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SWINDON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 3

WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1975

SNAP SHOTS



Pat Morrissey's header was parried by Watford keeper Andy Rankin . . .



. . . to Ron Walton, who opened the scoring against Watford on Saturday and is seen above being congratulated by his team mates.

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MAC SAYS



Good evening. I would like to begin with a short summing up of our 3-1 win over Watford last Saturday.

Aldershot began as usual — dictating the game and with the team looking to go forward at every opportunity. This paid off in the twelfth minute, when a move developed on the right wing and was finished off from close range by Ronnie Walton, to put Shots one up. It was Rankin who stopped Aldershot from opening their account a minute earlier when he made a point-blank save from Pat Morrissey on the left side of the penalty area.

This goal against seemed to spur Watford, because they came more and more into the game, especially in midfield, without looking to score, until the 26th minute, when they were awarded a free kick just outside the Shots' penalty area. The free kick was taken by Bond, who skilfully chipped over the wall to stretch Johnson, who tipped the ball on to the bar at full length. Downes, following up, put the ball over the line to level the score 1-1.

The second half began with a more-than-ever determined Shots side pressing forward, trying to add to the score but failing on many occasions when a goal looked on the cards. The second goal eventually came when a penalty was awarded when Bell broke through and was brought down with only Rankin, the goalkeeper, to beat. Walker converted, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way. The third goal was scored by Morrissey when he converted a right-wing cross.

The Professional Football Association will hold their annual dinner on March 3rd at the Hilton Hotel, when the Players' Player of the Year Award will be made. I have asked our players who they voted for and here is the list for comparison with your own 'Player of the Year'.

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| Tony Godfrey | A. Stepney (Manchester United) |
| Glen Johnson | B. Bonds (West Ham United) |
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| Bob Wallace | T. Brooking (West Ham) |
| Ray Dean | B. Bonds (West Ham United) |
| Tony Richardson | B. Bonds (West Ham United) |

Tonight we welcome Swindon Town and their manager, Danny Williams.

If the game tonight is half as good as the 3-2 game at Swindon, then the fans are in for a great night of football. So, come on — cheer the lads on to what we hope will be a victory.

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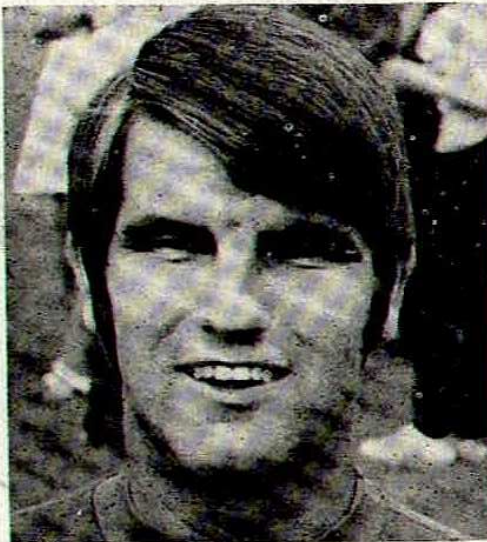
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Twenty-Five Years Ago . . .

By **GEOFF
ALLMAN**

Our struggle to get away from the re-election zone continued on 18th February, 1950, when we snatched a valuable point at Northampton in a 1-1 draw, CHRIS DURKIN equalising a JACK ENGLISH goal, both scoring efforts coming in the first half.

This was a particularly meritorious effort when it is realised that Northampton still had a chance of promotion. Unfortunately for us, although we drew level with Millwall (beaten 2-1 at Bristol City), Exeter caught up with us by dint of a 3-1 win over Port Vale and all three clubs were left on the 20-point mark.

Ipswich were just a point ahead after a 2-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest, who were in third place in the table, three points behind Torquay, who fought out an exciting 3-3 draw at Norwich, and six points behind Notts County, who showed their power once again with a 4-1 win at Leyton Orient with three famous names — TOM JOHNSTON, FRANK BROOME and JACKIE SEWELL — figuring on the score chart.

Highest score of the day was Reading's five goals against Southend, with present-day commentator MAURICE EDELSTON getting one of the goals, and today's visitors Swindon (just below Reading in mid-table) gained a good win 2-1 at Newport with ONSLOW and BAIN getting their goals.

