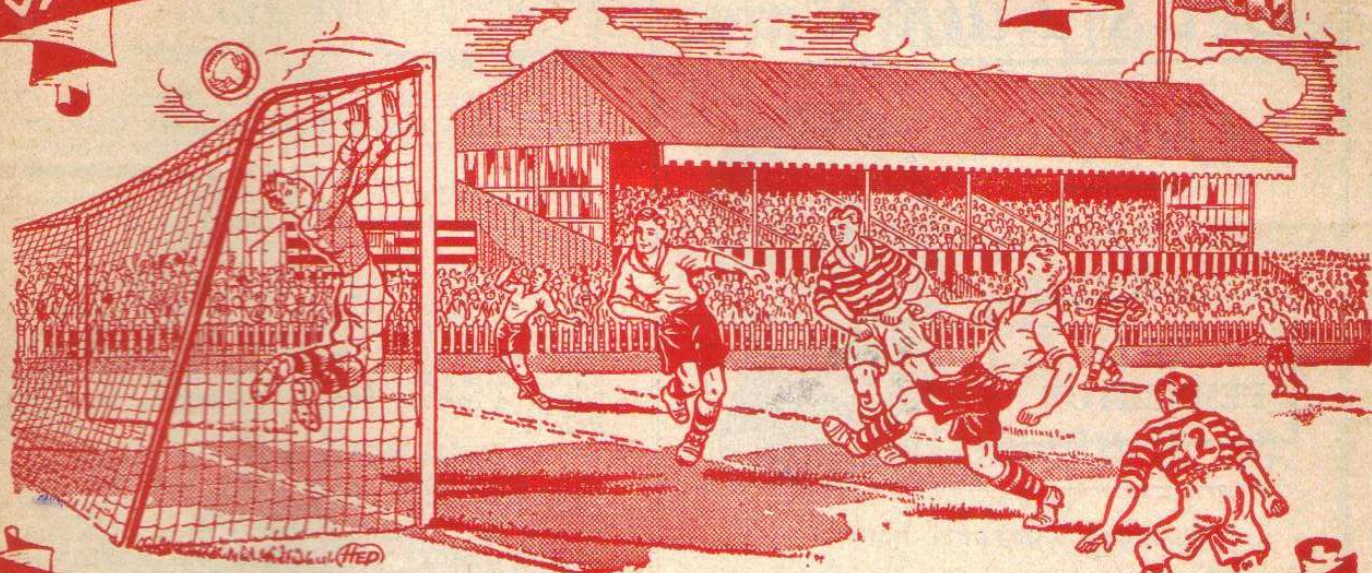


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GOOD afternoon! And as we welcome our friends from Swindon might I suggest that we could do far worse than take a lesson and example from our opponents

For the last two seasons Swindon have had to seek re-election, but they visit us today in the role of promotion aspirants who have more than a moderate chance of making Division 2.

No miracle has brought about this transformation. Neither have panic changes. A few new players were added to the strength during the close season, but mainly the team today is pretty well that which did duty last campaign. More than anything else I would say that Faith has put Swindon where they are today—a quality which has been singularly lacking around Fellows Park these last few weeks.

FIGHTING DEFEAT

As only some 40 supporters took advantage of British Railways excellent special train to Brighton last Saturday, it might be as well to make it clear right away that Walsall were far from disgraced in this defeat.

On the run of the play Brighton just about earned their ticket into the next round but it could so easily have gone the other way. From start to finish Walsall gave of a best not seen for some weeks and they came within inches of forcing a replay in a fighting finish which had the Albion defending grimly.

The Hove ground is one of the worst from a Pressman's point of view and I can quite well understand how it came to be stated that Tarrant gave Walsall a first minute lead when in fact it was an own goal scored by the home left back, Jennings. Had Ted had equal success with a shot a few minutes later I don't think even Brighton could have pulled the game out of

the fire. But the shot went wide — and we went West.

LEAGUE EFFORT

I do not think it is any secret that I personally am shedding no tears that we are not in for a long cup run. If the Walsall side is to finish in the top half of the league table next May then a big effort is needed—and one target is more easily gained than two.

If history repeats itself as last season there will be a lot of happier hearts around Fellows Park. Remember it was after we were ousted from the competition at the first round last year that the side began a record run of 12 games without defeat.

To repeat that performance means we must start today with a win over Swindon and though it is a hard task it is by no means an impossible one. I have a feeling that a change of fortunes will start this afternoon — an optimism which I hope is more justified than that of our friend on the Brighton train who assured us from Stechford to Hove that Walsall would win by a 3-1 margin.

THANKS—AND PRANKS

I have been asked on behalf of the club to express their thanks to Mrs. Hawley and her fellow whist-drive workers for their generous gift of two new playing strips for the teams.

I also have a message for the gentleman who removed my Press ticket from the cubbyhole of my car—I should not try to use it if I were him!

