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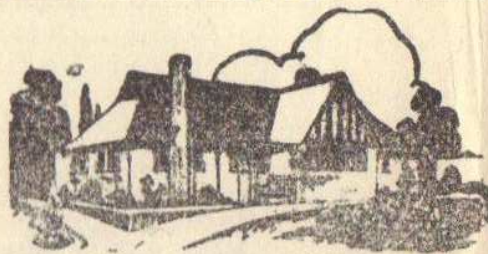
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FIRST TEAM.		RESERVES.	
G. Payne	16	A. Harris	14
H. Bell	35	D. Evans	29
D. Frith	33	D. Jones	21
J. Heydon	31	R. Williams	24
R. Millington	35	J. Jones	18
P. Farrell	35	W. Johnson	27
K. McDevitt	13	J. Dodd	21
A. Rowley	28	J. Kidd	21
K. Williams	35	A. Gaskell	26
C. McDonnell	19	J. Green	13
T. Eglington	36	G. Ainslie	2
J. Dodd	5	K. Flint	15
D. Jones	4	J. G. Howard	1
K. Finney	25	W. Charlton	20
A. Harris	20	C. Easson	9
J. Green	18	K. Finney	3
W. Charlton	1	P. Finlay	1
R. Williams	6	J. McDermott	1
Goal Scorers— League—		D. Moss	6
K. Williams 16, McDonnell and Rowley		A. Rowley	21
12 each Dodd 4, Green and Eglington		A. C. Rowley	1
3 each.		K. McDevitt	16
F.A. Cup—		C. McDonnell	10
K. Williams 4, Rowley 2, Eglington,		G. Payne	10
Finney and Green 1 each.		A. Wade	3
Liverpool Senior Cup—		J. Heydon	1
K. Williams 3, Green 1.			
Friendly—			
K. Williams and Eglington 3 each.			
		Goal Scorers—	
		Dodd 13, Gaskell 12, Green and Kidd 8,	
		A. Rowley, Charlton and McDonnell	
		7 each, Finney 5, McDevitt 3, R.	
		Williams 2, A. C. Rowley, Johnson,	
		Evans and K. Flint 1 each.	

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In view of the various statements which have appeared in the Press recently, we think that Football Supporters generally should know just what opportunities there are for the professional footballer in The Football League who makes a success of his career.

In addition to his basic weekly wage, the maximum of which is £20 per week, the player is *entitled* to the following payments under Football League Regulations.

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No. 2 Club ...	£880	No. 5 Club ...	£220
No. 3 Club ...	£660		

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In addition to all these *entitlements*, Clubs may, and in most cases do, pay removal expenses, when players are transferred, plus an additional sum of up to £300 if the player is transferred at the request of his Club.

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Finally, The Football League Provident Fund puts aside a sum equal to 8% of all these earnings each year which is paid to a player, free of Income Tax, on the 1st January following his thirty-fifth birthday, or following his retirement from League football, whichever is the later.

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From this, it will be seen that the oft repeated claim that "a player can only receive £20 a week" is misleading, and that there is every incentive for a player to reach the top and receive ample reward for his efforts from the game itself. It is not necessary for us to remind anyone of the further opportunities which success in the game opens in the field of Television, Newspaper Writings, Advertising, etc.

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Editorial Comment

A great deal has happened since last we met on this page. Rovers won their home games against Bournemouth and Bradford City and sustained their heaviest defeat of the season at Brentford last Saturday in a match that was notable for some excellent football from both sides, but set Brentford out as one of the finest teams in the Division and strong challengers for promotion.

While this was going on at Brentford, our Reserves, in another of their somewhat anaemic moods, lost their grip on the Cheshire Senior Cup by going down 3—1 at Congleton in a match they could have won.

But to present the brighter side of the penny there was the continued success of our Juniors, who go from strength to strength. We were glad to note that 600 spectators turned up here to see the 'A' team beat Liverpool 'C' in the West Cheshire League, and the spectators must have been well satisfied not only with the fare served up, but with the knowledge that our policy of searching out and developing local talent is building up a fine reservoir of young players. Quite shortly we hope to see some of the more advanced of these youngsters getting the chance to win their spurs with the Reserves.

