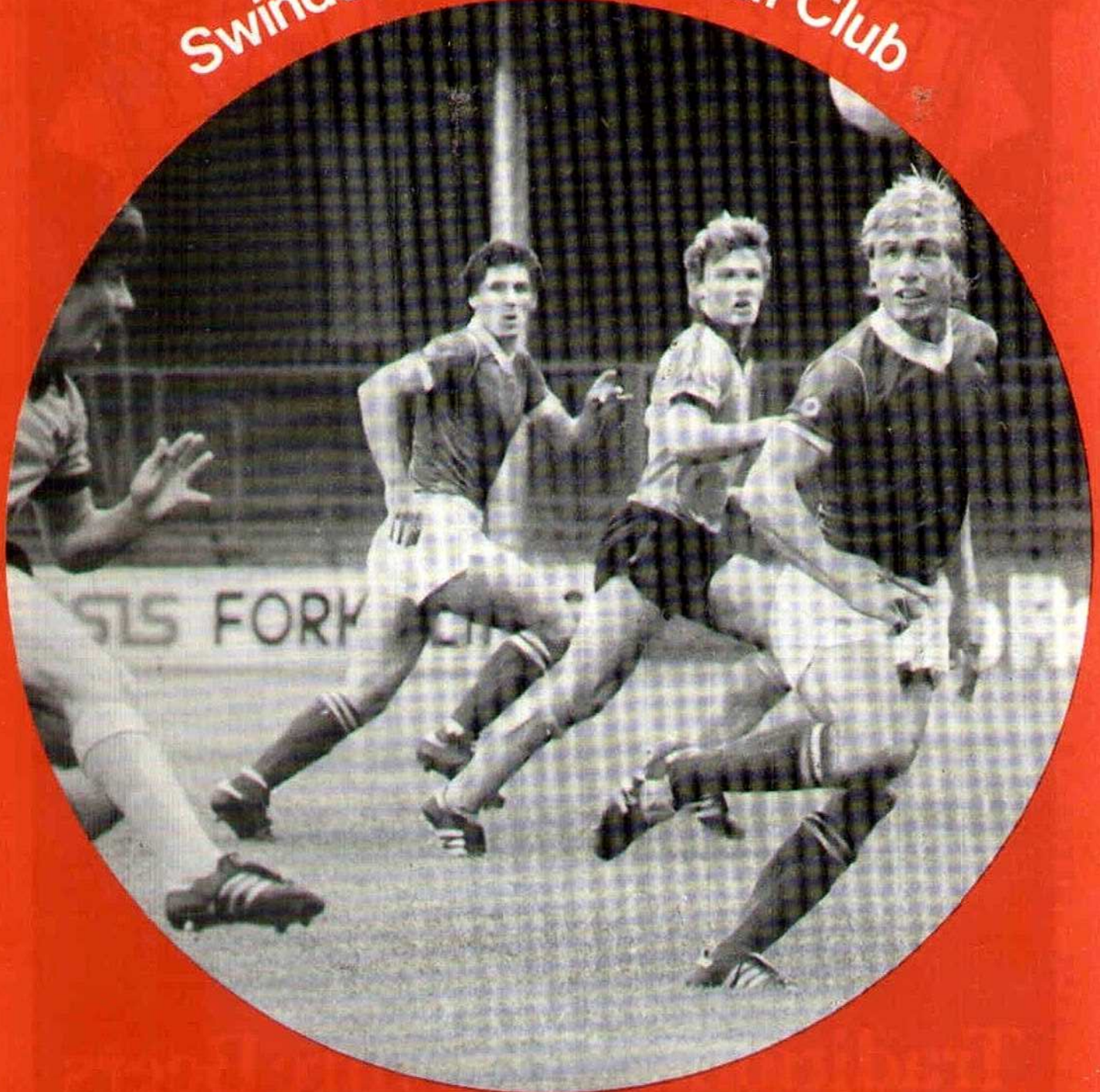




Swindon Town Football Club



# PORT VALE

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# **Talk of the Town by the Chairman**

Today we open a new season with our opponents from Port Vale Football Club whom we welcome to the County Ground. We have met many times in previous years and they, like ourselves have enjoyed many seasons in the past in higher circles.

Each year we start the new season with high hopes of success and this year we feel that it is doubly important to enable us to attract our supporters.

John Trollope has been busy during the close season playing many friendly fixtures at all levels which enables the staff to assess our various strengths. The results of these games have varied but one of the pleasing aspects has been the excellent form shown by our younger players and John has said that there are several of these former apprentices knocking on the door of the first team. This is good to see, because these lads are going to be an important part of the club's future.

During the close season we have had discussions with Messrs. Arkells who have agreed to give us their expertise in the running of our licenced clubs. Many rumours have circulated that they were taking our clubs over but this is not the case. We do feel however that the clubs will benefit from their professional knowledge.

