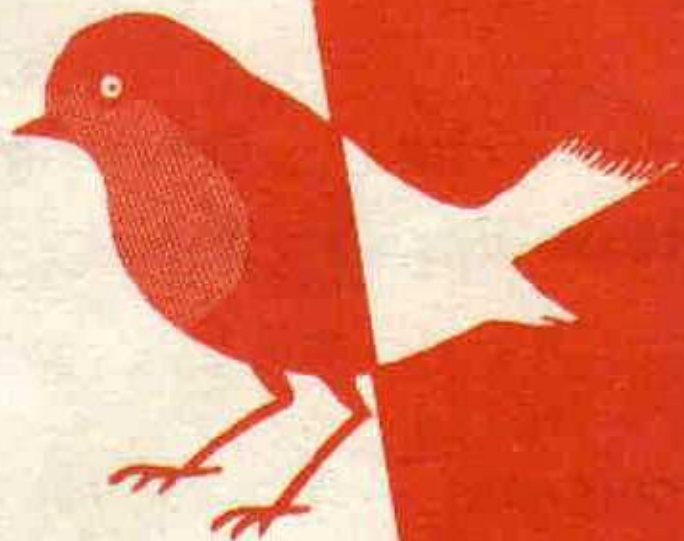


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CLUB NOTES

This afternoon we play our last home game, with one more away fixture to fulfil, namely Southampton next Saturday.

So ends our first season in Division II of the Football League. Last August, we began with some apprehension as to the outcome in the higher grade of football. Should we hold our own, lose ground, or go ahead?

As everyone knows, the team made a wonderful start, gaining sixteen points from the first nine games—seven wins and two draws. Next came two defeats, but again a return to winning form with twelve goals scored in three matches. However, in November and the approach of wet, heavy grounds, a decline set in. By Christmas, Swindon had twenty points, and held sixth position in the table. Since that date, results have been disappointing, and we have only collected seven points, five of which were gained at the beginning of March with two wins and a draw in consecutive matches.

So the season ends on a far less happier note than it began. During the opening period, the team played outstanding football, and at one stage Swindon occupied top position in the table.

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CLUB NOTES—CONTINUED

What caused this falling off or decline? Many factors contributed to it. Probably we made too good a beginning (if that is possible) and went to the top.

Every team had heard of our reputation. Every game to us was a cup-tie, and all were determined to beat us. That no doubt, imposed a great strain on the team, and produced a certain amount of tension before every game. Also this was Division II, and gradually the strong, experienced teams learned how to play our lads.

Another factor, and probably the most damaging, was the glare of publicity and Press write-ups. We are all human and so easily succumb to this type of praise. As we grow older, we know life is full of ups and downs, especially true in football. One day on top of the world, another at the bottom—quite forgotten. Our lads are very young and, we maintain, mostly level-headed, but fame and success affected their play, and quite unconscious of the fact, they lost form. Then came the realisation, and the harder they tried the more difficult it became. Once a team gets a bad run, it is so difficult to pull out.

The terrific strain of the long season and Division II football has undoubtedly taken its toll of our young players. They have learned many lessons from the past few months, and with a complete rest (what they most need) in the close season, they will, we are sure, come back next season determined to occupy a high position.

Now to today's game. We welcome, most warmly, real friends in Swansea Town and especially Manager Trevor Morris, at one time a frequent visitor to the County Ground, but now known to our supporters as one of the outstanding characters in "Welsh Sports Parade".

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This season our opponents have built a great reputation as Cup fighters. We in the south followed with great pride their achievements in the F.A. Cup, and congratulate them on reaching the semi-final, and then losing by the odd goal scored.

From our point of view the most interesting fact is that eight of their players appearing today are Swansea boys, developed in their Youth team, after learning at the local schools.

The half-back line, probably the strongest department (Johnson, Purcell and H. Williams), all played in the same Swansea Boys' team.

Another point of interest is that four of the team played in the full international game at Swansea on Wednesday last, 15th April, namely R. Evans (right-back), M. Johnson (right-half) and B. Jones (outside-right) for Wales; and J. McLaughlin (inside-left) for Ireland. So our opponents parade four current internationals.

Swansea are dangerously near the relegation zone of the League table, and will no doubt be determined to put up a great fight. On the other hand, we badly need a win to revive jaded spirits. The game promises to be most keen and interesting. May everyone enjoy a grand game of football in this our last first team home game of the season.

To our spectators: thank you for your support and encouragement. You have been splendid in spite of many disappointments, especially in the latter part of the season.

