

PORT VALE



That's mine..... Jim Stannard beats Robbie Earle to the ball.

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SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1985

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ALAN OAKES REPORT

ALL good teams have good defences which is why it is so pleasing to have completed 14 League games having conceded only nine goals.

It is the best record in the Fourth Division and the added comfort is that in addition to the lads who have chiefly done the job, there are good players waiting in the wings bursting for their chance to play.

The strength of a side is the strength of their reserves and considering we have the likes of Chris Pearce, Wayne Banks, Chris Banks, Peter Griffiths and even Ally Brown who cannot get a place, the signs are encouraging.

We thought at the start of the season that a fair squad had been assembled that would give us a sporting chance. The strength was at the back but in addition to having the ability to prevent goals, we needed also to be more positive.

We were not really creating enough chances so we changed the style a little to go forward more. The wide men, Paul Maguire and Oshor Williams, pushed up to play more in the opposing half of the field, for the further the ball is away from your own goal the better.

Another teething problem was that we were not getting the ball over from the flanks early enough. Too many touches of the ball were being required but now the strikers are getting a much better service.

In the last few games the quality of a player like Paul Maguire has been evident. After spending a spell in the indoor league in the United States, where he also damaged an ankle, Paul needed some time to readjust but of late I believe we have seen him back in full stride.

Oshor Williams, too, has worked tirelessly and it should perhaps be remembered that he set the ball rolling with his goal against Hartlepool. Since then, the team has not looked back and the habit of winning has developed.

It was an encouraging sign at Scunthorpe this week when the lads were disappointed at only having brought home one point, normally reckoned to be a good result away from home.

The players have set themselves high standards and they were disgruntled at having failed to take the opportunities to win the game.

Crowds at Vale Park suggest supporters are appreciating the effort that is being put in to serve up entertaining football. We have set out to give the fans plenty to shout about, for I believe they want to see plenty of action and goalmouth incident. It is what the English game is all about.

Another of our strengths this season has been fitness. The team tended to flag a little last term so in pre-season the players did rather more running than they may have been accustomed to in the past.

The result, though, is that it now seems we have 12 men on the field at times as the players are prepared to boost and encourage each other all the time.

There seems to be a good feeling running all through the club at the moment even though it is still early days in the season. We have to be prepared for a sticky patch which all teams go through, but I believe we have enough experience in the ranks now to overcome such times and also not to allow complacency to creep in. Football has a horrible habit of kicking you in the teeth and the standards that have been set must be maintained if we are to reach our goal.

ALAN OAKES

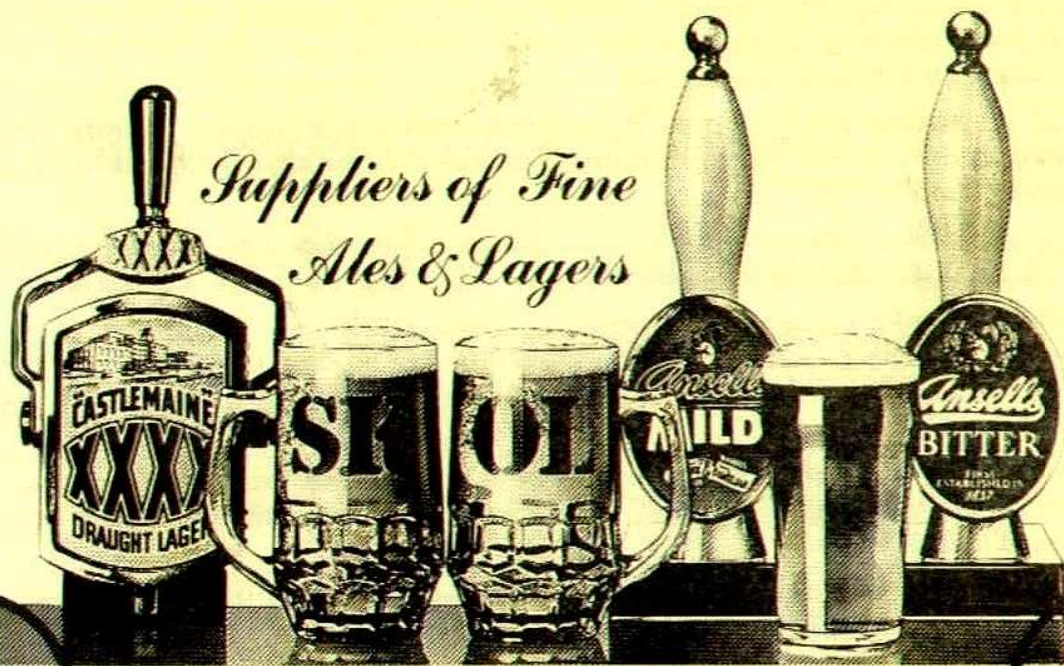
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IT'S RAINING GOALS