The Harry Cousins Suite will be used on match days for our sponsors whom we feel will enjoy the hospitality of the club. Today's sponsors are:

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Today's mascot is Nicholas Payne, aged 7, who lives at 15, Burden Close, Stratton St. Margaret.

Today's game will be played with the new variations to the rules. These are not as many as the clubs asked for at their recent seminar but at least I feel it is a step in the right direction towards making the game a little more open. Some people will not agree with me on this, but if we can prevent time wasting and intentional fouls it must be a step in the right direction. We have not made changes to the offside rules but the officials have again been instructed not to flag for players in offside positions unless, in their opinion, they are interfering with play. This is a difficult one I know but we do so often get the game stopped when the offending player is not interfering.

The four step rule will be enforced and cannot be broken up by bouncing the ball and continuing the steps. The encroachment by players taking a throw in and trying to gain a few yards will be penalised by awarding the throw in to the opposite side. The intentional foul will be penalised by dismissal from the field.

We appeal to everyone to try and help keep our good name because, unless we do, we shall all suffer in the long run. We apologise to our supporters for having to erect the present barricades but this has been forced upon us by the minority element. We have been called before the Football Association Disciplinary Tribunal on two occasions because of such behaviour but because of our good record together with the precautions taken we have been exonerated. We have however been warned against any further disturbances and we do appeal strongly for everyone's help.

I hope that you will enjoy today's game and I thank you for your support.



Firstly I would like to welcome you all back to the County Ground for the first match of Season 1982/83. This is the first time the Club has played in the Fourth Division, indeed this is the first time in my football career that I have been in the 'basement' and so we are entering into the unknown in many ways although we have met many teams in the League in Cup or League competitions.

We have only one new addition to the playing staff from last year, namely Leigh Barnard, a midfield player from Portsmouth. Leigh has shaped up well in pre-season training and hopefully will be a useful asset to us. The reason for their being no other new faces is threefold, firstly so many of the players had existing contracts, secondly the club's financial situation did not allow me to purchase players and thirdly the only other avenue was to swap players and although I made enquiries I felt the players offered were of less value than the players now on our books. In saying this I fully appreciate the financial problems of the club and what has been done to get us safely through the close season and as much as I would have liked to enter the transfer market the realities did not provide for this.

After a quiet close season on the transfer scene we got down to the hard work of pre-season training over five weeks ago and during the last three weeks we have been involved in pre-season games, three of which were against League opposition, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Luton Town and Cardiff City. Although the results of these games differed they were an excellent exercise for me to weigh up the good points and the bad, giving me the opportunity to iron out the latter.

I feel that overall things have gone quite well but the ultimate test is of course today and the 45 League games to follow. The players have certainly shown a lot more urgency in their play and if we are to be successful this must carry through to the League games. Our target must be to improve the home record which let us down so badly last season if we are to recover our Division Three status which we so badly want to do.

Hopefully we shall have your continued support as your backing and encouragement of the players is so very important and let us hope for an enjoyable season.



***JOHN  
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Date Opponents

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Sub (if used)

1981

Sat. Aug. 29	Wimbledon	H	4 - 1	5632	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham 1	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Moore	-
Tue Sept. 1	Wrexham	A	2 - 3	2068	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1P	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Moore	-
Sat Sept. 5	Cherter	A	0 - 0	1949	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Carter	-
Sat Sept 12	Preston North End	H	4 - 0	5686	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland 2	Rideout	Carter 2	-
Tue Sept 15	Wrexham LC1 (2)	H	0 - 2	6776	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Moore*	-
Sat Sept 19	Exeter City	A	2 - 1	4372	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	-
Mon Sept 21	Southend Utd.	A	0 - 0	4864	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	-
Sat Sept 26	Reading	H	0 - 2	9316	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	-
Tue Sept 29	Chesterfield	H	1 - 2	5365	Allan	Henry	Baddeley*	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 1	Greenwood*	Williams	-
Sat Oct 3	Burnley	A	2 - 0	3377	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 2	Rideout 1	Williams	-
Sat Oct 10	Carlisle Utd	H	2 - 1	5285	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	-
Sat Oct 17	Bristol Rovers	A	4 - 1	8779	Allan	Henry 1	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	-
Tue Oct 20	Walsall	A	0 - 5	6010	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 2	Rideout	Williams	-
Sat Oct 24	Doncaster Rovers	H	2 - 2	6750	Allan	Henry	Peach*	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	-
Sat Oct 31	Gillingham	A	0 - 1	8410	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	-
Tue Nov 3	Brentford	H	0 - 3	6369	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout*	Carter	-
Sat Nov 7	Millwall	H	1 - 2	5710	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland 1	Greenwood	Stroud	-
Sat Nov 14	Huddersfield	A	0 - 3	7605	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard 2	-
Sat Nov 21	F.A.Cup1 Taunton Town	H	2 - 1	4494	Allan	Graham	Peach	Hughes	Henry	Stroud	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Nov 28	Lincoln City	A	0 - 2	3132	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Dec 5	Bristol City	H	0 - 0	6949	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter 1	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Sat Dec 12	F.C.Cup1 Sutton Utd	H	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland 1	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Sat Dec 26	Plymouth Argyle	A	1 - 2	8185	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland 1	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Wed Dec 30	Fulham	H	1 - 4	5641	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout 1	Pritchard	-