And lastly my thanks to the Supporters Club officials who made my return journey from Brighton much more enjoyable—and profitable!

ROAD SAFETY THOUGHT

On your way from the match remember the fable of the hare and the tortoise—and your responsibility for keeping both death and injury off the road.

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MANAGER'S STATEMENT

LATE on Thursday, the Walsall Manager, Mr. Jack Love, made the following announcement:—

"I have given notice to the chairman of the Directors of my intention to terminate my contract. That is all I am prepared to say at the moment. Mr. Andy Beattie has asked me to say that he too is leaving the club. He came here to help me and as I am going he has decided to go as well."

VISITORS TO FELLOWS PARK TO-DAY

SWINDON TOWN

VISITORS to Fellows Park today, Swindon Town are without doubt one of the two "super shock" teams of the division this season.

For the last two years Swindon had to apply for re-election, last season being accompanied by Norwich. How the old order hath changed this time, for Norwich now lead the division with Swindon in second place!

However badly they may be faring generally, the Town seem to save their best for Fellows Park and last season they won here, although we evened the scales in returning the compliments on the County ground. Actually of the 18 meetings between the clubs at Walsall, our visitors have won 8 compared with Walsall's 6 and 4 drawn. At Swindon Walsall have won 5 and drawn 4 of the 18 encounters.

Earlier this season there was no indication that Swindon were going to challenge for promotion. Of their opening 8 matches they only won two, but since then they have maintained an unbeaten home record and collected some useful points away from home.

Like ourselves, Swindon are no longer interested in the F.A. cup for they received their exodus in losing by the only goal of the game at Reading.

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FIRST FLOODLIGHT MATCH

AS our league opponents for Saturday, December 7th, Plymouth Argyle, will be engaged in the F.A. cup on that day, a friendly fixture has been arranged with Rochdale from the Northern section. The kick off will be 3 p.m. so that our floodlights can be brought into use for the first time during the second half. This most attractive match should provide a talking point as to the relative strength of teams from the two Division 3 sections.

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Midland Mid-Week League

Walsall v. Aston Villa

Kick-off 2-30 p.m. Admission 1/- (all parts)

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Birmingham League—Division 1

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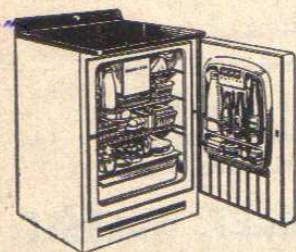
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1957	AUGUST	Result
24—North'ton	(2-2) h	2-1
28—South'ton	(1-3) a	1-4
31—Watford	(0-1) a	1-1

SEPTEMBER
5—South'ton (1-1) h 1-1
7—Crystal P. (1-2) h 2-1
12—Newport (2-2) a 0-2
14—Torquay (0-2) a 1-2
19—Newport (0-0) h 3-0
21—Brentford (7-0) h 0-2
28—Colchester (1-2) a 1-1

OCTOBER
5—Norwich (6-3) h 2-1
12—Brighton (3-2) h 2-3
19—Southend (0-2) a 1-4
26—Q.P.R. (0-2) h 1-2

NOVEMBER
2—Exeter (1-0) a 1-2
9—Gillingham (2-2) h 1-1
30—F.A. Cup—(Round 1)
Brighton a 1-2
23—Swindon (1-2) h
30—Aldershot (1-4) a

DECEMBER
7—Rochdale (Friendly) h
14—Port Vale (—) a
21—North'ton (3-2) a
25—Shrewsbury (1-1) h
26—Shrewsbury (2-3) a
28—Watford (2-0) h

1958 JANUARY
4—F.A. Cup (round 3)
Bournemouth (2-2) a
11—Crystal P. (0-3) a
18—Torquay (0-1) h
25—F.A. Cup (round 4)
Millwall (0-1) a

FEBRUARY
1—Brentford (2-6) a
8—Colchester (2-1) h
15—F.A. Cup (round 5)
Norwich (2-2) a
22—Brighton (3-1) a

MARCH
1—F.A. Cup (round 6)
Southend (0-1) h
8—Q.P.R. (0-1) a
15—Exeter (2-0) h
23—Swindon (1-2) h
29—Port Vale (—) h

APRIL
4—Reading (3-2) a
5—Gillingham (1-2) a
7—Reading (3-2) h
12—Aldershot (5-1) h
19—Plymouth (4-2) a
24—Bournemouth (0-0) h
26—Millwall ((7-1) h

MAY
3—F.A. Cup (final)

Coventry matches, home and away, to be arranged.