In fact, goals in general were quite scarce, with no team netting more than two goals in Division I. None of the top teams had a particularly good day, Liverpool scraping a 2-1 win over W.B. Albion, Manchester United earning a 2-2 draw at Sunderland, where over 60,000 saw centre-half ALLENBY CHILTON get a late equaliser, and third-place Blackpool losing 1-0 at Fulham.

Bottom teams Birmingham and Manchester City both lost 1-0 — at Bolton and at home to Middlesbrough respectively, and with Charlton, the team immediately above them, beating Everton 2-0, relegation was beginning to loom in two of the biggest cities.

In Division Two a couple of goals by LEN DUQUEMIN helped Spurs to a 3-1 win at Bradford, and it seemed merely a matter of who would go up with them. Second-place Sheffield Wednesday, held to a 3-3 draw by Brentford at Hillsborough, were no fewer than 12 points behind, and with Sheffield United winning 3-1 at Q.P.R., a rare old struggle was developing between the steel city teams, who were now level on points. This defeat left Q.P.R. in bottom place, one point below no fewer than four teams — Coventry, Bradford, Plymouth and Luton.

Meanwhile, Doncaster kept a two-point lead in Division III (North), both they and Rochdale (two points behind) being held to draws by Hartlepool and Bradford City respectively.

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DES SEZ . . .

Welcome today to Committee and Members of Swindon Supporters Club for this re-arranged fixture. Congratulations to Swindon Football Club on their Cup run, which was ended by that defeat in their replay at home to West Ham.

Many supporters will have seen in the local press that Walter Payne, Secretary of the local Schools Football Association, is retiring from office at the end of the current football season. In all, service of 27 years for the benefit of school football. Mr. Payne has assisted the Supporters' Club in the past by arranging opponents for the local schools teams in the annual football matches for the Supporters' Club Shield and the Captain Fred Dows Memorial Cup.

This season it is hoped the matches will be played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, 12th April, with Swansea schools as opponents in both games. When arrangements are finalised, details will be given in these notes.

On behalf of the Supporters' Club I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Walter Payne for all his help and support for all our joint ventures, Supporters' Club and Schools, which have been held in the past.

It made interesting reading of the proposed new legislation for amendment of the Betting, Gaming & Lotteries Act, and as to how it would apply to the type of scheme now run by the Supporters and Football Club. At the appropriate time we shall be endeavouring to amend our scheme for the benefit of all concerned.

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THIRD DIVISION SCENE

By GEOFF
ALLMAN

With printing schedules making it impossible to comment on Saturday's results in time for tonight's programme, we take this opportunity of looking in a general way at the way this season has so far turned out in Division III.

Biggest disappointment for us, of course, is our failure to maintain the momentum of the splendid run in the latter part of last season and we shall need all the dedicated effort that we can muster in order to get away from the bottom three. We have, however, been averaging a point a game over the last six weeks, and a continuation of this sort of form should just about see us through.

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The three-up and three-down system does have the merit that at this stage of the season virtually every team is still within hope of promotion or in danger of relegation. Not so long ago in the old Division III (South) days, only one club went up and two applied for re-election, so that many teams faced the season from this point onwards with nothing really to play for.

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Tonight's match gives us the chance of a close look at Swindon's ace striker, PETER EASTOE, and prompts the speculation of how many clubs in our Division have now currently at least one prolific scorer.

F.A. Cup giant-killers Walsall have ALAN BUCKLEY, current leading scorer in the Division, Hereford, have DIXIE McNEILL, Chesterfield ERNIE MOSS, Huddersfield ALAN GOWLING, Colchester JOHN FROGGATT, and so on. It will be noticed, however, that none of the clubs listed are in the top three positions in the table currently. Certainly it seems that the teams whose scoring potential is spread throughout most of the team are the ones achieving the most effect in current results.

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Who, then, will be the clubs to go up at the end of the season? After a moderate start, Plymouth Argyle have

been carrying all before them in the last three months and appear to be the strongest side in the Division at present. One feels, too, that after seven years in Division III, they are due for another spell in Division II from which they have led a rather fluctuating existence over the years.