1982

Sat Jan 2	F.A.Cup3 Luton Town	A	2 - 1	9488	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Henry	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel 1	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Sat Jan 23	Wimbledon (F.A.4)	A	1 - 1	1873	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sau Jan 31	Exeter City	H	3 - 2	5654	Allan	Henry	Baddeley 1	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter 1	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Feb 6	Preston North End	A	0 - 0	5606	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Tue Feb 9	Southend Utd	H	0 - 0	4472	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Graham	Hughes	Rideout	Greenwood*	Pritchard	-
Sat Feb 13	Burnley (F.A.5)	H	1 - 2	5038	Allan	Henry 1	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout	Hughes	Pritchard	-
Sat Feb 20	Reading	A	1 - 4	4375	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Rideout	Beamish*	Pritchard	-
Tue Feb 23	Portsmouth	H	2 - 0	4860	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams 1	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter 1	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Feb 27	Carlisle Utd.	A	1 - 1	4633	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter 1	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Mar 6	Bristol Rovers (F.A.6)	H	5 - 2	6689	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood 1	Pritchard	-
Tue Mar 9	Walsall	H	2 - 2	4446	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Fri Mar 12	Doncaster Rovers	A	0 - 0	3532	Allan	Henry	Williams	Emmanuel*	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Mar 20	Gillingham	H	0 - 1	4908	Allan	Henry	Williams	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sun Mar 28	Millwall	A	0 - 0	4381	Allan	Henry	Williams	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat Apr 3	Huddersfield Town FASFH	A	1 - 5	3872	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Hughes	Emmanuel	Rideout 1	Carter M	Pritchard*	-
Wed Apr 7	Oxford Utd.	A	0 - 5	7557	Allan	Henry	Baile	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Quinn	Carter M	Graham	-
Sat Apr 10	Plymouth Argyle	H	0 - 2	4055	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams*	Lewis	Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Graham	-
Tue Apr 13	Fulham	A	0 - 2	6655	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Graham	-
Sat Apr 17	Bristol City	A	3 - 0	6524	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel 2	Lewis	Stroud	Pritchard 1	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Graham	-
Mon Apr 19	Brentford	A	2 - 4		Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud	Pritchard	Carter 2 P	Rideout	Greenwood	Graham	-
Sat Apr 24	Lincoln City	H	1 - 0	3981	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud	Pritchard	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Graham	-
Tue Apr 27	Cherter	H	3 - 0	3948	Allan	Graham	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Henry	Stroud	Pritchard	Carter	Rideout 3	Rowland	Hughes	-
Sat May 1	Cherterfield	A	1 - 2	2028	Allan	Graham	Baddeley*	Emmanuel	Henry	Stroud	Pritchard	Carter 1	Rideout	Rowland	Hughes	-
Tue May 4	Oxford Utd	H	3 - 2	7880	Allan	Graham	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Henry	Stroud	Pritchard	Carter 1	Rideout	Rowland	Hughes	-
Sat May 8	Newport County	H	1 - 1	5676	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Lewis	Stroud*	Williams	Carter 1	Rideout 2	Rowland	Graham	-



# Statistics 81-82

## COMBINATION RESULTS - 1981-82

Aug. 29	Watford	3 - 3	Round, Abbey, Bristow	Feb 6	Tottenham Hotspur	2 - 2	Abbey, Beamish
Sept 2	Queens Park Rangers	0 - 3		10	Chelsea	3 - 1	Bailie, Quinn (2)
5	Hereford United	1 - 1	Batty	13	Norwich City	0 - 2	
12	Tottenham Hotspur	1 - 2	Bristow	20	Southampton	0 - 5	
19	Birmingham City	1 - 3	Round	24	Plymouth Argyle	2 - 0	Beamish (2)
26	Southampton	2 - 4	Moore, Rideout	27	Leicester City	3 - 1	Bailie, Batty, Moore
28	Bristol City	3 - 2	Beamish (2) Stroud	Mar 6	Luton Town	3 - 3	Beamish (2), Quinn
Oct 3	Norwich City	2 - 4	Beamish, Pritchard	13	Chelsea	3 - 2	Batty, Quinn, Graham
10	Leicester City	2 - 0	Pritchard, Moore	23	Arsenal	1 - 1	Carter M,
17	Luton Town	3 - 0	Abbey, Beamish, Stroud	27	Reading	4 - 1	Moore (2), Quinn, Graham
31	Bristol Rovers	2 - 3	Beamish, Pritchard	Apl 3	West Ham United	0 - 1	
Nov 11	Reading	1 - 1	Pritchard	7	Orient	2 - 4	
14	West Ham United	3 - 0	Beamish (2), Quinn	17	Crystal Palace	1 - 0	Moore
21	Crystal Palace	2 - 2	Beamish, Quinn	21	Oxford United	1 - 0	Quinn
24	Bristol City	2 - 1	Rideout, Quinn	26	Fulham	0 - 1	
28	Orient	1 - 0	Batty	May 1	Ipswich Town	1 - 2	Batty
Dec 5	Ipswich Town	1 - 2	Beamish	4	Queens Park Rangers	0 - 3	
Jan 19	Plymouth Argyle	0 - 1		8	Arsenal	1 - 1	Bristow
23	Oxford Unite	1 - 1	Abbey	15	Fulham	0 - 3	
26	Watford	1 - 2	Abbey	19	Bristol Rovers	2 - 1	Quinn (2)
30	Birmingham City	0 - 0			Hereford United	-	Not played - Withdrawn from competition.

