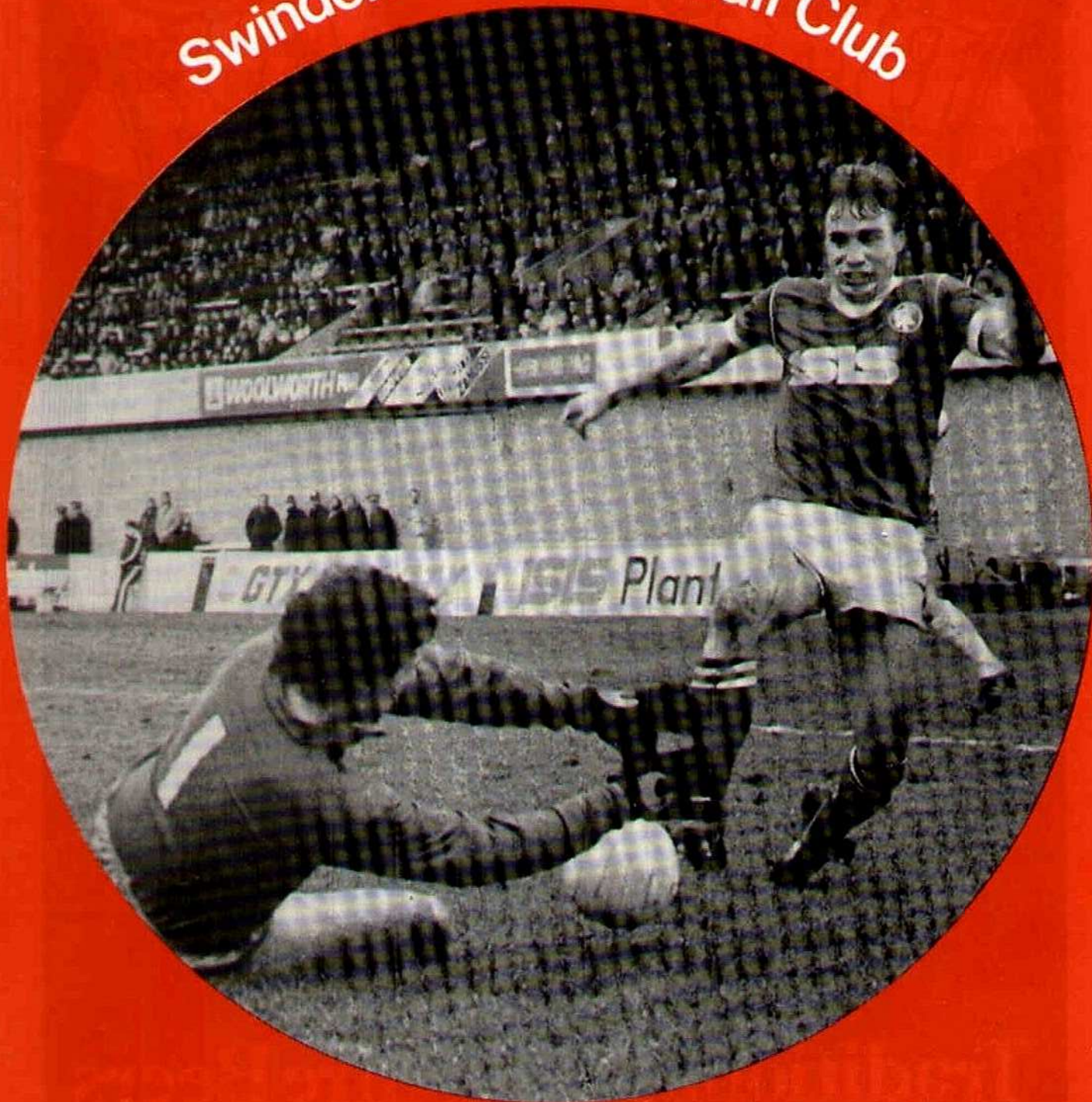




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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

We welcome to day the players and officials of Chester Football Club. We are, of course, always pleased to welcome the supporters of our visiting clubs.