The last three games is the first time that the Vale have ever won by consecutive 4-0 scorelines, although in 1967-68 we did score 4 in 4 games running, 4-1 twice and 4-2 twice.

19 goals in 5 games has only ever been bettered once before by the club, in 1958-59 when we scored 21. That run extended to 28 in 7 games with scores of 5-3, 2-0, 8-0, 2-1, 4-2, 3-2 and 4-0. That season we went on to the Fourth Division Championships — a good omen perhaps?

F.A. CUP

The F.A. Cup trail starts once again on 16th November and the draw for the first round takes place on Monday, 28th October. Let's hope for a favourable tie.

A FIRST FOR ALAN WEBB

Alan Webb's goal in last week's thrashing of Southend was the first of his career, coming in his 106th first team appearance of which 72 are for the Vale, 23 for West Brom and 11 for Lincoln.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The Supporters' Club's Christmas Social Evening will be held in the Valiants club on Tuesday, 10th December. There will be a cabaret and a buffet and tickets priced at £2.75 are on sale now from the Supporters' Club shop on the Railway Paddock side of the ground.

Due to the success of our 'JUNIOR VALIANTS' trip last Saturday to Tranmere we hope to repeat this with a trip to PRESTON NORTH END on Saturday 2nd November.

We hope to spend the morning in BLACKPOOL and then go on to Preston for the match in the afternoon. Anyone interested please ring MR. BULGER on 413084 or MRS. GILSON on 273450 for further details.

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AWAY THE VALE

Canon League Division 4
Saturday, 2nd November. Kick-off 3 p.m.
PRESTON NORTH END v PORT VALE

Standing accommodation is available for Vale fans at the covered Town End of the ground priced at £2.50 and £1.50 for juveniles. Seats are also available at £3.50 (£2.50 juveniles).

Coaches will be running to the game and details can be obtained by telephoning either the commercial office on 85524 or Tony Ball on Alsager 4968.

GOING BY CAR?

Take the M6 North to Junction 31 and follow the A59 onto Preston. In 1 mile at roundabout take 2nd exit into Blackpool Road and in a further 1.3 miles turn left into the A6063 for Preston F.C. (70 miles).

Canon League Division 4
Wednesday, 6th November. K.O. 7.30 p.m.
HEREFORD UTD. v PORT VALE

Vale fans are asked to stand at the covered Blackfriars End of the ground where admission costs £2. Seats are also available at a price of £3. Coaches can also be booked for the Preston game.

GOING BY CAR? Take the M6 South and then the M5 South to junction 6 whereupon you follow the A449 into Worcester Town Centre. Next take the A4103/A465 into Hereford town centre and follow signs for Leominster A49 until you come to Hereford F.C. (90 miles).

SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1985-86



BACK ROW (left to right): Mark Hughes, Peter Lango, Andy Woolen, Charlie Henry, Colin Gordon, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey. *THIRD ROW (left to right):* John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Brian Wade, Leigh Barnard, Mark Gardiner, Scott Endersby, John Findlay, Alan Churchward, Derek Hall, Andy Rowland, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physio.). *SECOND ROW (left to right):* Sean Prowse, Peter Coyne, Sheldon Lee, Lou Macari (Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Martin Davidson, Mark Payne. *FRONT ROW (left to right):* Gary Gillette, Nick Hughes, David Law.