## How They Finished In Season 1981-82

### DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A	Pts
Burnley	46	13	7	3	37 - 20	8	10	5	29 - 25	80
Carlisle United	46	17	4	2	44 - 21	6	7	10	21 - 29	80
Fulham	46	12	9	2	44 - 22	9	6	8	33 - 29	78
Lincoln City	46	13	7	3	40 - 16	8	7	8	26 - 24	77
Oxford United	46	10	8	5	28 - 18	9	6	8	35 - 81	71
Gillingham	46	14	5	4	44 - 26	6	6	11	20 - 30	71
Southend United	46	11	7	5	35 - 23	7	8	8	28 - 28	69
Brentford	46	8	6	9	28 - 22	11	5	7	28 - 25	68
Millwall	46	12	4	7	36 - 28	6	9	8	26 - 34	67
Plymouth Argyle	46	12	5	6	37 - 24	6	6	11	27 - 32	65
Chesterfield	46	12	4	7	33 - 27	6	6	11	24 - 31	64
Reading	46	11	6	6	45 - 35	6	5	12	24 - 40	62
Portsmouth	46	11	10	3	33 - 14	3	9	11	23 - 37	61
Preston North End	46	10	7	6	25 - 22	6	6	11	25 - 34	61
Bristol Rovers	46	12	4	7	35 - 28	6	5	12	23 - 37	61*
Newport County	46	9	10	4	28 - 21	5	6	12	26 - 33	58
Huddersfield Town	46	10	5	8	38 - 25	5	7	11	26 - 34	57
Exeter City	46	14	4	5	46 - 33	2	5	16	25 - 51	57
Doncaster Rovers	46	9	9	5	31 - 24	4	8	11	24 - 44	56
Walsall	46	10	7	6	32 - 23	3	7	13	19 - 32	53
Wimbledon	46	10	6	7	33 - 27	4	5	14	28 - 48	53
SWINDON TOWN	49	9	5	9	37 - 36	4	8	11	18 - 35	52
Bristol City	46	7	6	10	24 - 29	4	7	12	16 - 36	46
Chester	46	2	10	11	16 - 30	5	1	17	20 - 48	32

\* Two points Deducted

### DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A	Pts
Sheffield United	46	15	8	0	53 - 15	12	7	4	41 - 26	96
Bradford City	46	14	7	2	52 - 23	12	6	5	36 - 22	91
Wigan Athletic	46	17	5	1	47 - 18	9	8	6	33 - 28	91
AFC Bournemouth	46	12	10	1	37 - 15	11	9	3	25 - 15	88
Peterborough United	46	16	3	4	46 - 22	8	7	8	25 - 35	82
Colchester United	46	12	6	5	47 - 23	8	6	9	35 - 34	72
Port Vale	46	9	12	2	26 - 17	9	4	10	30 - 32	70
Hull City	46	14	3	6	36 - 23	5	9	9	34 - 38	69
Bury	46	13	7	3	53 - 26	4	10	9	27 - 33	68
Hereford United	46	10	9	4	36 - 25	6	10	7	28 - 33	67
Tranmere Rovers	46	7	9	7	27 - 25	7	9	7	24 - 31	60
Blackpool	46	11	5	7	40 - 26	4	8	11	26 - 34	58
Darlington	46	10	5	8	36 - 28	5	8	10	25 - 34	58
Hartlepool United	46	9	8	6	39 - 34	4	8	11	34 - 50	55
Torquay United	46	9	8	6	30 - 25	5	5	13	17 - 34	55
Aldershot	46	8	7	8	34 - 29	5	8	10	23 - 39	54
York City	46	9	5	9	45 - 37	5	3	15	24 - 54	50
Stockport County	46	10	5	8	34 - 28	2	8	13	14 - 39	49
Halifax Town	46	6	11	6	28 - 30	3	11	9	23 - 42	49
Mansfield Town	46	8	6	9	39 - 39	5	4	14	24 - 42	47*
Rochdale	46	7	9	7	26 - 22	3	7	13	24 - 40	46
Northampton Town	46	9	5	9	32 - 37	2	4	17	25 - 57	42
Scunthorpe United	46	7	9	7	26 - 35	2	6	15	17 - 44	42
Crewe Alexandra	46	3	6	14	19 - 32	3	3	17	10 - 52	27