To-day we welcome Swindon Town, on their first-ever League visit to Prenton Park and in much happier circumstances than a previous occasion on which our names were linked. That was in 1957 when Rovers had to apply for re-election to the League. Brothers in distress that day were Swindon, who, like Rovers, have confounded many people by a vast improvement in status over the past 18 months.

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THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hull City	...	35	21	6	8	74	41 48
Plymouth	...	33	17	11	5	69	45 45
Colchester	...	32	14	10	8	55	41 38
Reading	...	34	15	8	11	58	45 38
Brentford	...	31	14	10	7	44	33 38
Southend	...	34	15	7	12	59	53 37
Tranmere	...	33	14	7	12	58	50 35
Southampton	...	33	12	10	11	71	56 34
Accrington	...	32	12	10	10	53	44 34
Bury	...	33	12	9	12	54	44 33
Halifax Town	...	31	14	5	12	51	58 33
Bournemouth	...	35	13	7	15	50	57 33
Norwich C.	...	29	12	8	9	50	41 32
Chesterf'ld	...	34	12	8	14	55	53 32
Mansfield	...	32	12	8	12	57	67 32
Wrexham	...	32	11	9	12	49	55 31
Swindon	...	32	11	8	13	39	39 30
Bradford C.	...	32	11	8	13	57	58 30
Newport	...	32	11	8	13	50	53 30
Q.P.R.	...	32	11	7	14	49	65 29
Stockport	...	33	10	6	17	48	59 26
Notts Co.	...	33	7	12	14	44	68 26
Doncaster	...	34	9	2	23	37	74 20
Rochdale	...	33	6	8	19	30	62 20

CHESHIRE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bangor City	...	28	18	2	8	70	48 38
Northwich Vic.	...	29	15	5	9	82	53 35
Ellesmere Pt.	...	23	15	4	4	70	29 34
Tranmere R.	...	28	15	3	10	67	42 33
Port Vale	...	28	14	4	10	69	43 32
Wrexham	...	27	15	2	10	64	54 32
Chester	26	14	2	10	79	49 30
Hyde Utd.	...	26	14	2	10	57	49 30
Buxton	...	22	12	4	6	67	39 28
Rhyl	26	10	8	8	44	52 28
Altrincham	...	28	11	5	12	49	50 27
Runcorn	...	27	9	8	9	47	39 26
Winsford Utd.	...	25	9	5	11	54	52 23
Mossley	...	28	10	2	16	62	76 22
Witton A.	...	28	8	5	15	51	65 21
Crewe A.	...	25	7	7	11	50	72 21
Stafford R.	...	27	7	6	14	41	75 20
Congleton Town	...	27	8	3	16	46	79 19
Stalybridge C.	...	28	7	4	17	46	83 18
Macclesfield	...	27	6	3	18	46	83 15

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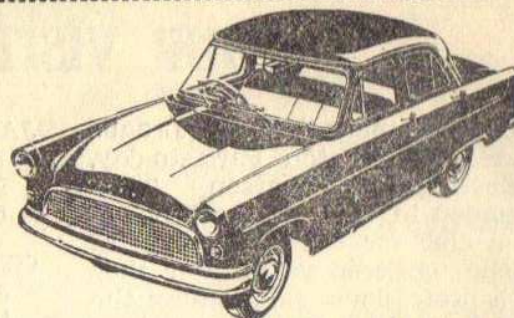


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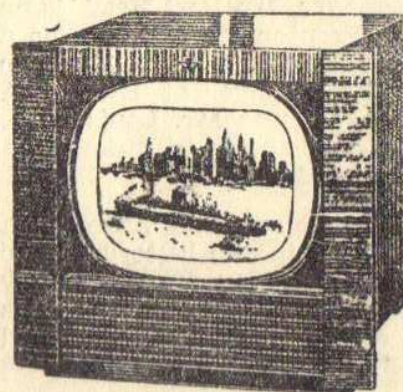
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OUR VISITORS.

Swindon Town make their first League appearance at Prenton Park to-day, owe their origin to a parson. They were founded in 1881 by the Rev. W. Pitt as a club for the young men of his parish. Thirteen years later they became a professional side joining the Southern League where they remained until the formation of the Third Division South in 1921.