Birmingham & District Football League — Division 1

1957	AUGUST	Result
24—Banbury	.. a	4-2
29—Lockheed	.. a	2-2
31—Wolves	.. h	1-2

SEPTEMBER
7—Rugby .. a 2-1
12—Wolves .. a 2-7
14—Aston Villa .. h 3-0
21—Hereford .. a 3-1
28—Lockheed .. h 1-0

OCTOBER
5—Worcester .. a P
12—Gresley R. .. a 2-0
19—Nuneaton .. h 1-0
26—Bromsgrove .. a 3-5

NOVEMBER
2—Atherstone .. h 3-0
9—Stourbridge .. a 0-3
30—Hinckley .. h 5-2
23—
30—Burton A. .. h

DECEMBER
7—Bilston .. a
14—Tamworth .. h
21—Banbury .. h
26—Bedworth .. h

1958 JANUARY
4—Shrewsbury .. h
11—Brierley Hill .. h
18—Aston Villa .. a
25—Shrewsbury .. a

FEBRUARY
1—Rugby .. h
8—
15—Worcester .. h
22—Hereford .. h

MARCH
1—Nuneaton .. a
8—Bromsgrove .. h
15—Atherstone .. a
22—Stourbridge .. h
29—Hinckley .. a

APRIL
5—Gresley .. h
7—Bedworth .. a
12—Burton A. .. a
19—Bilston .. h
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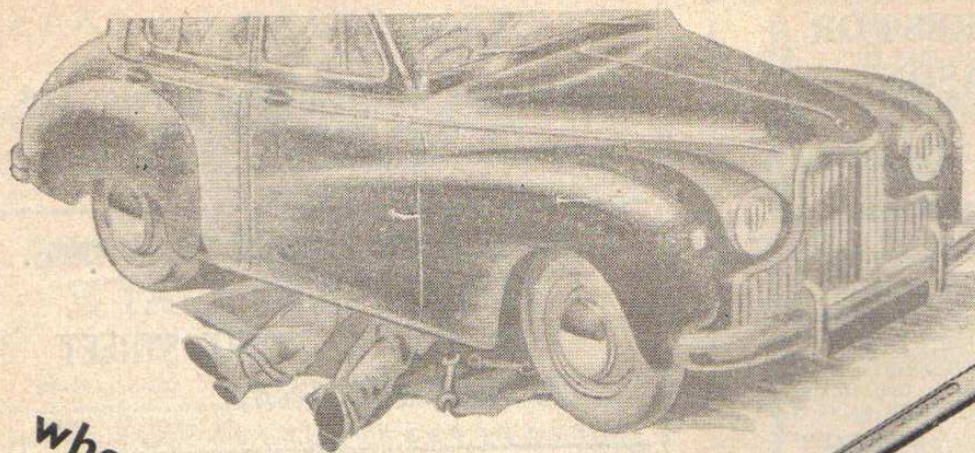
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(Table To Saturday)

	P	W	D	L	Goals			P
					F	A		
Norwich	19	8	8	3	32	27		24
Swindon	19	9	5	5	35	21		23
Brentford	18	10	3	5	35	23		23
Brighton	18	11	1	6	35	29		23
Port Vale	17	9	4	4	29	13		22
Reading	18	8	6	4	32	18		22
Plymouth	19	10	1	8	23	24		21
Colchester	20	7	6	7	28	36		20
Bournemouth	17	8	3	6	29	29		19
Newport	17	6	7	4	23	24		19
Southend	18	8	2	8	42	25		18
Southampton	19	7	4	8	38	31		18
Q.P.R.	18	8	2	8	21	29		18
Shrewsbury	18	6	6	6	19	26		18
Watford	19	5	7	7	23	22		17
Crystal Palace	18	6	5	7	27	28		17
Millwall	18	7	2	9	28	30		16
Aldershot	17	6	4	8	23	28		16
Coventry	16	6	4	6	19	24		16
Northampton	19	5	3	11	29	38		13
Exeter	18	4	5	9	21	37		13
WALSALL	16	4	4	8	20	28		12
Gillingham	17	5	2	10	17	27		12
Torquay	18	4	4	10	16	27		12

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE (Division One)

(Table To Date)

	P	W	D	L	Goals			P
					F	A		
Wolves	14	8	3	3	39	24		19
WALSALL	14	9	1	4	32	23		19
Hereford Utd.	15	7	4	4	28	21		18
Bromsgrove R.	12	8	1	3	32	19		17
Bilston	12	8	0	4	29	19		16
Burton Albion	13	6	3	4	21	17		15
Hinckley Ath.	12	7	1	4	21	20		15
Banbury Spen	13	7	1	5	30	18		15
Stourbridge	12	5	3	4	18	20		13
Shrewsbury T.	15	6	1	8	30	30		13
Bedworth T.	11	5	3	3	29	21		13
Brierley Hill	10	5	2	3	17	13		12
Lockheed	13	5	2	6	16	17		12
Worcester City	12	5	0	7	12	28		10
Rugby Town	9	4	1	4	15	16		9
Gresley Rov.	12	3	2	7	15	23		8
Aston Villa	14	2	3	9	23	39		7
Atherstone T.	12	3	0	9	8	24		6
Nuneaton	10	1	2	7	17	25		4
Tamworth	9	1	1	7	7	20		3