\* Two points Deducted

## KEY OF THE BOARD

A	Aldershot v Tranmere	K	York City v Torquay
B	Bristol City v Hull City	L	Aston Villa v Sunderland
C	Bury v Hereford	M	Brighton v Ipswich
D	Chester v Crewe	N	Coventry v Southampton
E	Colchester v Halifax	O	Liverpool v West Brom. Alb.
F	Darlington v Rochdale	P	Manchester Utd. v Birmingham
G	Hartlepool v Scunthorpe	Q	Norwich v Manchester City
H	Mansfield v Blackpool	R	Stoke v Arsenal
I	Stockport v Peterborough	S	Tottenham H v Luton
J	Wimbledon v Northampton	T	West Ham Utd. v Nottm. Forest



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**MARK HARRISON - GOALKEEPER** Mark Harrison appeared in every first team fixture last season for the club. His confidence grew as the season progressed as he turned in several outstanding performances which earned the attention of scouts from several first division clubs. He was signed by John McGrath from Southampton in January, 1980. He started his career as an apprentice at Nottingham Forest. Mark is a cheerful character, well liked by his team mates and is the club's representative for the Professional Footballers' Association.

Football League appearances last season: 46

**TERRY ARMSTRONG - MIDFIELD** Terry was signed on a free transfer from Huddersfield Town in March, 1981. He was bought in to add some bite to the Vale midfield. His qualities are his fierce competitiveness and his job is to obtain possession of the ball for his colleagues to distribute. Although comparatively young, his opportunities of first team action at Huddersfield were limited and led to his move to Stoke-on-Trent. Last season he scored one of the goals that knocked 3rd Division Lincoln City out of the F.A. Cup.

Football League appearances last season: 35

**PHIL SPRONSON - DEFENDER** Phil joined the club in 1977 from school but did not make his debut until August, 1978. After considerable experience he is now maturing into one of the most impressive centre backs in the Division. He has now established himself as the Vale's No.1 central defender and is always the first to challenge for defence clearances and high crosses. There is no doubt that some of the experience of Manager, John McGrath, himself a former centre half, has rubbed off on Phil. Although still in his early 20's, Phil has made 150 league appearances and may well go on to emulate his uncle who was also a centre back for Port Vale and made 761 league appearances for the club.

Football League appearances last season: 42

**GEOFF HUNTER - MIDFIELD** Geoff joined Vale from Crewe Alexandra in the summer of 1981 after his transfer fee had been decided by arbitration. A fee in excess of £10,000 now seems money well spent for Geoff has established himself as a firm favourite with the Vale Park crowd after just one season. There is no doubt he would have been an ever present last season, however he was unluckily struck down by the 'mumps' halfway through the season. There is no doubt that his absence from the side resulted in the slump in Vale's results. Geoff started his career with Manchester United, though failing to make a first team appearance before moving on to Crewe Alexandra. He is a Yorkshire born lad who hails from Barnsley, the same town as Terry Armstrong and Jimmy Greenhoff.

Football League appearances last season: 41



**BACK ROW (Left to Right)**

Colin Tartt, Wayne Cegielski, Ernie Moss, Mark Harrison, Les Lawrence, John

**FRONT ROW (Left to Right)**

Andrew Shankland, Geoff Hunter, Steve Waddington, Neville Chamberlain, R. Terry Armstrong, Jimmy Greenhoff (Club Captain)

**LES LAWRENCE - FORWARD** Les Lawrence was recommended to Port Vale by Chief Coach, John Rudge this close season after his release on a free transfer from Torquay. John worked with Les at Torquay United for several seasons and remembered his ability as a striker. Les finished last season as a member of the Torquay back 4 but was clearly out of position. He started his career in the Midlands with Stourbridge and subsequently moved to Shrewsbury where he made 14 appearances. Shrewsbury released him and he moved on to non-league, Telford United before being snapped up by Torquay United. He is an uncompromising centre forward whose physique gives him the ability to unsettle a defence by his very presence. The club will be hoping that he will form a potent strike force with Ernie Moss and will be able to get on the end of winger, Mark Chamberlain's crosses.