Swindon can claim three nick-names. You pay your money and you take your choice of "The Moonrakers", "The Robins" or "The Railwaymen". Their present manager, Mr. Bert Head, is no stranger to Prenton Park. He was a regular visitor in the days when he was assistant manager at Bury. A former manager was Mr. Louis Page, who has made his home in Birkenhead for a number of years.

The past two seasons have been among the best in the history of the club, although it may surprise many people to know that as far back as 1910 and again in 1912 they reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

Here are some pen-pictures of to-day's visitors:—

RAY CHANDLER (goalkeeper)—A six-footer from Bath, who was with Bristol Rovers before moving to the County Ground. Has replaced Sam Burton, who was the star of the side when Rovers won at Swindon earlier in the season.

JOHN NEAL (right-back) — A Tyne-sider—from North Shields—John was formerly with Hull City. He played in all but one of last season's matches.

WALLY BINGLEY (left-back) — Another Northerner — this time from Sheffield. Wally had a spell with his home town Wednesday.

JACK FOUNTAIN (right-half) — Like Bingley, a Yorkshireman — from Leeds — and was on Sheffield United's books.

GEORGE HUDSON (centre-half)—At 6ft. 1in. in height, the tallest man in the side. A Hampshire man, George reached the County ground by way of Fratton Park, Portsmouth.

MAURICE OWEN (left-half)—A product of Berkshire, Maurice joined Swindon as an inside-forward and made 33 appearances there last season. Has been converted into a wing-half this season.

JOHNNY SKULL (outside-right)—The only local-born boy in the side, Johnny was a frequent performer last season and proved his worth with nine goals.

ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT (inside-right) — This former Bristol City player, who is a native of Birmingham, packs a powerful shot and proved it by getting 14 goals last season.

BILL MARSHALL (centre-forward)—A comparative new boy, having been transferred to Swindon from Bradford City a fortnight ago. Brings a lot of bustle to the leadership. Has the distinction of being the only Scot in the team.

BOB EDWARDS (inside-left)—Another hard-hitting inside-forward. Bob, who comes from Guildford and was formerly with Chelsea, scored 14 last season.

ARNOLD DARCY (outside-left) — A bit of Lancashire hot-pot. Arnold comes from Blackburn, but was with Wigan Athletic before moving South-west.

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WITH THE JUNIORS.

A crowd of over 600 saw the 'A' team defeat Liverpool 'C' 3—0 at Prenton Park, thus avenging a 5—2 defeat by the 'Reds' earlier in the season.

The visitors started off very well and looked as if they would cause the young Rovers a lot of trouble but an early injury to fullback Schofield upset their rhythm, and our youngsters from then onwards took command. Our goalscorers were John Hughes (2) and as usual Arthur Griffiths, who now has 23 goals to his credit.

Most West Cheshire League 2nd Division teams must view the 'B' team as one of the toughest to encounter, for they have now played 19 games without defeat, their latest victims being Bebington Hawks, whom they thrashed 5—1 at Eastham. The players who found the net were John Formby (2), Frank Pumford (2) and right-half Stan Boardman.

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E	— MAN. UN.	2	EVERTON	1
F	— NEWCASTLE	PRESTON
G	— NOTTS. F.	1	BIRMINGHAM	7
H	— PORTSMOUTH	3	MAN. CITY	0
I	— TOTTENHAM	LEICESTER C.
J	— WEST HAM	W. BROM.
K	— WOLVES	6	ARSENAL	0

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C	— BRISTOL C.	STOKE CITY
D	— CARDIFF C.	SWANSEA T.
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H	— LIVERPOOL	FULHAM
I	— MIDDLESBRO	LINCOLN C.
J	— ROTHERHAM	DERBY C.
K	— SHEFF. UN.	LEYTON O.

THIRD DIVISION.

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B	— BURY	HALIFAX
C	— COLCHESTER	BRADFORD C.
D	— DONCASTER	NOTTS. C.
E	— NORWICH	S'HAMPTON
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EDITORIAL COMMENT (*continued*).

It is interesting to recall that the South Section team who accompanied Swindon on that dismal mission for re-election in 1957 were Norwich City—and look, if we may say so, where THEY are now.

The “Canaries” advance to the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup has given a lot of pleasure to all Third Division teams and we hope that they will become the first Third Division side to figure in the Final at Wembley.

