



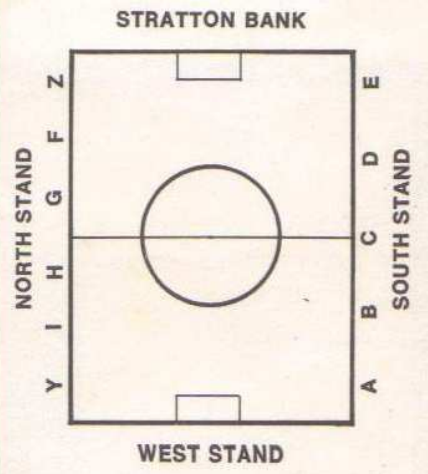
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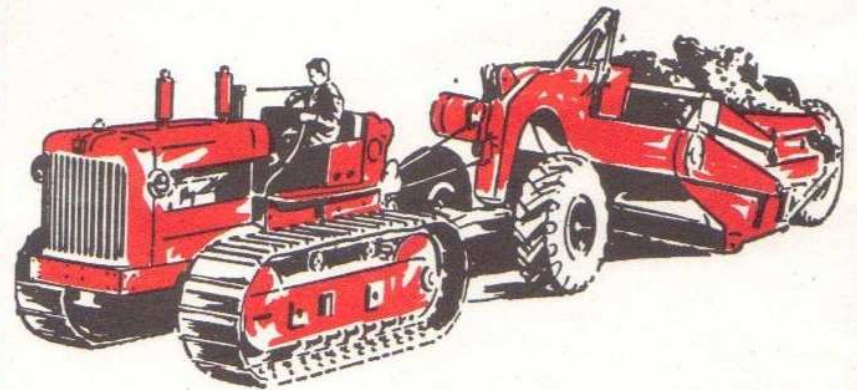
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Watford has not been a very happy hunting ground for Swindon (except on one occasion when we won by seven goals to one), so we should be satisfied with the one point gained, but we should like to see more goals scored.

This afternoon we give a warm welcome to our friends from Walsall. For some reason quite unknown, we in Swindon have always had a soft spot for the Midland club. Probably because we remember the admiration we had for them when for so long they struggled on, season after season, either seeking re-election or being near the foot of the table. Yet they were always so cheerful, such fine sportsmen, and most hospitable. It was always a pleasure to go to Walsall in spite of small attendances.

We shall sadly miss the bright cheerful personality of Mr. Harrison, for so long the man behind the Club. We deeply regret his death at quite an early age.

It is good, however, to see his son carrying on as Chairman. We wish him every success.

Last season we were defeated at Walsall on Saturday, 23rd September, 1967 by three goals to two. Our goals were scored by Stan Harland and Don Rogers. At one period we were two goals down but managed to level the scores, only for Walsall to score near the end.

The return game was played on Saturday, 3rd February, 1968. Walsall came to the County Ground on the crest of a wave. After a draw at Crystal Palace, they won a resounding victory in mid-week in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup competition. Once again they looked like being the "Giant Killers".

The match was quite entertaining, with our opponents

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

displaying good form but obviously a little tired after their exertions in cup-tie football. Swindon won a fine victory of 3—0, with goals scored by Don Rogers in six minutes, Mel Nurse forty-four minutes, and Willie Penman seventy-nine minutes. Peter Noble signed from Newcastle United earlier in the week, substituted for Don Heath after seventy minutes, and Walsall brought on Harrison in place of Clarke (young seventeen-year-old centre forward — one of three brothers) after seventy-two minutes. I wonder how the teams compare with today's line-up?

Swindon: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub.: Noble.

Walsall: Wesson; Gregg, Harris; Simpson, Bennett, Atthey; Watson, Baker, Clarke, Jackson, Taylor. Sub.: Harrison.

Half-time: 2—0.

Attendance: 17,111.

Receipts: £3,318.

Referee: Mr. B. H. Daniels (Rainham).