Football League appearances last season: 41

**JOHN RIDLEY** Vale Park has cranks, for like C club after a sp starter in league graduating from member of the the mid seventi centre back. It v saw his potential 1978. He was un place at Leicest seasons ago. He regular member obtained promo this time, he defender and it be using him fo transfer just prio Football League



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**JOHN RIDLEY - DEFENDER** John Ridley's return to Vale Park has created another coincidence in the Vale ranks, for like Colin Tarrt, he has returned to his first club after a spell at Chesterfield. John was a late starter in league football and joined Port Vale after graduating from Sheffield University. He was a member of the Vale's successful 3rd Division side in the mid seventies and played in midfield as well as centre back. It was as a midfielder that Leicester City saw his potential; they paid £55,000 for his services in 1978. He was unable to command a regular first team place at Leicester and moved to Chesterfield three seasons ago. He proved to be a shrewd buy and was a regular member of the Chesterfield side that so nearly obtained promotion on three separate occasions. By this time, he had settled for the role of central defender and it is in that role that John McGrath will be using him for Port Vale. He was signed on a free transfer just prior to the start of this season. Football League appearances last season: 35

**COLIN TARTT - MIDFIELD** Colin joined Port Vale for the second time in November, 1981 after spending a month on loan from his other club, Chesterfield. Port Vale agreed a fee of £15,000 for his services, that amount being the same as the fee they obtained when he was sold to Chesterfield in 1977. Colin is an adaptable individual and played in midfield and the centre of the Vale defence, as well as at right back, the position which he was used to most effect last season. His experience was invaluable to Port Vale and it is no coincidence that after his arrival the club went 16 games without defeat. Colin is a qualified physical education teacher.

Football League appearances last season: 38

**STEVE WADDINGTON - MIDFIELD** Steve joined Port Vale this August from nearby, Walsall after five seasons with the "Sadlers". Steve will be well known to most Port Vale fans since he spent the early part of his career with near neighbours Stoke City and in fact made over 50 appearances for the 1st Division club. He is a tenacious midfield player who has the ability to score goals and should prove a success in the fiercely competitive world of the 4th division. He is the son of former Stoke City and Crewe Alexandra Manager, Tony Waddington. At 5' 4" he is the smallest member of the Vale playing staff.

Football League appearances last season: 27

**MARK CHAMBERLAIN - WINGER** Although the younger of the two Chamberlain brothers, Mark has now established himself as the more talked about. He has only really been consistently selected for the first team for one season but with more experienced team mates, has developed very quickly. His ability is his pace, although his ball control and crossing abilities have improved over last season. His ability was spotted at an early age and he represented England at school-boy level. He joined the club as an apprentice direct from school and made his first team debut in April 1979. His tally of 9 goals made him second highest goal scorer for the club last season. Several first division clubs have enquired about his availability already and it seems that the club may have a struggle to retain his services, particularly if he progresses at the same rate this season as he did last.

Football League appearances last season: 46

**ERNIE MOSS - FORWARD** Ernie Moss completed his first season with Port Vale on a successful note when he was voted the Supporters Player of the Year. This was no mean feat for a relative newcomer and was probably because of the 17 goals he scored last season. Ernie is a honest, hardworking forward and there is no doubt that his experience paid dividends for the club, not only in the goals he scored but by the way in which his presence affected the form of the two Chamberlain brothers. Ernie joined Vale from Chesterfield before moving to Peterborough and Mansfield Town.

Football League appearances last season: 44



# From the Port Vale Archives

Compiled by PAUL PLOWMAN

Few clubs can claim to have staged League football earlier than Port Vale - although some can boast longer continuous membership. The club was elected to the newly formed Second Division in 1892. Eleven of the twelve Football Alliance clubs were voted in, the exception being Birmingham St. George's which had folded up. The two other newcomers were Sheffield United of the Northern League and Burslem Port Vale (Burslem was dropped in 1913 when they moved to Hanley) from the Midland League. Vale struggled in the new company, suffering a 0 - 10 home defeat within the first three months and finished amongst the re-election places three times in four seasons. In 1896 it proved fatal. None of the three clubs concerned succeeded in staying in and Burslem were five votes short of safety. Gainsborough Trinity replacing them. Two summers later, they were back when the League membership was increased from 32 to 36 clubs. Some strange sounding names from a forgotten era came to Vale's home ground at Cobridge in 1898-99 - Glossop North End, New Brighton, Burton Swifts, Darwen and Loughbrough Town were just a few. Poor support forced the directorate to suspend payment of summer wages in 1900. Predictably, many players left - but a number of locally produced youngsters remained loyal to the club. One in particular was Lucien Boullemier, son of the French artist renowned for his Cupid sketches. Lucien was also an artist in earthenware and porcelain and combined these skills with the job of club captain in 1902. Another young player signed on was GEORGE RUSHTON who arrived from Leek Town in 1901. George spent two years at Swindon from 1907 - 09, and a further two from 1910 - 12.