See you all next season. Cheerio, and best wishes for a grand summer, and happy holidays. Mr. Morris once stated he would like a couple of thousand of our spectators. Sorry sir, the transfer fee would be exorbitant.

OUR VISITORS

We are pleased to welcome the Directors, Officials and Players of Swansea Town Football Club to the County Ground for this afternoon's game.

Details of the players from whom today's team will be selected are as follows:—

NOEL DWYER (Goal)

Dublin born, ex-Wolves and West Ham Goalkeeper. Eire International with typical Continental style. Rated with the best in the country.

JOHN KING (Goal)

Height 6 ft. Weight 13 st. 10 lbs. Welsh International. Former school-boy Welsh International. Very strong and quick for his size.

HARRY GRIFFITHS (Left Back)

Height 5 ft. 7 ins. Weight 10 st. 10 lbs. Was formerly a Winger and has played in every forward position. Has settled well at Left Back. Welsh International. Swansea born.

BRIAN HUGHES (Right Half or Full Back)

Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 7 lbs. Welsh Youth and "Under 23" International. Another local product. Exceptionally strong in the tackle and a tireless worker.

PETER DAVIES (Wing Half)

Llanelly born. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 10 st. Joined the Swans along with David Dodson from the Arsenal as part of the Mel Charles transfer deal. Hard tackling player who should develop into a first-class Wing Half.

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MIKE JOHNSON (Half Back)

Swansea born. Schoolboy, Youth, and "Under 23" International. Height 5 ft. 10½ ins. Weight 11 st. 4 lbs. Very promising defender who should go a very long way in the game.

ROY SAUNDERS (Half Back)

Height 5 ft. 7 ins. Weight 10 st. 12 lbs. Salford born. Previous club — Liverpool. A strong tenacious tackler who never lets up for the full 90 minutes. Has added strength to the half back line since being signed 1958/59.

BARRIE JONES (Outside Right)

Another local product with Schoolboy, Youth, "Under 23", and Full International honours. Height 5 ft. 7 ins. Weight 9 st. Very clever player whose skill and confidence belie his youth.

KEN MORGANS (Outside or Inside Right)

Ex-Manchester United product of Swansea Schoolboy soccer. Ex-schoolboy and "Under 23" International. Survivor of Munich disaster now showing return to form.

BRAYLEY REYNOLDS (Centre or Inside Forward)

Welsh Born. Ex-Cardiff City and Lovells Athletic. Industrious type of player with good ball control who keeps his forward line moving.

KEITH TODD (Centre Forward)

Another local product. "Under 23" Welsh International. Has developed rapidly in past season. Prolific goal scorer.

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HERBIE WILLIAMS (Inside Forward)

Height 6 ft. Weight 11 st. 6 lbs. Another local boy from the prolific Swansea Nursery. Ex-Schoolboy, Youth, and "Under 23" International who is rated by many to be a better prospect than Ivor Allchurch.

GRAHAM WILLIAMS (Outside Left)

Born in Wrexham. Signed from Everton. Welsh "Under 23" and Full International. Quick, elusive little Winger. Crosses a good ball.

BRIAN PURCELL (Centre Half)

Local product who has been with the Club since a junior. Equally at home at Full Back. Strong in the tackle and very quick in recovery.

GLYN DAVIES (Full Back)

Another Swansea born player. Long career with Derby County before returning to his native town. Strong, determined defender who never admits defeat.

EDDIE THOMAS (Inside Forward)

Lancashire born. Long spell with Everton before joining Blackburn Rovers from whom he was signed during the close season. Good ball player with flair for goals.

ROY EVANS (Full Back)

Local boy who gained "Under 23" honours after a mere 8 Football League appearances. A class player with a wonderful future.

JIMMY McLAUGHLIN (Outside Left)

Londonderry born. Ex-Birmingham City and Shrewsbury Town. Irish International at Intermediary and Full level. Dangerous raider and prolific goal-scorer.