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APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	Games	Goals
Arnold.....	18	—
Banks.....	1 + 3	—
Bowden....	6	—
Bromage....	18	—
Brown.....	8 + 1	1
Earle.....	18	4
Ebanks.....	—	—
Griffiths....	2 + 2	1
Hunter.....	16 + 1	2
Johnson....	13	1
Jones.....	14 + 3	6
Maguire....	18	8
Mountford..	—	—
Pearce.....	—	—
Shankland..	—	—
Sproson....	16	2
Webb.....	17	1
J. Williams..	18	1
O. Williams..	15	1
Own Goals..		1

		FOURTH DIVISION (as at 21st October 1985)															
Av. Home Gate		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
2678	Colchester	13	5	2	0	17	5	3	0	3	11	10	26	Adcock 9			
3910	Southend	13	3	3	0	12	4	4	1	2	11	12	25	Cadette 10			
2525	Hartlepool	13	6	0	1	14	6	2	1	3	9	13	25	Shoulder 5			
3215	Port Vale	13	5	2	0	20	4	2	1	3	4	5	24	Maguire 7			
2358	Chester	12	4	2	1	12	3	3	1	1	14	10	24	Rimmer 12			
3329	Manfield	13	5	2	0	15	4	2	1	3	7	7	24	Chamberlain 5			
2661	Orient	13	4	1	1	15	5	3	2	2	11	12	24	Shinners 8			
2249	Wrexham	14	4	2	1	15	10	2	2	3	5	16	22	Charles 8			
3159	Hereford	13	5	1	0	17	6	1	1	5	5	13	20	Kearns 5			
1999	Rochdale	12	5	1	0	13	5	1	1	4	3	14	20	Taylor 5			
3524	Swindon	12	4	0	1	11	5	2	1	4	4	10	19	Coyne 5			
3258	Peterboro	12	4	1	1	9	5	1	2	3	11	12	18	Gallagher 6			
1889	Crews	13	4	2	1	12	6	1	0	5	4	14	17	Waller 6			
2292	Northampton	13	3	0	3	12	7	2	1	4	15	13	16	Benjamin, Hill 7			
1659	Tranmere	12	2	0	3	15	11	2	3	2	9	10	15	Worthington 10			
1361	Aldershot	13	3	1	3	14	8	1	1	4	4	14	14	Johnson 8			
3686	Burnley	13	3	0	4	7	9	1	2	3	5	10	14	Taylor 4			
2189	Exeter	12	3	1	2	6	5	0	3	3	5	11	13	Gale 3			
1872	Stockport	12	0	3	1	6	8	3	1	4	10	15	13	Smith 5			
1383	Hullfax	13	3	2	2	11	10	0	1	5	5	13	12	Langhurst, Kellock 4			
3887	Preston	12	3	1	3	15	14	0	2	3	5	14	12	Brail 8			
1863	Cambridge	14	3	1	3	13	11	0	2	5	7	22	12	Crown 6			
1166	Torquay	13	3	1	3	11	13	0	0	6	2	17	10	Dawkins 3			
1801	Scunthorpe	13	2	2	2	8	6	0	1	6	4	13	9	Graham, Broddie, Cammack 3			

Central League - Division Two Fixtures - 1985/ 86

(HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS)

1985			F	A
Aug.	20	Notts County	0	3
	28	COVENTRY CITY	1	4
Sept.	4	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2	
	11	York City	1	0
	18	Bolton Wanderers	1	3
	25	PRESTON NORTH END	5	0
Oct.	2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	0	0
	8	Blackpool	1	1
	16	ROTHERHAM UNITED	2	1
	23	Stoke City		
	30	DONCASTER ROVERS		
Nov.	5	Middlesbrough		
	13	WOLVERHAMPTON		
	19	Grimsby Town		
	27	BRADFORD CITY		
Dec.	3	Burnley		
	11	SUNDERLAND		
	18	Scunthorpe United		
1986				
Jan.	15	NOTTS COUNTY		
	22	YORK CITY		
	28	Coventry City		
Febv.	5	Rotherham United		
	12	STOKE CITY		
	19	BOLTON WANDERERS		
	25	Preston North End		
Mar.	4	Oldham Athletic		
	12	BLACKPOOL		
	19	MIDDLESBROUGH		
	26	Doncaster Rovers		
Apr.	1	Wolverhampton Wanderers		
	9	GRIMSBY TOWN		
	15	Bradford City		
	23	BURNLEY		
	29	Sunderland		