The ball donor for today is, once again, Mr Bill Collins and the Team Mascot Mark Thrush who comes from Andover. Mark's father is a good supporter of our club and obviously travels many miles like so many of our friends from the country areas.

On Tuesday evening, 8 March, the Supporters' Co-Operative held a Quiz Competition between A Supporters' team, a Management team, and two teams made up from the Players, and this turned out to be a very enjoyable evening in the Rendezvous Club.

In my last programme notes I wrote a few lines to introduce the background of our new Directors, and today I continue with a few lines on both Gary Heath and Gary Herbert.

Gary Heath, known by many as Paul, is a Swindonian and went to school at Sandford Street. In those days Paul was living in Shrivenham Road just a stones throw away from the County Ground and became a Town Supporter at the age of eight. On leaving school he served an apprenticeship as a carpenter with the Building and Public Works, in earlier years, known as Colbourne and these days owned by 'Isis' who are very good supporters of our Club. On the completion of his apprenticeship he did two years National Service, just outside of Paris he tells me, and on leaving the Army he started a building business with a partner which was known as Lee and Heath, later to carry on the business on his own. Paul is married and has a son and daughter. Sport has always played a big part in his life and he actively played soccer, cricket and squash locally added to tennis and swimming in the summer. Paul has been appointed to the Finance Committee of the Football Club and also takes an interest in the running of our social clubs. He is 50 years old and very keen to see our team play in a higher division.

Another of our new Directors is Gary Herbert who is also a Swindonian and spent his schooldays at Pinehurst. Gary claims to watching the Town since he was six years old. He used to carry the band music for his uncle when the old G.W.R. band marched to the County Ground. Many of our supporters will have fond memories of those days. Gary is 37 years old and after leaving school joined the Building and Public Works just as Paul Heath did. Having spent ten years with this firm Gary has been with the Winterbourne Construction Ltd who are Civil Engineering and Building Contractors for ten years and is now a Managing Director of the Wroughton based Company. He played local football for 22 years, mostly in the Borough League and the Swindon and District Wilts League, his other sporting activities include playing cricket and squash.

Gary married a Swindon girl and they have two boys, nine and six years old, and now live in Blunsdon. He has been appointed to the Committee that looks after the upkeep of our buildings for it is important for us to make use of our own professional advice when we can and Gary is yet another enthusiast on the Board who is determined to bring success to the club.

In my next notes I shall introduce Mr. Colin Howard.

I hope that you all enjoy today's game and if you do, bring another friend along with you to the next home game and thank you for your support.



JOHN TROLLOPE

can maintain the effort side of the game and eliminate the mistakes at both ends of the pitch, I am sure things will come right.

Our bad sequence of results continues when we gained only one point from the last three games drawing at home one each to Bury and losing away to both Tranmere Rovers by 2-0 and at Mansfield Town going down 1-0. In all three games again we have had our fair share of possession, but at this stage of the season it is about results and consequently we are losing touch with the promotion places. Since the run of indifferent results began you are probably getting a little weary of my comments that we have played well but have not gained the points our performances have deserved, I can certainly understand your frustration for at the turn of the year having seemed to be on course for promotion. We showed that we were one of the better sides in the Division but it is about results and I am not putting our position down to bad luck, bad decisions etc. I think we have to look at ourselves as well and at times we certainly are not helping the cause by some of the things we do on the field, at both ends we have let silly goals in from our own penalty area and missed good opportunities at the other. I have received a few comments about lack of effort but with this I do not agree. In point of fact I think sometimes we give too much effort and make errors through our hastiness. The tactics and coaching have been the same basically as before Christmas but whereas things then seemed to be coming off for us both in performance and results, the same cannot be said of late. We still consider the tactics and formation is right but unfortunately confidence disappears when results go against the team for a period of time. I would however readily agree that we are not playing in the same fluent style as earlier in the season but if we

We still consider that with nine home games to go, although our chances of promotion have slimmed, we still must be in with a chance especially with three points at stake for each win. It is, of course, our away record that has let us down since Christmas. I would like to thank the supporters for backing us in these latter weeks especially those who have travelled to away matches and we hope that we can repay your loyalty by getting a winning run together and getting us back into the promotion race.