In the previous season the visit of Walsall produced one of the finest home games of the season. Our opponents made a wonderful fight back after losing at one period 0—3. The final result 3—2 in our favour, but only after a tense struggle. We can therefore look forward to a fine game this afternoon.

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Nick was signed as apprentice professional on leaving school and became a full professional in 1963. Small in stature, he is noted for his non-stop power-house performances. Born in Tantebie, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### **ALLAN BAKER (Inside Forward)**

A much sought after Schoolboy International, Allan was signed from Aston Villa in 1966. A neat, deft player, controlling the ball with quicksilver accuracy, he is also at home on the wing. Born in nearby Tipton.

#### **KEITH BALL (Goalkeeper)**

Keith, born in Walsall, first signed for the Saddlers as an amateur in 1957 and became a professional in 1959. Transferred to Worcester City in 1962 he returned to the Saddlers in 1965.

#### **STAN BENNETT (Centre Half)**

A Birmingham boy who served his apprenticeship with the Saddlers. Stan seized his chance when Trevor Smith, the club's International centre half, was seriously injured. A dedicated, whole-hearted player.

#### **JOHN BURKITT (Full Back)**

John, an experienced defender, joined the Saddlers from Coventry City in the closed season. A former Youth International he made his debut for the Sky-Blues in 1964.

#### **ROY CROSS (Centre Half)**

A youngster of exceptional promise and another product of the Saddlers' Nursery. A native of Walsall, Roy signed professional forms in 1966.

#### **MICK EVANS (Full Back)**

A West Bromwich boy, Mick is another home-grown product who signed amateur forms in 1963 and became a full professional in 1964. Strong and fearless, he deputised for John Harris, the club captain, who was seriously injured.

#### **COLIN HARRISON (Wing Half)**

A versatile player, equally at home at inside-forward. Colin is yet another Saddlers' Nursery babe who became professional in 1963.



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#### FRANK GREGG (Full Back)

Another product of the Saddlers' Nursery who became a full professional in 1961. A sturdy, intelligent player, born in Wordsley, near Stourbridge.

#### JOHN HARRIS (Full Back)

John, an Under-23 International and club captain, has made only spasmodic appearances during the last two seasons due to a serious injury. Now playing again and hoping to recover his regular First XI place. He joined Walsall from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1965. Born in nearby Upper Gornal.

#### TREVOR MEATH (Wing Half)

Another local boy, signed from Darlaston as a professional in 1964, Trevor is a powerful player, well-built and strong in the tackle. Always ready to join in the attack.

#### GEOFF MORRIS (Winger)

"Twinkle-toes" Geoff served his apprenticeship with the Saddlers and became a full professional in 1966. A clever, particularly promising youngster.

#### JIM MURRAY (Centre Forward)

After serving Wolverhampton Wanderers and Manchester City, Jim joined the Saddlers at the start of last season. An experienced player and prolific goalscorer. Born in Dover.

#### MIKE TINDALL (Wing Half)

Mike joined Walsall from Aston Villa during the closed season. The holder of eight Youth caps he made over 100 First XI appearances for Aston Villa. Also, on occasion, figures in the No. 10 spot.

#### TOM WATSON (Winger)

Tom joined the Saddlers from Peterborough United early last season and then ran away with the "Player of the Season" award. A particularly fast, storming type of winger, noted for his goal-snatching. Born in Lanarkshire.

#### BOB WESSON (Goalkeeper)

Bob was signed from Coventry City in 1966. He made some 150 First XI appearances for the Sky-Blues. Born in Thornaby-on-Tees.