Although they have been at or near top position most of the season, Blackburn have slipped up a few times, the most notable occasion being in the 6-3 defeat at Hereford, but they probably have enough ability and determination not to fall below third place.

Charlton are the immediate candidates for the other promotion position, but their defence, which has conceded 39 goals to date, doesn't really look to be a promotion one, and with so many teams within striking distance, one does have serious doubts about the Londoners.

Peterborough, who after a temporary lapse in form just before and after Christmas seem to be right in form again now, and could well achieve the distinction of going from Division IV to Division II in consecutive seasons, whilst today's visitors Swindon have the advantage of two games in hand over most of the teams above them.

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Who will go down? Despite Alan Gowling's scoring efforts, Huddersfield seem to have little going for them at the moment and it really does look as though they will complete the descent from Division I to Division IV in the space of four years.

Bournemouth would seem to have enough talent to draw themselves clear now that JOHN BENSON has taken over as manager, and the other two teams to go down could come from the three teams Halifax, Chesterfield and Brighton, and of these maybe the extra encouragement they get from a large home crowd, plus the general guile of manager PETER TAYLOR, will just give them the edge, leaving Chesterfield and Halifax to return to Division IV.

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SWINDON TOWN

By GEOFF ALLMAN

At various times this season Swindon Town have looked to be extremely strong candidates for an immediate return to Division III, which they left at the end of last season, and if they could improve their away form they would appear to be right on course once again.

Ironically, their best achievement away from home this season was the draw which they achieved in the Fourth Round F.A. Cup Tie at West Ham, but on that occasion they failed to clinch matters in the struggle.

FLUCTUATION

After unbroken membership of Division III until 1963, they have had two comparatively brief spells in Division II, winning promotion in both 1963 and 1969, but on neither occasion really consolidating their position. The highwater mark in their history was, of course, the winning of the Football League Cup in 1969 to accompany their promotion success, and we shall probably be seeing two 'survivors' from that team, JOHN TROLLOPE and JOE BUTLER, today.

Another link is that DANNY WILLIAMS, now in his second spell as manager, was previously with them during their really successful years, and their forward line of the sixties with men of the calibre of MIKE SUMMERBEE, ERNIE HUNT and DON ROGERS, is one that still makes their supporters' mouths water.

GOAL SCORERS

They do have, however, one or two useful forwards in their team at the moment. PETER EASTOE has repaid much of the £80,000 fee that he cost last season with some 20 goals already this season. Supporters first took a liking to him during a spell on loan from Wolves. Local lad DAVID MOSS has given extremely good support this season, with some very useful goals including a hat-trick against Colchester in November. The left flank of the front line is the particular terrain of TREVOR ANDERSON, a Northern Ireland international who came

from Manchester United in November, and though he hasn't commanded a regular place in recent weeks, TOM JENKINS, who has had experience throughout the Football League with Orient, Reading and Southampton, is still on his day a really exciting winger.

MIDFIELD

In midfield JOHN McLAUGHLIN was signed from Colchester just over a year ago, and he links up with COLIN PROPHETT, a former Sheffield Wednesday stalwart, who arrived this season after a year with Norwich. Both these lads have helped out with the occasional goal, as has TERRY HUBBARD, a local lad who completes the middle line.

In defence, JOHN TROLLOPE has given great service dating back to 1960, and his total of League appearances is now in the 590s — a club record. His fullback partner is now WILF DIXON, a former Arsenal junior who had several seasons with Reading and a short spell with Colchester, before linking up at the County Ground last season. At the heart of the defence FRANK BURROWS is a Scotsman by birth, who arrived in English football at Scunthorpe in 1963, moved on to Swindon in 1966, and has been a first team regular ever since. He has struck up a regular partnership over the years with JOE BUTLER, who, since moving from his home-town club (Newcastle) in 1965, has chalked up nearly 350 appearances.

LAST LINE

Behind them JIMMY BARRON, whose father kept goal for Blackburn just before the war, began his career with Wolves in the early 60s, moved on to Chelsea, and then really established himself at Oxford during their rise to Division II. He then moved on to Nottingham Forest, and was first choice there for four seasons before being signed by Swindon during the close season.

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Relegated from the First Division in 1966 and down again into the Third Division in 1971, Rovers have been struggling of late at least until this season. Now, under the guidance of manager Gordon Lee, they are well in the hunt for promotion.