Apart from the disinterested pleasure such a feat would give to us, we also have the prospect of playing Norwich at Carrow Road in their last home game of the season—precisely 10 days before the Cup Finalists take the field at Wembley. It doesn't need more imagination to picture the scene at Carrow Road if, when Rovers go there on April 22nd, City are indeed finalists.

We have another vicarious interest in the destination of the cup through Aston Villa, managed by our old friend Joe Mercer. Last week-end Joe paid tribute to the help and encouragement he had received from our player-manager Peter Farrell in the two practice matches played here on the eve of cup-ties against Everton and Burnley. Rovers won both, Villa were successful in the cup-ties, so we hope that Mr. Mercer will bring his boys back next week to be beaten for a third time so that they can go forward to defeat Nottingham Forest in the semi-finals and get to Wembley for the second time in three seasons.

To-day ushers in a very busy spell for Rovers for on Monday we are due to travel to Newport for the postponed match against the County. On Tuesday night our Reserves go to Crewe for their postponed Cheshire League match. Then next Saturday the League side travel again—this time to Mansfield—and on Monday there is the highspot of the season, the visit of Plymouth Argyle—an event we have been awaiting since January 3rd.

Accrington's remarkable win at Plymouth on Wednesday night has damaged Argyle's hopes of beating Hull City to the championship, but they are still odds-on favourites for promotion and, as such, highly attractive visitors to Prenton Park.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT *(continued)*.

At the request of many of our supporters, who found it a bit of a rush to get from work, have tea, change and get to Prenton Park for a 7 o'clock kick-off, the directors have, with the co-operation of Plymouth fixed the kick-off on Monday, March 16th, for 7-30.

Rovers cannot win promotion this season, but they can play a big part in deciding who does win it for in addition to Plymouth's visit we have the holiday matches against Hull City (here on Good Friday) and at Hull on Easter Monday.

There was a very happy ceremony in the Board-room on Wednesday of this week when the club chairman, Mr. C. W. Hodgson, handed over to goalkeeper George Payne the benefit cheque awarded to him some weeks ago. George has the distinction of being the first Tranmere Rovers player to receive a benefit direct from the club and not as a result of a fund-raising match. It is hoped that the three other players—Ralph Millington, Ray Williams and Ken McDevitt—who have also been awarded benefits will receive their cheques within the next few months.

Note These Dates

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Next Saturday—

RESERVES v. WITTON A. Kick-off 3 p.m.

Monday, 16th March—

ROVERS v. PLYMOUTH Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

1958

FIRST XI.

Aug. 29	Doncaster	..	Home	3-0
25	Q.P.R.	..	Away	1-1
30	Plymouth A.	..	Away	0-4
Sept. 1	Q.P.R.	..	Home	2-0
6	Bradford C.	..	Away	0-2
10	Southend	..	Away	3-1
13	Stockport	..	Home	3-1
15	Southend	..	Home	1-1
20	Reading	..	Away	0-0
23	Rochdale	..	Away	4-1
27	Colchester	..	Home	3-3
29	Rochdale	..	Home	2-1
Oct. 4	Bournemouth	..	Away	0-4
6	Norwich	..	Home	0-1
13	Brentford	..	Home	1-2
18	Swindon	..	Away	2-1
22	L'pool (L'pool Sen. Cup)	..	Home	4-1
25	Mansfield	..	Home	2-2
Nov. 1	Notts. C.	..	Away	1-1
3	All Stars (Friendly)	..	Home	6-5
8	Chesterfield	..	Home	2-0
15	Bishop Auckland (F.A. Cup)	..	Home	8-1
22	Southampton	..	Home	2-0
29	Accrington	..	Away	1-3
Dec. 6	F.A. Cup (2nd Round)			
	Doncaster Rovers	..	Home	1-2
13	Wrexham	..	Away	5-2
20	Doncaster	..	Away	0-2
26	Bury (Boxing Day)	..	Away	2-4
27	Bury	..	Home	4-0
1959				
Jan. 1	Wrexham	..	Home	1-2
24	Halifax	..	Home	1-2
31	Stockport	..	Away	0-1
Feb. 7	Reading	..	Home	2-1
10	Crewe A. (aband.)	..	Away	
14	Colchester	..	Away	1-1
21	Bournemouth	..	Home	4-0
23	Bradford C.	..	Home	3-1
28	Brentford	..	Away	2-5
Mar. 7	Swindon	..	Home	3-1
9	Newport	..	Away	
14	Mansfield	..	Away	
16	Plymouth A.	..	Home	
21	Notts. C.	..	Home	
27	Hull City (Cd. Friday)	..	Home	
28	Chesterfield	..	Away	
30	Hull City (East. Mon.)	..	Away	
April 4	Newport	..	Home	
11	Southampton	..	Away	
18	Accrington	..	Home	
22	Norwich	..	Away	
25	Halifax	..	Away	

