949 - the season before they actually succeeded. Scunthorpe were then members of the Midland League. In the first post-war season, 1946-47, United hit 121 goals - 59 of them coming from Tim Bowers - and he followed that with another thirty-nine in 1947-48. The club's big chance came when the Football League threw open its doors to invite four new entrants, bringing membership up to the present 92 clubs. Shrewsbury Town received the highest number of the ninety-eight votes cast and were duly elected, but then complications arose, with Wigan Athletic and Workington level on nineteen votes each. Scunthorpe polled seventeen. Clearly, the two clubs who had tied should have alone gone into a second ballot - but for some reason best known to the Football League themselves, all the unsuccessful candidates were included - and another tie, this time between Scunthorpe and Wigan, resulted. It was only then that the other clubs were excluded from the reckoning and Scunthorpe won through. Workington were to follow United into the Third North a year later, but the unfortunate Wigan had to wait another twenty-five years. Scunthorpe opposed Shrewsbury again in their first ever League game on August 19 1950, when 11,847 were at the Old Show Ground to see a goalless draw. United's team line-up was:

Thompson; Barker, Brownsword, Allen, Taylor, McCormick, Mosby, Payne, Gorin, Rees, Boyes. Ted Gorin scored Scunthorpe's first ever League goal at Lincoln on the following Wednesday. Three members of the side, George Thompson, Dick Taylor and Jack Brownsword, had been ever-present in 1949-50 - when a 20 year-old Hungarian, Niklos Nagy, also made an appearance for United. Nagy, a 6' 2" inside forward from Budapest, played in two League games for Swindon in October 1951. Brownsword had joined the club in 1974 and, had Scunthorpe been elected to the League earlier, might well have challenged Jimmy Dickinson's record appearance tally for Portsmouth. Both players retired in 1965 with Brownsword, then 42, on 595 and having scored some fifty goals. Pompey's visit to the Old Show Ground in the F.A. Cup in January 1954 attracted a record 23,935 and came two months after Scunthorpe's record 9-0 victory over neighbours Boston United in the same competition. United reached the Fifth Round in 1957/58 and, with no less than thirteen away victories, walked away with the Third North championship. The F.A. Cup trail started with home wins over Goole Town (2-1) and Bury (2-0), when Ronnie Waldock, Scunthorpe's top scorer that season, and Mervyn Jones scored in front of 12,697 fans. A Jack Haigh goal was sufficient to dispose of Bradford City in the Third Round, after which the 'Irons' were given little chance when faced with a trip to Newcastle. But 39,407 saw Haigh strike again and two goals from Eric Davis completed United's 'coup-de-grace'. Second Division Liverpool finally removed gallant Scunthorpe but by the time they again met, in the following December, it was to decide League points.

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Like 'The Town' however they were unable to maintain their position in DIV. II and were relegated 3 years later and then in 1975 so called disaster struck (or did it?) when they sank to Div. IV just as "The Town" has done.

Needless to say, that is all in the past and at

this time of the year we should be talking of the future but even with that being so I can't help referring back to Watford. Where are they today at the beginning of 1983? Yes, right at the top end of Div. I and I ask the question, can 'The Town' achievements in the future again bear so much similarity to Watford's?

The answer is definitely YES. With the right support from the fans, through the turnstiles, and as Agents for the sale of our Lottery and Bingo tickets, as members of the Supporters Co-operative and through the many ways of sponsorship which is available, teams like Manchester United and Liverpool are not so much supported because they are successful, they are successful because they are so well supported.

ERIC MOORE

Where are they now?

by Dave King

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Half-Time Report

PAUL PLOWMAN REVIEWS SOME OF THE EVENTS IN DIVISION FOUR SO FAR THIS SEASON

The twenty-fifth season of the Fourth Division arrived with two clubs entirely new to the section - Bristol City and Swindon Town - and as Christmas approached the two were battling at different ends.

Torquay and Colchester, with player-managers Bruce Rioch and Allan Hunter at the helm, were leading the pack by mid-September. Steve Cooper and Ray Bishop were scoring freely for the Devon side while the late John Lyons inspired Hunter's men. Torquay were undefeated until going down heavily 1-4 at Wimbledon on September 25. Colchester's unbeaten start lasted only a further week, when the rapidly-progressing Scunthorpe defeated them 2-1 at the Old Show Ground. An erratic Northampton side recorded the division's highest goal tally so far with a 7-1 win over a bewildered Bristol City on Sunday September 19. Dave Syrett hit a hat-trick in nineteen minutes and added another late in the game. Two days later the home side crashed 0-3 to Bury who, with their giant centre-backs Paul Hilton and John Bramhall, began to challenge Colchester for the leadership. Chester, 5-0 victors over luckless Hereford, looked to be heading for better things too. But it was Wimbledon who had taken over at the top by October 9 - and they strung together six straight wins, scoring twenty goals, before losing for the first time, to lowly Bristol City, on October 23. A Friday evening clash between Scunthorpe and their rivals from across the Humber, Hull City, brought the highest gate - 7,483 - recorded in the Fourth so far. Les Mutrie scored the only goal, for the visitors, five minutes from the end. The Dons' defeat at Ashton Gate came on a day of goals, with Hull and Swindon joining the Bristol side in hitting four and Blackpool going one better with five. Torquay could only manage three at Peterborough, but two of them came from loan signing Roy Carter, who hit five goals in six games for them. Going into November, Bury and Scunthorpe strengthened their position at the top, while both Swindon and Wimbledon returned from long trips to the north pointless - and Port Vale moved into third place with a

