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MANAGER'S NOTES

This week the findings of the Research Committee appointed by the Football League to find the reasons for the decline in attendances at league football matches has been published and one point is of special significance to Port Vale, that being the lack of amenities on football grounds for supporters. Why I say it has special significance to the Vale is because this point was realised by the management and directors, hence the opening this week at Vale Park of a Social Club that is second to none of its kind in the country.

This club being the success we feel sure it will be, is only the start of plans for further attractions and amenities for our public, with of course the main purpose of using the revenue to build up resources to enable us to strengthen the team in the playing sense; because it is fundamentally realised that the only way to attract people to match football is having a successful winning team!!

Last Saturday at Halifax a reshuffled Vale forward line scored three goals and showed promise of being capable of getting a lot of goals with their speed and thoughtful inter-changing. On Monday night at Chelmsford they put the promise into effect by being the first team to score four goals at their ground in two seasons. Port Vale's play was applauded by the Chelmsford spectators who generally admitted that they were the best football side seen there this season.

I only hope they reproduce the same form today against Swindon Town at Vale Park. If so, a good win should be assured, and also compensation to our supporters for recent disappointing displays.

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THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1961	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 19	Shrewsbury ... a	2	4
21	Hull City ... h	4	0
26	Peterbrough ... h	0	1
31	Hull City ... a	1	3
Sept. 2	Northampton ... a	1	1
4	Southend Utd. ... h	0	0
9	Bristol City ... a	1	0
16	Bradford ... h	3	2
2	Notts County ... a	3	2
23	Grimsby Town ... a	1	1
25	Notts County ... h	1	0
30	Coventry City ... h	2	0
Oct. 4	Reading ... a	0	0
7	Watford ... h	1	3
9	Reading ... h	2	1
14	Bournemouth ... a	0	1
16	Southend Utd. ... a	1	4
21	Torquay Utd. ... h	4	1
28	Lincoln City ... a	1	1
Nov. 4	(1) Bradford ... a	1	0
11	Queen's Park R. ... a	1	2
18	Halifax Town ... h	1	1
25	(2) Crewe A. ... a	1	1
27	(2) Crewe A. ... h	3	0
Dec. 2	Crystal Palace ... h	0	1
9	Portsmouth ... a	0	1
16	Shrewsbury ... h	4	1
23	Peterbrough ... a	3	1
26	Newport County ... h	3	0

THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1961-62	Opponent	F.	A.
Jan. 6	(3) Northampton ... h	3	1
13	Northampton ... h	1	1
20	Bristol City ... h	0	2
27	(4) Sunderland ... a	0	0
31	(4) Sunderland ... h	3	1
Feb. 3	Bradford ... a	1	2
10	Grimsby Town ... h	0	2
17	(5) Fulham ... a	0	1
24	Watford ... a	0	2
Mar. 5	Barnsley ... h	2	0
10	Torquay Utd. (6) ... a	0	2
12	Newport County ... a	1	1
17	Lincoln City ... h	4	0
19	Bournemouth ... h	1	0
24	Barnsley ... a	1	2
31	Q. P. K. (S.F.) ... h	2	3
Apr. 7	Halifax Town ... a	3	3
14	Swindon Town ... h	...	...
16	Coventry City ... a	...	...
20	Brentford ... a	...	...
21	Crystal Palace ... a	...	...
23	Brentford ... h	...	...
28	Portsmouth ... h	...	...
30	Swindon T. ... a	...	...
May 5	F.A. Cup Final		

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1961	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 19	Hull City ... a	1	5
26	Lincoln City ... a	2	2
Sept. 2	Middlesbrough ... h	2	4
9	Stockport County ... h	5	1
16	Rotherham Utd. ... a	2	4
23	York City ... h	1	1
30	Grimsby Town ... a	2	3
Oct. 7	Scunthorpe Utd ... a	2	2
14	Halifax Town ... h	8	2
21	...	...	...
28	Bradford City ... h	2	1
Nov. 4	Halifax Town ... a	2	1
11	Hull City ... h	4	2
18	Stockport County ... a	5	0
25	...	...	...
Dec. 2	Sunderland ... a	0	4
9	...	...	...
16	...	...	...
23	Bradford ... a	0	2
30	...	...	...