CENTRAL LEAGUE - DIVISION 2 (Up to and inc. 19/ 10/ 85)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	8	6	1	1	22	15	19
Sunderland	9	5	3	1	25	9	18
Bolton	8	5	0	3	20	17	15
Grimsby	9	5	0	4	20	18	15
Middlesbrough	7	4	2	1	21	7	14
Port Vale	9	4	2	3	13	13	14
Bradford City	8	4	1	3	17	13	13
Coventry	9	4	1	4	17	12	13
Wolves	8	4	0	4	24	20	12
York City	8	4	0	4	9	14	12
Oldham Athletic	7	3	2	2	13	13	11
Notts County	8	3	1	4	17	16	10
Scunthorpe United	8	3	1	4	14	14	10
Rotherham United	9	3	1	5	16	17	10
Stoke City	8	2	1	5	11	25	7
Doncaster Rovers	9	1	3	5	14	22	6
Burnley	8	1	2	5	13	26	5
Preston	6	1	1	4	12	24	4

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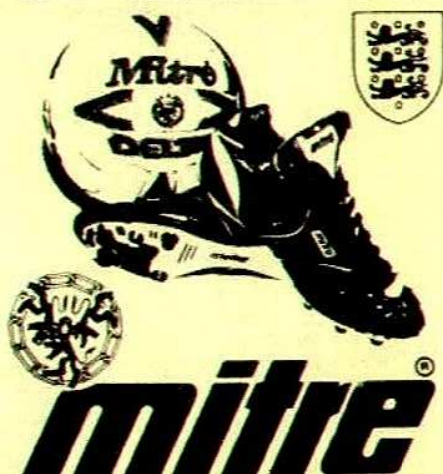
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Saturday, 9th November

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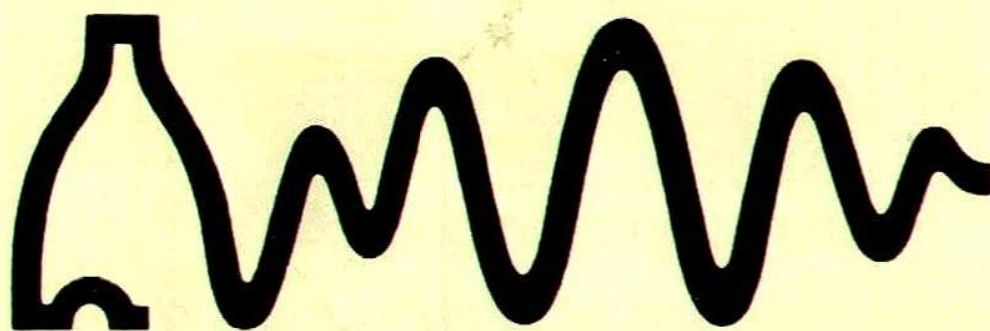


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COMMERCIAL PAGE

INTRODUCING — our 'Unsung Heroes'



Photo by courtesy of Neal Simpson

Meet our ANDY MOORE and DAVID TELLWRIGHT taking 'five' for a photocall during a busy match day.

Andy and David our voluntary staff members have donated hundreds of hours and shouldered much responsibility over the many seasons they have supported us.

Over the last 4 seasons Andy has been working in our busy Pools Office and David, in the Club Shop taking bookings for our away trips.

These young men have in total given us a remarkable 31 years of support between them.

Andy, a bank clerk, is proud to boast of a programme collection of every home game since his birth in 1961. Even with wedding bells on the horizon for January, '86, Andy still pledges his time and loyalty to Vale Park. He points out that a sympathetic future wife makes all the difference!