We welcome you all to the County Ground this afternoon and, of course, the players, officials and supporters of Chester our opponents today.

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Blackpool v Port Vale
- B Bristol City v Aldershot
- C Colchester v Bury
- D Darlington v Mansfield
- E Hartlepool v York City
- F Hull City v Tranmere
- G Peterborough v Northampton
- H Rochdale v Hereford
- I Scunthorpe v Torquay
- J Brighton v Norwich
- K Burnley v Sheffield Wed.
- L Manchester Utd v Everton
- M Arsenal v Aston Villa
- N Coventry v Tottenham H.
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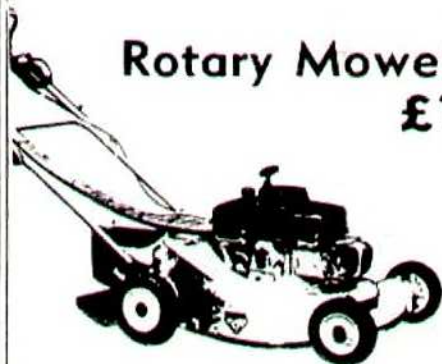
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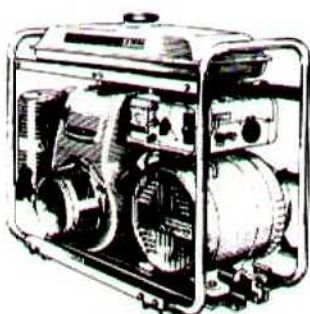
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Picture Parade...

BY DAVE EVANS



Swindon's Russell Lewis rises high to get the better of Bury striker Johnson in the 1 - 1 draw at the County Ground.

CHESTER

PHILLIP HARRINGTON - Goalkeeper. Joined us as an apprentice, signed full time in 1980. Has made 15 first team appearances. Represented Wales last season in three youth internationals. Born Bangor, Wales.

TREVOR STORTON - Defender. Started his career at Tranmere, making 118 appearances. Transferred to Liverpool where he made 5 first team appearances before joining us for a then record fee of £20,000. Reached 341 league appearances last season and his tally of goals so far is 16. He was born in Keighley, Yorkshire.

PAUL NEEDHAM - Defender. Born in Chester joined us as an apprentice signing full time in 1979. Has just regained his place in the first team. Made 36 first team appearances last season.

PETER ZELLEM - Defender. Another player who has progressed through our Youth team. Has formed a good partnership with Trevor Storton making 37 appearances last season.

NOEL BRADLEY - Defender. First club was Manchester City but he had not made any first team appearances. Made 27 appearances for Bury and joined us in the close season. He was born in Ballybofey, County Donegal.

MARTIN LANE - Defender. Signed during last close season having been released by Manchester United for whom he appeared regularly in the Central League. He was born in Altrincham.



BACK ROW (L to R)

Steve Ludlam, Nigel Edwards, Gary Simpson, Trevor Storton, Phillip Harrington, Greg Zelem, Paul Blackwell, John Allen, Mark Dean.

FRONT ROW (L to R)

Greg Moffatt, Martin Lane, Paul Johnson, Noel Bradley, Cliff Sear (Manager), John Terry Cook, Paul Needham.

CHESTER



Trevor Storton, Phillip Harrington, Grenville Millington, Peter

al Bradley, Cliff Sear (Manager), John Thomas, Tommy Sloan,

STEVE LUDLAM - Midfield. Previous clubs Sheffield United and Carlisle. Scored 11 goals in 96 appearances at Carlisle. Our record signing to date having paid Carlisle £45,000 for his signature. He was born in Sheffield.

TOMMY SLOAN - Midfield. Signed during last close season, also having been released by Manchester United who had signed him from Ballymena in Ireland where he was born.

