



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Northampton Town v SWINDON TOWN

Friday 1 April 1977

K.O. 7.30 pm

FORTHCOMING COBBLERS' FIXTURES

Apr. 9—Bury	H	Apr. 29—Chester.....	H
Apr. 11—Rotherham United ...	A	May 2—Tranmere Rovers ...	A
Apr. 12—Peterborough Utd ...	A	May 7—Mansfield Town	A
Apr. 16—York City	H		
Apr. 19—Grimsby Town	H		
Apr. 23—Oxford United	A		

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Apr. 26—Charlton Athletic..... A

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Club Notes

Fortune very much ran against the Cobblers last Saturday at Portsmouth when we lost by 2-1 after four players received vital injuries.

First, club captain Billy Best injured a calf muscle in practice and could not turn out despite big efforts to get him fit.

Then early in the game Don Martin, who replaced Billy, received an eye wound that needed four stitches and kept him off the field for 15 minutes.

To make matters worse goalkeeper Bob Ward and left back Steve Bryant received handicapping knee injuries but carried on to the end.

Despite all this Paul Stratford gave the Cobblers a 53rd minute lead they held until the last five minutes when Pompey equalised before rushing in a winner in the last minute of injury time.

It was a tremendously frustrating experience for the players to lose after going so close to victory despite the injury blows.

This defeat, of course, makes the job of climbing to safety from the relegation zone all that much harder.

But the team is determined to fight back and regain winning form in the tense closing weeks of the season.

The Easter programme has a home game with Bury on Saturday, followed by visits to Rotherham on Monday, and our nearby rivals, Peterborough on Tuesday.

Swindon are welcomed here today for what will be the fourth meeting of the present season between the two clubs.

In August we were drawn together in the two-leg first round of the Football League Cup and each team won on its own ground.

Swindon won the first leg by 3-2 with Derrick Christie and John Gregory scoring our goals. Then in the second leg Don Martin and Paul Stratford gave us a 2-0 win and a 4-3 aggregate into the second round.

But in October in Division Three Swindon had very much the better of things by scoring five goals against one by Andy McGowan.

The Cobblers and Swindon have been meeting each other since 1901-2 and were together in achieving the objective of Division Two football in 1962-3.

We met for two successive seasons in Division Two but since then we have not faced each other for eleven seasons until the current one.

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Facts and Figures

Opponents	F A	Att.	Scorers
CHESTERFIELD	A 0-0	4,052	
SHEFFIELD WED.	A 1-2	11,511	Christie
LINCOLN	H 1-0	6,350	Christie
GILLINGHAM	A 1-1	5,375	Hall
READING	H 1-2	6,176	Robertson
SHREWSBURY	A 0-3	4,191	
WALSALL	H 0-1	5,656	
WREXHAM	H 0-2	5,114	
PORT VALE	A 1-2	3,962	Phillips
PORTSMOUTH	H 3-1	4,805	Hall, Reilly, Robertson
SWINDON	A 1-5	7,285	McGowan
YORK	A 4-1	2,328	Christie (2), Stratford, Farrington
BRIGHTON	H 0-2	7,782	
PETERBOROUGH	H 2-2	7,483	Lee (own goal), Stratford
PRESTON	A 0-3	7,306	
OXFORD	H 1-0	7,021	Robertson
CHESTER	A 1-2	3,721	Phillips
MANSFIELD	H 0-1	4,708	Abandoned at half-time
CRYSTAL PALACE	A 1-1	10,686	McGowan
ROTHERHAM	H 1-4	6,963	Gregory
PRESTON	H 0-1	5,024	
BRIGHTON	A 0-2	22,504	
TRANMERE	H 3-4	4,267	Best, Stratford, Martin
SHEFFIELD WED.	H 0-2	5,828	
CHESTERFIELD	H 2-1	3,911	Best, Gilligan
GRIMSBY	A 1-0	3,676	Farrington
LINCOLN	A 4-5	5,869	Best (3), Robertson
GILLINGHAM	H 1-2	4,391	Farrington
BURY	A 1-1	3,809	Farrington
READING	A 4-2	4,242	Stratford, McGowan (2), Christie
SHREWSBURY	H 5-3	5,112	Martin, Best (2), Stratford, Gregory
WALSALL	A 3-0	4,806	Martin, Stratford (2)
MANSFIELD	H 0-1	7,288	
WREXHAM	A 1-3	6,775	Best
CRYSTAL PALACE	H 3-0	6,253	Stratford, Gregory, Haywood
PORT VALE	H 3-0	5,808	Best, Stratford (2)
PORTSMOUTH	A 1-2	9,195	Stratford

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

First Round

SWINDON	A 2-3	6,353	Christie, Gregory
SWINDON	H 2-0	7,037	Stratford, Martin

Second Round

HUDDERSFIELD	H 0-1	6,641	
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F.A. CUP

LEATHERHEAD	A 0-2	3,550	
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Appearances (substitute in parenthesis) including Cup games: Starling 29; Gregory 40; Best 35; Robertson 36; Tucker 37; McGowan 27 (6); Martin 29 (5); Christie 33 (6); Hall 15; Stratford 36 (2); Farrington 25 (13); Reilly 15 (3); Parton 3; Ross 3; Bryant 19; Owen 5; Bowen (1); Bowker 4; Gilligan 5; Ward 8; Williams 7; Haywood 3 (1); Carlton 6 (1); Phillips 20 (2) — both now transferred to Brentford.