In 1905 Burslem again successfully negotiated re-election but the ordeal proved too much for Sam Greaves, secretary since 1896. He moved 'upstairs' with Tom Clare their former captain taking over. It became an uphill struggle with Second Division gates failing to pass the £1,000 total for season 1905-06 and a year later they quit the League. Port Vale resumed in October 1919 when they were handed the fixtures of expelled Leeds City - a fate which, ironically, would befall the Potteries Club almost fifty

years later. Stoke, who had left the League with similar problems twelve months after Vale also came back in 1919-20 and the two fixtures between the clubs that season attracted some 45,000 spectators. The 22,993 who gathered at the 'Old Wreck' in March 1920 was the largest ever to watch the side at the Hanley venue. That figure was not surpassed until the opening home game at Vale Park in August 1950, when 30,408 turned up for the visit of Newport County.

Vale continued in the Second Division until 1935 apart from one season 1929-30 when they scored 103 goals in lifting the Third North championship. By this time Wilf T. Kirkham, top scorer for five consecutive seasons, had gone to Stoke - but he returned for two years and his 154 goals in 261 League appearances remains a club record.

In 1939, after being switched from the Northern to the Southern section of the Third Division, Port Vale signed a promising young centre-forward from South Liverpool by the name of William Morris Jones. After guesting with Glasgow Celtic during the war he returned to the Potteries to become top scorer for Vale in 1946-47. In November 1947 he came to the County Ground with a £2,500 price tag, but more than proved his worth with 48 goals in just 94 League games. He later served three London clubs - Crystal Palace, Watford and Leyton Orient.



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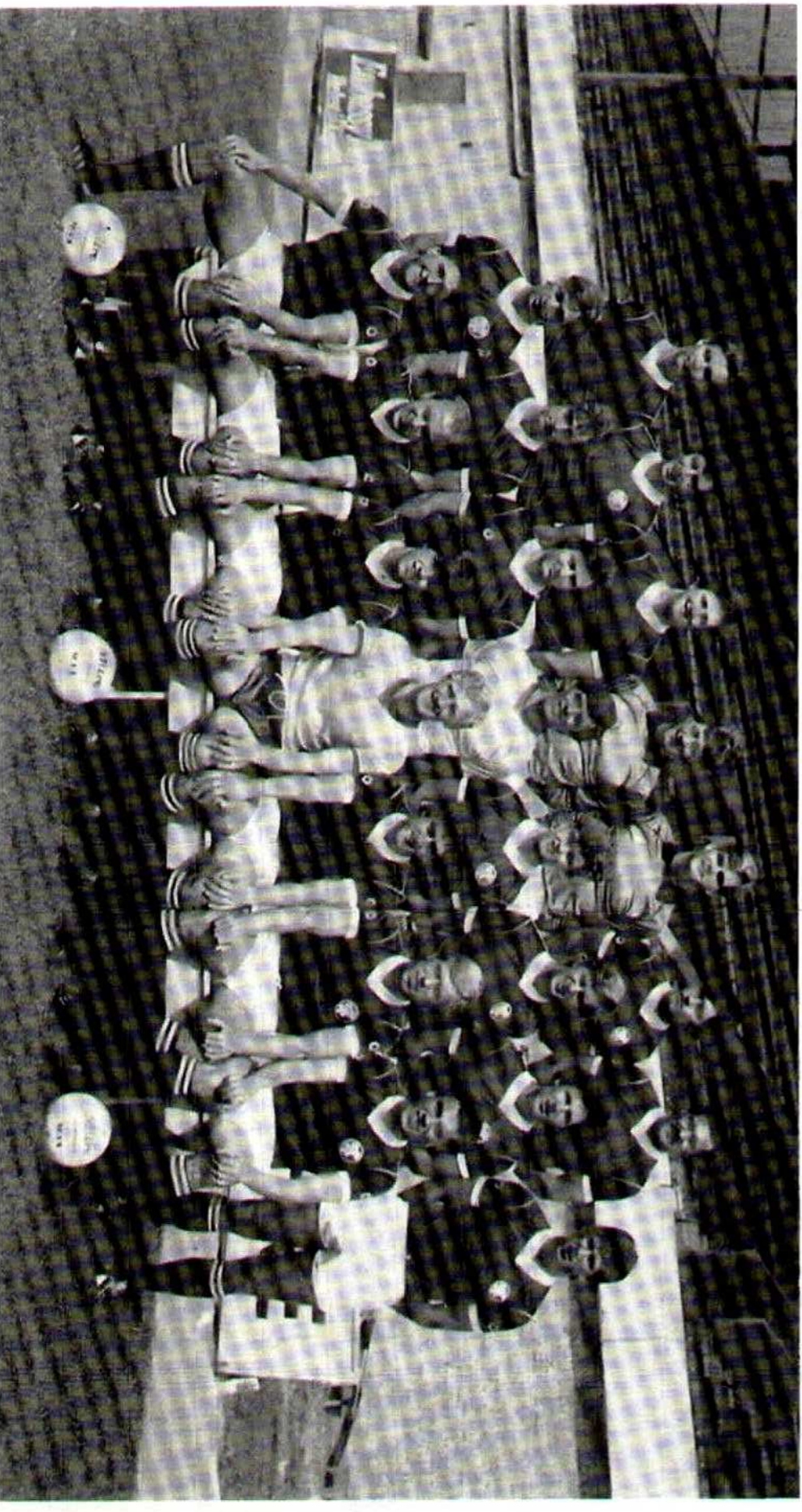
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Martin Blackler, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish (Coach), David Bristow, Roy Carter, Kevin Baddeley, David Round.