PAUL BLACKWELL - Midfield. Signed at the beginning of 1981/82 season, but has not been able to command a regular first team place. Played 23 first team games last season. He was born in Mancot.

MIKE WILLIAMS - Midfield. Recently signed as a contract player following an apprenticeship at the club. Has made three appearances for the Welsh Youth Team this season.

GARRY SIMPSON - Forward. Signed from Chesterfield in August 1981, scored 12 times in 37 appearances last season. He was born in Chesterfield.

JOHN THOMAS - Forward. Joined us in the close season having been released by Bolton Wanderers for whom he made 22 first team appearances. Previous clubs were Everton, Halifax and Tranmere both on loan. He was born in Birmingham.

PAUL MANNS - Forward. Signed as a non-contract player having had previous experience with Cardiff City and Notts County.

From the Chester Archives

Compiled by Paul Plowman

Chester's entry into League football came on August 29 1931 when they played hosts to the old Wigan Borough club. The Chester line-up was:

Johnson, Herod, Jones, Keeley, Skitt, Reilly, Matthews, Ranson, Jennings, Cresswell, Hedley.

It was a comfortable 4 - 0 victory for the newcomers with Frank Cresswell, brother of the Sunderland, Everton and England full-back Warneford Cresswell, scoring Chester's first ever Football League goal. The other scorers on that memorable occasion were Ranson, Jennings and Hedley. Foster Hedley was sold to Tottenham Hotspur for a large fee in November 1933 and came to Swindon just before the war. The move to Spurs was to be a return to the First Division for Hedley, who had signed for Chester from Manchester City. He had earlier appeared for Nelson, the club which eventually lost its League place to Chester.

During one week in January 1933, Foster hit seven goals for Chester - four as they demolished Fulham 5 - 0 in a Third Round F.A. Cup tie and a hat-trick in a League encounter with Accrington Stanley. There were two others in that opening game with Tottenham connections - centre-half Harry Skitt and full-back Baden Herod. Edwin Redvers Baden Herod, to give him his full name, made his League debut ten years earlier with Charlton Athletic, being at the Valley for seven years prior to joining Brentford in 1928. Spurs signed him a year later and his time at Sealand Road (during which he made 72 League appearances) was sent on loan from that club. Baden was to come to the County Ground as one of the many new signings in 1933 and remained here until moving back to London to sign for Clapton Orient two years later. Some thirteen thousand people had greeted Chester's arrival in League football but the two points gained that day were later deducted as Wigan resigned just two months into the season. But still Chester finished in third position - behind Lincoln and Gateshead. In 1935/36 the club went one better -

their highest League placing to date and hit 100 League goals. Twelve came in one game against York City on February 1 and they also recorded an 8 - 2 home win over new Brighton. Leading goalscorer was Frank 'Paddy' Wrightson, who hit 26 goals in just twenty-nine games. Previously with Darlington, Manchester City, Fulham and Exeter - who he assisted in winning the Third South Challenge Cup in 1934 - the tall Wrightson bagged another 32 in 1936/37, enough to make him again top scorer.

Sealand Road had earlier been one of the venues chosen for a 'two-referees' experiment. Although a few representative games were played under this system, the idea was never adopted at Football League level. Chester's ground was also a popular choice for the staging of the Welsh Cup Final in the 1930's. The finals of 1933, 1935 and 1937 - and the replays in 1934 and 1937, were all played at Sealand Road. The 1934 Final was decided on English soil and featured two English clubs in Bristol City and Tranmere Rovers!

In 1937 Chester appointed as club trainer Septimus Atterbury who, as a player had started his career with Loughborough Town as long ago as 1897. 'Sep' spent four years, from 1903 to 1907, at Swindon and had also served Barnsley, Leicester Fosse and Plymouth Argyle - where he hung up his boots in 1921.