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1961	Opponent	F.	A.
Jan. 13	Bradford City ... a	2	2
20	York City ... a	2	2
Feb. 3	Rotherham Utd. ... h	0	0
10	...	...	...
17	Grimsby Town ... h	2	1
24	Hartlepoons ... h	2	5
Mar. 3	...	...	...
10	Middlesbrough ... a	0	4
17	...	...	...
24	Sunderland ... h	3	1
31
Apr. 16	Crewe Alex. ... a
21	Scunthorpe Utd. ... h
23	Hartlepoons ... a
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...	Crewe Alex. ... h
...	Lincoln City ... h
...	Bradford ... h

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Cooke, E. J.	1	6
Corbishley, C.	2	22
Edge, D.	2	17
Fidler, D. J.	4	5
Ford, P.	13	13
Gater, R.	5	19
Hancock, B. J.	6	13
Hancock, K. P.	43	
Jackson, B. H.	39	2
Kerr, J.	...	5
Kinsey, N.	...	18
Llewellyn, H. A.	42	
Lowe, T. J.	...	22
March, S.	...	13
Miles, T.	44	...
Poole, H.	38	...
Raine, D.	12	14
Sproson, R.	45	...
Steele, S. F.	30	1
Taylor, R. W.	...	12
Whalley, S. D.	44	1
Edwards, S.	15	14
Longbottom, A.	40	...
Maloney, J. J.	1	...
Taylor, P. T.	...	16
Nicholson, J.	41	1
Machin, M.	...	8
Kinvig, R.	...	8
Uphill, K.	...	5
Grainger, C.	18	1
Porter, M.	...	4
Hunt, R. A.	11	1
Marshall, J.	...	1
Johnson, D.	...	1

GOAL SCORERS

1st 2nd

Poole, H.	7	...
Jackson, B. H.	7	1
Fidler, D. J.	1	3
Llewellyn, H. A.	17	...
Longbottom, A.	16	...
Whalley, S. D.	1	1
Hancock, B. J.	...	5
Corbishley, C.	...	8
Machin, M.	...	4
Kinsey, N.	...	2
Uphill, K.	...	2
Steele, S. F.	7	...
Taylor, R. W.	...	9
March, S.	...	5
Nicholson, J.	1	...
Grainger, C.	1	...
Edwards, S.	1	4
Edge, D.	...	1
Hunt, R. A.	6	2
Gater, R.	...	2
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Our Visitors - Swindon Town

Swindon Town came into being as a professional club in 1894. They were one of the original members of the Southern League and played a prominent part in that competition until the formation of the Third Division by the Football League.

The "Robins" have been members of the Third Division ever since and have had to seek re-election on three occasions. On the credit side they have been semi-finalists of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912; and quarter-finalists twice.

Swindon finished in fourth position in the Third Division South on four occasions, the last being in 1957-58 when they secured 57 points. 1958-59 found them in fifteenth position in the new Third Division with 45 points. The following season Swindon finished just below us on goal average. They secured 46 points, scoring 69 goals against 78.

Last season Swindon fielded one of the youngest sides in league football. On occasions there were five 17-year-olds in the team, and the club got off to a promising start. Their hopes gradually faded however between October and February, during which only one league game was won, but eventually the position eased and their final placing in the league table was the same as the previous season, i.e. 16th with 43 points.

The club's best goal-scoring season was 1926-27 when they scored 100 goals in 42 matches, and 47 of them were scored by D. Morris who was then top scorer in the Division.

The club has provided several International players in its time, notably in latter years, N. Uprichard, who played for Ireland.

PEN PORTRAITS

Sam Burton (goal)—Signed for Swindon in 1945 from the successful County Youth team. Has played consistently well and has been the established First team goalkeeper for several seasons.

Terry Wollen (right back)—A local boy who made his debut for the First team when only 16 years old. He played the majority of first team games during season 1960-61. Was later displaced by Ken Jones.

John Trollope (left back)—A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the First team at the beginning of the 1960-61 season when he was 16 years old, and was ever present during that season.

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Keith Morgan (right half)—A strong, attacking wing-half, who joined the club as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every first team game during season 1960-61.

Maurice Owen (centre half)—The team captain and oldest member of the team. Formerly a centre-forward, he has had a long and outstanding period of service with the club. Has played in several representative games.

Bob Woodruff (left half)—A local boy who came to Swindon Town direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. Has played at centre-forward and inside-forward in the senior side and his performances have made him a target for several transfer offers. Was an ever-present for the club in season 1960-61.

Mike Summerbee (outside right)—Born Cheltenham, he is another product of the Swindon Youth policy. Formerly played at outside right, but has now made the centre berth his own. Another of the players wanted by several clubs.

Ernie Hunt (inside right)—Joined the club's ground staff from school. A member of the First team at 16 years old, he is a player of outstanding ability for whom the club has had many offers. A local boy, he is just eighteen years old. Was top goal scorer in season 1960-61.

Jack Smith (centre forward)—Joined the "Robins" from Watford during the close season. He was formerly with Hartlepool United. A strong, forceful player with the ability to get the unexpected goal.

Bill Atkins (inside left)—At present in the Services, he joined the club from Aston Villa at the end of season 1958-59. A strong ball playing forward who has played in several representative matches while in the Army.

Arnold Darcy (outside left)—Joined the club in 1956 from Wigan Athletic. Despite his lack of inches he is a strong and forceful winger with a powerful shot.

Michael Chedgy (wing half)—A young player from Paulton, Somerset, who joined the club at the beginning of season 1960-61. He appears to have the ability to make the grade and is expected to be prominent in the future.

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