David, who works for a local kiln makes company is also a 'Double Agent'. Not only does David sell our lottery tickets but he is also one of our top Christmas Hamper Agents.

Our supporters' coaches organised by the Pools Office are waved off with confidence being in the capable hands of this diligent duo. These young men take the time and trouble to get to know every member of our 'Travel Club' and we think that makes all the difference.

From everyone at Vale Park we applaud you both on your efforts but most of all we say a plain and simple "THANKS".

Welcome . . Swindon

FACT FILE

Address: County Ground,
County Road, Swindon.

Founded: 1881

Joined League: 1920

Honours: Highest position 5th Division 2 1969-70
Div. 3 runners-up 1962-63, 1968-69. Best F.A.
Cup run semi-finals 1909-10, 1911-12. League
Cup Winners 1968-69. Anglo-Italian Cup
winners 1970.

Most League Appearances: John Trollope
767 + 3 sub (1963-80), (Football league Record)

Most goals in career: Harry Morris 216 (1926-33)

Record transfer fee paid: £150,000 to Southampton
for David Peach, March 1

Record transfer fee received: £250,000 from Aston
Villa for Paul Rideout, May 1983.

Ground Capacity: 12,750

Record Attendance: 32,000 v. Arsenal (F.A. Cup
3rd Round) Jan. 1972.

Record Receipts: £56,024 v. Spurs (F.A. Cup 4th
Round) Jan. 1980.

IT'S A CONNECTION

In December 1961 Vale signed forward **RALPH HUNT** from Swindon in unusual circumstances - he was lying in a hospital bed at the time having just undergone a knee operation! He was soon up and about though and on his home debut 10 days later he made a sensational start by scoring a hat-trick in the first 16 minutes of a 4-1 victory over Shrewsbury. Another goalscoring forward, **MAURICE JONES** scored 26 goals in only 53 league games for the Vale before moving to Swindon in November 1947. His tally included two hat-tricks including one in the 6-4 victory over Aldershot, the only league game since the war to contain three hat-tricks.

Swindon's previous two managers have both had connections with the Vale, **KEN BEAMISH** as a popular forward who scored 38 goals for us between 1976-78 before becoming Bury's record buy at £30,000 and **BOB SMITH**, currently the Newport manager who managed Vale during the relegation season of 1977-78.

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Today's game marks Swindon's 14th visit to Vale Park and they are still seeking their first win, their only victory on Vale soil occurring at the Old

Recreation Ground, 1-0 in April 1950. Exactly ten years later in April 1960 Vale triumphed 6-1 in an end of season game at Vale Park, with Harry Oscroft scoring 4 times, the last Vale player to do so. Swindon gained their revenge six months later, winning 6-0 at the County Ground.

In season 1974-75 Ray Williams and Frank Sharp gave Vale a 2-2 draw at home after being 0-2 in arrears and in the return at Swindon Vale's promotion hopes disappeared losing 2-3 despite Williams and Harris pegging back a 0-3 deficit. Last season Vale achieved the double with a 1-0 win at the County Ground courtesy of Eamon O'Keefe and 2-0 at Vale Park, the goals coming from Phil Sproson and Ally Brown.

our total record is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home.....	18	12	5	1	39	14
Away.....	18	4	4	10	16	27
	36	16	9	11	55	41

Man at the Top - LOU MACARI

Born in Aberdeen, Lou began his professional career with Glasgow Celtic, winning 2 Scottish League Championship winners medals, two Sc. F.A. Cup winners medals (scoring 3 in the two finals) and 3 Sc. League Cup runners-up medals. In January 1973 £225,000 took him to Man. Utd. and he soon became a favourite with the Old Trafford faithful by scoring on his debut v. West Ham. He played in 3 F.A. Cup Finals for them and had a hand in the winning goal in the 1977 Final v. Liverpool when his shot was deflected in by Jimmy Greenhoff's chest.

Lou also gained 24 full caps for Scotland, appearing in the 1978 World Cup scoring 5 goals. In July 1984 he accepted the position of player-manager at Swindon lending his experience on the pitch either in the back four or in midfield. In April of this year he was sacked along with assistant Harry Gregg after a series of disagreements, but protests from Swindon fans led to his re-instatement 5 days later. Gregg was not re-instated.