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Town Facts & Figures Season 1982/83						Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Lewis	Graham	Pritchard	Hughes	Rideout	Rowland	Barnard	Carter	Baverstock	Quinn	Batty	Baile
	Appearances		League Cup	31	15	22	29	31	31	24	11	30	30	31	3	13	3	25	12		
	Substitute Appearances		League Cup							1	1						6				
	Goals		League Cup				2	1		6		15	12	2	1		1				
Date 1982	Opponents	Att.	Score F - A																		
Aug 28	Port Vale	H	3602 1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ¹	10	11							
Sep 31	Bristol City MC1(1)	H	3739 2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ²	10	11							
Sep 4	Blackpool	A	3395 1-2	1		3	4	5	6	S	8	9	10	11							
8	Hereford Utd	A	2478 2-1	1		3	4	5	6		8	9	10 ¹	11							
11	Halifax Town	H	3450 0-1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11							
14	Bristol City MC1(2)	A	3786 0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11							
18	Rochdale	A	1363 1-1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
25	Crew Alexandra	H	2967 1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11							8
28	Northampton Town	A	2550 1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11							8
Oct 2	Hull City	A	3536 0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11							8
10	Colchester Utd	H	4473 3-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	S	9 ¹	10 ²	11							8
16	Bury	A	2357 0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11							8
20	Torquay Utd	A	2728 1-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	9 ¹	10	11							8
23	Mansfield Town	H	3917 4-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	9 ¹	10 ¹	11							8
30	Chester	A	1544 1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11							8
Nov 2	Tranmere Rovers	H	4407 4-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ²	10 ¹	11							8
6	Darlington	A	1267 0-1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11							8
13	York City	H	4081 3-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	9 ¹	10 ¹	11							8
20	F.A. Cup 1 Wealdstone	H	4035 2-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11							8
26	Stockport County	A	2197 2-1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11							8
Dec 4	Peterborough Utd	H	3961 1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11							8
11	F.A. Cup 2 Brentford	H	7176 2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	9	10	11							8
14	FA Cup 2R Brentford	A	7383 3-1	1		3	4	5	6	7	S	9	10 ¹	11							8
18	Hartlepool Utd	H	4118 3-0	1		3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11							8
27																					

P. Rideout	15	3	18
A. Rowland	12	4	16
H. Pritchard	6	5	11
L. Barnard	2	1	3
P. Batty	—	2	2
G. Emmanuel	2	—	2
R. Lewis	1	1	2
C. Henry	—	1	1
R. Carter	1	—	1
J. Quinn	1	—	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION		Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Beamish	Gould	Bristow	Barnes	Quinn	Shaw	Evans	Henry	Round	Blackler	Pritchard	Williams	Carter	Cousins	Hughes	Gallo	Osbourne	Sheppard	Fulbrook	Baddeley	Graham	Emmanuel	Allan	Barnard	Bull	Slatterley	Orchard	
Appearances		26	14	13	5	9	11	26	14	20	1	11	4	21	26	6	21	10	3	16	10	7	3	3	8	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	
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Sep 21	Chelsea	H	3-4	1		3	3	7	10	9		2			6	6	11	8	S														
Sep 28	Birmingham City	A	0-3	1		3	3	7	10	9		11			6	6	3	4															
Oct 5	Charlton Ath	H	4-0	1	2	3	5	7	10	9		11			6	6	3	8				S											
Oct 12	Watford	H	2-1	1	2	3		4	S	9		11			6	6	3	8															
Oct 18	Leicester City	A	1-4	1	2	3		4	S	9		11			6	6	7	10															
Oct 26	Norwich City	H	0-0	1	2	3		7	10	9					6	6	11																
Oct 30	Tottenham H	H	1-3	1	2	3		7	9			11			6	6	10																
Nov 9	Reading	H	2-1	1	2	3		8	S	9					6	6	11	10															
Nov 16	Fulham	A	2-1	1	2	3		7	10	9					6	6	11	8															
Nov 20	Ipswich Town	A	1-2	1	2	3		7	9			11			6	6	3	8															
Nov 30	Brighton & H.A.	H	3-2	1	7	2		11	10	9		S			6	6	3	8															
Dec 7	Q.P.R.	A	1-6	1	10	2		7	S	9		11			6	6	3	8															
Dec 14	C. Palace	H	2-3	1	2			3	10	9					6	6	3	8															
Dec 18	West Ham Utd	A	1-1	1	2			3	10	9					6	6	11																
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Jan 25	Chelsea	A	0-4	1				4	4	9					6	6	3																
Feb 1	Luton	H	3-3	1				4	4	9					6	6	3																
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Feb 15	Charlton A	A	0-3	1				2	4	9					6	6	3																
Feb 19	Watford	A	0-4	1				2	4	9					6	6	3																
Feb 22	Arsenal	H	0-5	1				2	4	9					6	6	3																
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Mar 9	Norwich City	A													6	6	3																
Mar 15	Tottenham H	H													6	6	3																
Mar 23	Reading	A													6	6	3																
Mar 29	Fulham	H													6	6	3																
Apr 6	Oxford Utd	A													6	6	3																
Apr 12	Millwall	H													6	6	3																