During the close season, Lee strengthened his team with the addition of the Preston North End centre half Graham Hawkins, Bradford City striker Graham Oates, and Brighton's goalscoring Ken Beamish. In August he added Jimmy Mullen, the experienced Rotherham United left winger, but he had the misfortune to break a leg recently. A month after Mullen's signing, Andy Burgin was purchased from Halifax Town and this full back has also played in midfield for Rovers. Their latest signing, Mike Hickman, from Grimsby, scored on Saturday.

Goalkeeper Roger Jones will be remembered for his days at Dean Court with Bournemouth and is already heading towards his 200th League appearance with his present club.

One of the mainsprings of the current side has been mid-field player Stuart Metcalfe, who has passed his 200th League appearance in Rovers' distinctive blue and white halved shirt.

Though Blackburn's postwar list of managers reads like an international football *Who's Who* — Eddie Hapgood, Johnny Carey, Dally Duncan, Eddie Quigley, etc. — the present boss, Lee, who was formerly in charge of Port Vale, looks like getting the team back to the Second Division after just over a year in charge.

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8/2/75

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| Huddersfield ... | 29 | 8 | 5 | 16 | 31 | 51 | 21 |

FROM
THE

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This evening we extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Players, Staff and Supporters of Swindon Town Football Club in a re-arranged fixture as a result of Swindon's F.A. Cup run.

Representatives of this Club will be accompanying John Sainy to Sheffield tomorrow, where John is meeting members of the Football Association and will appeal against his caution received in the match at Chesterfield on 11th January. Terry Bell, who was ordered from the field of play by the referee in our 1-3 defeat by Charlton Athletic on 1st February, will not be appealing and is suspended for three matches. He misses tonight's game and the games away to Crystal Palace and at home to Blackburn Rovers.

The Military Stadium in Queens Avenue is the venue for the Kentish Cup on Wednesday, 19th February, kick-off 7.30 p.m. The Kentish Cup is the trophy played for annually by the French, Belgian and British Armies, and next Wednesday the British Army meet the Belgian Army. Soccer enthusiasts will be interested to note that, as the Belgians still enrol for National Service, their team is expected to include both Belgian Under-23 internationals and full internationals. Two such players expected to play worthy of note are Ludo Coeck who, although still only 19, is a full international and also plays for Anderlecht, and Francois Vanderelst, another full international, who scored the winning goal in the Belgians' 2-1 defeat of France in this season's European Championship, and indeed scored five goals for his club side, Anderlecht, in their 6-2 defeat of Ostende in a Belgian League game earlier this season. Admission to this match is by programme (10p) and proceeds are donated to the Army Benevolent Fund.

No doubt amongst the spectators tonight there are a number of officials from clubs in the Aldershot & District Leagues. To you gentlemen I would like to take the opportunity of pointing out a scheme which the Club runs which would give your club financial benefit. Details of the scheme and the benefits to your club can be obtained by ringing the Aldershot Football Club on 20211 during office hours, or by calling at 'Radio Shots' at the High Street end of the North Stand after tonight's match.

The Aldershot Supporters' Club Football Team played a team of Watford Supporters (called the 'Travelling Hornets') at Aldershot Park last Saturday morning. The final score, in Aldershot's favour, was 3-1, Warr scoring two goals and Young scoring the third for Aldershot.

Congratulations to Murray and Jill Brodie, who are now the proud parents of Emma Elizabeth, who was born to Jill at 1 a.m. on Monday the 10th February at Frimley Hospital, weight 8 lb. 13 ozs. Saturday, of course, we visit Crystal Palace, and the following Saturday we are hosts to Blackburn Rovers, but please bear in mind the fixture alteration of the home game with Tranmere Rovers. This game will now be played on Friday, 28th February at the Recreation Ground — kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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George, despite scoring two goals, was in a losing Aldershot side, being beaten three goals to two by Port Vale on 7th February, 1959.

George scored one of two hat-tricks in the 6-2 routing of Chester on 4th April, 1962, the other three goals in that match coming from inside forward Robin Stepney.

George can look back now with some amusement to the Den, where, after a fierce 90-minute tussle with the Millwall centre-half of the day, George was leaving the field of play when a female Millwall supporter gave him a smart wallop in the face with her umbrella. Luckily George suffered no permanent injury.