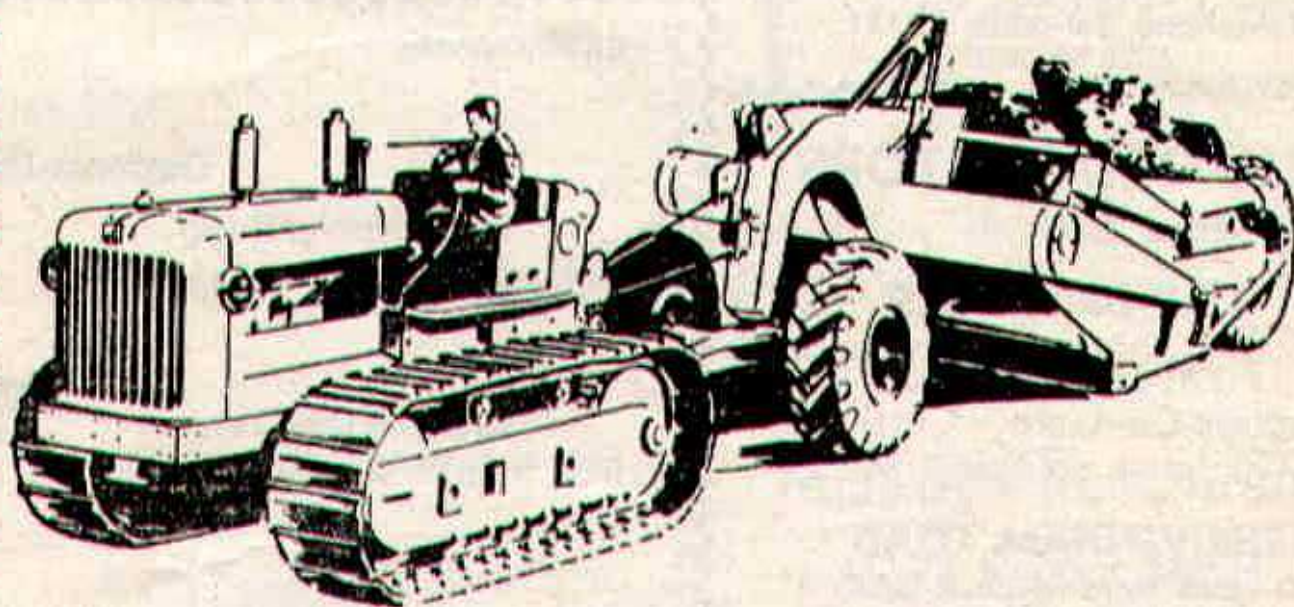
DIVISION 2 FIXTURE LIST

| Date | Opponents | Ground | Result |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1963 | | | |
| August 24 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED | (H) | 3-0 |
| 28 | GRIMSBY TOWN | (A) | 2-1 |
| 31 | PORTSMOUTH | (A) | 4-1 |
| September 3 | GRIMSBY TOWN | (H) | 2-1 |
| 7 | ROTHERHAM UNITED | (H) | 3-1 |
| 10 | MANCHESTER CITY | (H) | 3-0 |
| 14 | LEEDS UNITED | (A) | 0-0 |
| 18 | MANCHESTER CITY | (A) | 0-0 |
| 21 | SUNDERLAND | (H) | 1-0 |
| 25 | CHELSEA (League Cup) | (H) | 3-0 |
| 28 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | (A) | 0-4 |
| October 1 | CHARLTON ATHLETIC | (H) | 2-2 |
| 5 | BURY | (H) | 2-1 |
| 12 | PRESTON NORTH END | (A) | 0-1 |
| 16 | SOUTHEND (League Cup) | (H) | 3-0 |
| 19 | LEYTON ORIENT | (H) | 5-0 |
| 26 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | (A) | 4-2 |
| November 2 | SOUTHAMPTON | (H) | 1-2 |
| 9 | MIDDLESBROUGH | (A) | 1-1 |
| 16 | (1) NEWCASTLE UNITED | (H) | 0-0 |
| 19 | WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup) | (H) | 3-2 |
| 23 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | (A) | 0-2 |
| 25 | WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup) | (A) | 1-4 |
| 30 | DERBY COUNTY | (H) | 0-0 |
| December 7 | (2) SWANSEA TOWN | (A) | 0-3 |
| 14 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED | (A) | 0-3 |
| 21 | PORTSMOUTH | (H) | 2-0 |
| 26 | NORWICH CITY | (A) | 2-3 |
| 28 | NORWICH CITY | (H) | 2-2 |
| 1964 | | | |
| January 4 | (3) MANCHESTER CITY | (H) | 2-1 |
| 11 | ROTHERHAM UNITED | (A) | 0-0 |
| 18 | LEEDS UNITED | (H) | 2-2 |
| 25 | (4) ALDERSHOT | (A) | 2-1 |
| February 1 | SUNDERLAND | (A) | 0-6 |
| 8 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | (H) | 2-3 |
| 15 | (5) WEST HAM | (H) | 1-3 |
| 18 | BURY | (A) | 0-1 |
| 22 | PRESTON NORTH END | (H) | 1-4 |
| 29 | (6) NEWCASTLE UNITED | (A) | 1-4 |
| March 7 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | (H) | 2-1 |
| 14 | (S.F.) CHARLTON ATHLETIC | (A) | 2-2 |
| 21 | MIDDLESBROUGH | (H) | 2-0 |
| 27 | CARDIFF CITY | (H) | 1-2 |
| 28 | LEYTON ORIENT | (A) | 1-2 |
| 30 | CARDIFF CITY | (A) | 0-1 |
| April 4 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | (H) | 1-2 |
| 11 | DERBY COUNTY | (A) | 0-3 |
| 18 | SWANSEA TOWN | (H) | |
| 25 | SOUTHAMPTON | (A) | |
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A collection will be made at half-time today on behalf of the funds of the Swindon Cricket Club. It will be remembered that it was originally intended to have made this collection a fortnight ago, but, owing to the poor weather then, the matter was deferred until today.