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Date	Opponents	1968	Ground	Result
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)	14,702.....	(H)	.....2—1
17	Stockport County	13,350.....	(H)	.....1—0
24	Hartlepool	.....	(A)	.....0—0
27	Reading	16,765.....	(H)	.....0—0
31	Plymouth Argyle	12,302.....	(H)	.....3—0
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)	7,806.....	(A)	.....1—1
7	Watford	.....	(A)	.....0—0
10	Bradford City (League Cup)	.....	(H)	.....4—3
14	Walsall	.....	(H)	.....
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	.....	(A)	.....
21	Bristol Rovers	.....	(A)	.....
28	Shrewsbury Town	.....	(H)	.....
October 5	Orient	.....	(H)	.....
9	Reading	.....	(A)	.....
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	(A)	.....
19	Torquay United	.....	(H)	.....
22	Northampton Town	.....	(A)	.....
26	Oldham Athletic	.....	(A)	.....
November 2	Southport	.....	(H)	.....
5	Tranmere Rovers	.....	(H)	.....
9	Luton Town	.....	(A)	.....
16	(1) F.A. Cup	.....	(A)	.....
23	Mansfield Town	.....	(A)	.....
30	Barrow	.....	(H)	.....
December 7	(2) F.A. Cup	.....	(H)	.....
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	(H)	.....
18	Torquay United	.....	(A)	.....
26	Orient	.....	(A)	.....
28	Oldham Athletic	.....	(H)	.....
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January 4	(3) Gillingham	.....	(H)	.....
11	Southport	.....	(A)	.....
18	Luton Town	.....	(H)	.....
24	Tranmere Rovers	.....	(A)	.....
25	(4)	.....	(A)	.....
February 1	Barnsley	.....	(A)	.....
8	(5) Mansfield Town	.....	(H)	.....
15	Barrow	.....	(A)	.....
22	Rotherham United	.....	(H)	.....
March 1	(6) Northampton Town	.....	(H)	.....
5	Gillingham	.....	(A)	.....
8	Stockport County	.....	(A)	.....
11	Barnsley	.....	(H)	.....
15	Hartlepool	.....	(H)	.....
18	Rotherham United	.....	(A)	.....
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle	.....	(A)	.....
29	Watford	.....	(H)	.....
April 4	Crewe Alexandra	.....	(A)	.....
5	Shrewsbury Town	.....	(A)	.....
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	.....	(H)	.....
12	Bristol Rovers	.....	(H)	.....
15	Crewe Alexandra	.....	(H)	.....
19	Walsall	.....	(A)	.....
26	Final	.....	(A)	.....

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Tranmere Rovers .....	6	3	2	1	8	6	8
<b>Swindon Town</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
Bournemouth & B.A. ....	6	3	1	2	12	6	7
Reading .....	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Brighton & H. A. ....	6	2	3	1	14	8	7
Rotherham United .....	6	2	3	1	11	9	7
Stockport County .....	6	2	3	1	8	7	7
Torquay United .....	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Orient .....	6	1	5	0	8	7	7
Crewe Alexandra .....	6	2	2	2	11	10	6
Walsall .....	6	1	4	1	7	7	6
Barrow .....	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Bristol Rovers .....	6	2	2	2	10	14	6
Northampton Town .....	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Watford .....	6	1	3	2	3	5	5
Plymouth Argyle .....	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Shrewsbury Town .....	6	2	1	3	4	6	5
Gillingham .....	6	1	1	4	4	10	3
Southport .....	6	1	1	4	6	12	3
Oldham Athletic .....	6	1	1	4	4	17	3
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Writing this before going on holiday — 10 days in advance — is like making an omelette without any eggs. However, here goes.

The Supporters' Club football section starts off in the Swindon Sunday League in Division 3, having been promoted last season, with a good record. Training has started, and the easy living of summertime being slowly sweated off. Good luck and promotion to them this year.

The Social Club football section has been promoted to Division 5 in the same Sunday League. First reports of practice matches indicate quite an improvement and all are looking forward to a successful season.

Perhaps Supporters' Club might not yet know, but the Social Club started a cricket section this (sic) summer, with a view to keeping fit for winter. A somewhat wet start, and wetter finish, with rain most time in between, didn't help much, but the idea was to get started this year and so have an organisation ready to go places in 1969. Here are the results to date:

- v. John Webbs — won by 35 runs.
- v. Crosby Doors — lost by 2 wickets.
- v. John Webbs — won by 29 runs.
- v. W. H. Smith — lost by 9 wickets.
- v. Crosby Doors — lost by 47 runs.
- v. P.S. Nightjars — lost by 6 wickets.
- v. Walcot P.N.E.C. — lost by 13 runs.
- v. Walcot P.N.E.C. — lost by 103 runs.
- v. W. H. Smith — won by 2 wickets.