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MARCH

- *Sat March 5 Qualifying for the 29th Daily Express International Trophy
- *SUN MARCH 6 THE 29th DAILY EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY (The European Formula 2 Championship)
- Sun March 29 National Championship Motor Racing

APRIL

- Sun April 3 National Championship Motor Racing
- Mon April 11 Easter Championship Motor Racing
- Sat April 16 Italia Trophy Vintage Car Races
- Sun April 24 National Championship Motor Racing

MAY

- Sun May 1 National Championship Motor Racing
- *Sat May 14 Qualifying for the World Manufacturers 8 Hours
- *SUN MAY 15 THE WORLD MANUFACTURERS 8 HOURS (The World Championship of Group 5 Special GT Sports & Touring Cars)
- Sun May 29 National Championship Motor Racing

JUNE

- Mon June 6 Bank Holiday British Championship Meeting (Touring Cars & Formula 3)
- Sun June 13 National Championship Motor Racing

JULY

- Sun July 3 National Championship Motor Racing
- *Thurs/Fri July 14/15 Qualifying for the John Player British Grand Prix
- *SAT JULY 16 THE JOHN PLAYER BRITISH GRAND PRIX — Grand Prix of Europe (Britain's Round in the Formula 1 World Championship of Drivers)
- Sat July 30 Hawthorn Memorial Trophy Vintage Car Races

AUGUST

- *Thurs/Fri Aug 11/12 Qualifying for the John Player Grand Prix
- *SAT/SUN AUG 13/14 JOHN PLAYER GRAND PRIX (Britain's Round in the World Motor Cycle Road Racing Championships)
- MON AUG 28 MILTON KEYNES FORMULA 3 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- Sun Sept 4 Indy Atlantic Championship Motor Racing
- *Sat Sept 17 Qualifying for the Access RAC Tourist Trophy
- *SUN SEPT 18 THE ACCESS RAC TOURIST TROPHY (The Group 2 European Touring Car Championship)

OCTOBER

- *Sat Oct 1 National Championship Finals Meeting

*denotes meeting on Grand Prix circuit (others held on short circuit)

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- 2 BARRY TUCKER
- 3 STEVE BRYANT
- 4 JOHN GREGORY
- 5 STUART ROBERTSON
- 6 BILLY BEST
- 7 JOHN FARRINGTON
- 8 KEITH WILLIAMS
- 9 RAY HAYWOOD
- 10 PAUL STRATFORD
- 11 DERRICK CHRISTIE
- 12 DON MARTIN

Swindon

- 1 JIMMY ALLAN
- 2 WILF DIXON
- 3 JOHN TROLLOPE
- 4 KENNY STROUD
- 5 STEVE AIZLEWOOD
- 6 COLIN PROPHETT
- 7 DAVE MOSS
- 8 JOHN McLAUGHLAN
- 9 DAVE SYRETT
- 10 RAY McHALE
- 11 TREVOR ANDERSON
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Rotherham	34	9	7	1	24	10	8	6	3	29	20	47
Brighton	35	14	3	1	50	11	5	5	7	15	20	46
Wrexham	34	12	5	0	38	14	7	2	8	26	25	45
Preston	34	12	2	2	38	16	4	8	6	13	16	42
Crystal Palace	35	12	5	1	28	12	4	5	8	13	17	42
Bury	36	11	2	5	31	19	5	5	8	17	32	41
Sheffield Wed.	35	11	4	4	31	18	5	4	7	19	24	40
Lincoln	34	10	7	1	43	26	4	4	8	18	27	39
Shrewsbury	36	10	5	2	31	15	4	4	11	22	33	37
Chester	36	12	1	4	22	14	4	4	11	19	33	37
Swindon	33	9	6	1	40	21	3	6	8	16	29	36
Oxford	36	8	5	5	29	24	2	7	9	19	28	32
Peterborough	35	10	3	5	25	17	0	9	8	13	28	32
Gillingham	35	6	8	3	22	20	5	2	11	20	35	32
Tranmere	35	6	6	6	22	18	2	8	7	18	23	30
Portsmouth	34	6	8	4	19	19	3	3	10	21	31	29
Port Vale	36	6	6	5	19	17	2	7	10	16	37	29
Chesterfield	35	8	4	6	26	17	3	2	12	17	32	28
Walsall	35	6	5	6	30	24	3	5	10	10	28	28
Northampton	36	7	1	10	26	28	4	4	10	25	35	27
York	35	6	5	7	20	29	3	4	10	23	42	27
Reading	36	7	4	6	23	19	2	3	14	17	42	25
Grimsby	35	7	4	6	20	16	1	2	15	12	40	22