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Aug. 23	Wrexham	..	Away	1-2
26	Bangor City	..	Home	0-1
30	Ellesmere Port	..	Home	2-1
Sept. 3	Bangor City	..	Away	2-1
6	Port Vale	..	Home	5-1
13	Congleton Town	..	Away	3-4
17	Winsford United	..	Away	1-1
20	Wrexham	..	Home	3-1
23	Stalybridge C.	..	Home	2-2
27	Chester	..	Away	1-2
Oct. 4	Chester	..	Home	3-0
11	Macclesfield	..	Away	6-2
14	Winsford United	..	Home	3-1
18	Hyde United	..	Home	3-1
25	Stalybridge C.	..	Away	1-3
Nov. 1	Bangor (Cup-tie)	..	Home	2-1
8	Buxton	..	Away	2-2
15				
22	Altrincham	..	Away	0-1
29	Ellesmere Pt. (Cup-tie)	..	Away	1-2
Dec. 6	Witton Albion	..	Away	0-1
13	Stafford Rangers	..	Home	3-2
20	Mossley	..	Home	9-1
26	Crewe Alex.	..	Home	2-1
27	Northwich Vic.	..	Away	2-4
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Jan. 3	Crewe A. (postponed)	..	Away	
10	Altrincham	..	Home	1-0
17	Port Vale	..	Away	1-0
24	Hyde United	..	Away	1-2
31	Crewe Res. (Ches. Cup)	..	Home	3-2
Feb. 7	Mossley	..	Away	2-3
14	Rhyl	..	Home	3-1
21	Stafford Rangers	..	Away	5-1
28	Congleton Town	..	Away	1-3
Mar. 7				
11	Crewe Res	..	Away	
14	Witton Albion	..	Home	
21				
27	Rhyl	..	Away	
28	Congleton Town	..	Home	
30	Runcorn	..	Home	
April 4	Runcorn	..	Away	
7	Macclesfield	..	Home	
11	Northwich Vic.	..	Home	
18	Ellesmere Port	..	Away	
22				
25	Buxton	..	Home	

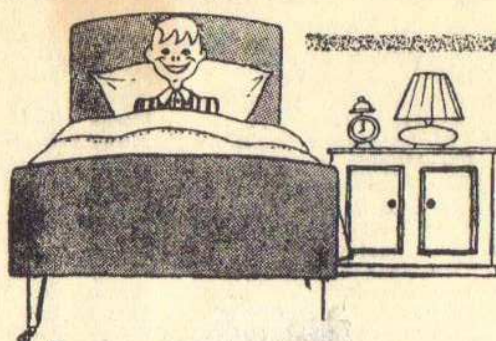
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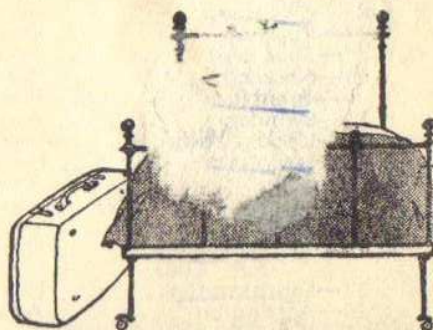
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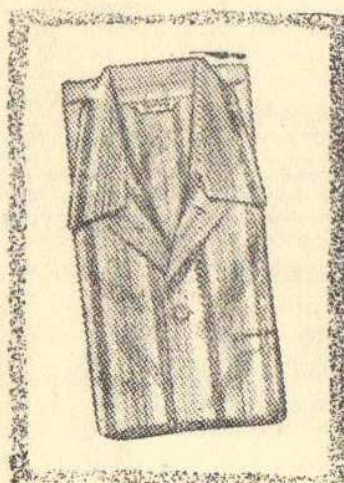
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