1 Own Goal

Goalscorers Summary

Quinn 12
Carter 5
Barnes 4
Batty 2
Beamish 2
Blackler 2
Bristow 1
Evans 1
Williams 1
Pritchard 1
Own Goal 1

Town through time

Wingers

by paul plowman

PART 16

In the first week of January 1966 Swindon signed little TOMMY HENDERSON - a five feet four inch winger from Bury. A Scot from Lanarkshire, Tommy's first venture into England had come in 1958/59 season when he spent a few months with Leeds United, but he soon returned north of the border. In 1961 he moved from Hearts to St. Mirren and it was from the Paisley club that he eventually rejoined the Elland Road staff in November 1962 for £1,500. This time Tommy spent two and a half years with United, although he made only 24 League appearances, before moving on to Bury in June 1965. His debut for Swindon came with that of another new signing, Brian Richardson from Sheffield United, in a 3-1 home victory over League leaders Hull City - and Henderson hit the Town's third goal. Curiously, both Henderson and Richardson made the same number of appearances for Swindon - just eleven - and left the club at the same time too, in July 1966, with the tiny Scotsman joining Stockport County. ERIC WEAVER and Willie Penman shared the number seven spot at the start of the 1966/67 season with DON ROGERS on the other flank - until October 18 when BRUCE WALKER was recalled to the left wing. The Town then proceeded to score twenty-three goals in seven games. By the February, Swindon had marched through to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup but in the Third Division were hovering dangerously close to the relegation zone and Danny Williams strengthened his first team pool by the addition of the experienced centre forward Pat Terry and wing man BOBBY JONES had signed for Bristol Rovers from the local Soundwell club back in May 1956

and played some 250 League games over a ten-year period before leaving Eastville for Northampton. His move to Swindon came after just five months with the 'Cobblers'. Although he had over sixty League goals to his credit by the time he arrived here. Bobby failed to score for the Town in eleven games and in August 1967 rejoined Bristol Rovers - where he was to make a further 160 appearances. He is now manager of Bath City. With Jones cup-tied, Bruce Walker continued to wear the number eleven shirt in Swindon's Fifth Round epic with Nottingham Forest - and it was his classic late goal that kept the Town in the competition, forcing extra-time in the replay and an eventual third game.

A new winger was on show in the opening game of the following season, 1967/68, but it was to be an all too brief appearance for BARRY LOWES. He was injured in that game, against Brighton, and was seen only once more in the first team, in the following February, when he again failed to last the ninety-minute duration. For Lowes it was to be the end of a career that had started with his home-town team Barrow in January 1960. Blackpool had invested £6,000 in him in November 1961 but he had not played a League game for the Seaside by the time he returned to the north-west to sign for Workington in the summer of 1962. Barry stayed at Borough Park until early in 1966 when he moved to Bury and he also spent a few months at Coventry before his arrival here. With Lowes 'out of commission' Danny soon signed a replacement in Norwich City's DON HEATH.

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