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evening after make such fixtures attractive.

Our Hon. Gen. Secretary, Mr. J. J. Plunkett, is still on the sick list and taking things very quietly indeed. We all wish him an early recovery. Apart from his work in administration, we miss his jokes at the Friday night Bingo sessions, although Ken Bamford is proving a very able substitute.

I don't know at this date how the Bradford City League Cup match ended (today is the 5th September). Dare I congratulate the team on a fine win, which all supporters enjoyed, and say how everyone is looking forward to the next home draw against Blackburn Rovers? I hope I'm correct. I shall be watching for the result you may be sure.

Well, that's it. Seems to be quite a lot of eggs in the omelette after all.

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## **F.I.F.A. IS WORRIED**

F.I.F.A. is worried by the increasing lack of sportsmanship in football and by the continuing spiral of incentive and bonus payments to players.

Says their latest bulletin, the F.I.F.A. News: “It is the wish of the Executive Committee that organisers of competitions should attempt to fix bonuses and incentives at a reasonable sum on sporting levels and equal for both teams competing in the match”.

They point out that every country runs its own affairs — exercising disciplinary powers over players, clubs and spectators — so that F.I.F.A. is unable to intervene except in those matches directly under their control.

But F.I.F.A. will continue to ensure that appropriate disciplinary measures are taken, the Bulletin promises.

“In order to be in a better position to do this,” it says, “the Executive Committee proposes that a Disciplinary Committee be formed within the Executive Committee”.

“F.I.F.A. is well aware that an appreciable improvement can only be obtained with a close collaboration of the National Associations and, where Continental competitions are concerned, with the Continental Federations.”

The Executive Committee of F.I.F.A. has become concerned about the amount of violence on the pitch during the past two years. “When stakes are too high, and discipline non-existent as well, all competitive international football will become too violent for even the strongest referee to control” the Bulletin asserts.

The Football League have not yet received copies of the

document which will be studied when it is received. Until then they cannot make any comment.

But it is pointed out that much of the general theme of the Bulletin was contained in paragraph 49 of a Ministry of Labour Committee of Investigation Report issued in 1952.

This said: "Unusual as are the existing provisions relating to maximum wage and to transfer to which a professional footballer's contract is subject, we do not think the substitution therefore of either alternative suggested by the Union, which would leave wages without any ceiling, allow contracts between the club and the individual player for periods which, under the first alternative might be less than the normal playing season and under the second alternative for periods of three years or longer, and permit a player to transfer without restriction when his playing contract with his club ceased, would make for the continued success of the League or would prove to the ultimate advantage of the professional players as a whole".

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

**SOUTHAMPTON**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1968

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

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### DIVISION III

Saturday, 7th September, 1968.

Drew with WATFORD (Away) 0—0.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. D. Corbett (Wolverhampton).

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP ROUND 2 REPLAY

Tuesday, 10th September, 1968.

Beat BRADFORD CITY (Home) 4—3.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Sub: Jones.

Scorers: Smith, Rogers, Smart, Noble.

Referee: Mr. I. P. Jones (Glamorgan).

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Saturday, 7th September, 1968.

Drew with BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE ATHLETIC (Home) 2—2.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Bailey; Lowes, Penman, Jones, Hubbard, Mascia.

Scorers: Jones, Mascia.

Referee: Mr. T. D. Spencer (Church Crookham).

### HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 7th September, 1968.

Lost to ASTON CLINTON (Home) 4—2.

Team: Anderson; Stroud, Morris; Mason, Grubb, Morgan; Aldworth, Grace, Matchwick, Wetson, Claypole.

Scorers: Grace, Wetson.



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