It is hoped that there will be a generous response as the Cricket Club is urgently in need of cash.

The Collection on the occasion of the Cardiff City match, on behalf of the Swindon Schools F.A., produced rather a disappointing result, in comparison with that of last season.

Approximately £17 was contributed, but, at our recent Committee Meeting, it was resolved that £20 should be sent to the Schools F.A.

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We trust that they will have an enjoyable day and will witness a good match.

In this, our final appearance of the season, we take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued patronage of our efforts, and the Directors of the Town F.C. for allowing us to use this space to publicise our various activities.

Next Saturday an Outing, on quite a large scale, has been arranged to Southampton, and we hope that our supporters will see the team gain a point, although The Dell has never been a happy ground for the Town.

The first season in Division II may be divided into two halves—the first bringing success beyond the wildest hopes of the most optimistic supporter, the second a complete

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contrast. The following is a summary of the twenty games played to date in each of the two periods:—

| P | W | D | L | For | Agst. | Pts. |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|-------|------|
| 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 33 | 19 | 26 |
| 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 21 | 44 | 10 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| 40 | 13 | 10 | 17 | 54 | 63 | 36 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |

The goal average explains the reason for this contrast, and an analysis of the results shows that another goal here and there would have made a vast difference to the record.

Nevertheless, a year ago, supporters were saying that they would not expect the team to do more than just to hold its own in the first season, and this, taking the season as a whole, is just about what has happened.

In any event we have witnessed some excellent games, and it is a matter for some satisfaction that gates have been maintained at a good level.

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| | P | W | D | L | For | Agst. | Pts. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Leeds United | 40 | 23 | 14 | 3 | 68 | 33 | 60 |
| Sunderland | 40 | 24 | 10 | 6 | 77 | 34 | 58 |
| Preston N.E. | 40 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 76 | 51 | 54 |
| Charlton Athletic | 40 | 19 | 10 | 11 | 75 | 66 | 48 |
| Manchester City | 40 | 17 | 9 | 14 | 79 | 63 | 43 |
| Newcastle United | 40 | 19 | 5 | 16 | 72 | 67 | 43 |
| Rotherham United | 39 | 18 | 6 | 15 | 87 | 72 | 42 |
| Northampton Town | 40 | 16 | 9 | 15 | 56 | 56 | 41 |
| Portsmouth | 39 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 75 | 65 | 40 |
| Southampton | 38 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 80 | 68 | 39 |
| Middlesbrough | 40 | 14 | 10 | 16 | 63 | 50 | 38 |
| Huddersfield Town | 40 | 14 | 10 | 16 | 53 | 60 | 38 |
| Derby County | 40 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 53 | 64 | 37 |
| Swindon Town | 40 | 13 | 10 | 17 | 54 | 63 | 36 |
| Cardiff City | 39 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 41 | 84 | 36 |
| Leyton Orient | 40 | 13 | 9 | 18 | 53 | 69 | 35 |
| Norwich City | 40 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 63 | 77 | 34 |
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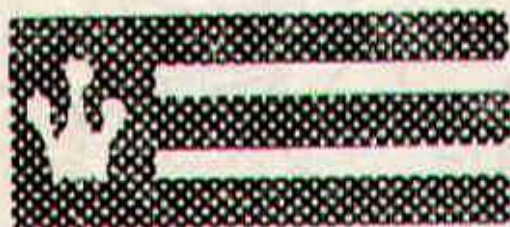
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