Having recently started in partnership in a local decorating business, 40-year-old George still maintains an interest in football as team coach to Lea Park Rangers — an under 12 team who play in the Farnborough League.

Reaction to the professional game today? George feels that the emphasis on tactics possibly stifles individual flair.



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| | | Opponents | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 17 | Hereford United | A | 0-2 | 7885 | 1 | 2 | | 10s | 5 | 6 | 7 | S | | 9 | | 11 | 4 | | 3 | 8 | | | | |
| | 24 | Huddersfield Town | H | 1-0 | 3909 | 1 | | 2 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | S | 9s | 10 | 11 | 4 | | | 3 | 8 ¹ | | | | |
| | 31 | Tranmere Rovers | A | 0-2 | 2354 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | | 9 | | 10 | 11 | 4s | | S | 8 | | | | |
| Sept. | 4 | Plymouth Argyle | H | 4-3 | 3756 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 5 ¹ | 6 | 7 ¹ | 4s | 9 | | 10 | 11 ¹ | | S | | 8 ¹ | | | | |
| | 7 | Preston North End | H | 1-2 | 6337 | 1 | 2 ¹ | 3 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | | 9s | S | 10 | 11 | | 4 | | 8 | | | | |
| | 14 | Gillingham | A | 0-0 | 5380 | 1 | 2 | 12 | | 5 | 4 | 10 | | | 8 | 7 | 11 | | 6 | 3 | 9 | | | | |
| | 17 | Swindon Town | A | 2-3 | 5743 | 1 | 2 | | | 5s | 4 | 10 | | 9 ¹ | S | 7 | 11 | | 6 | 3 | 8 ¹ | | | | |
| | 21 | Colchester United | H | 0-1 | 3539 | 1 | 2 | | | 5 | 4 | 7 | | 9 | | 10 | 11 | S | 6s | 3 | 8 | | | | |
| | 25 | Wrexham | H | 1-2 | 2935 | 1 | 2 | 12 | | 5 | 4 | | | 9 | 7 ¹ | 10 | 11 | | 6 | 3 | 8 | | | | |
| | 28 | Grimsby Town | A | 0-2 | 4342 | 1 | 2 | 3 | S | 5 | 4 | | 7 | 9 | | 10 | 11s | | | 6 | 8 | | | | |
| Oct. | 2 | Halifax Town | H | 3-1 | 2464 | 1 | 2 ¹ | 3 | | | 5 | | 7 | 9 ¹ | 11 ¹ | 10 | | S | 4 | 6 | 8s | | | | |
| | 5 | Port Vale | H | 2-1 | 3406 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 5 ¹ | | S | 9 | 7 | 10 | 11s | | 4 | 6 ¹ | 8 | | | | |
| | 11 | Walsall | A | 0-3 | 5280 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 12 | 5 | | | 9 | 7 | 10 | 11 | | 4 | 6 | 8 | | | | |
| | 15 | Plymouth Argyle | A | 0-1 | 5175 | 1 | 2 | 3s | | 5 | S | | 10 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 11 | | | 6 | 7 | | | | |
| | 19 | Bury | H | 1-1 | 3186 | 1 | 2 | | 12 | 5 ¹ | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | | 4 | 11 | | | 3 | 8 | | | | |
| | 26 | Peterborough United | A | 1-1 | 8558 | 1 | 2 | | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | | 4 | 11 | | S ¹ | 3 ¹ | 8s | | | | |
| Nov. | 2 | Watford | A | 1-1 | 6535 | 1 | 2 | | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | | 4 | 11s | | S | 3 | 8 ¹ | | | | |
| | 9 | Charlton Athletic | H | 3-0 | 4942 | 1 | 2 | | 12 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 ¹ | 11 ¹ | 4 | | | | 3 | 8 ¹ | | | | |
| | 16 | Blackburn Rovers | A | 0-2 | 10584 | 1 | | 2 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 11 | | | | 4 | 3 | | 8 | | | |
| | 30 | AFC Bournemouth | A | 0-1 | 5210 | 1 | 2 | | 12 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 11 | | | | | 3 | 7 | 8 | | | |

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