1-0 win over Hull. At the other end Hereford, without a League win until mid-October, notched their fourth victory in seven games and Tranmere were in deep trouble. But almost 3,200 turned up at Prenton Park on November 27 to see Rovers beat Hereford and the local council later stepped in to stop the club going in the same direction as the other League club from the Wirral, New Brighton. A victory at Stockport that weekend put Swindon within a point of second-placed Scunthorpe - and the Town had played ten of their seventeen games away from the County Ground. Scunthorpe had gone down 0-1 in the meeting of the top two clubs at the Old Show Ground, watched by 6,335 - almost three times United's average gate last season when they finished twenty-third. Port Vale, who had slipped quietly in behind the top four, faltered again on December 4, to the revitalised Tranmere, going down by a Phil Sproson own goal. While the leaders were engaged in Second Round F.A. Cup battle Hull, with John Hawley having returned to Boothferry Park, and Wimbledon both took the opportunity of closing the gap. Hull and Swindon recorded 3-0 victories on the last weekend before Christmas and thus moved into the two places behind Bury - at the expense of Scunthorpe, who lost their unbeaten away record at Blackpool.

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Town through time

What's in a Name?

THE SECOND AND FINAL PART OF SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS' NAMES THROUGH THE YEARS

By Paul Plowman

My attempts to 'keep up with the Joneses' of the early 1900's at first met with little success. I was confronted with Albert Jones, Ernie Jones and 'Hereford' Jones at one point, until I discovered that they were one and the same player - he was actually Albert Ernest Jones from Builth near Hereford! But to add to my confusion, an A. Jones was supposed to have been transferred to Nottingham Forest two years prior to this signing. I later learnt that an Albert Thomas Jones had, in fact, gone to Forest along with Thomas Osborne Davies - an elder brother of Bert Davies, Town winger of the 1920's and later assistant secretary.

The fashion of not using one's first forename has been with us for generations and many of the Town's great names of the past are included in this category. Centre-forwards of different eras were Grenville and Harry Morris. The Welsh international was born Arthur Grenville while Harry, better known to his colleagues as 'Abe' was David Hyman Morris. Since 1939, there have been four Em(m)anuel's on the club's books and three have chosen to use their second names in preference to their first. Guest player in 1939-40, David Emmanuel of Swansea Town, was popularly known as Len - John Emanuel, loaned from Bristol City during 1975-76, was named William - and current Town skipper Gary Emmanuel has John as his first name.

The use of nicknames amongst footballers appears to be quite common-place but the origins of many of them seem somewhat obscure. At Swindon some of the more memorable ones have been 'Tich' Hemmings, the goalkeeper who was just five feet seven inches tall, Frank Heppinstall who was given the title of the 'Silvery Tenor' for his performances at the smoking con-

certs of pre-First War days and 'India rubber-necked' man, given to six-feet plus Jim Kennedy by the South Americans on the Town's tour there in 1912. Bert 'Twinkle Toes' Denyer and Frank 'Swerver' Richardson were stars of the 'twenties while William Flanagan of the next decade was inevitably known as 'Bud'. In more recent times there have been Dennis 'Bullets' Brown, a tribute to the player's shooting power and 'Ernie' Hunt. Arriving on the scene at the same time as Liverpool's Roger Hunt, the Swindon youngster was actually born Roger Patrick Hunt. Having chosen a name like 'Ernie' there could be no possible confusion - unlike the scene at the County Ground in 1946, when there were no less than six William's on the staff. Billy Lloyd, Billy Lucas and Bill Lovesey were joined by Bill Stephens (whose first name was John), William Bingham (who preferred to be known as Peter) and William Ithell (who preferred Jimmy). In complete contrast, young Charlie Henry's appearance in the first-team in August 1980 was the first by a Charlie since April 1951, when Charlie Hill featured in the Swindon line-up.

Finally, my vote for the man with the most appropriate name to have played for the club goes to a full-back who signed for the Town from West Bromwich Albion in 1937, his name ? Sid Swinden.



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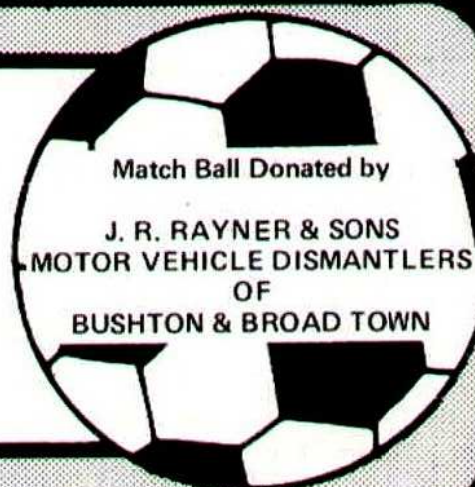
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- 2 ANDY KEELEY
- 3 NEIL POINTON
- 4 PETER CARTWRIGHT
- 5 STEVE BAINES
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