**Front Row:**  
Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty, John Trollope (Team Manager), Roy Baverstock, Leigh Barnard, Gary Williams



# Picture Parade...

BY DAVE EVANS



New signing Leigh Barnard caught in midfield action against Wolves in our pre-season friendly. Leigh was born in Worsley and served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth where he spent several season, making his league debut against Exeter City in September, 1977. A midfield player he made around ninety league appearances for Portsmouth before joining us in the close season.



# Town through time

## Wingers

by paul plowman

### PART TEN

(continued from last season)



When football resumed here in August 1945, a 20 years-old Swindonian by the name of Gordon George Williams found himself in the first-team when manager Louis Page was unable to find a 'guest' for the left-wing. 'Slacker', as he was more popularly known, seized the opportunity and impressed enough to be given the position on a more permanent basis when League competition restarted a year later. And in the fixtures it eventually took seven years to complete. Williams scored in each of his first four games. Later in his career, 'Slacker' moved back to left-half, but it was at his old position on the left flank that he made his last first-team appearance in a 3 - 5 home defeat by Exeter in October 1956. EDDIE JONES had returned to Swindon following active service in December 1945 and reclaimed his pre-war number seven shirt - although he found a young challenger for it in the former Garrards player BERTIE DENYER junior, son of the Town star of the 'twenties'. The opening of the 1947-48 season saw five new faces in the Swindon line-up - and included two new wing men. On the left was JIMMY BAIN from Chelsea who had joined the Stamford Bridge staff from non-League Gillingham during the war. A Scot from Blairgrove in Perthshire, Jimmy made only nine League appearances for the Londoners and the highlight of his career there must have been on the day in November 1945 when he played in a 3 - 3 draw with Moscow Dynamo in front of some 82,000 people. The newcomer of the right-wing was TED MAGUIRE who had played on the opposite wing for Wolves against Portsmouth in the 1939 F. A. Cup Final but had only picked up a losers' medal. Born James Edward Maguire at Meadowfield, County Durham in July 1917. Ted came to Swindon with almost eighty First Division appearances behind him. Wolves had signed him from Northern League club Willington and given him his first chance in League football during 1936/37 - but he was out of favour at Molineux following the long interruption caused by the war and came to Swindon to

further his League career. That career extended until 1950 when he was released by Halifax Town. With Jimmy Bain injured, Ted switched to the number eleven shirt for a few games after Christmas 1947, allowing another of those close-season signings. JACKIE DRYDEN, a run at outside-right. Another migrant from the North East. Dryden was playing for Washington Chemical works in the Wearside League when Charlton spotted him. It was Jackie who scored the first goal in that astonishing 2 - 0 F. A. Cup win at Burnley in January 1948 - but, as with Maguire, his services were not retained at the end of that season and he returned to London to sign for Leyton Orient. 'Slacker' Williams returned to the left-wing for the start of 1948-49 whilst on the right flank there arrived an Irishman who was to stay here for some six years Harry Lunn.

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- 6 MIKE GRAHAM
- 7 HOWARD PRITCHARD
- 8 BRIAN HUGHES
- 9 PAUL RIDEOUT
- 10 ANDY ROWLAND
- 11 LEIGH BARNARD

### PORT VALE

- 1 BARRY SIDDALL
- 2 COLIN TARTT
- 3 RUSSELL BROMAGE
- 4 GEOFF HUNTER
- 5 PHIL SPRONSON
- 6 WAYNE CEGIELSKI
- 7 TERRY ARMSTRONG
- 8 ERNIE MOSS
- 9 LES LAWRENCE
- 10 JOHN RIDLEY
- 11 STEVE WADDINGTON



#### REFEREE:

**MR. EDWARD J. SCALES** (Ware, Herts)  
In 1965 began refereeing in local leagues, and progressed via the South East Counties and Midweek Leagues to the Football Combination and the Football League List. Has refereed two Charity Cup Finals, the Mithras Cup Final in 1977, the 1979 Midweek League Cup Final, the 1978 Southern Junior Cup Final and has also officiated in a 1978 F. A. Cup Semi-Final game and a European Nations Cup game in 1979. A married man, with one daughter, he works as a Flexitime Sales Manager, and his hobbies include swimming, golf, squash and gardening.

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