Swindon finished in 8th place last season and were widely tipped for promotion this season.



CURRENT SQUAD

Kenny Allen (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Torquay earlier this season. Began his career with Bath City before moving into the league with Bournemouth, and has also been on the books of Bury and Peterborough.

CHRIS RAMSEY (Defender)

Began his career as an amateur with Bristol C. before moving to Brighton for whom he appeared in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final although missing the replay through injury. Joined Swindon in Dec. 1984 after a spell on loan.

DAVID COLE (Defender)

One of the few Football League players to be born in the Isle of Man. Joined Swindon in Feb 1985 from Swansea C. after beginning his career with Sunderland.

COLIN CALDERWOOD (Defender)

Strong central defender signed from Mansfield in June 1985. Last season made 41 appearances in Mansfield's tight defence during which time they only conceded 33 goals.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield)

Began his career with Portsmouth and had a spell on loan to Peterborough before joining Swindon in July 1982. Is most effective in a wide role and last season had a spell on loan to Exeter.

DEREK HALL (Midfield)

Signed from Torquay in June 1985. Began his career as a Coventry apprentice, later playing for Birmingham and having a spell on loan to Torquay before joining them permanently.

CHARLIE HENRY (Midfield)

Joined Swindon as an apprentice, turning professional in Feb. 1980. Can play either in midfield or in defence, and is approaching his 150th league game.

PETER COYNE (Forward)

A Wembley hat-trick for England Schoolboys led to him signing for Man. Utd. but he was freed in 1976. After playing for Ashton Utd. he joined Crewe before drifting back into non-league with Hyde. Joined Swindon in Aug. 1984 and last season scored 16 goals.

ANDY ROWLAND (Defender)

Has spent most of his career as a goalscoring centre-forward but is now carving out a new career at centre-half. Derby were his first club and after 4 years with Bury during which time he made over 200 appearances he joined Swindon for £80,000 in Sept. 1978.

PAUL ROBERTS (Defender)

Signed during the close season on a free transfer from Brentford. Began his career with Millwall and is still awaiting his first league goal after over 200 appearances.

DAVID HOCKADAY (Midfield)

Made over 200 appearances in eight years with his only other club, Blackpool, before joining Swindon in the summer of 1983. Last season made 22 league appearances.

COLIN GORDON (Forward)

A burly striker, who after being released by Wolves played most of his football in non-league circles with Worcester, Bromsgrove and Oldbury Utd. Joined Swindon in Nov 1984, scored on his debut at Rochdale and went on to finish up as top scorer with 17 goals in 33 appearances. Also won the Player of the Year award.

DAVID MOSS (Forward)

Joined Swindon from Witney Town in 1972 and after around 250 appearances moved to Luton in 1978. Helped them to promotion to Division 1 in 1982 and played in last season's F.A. Cup semi-final v. Everton. Rejoined Swindon in June 1985 and is approaching his 150th league goal.

BRIAN WADE (Forward)

Signed from Trowbridge in May 1985 after also playing for Bath City and Paulton Town.



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Deadly strike... Alan Webb scores his first goal for the Vale in the match against Southend



Jubilant! ... Andy Jones (right) turns to celebrate putting Vale one up



Killer touch ... Robbie Earle makes no mistake in scoring Vale's third against Southend

Photos by courtesy of Neal Simpson

VALIANT HEROES

No. 9 — COLIN ASKEY

Colin was a flying right-winger in the famous Vale side of the 1950's and being a local player has supported the club all his life. Born in Stoke, Colin joined the Vale groundstaff at the Old Recreation Ground in Hanley when aged just 14 after being invited to both Stoke City and Bolton Wanderers, but trainer Bill Cope, a former Vale player, convinced him that the Vale were the best.

He played for the reserves in the Cheshire League when aged 15 and actually signed professional forms at 16½. Gordon Hodgson was then the manager and he kept the papers in his drawer until Collins 17th birthday, when it was all above board.

His first team debut came in March, 1950, just after the sale of Ronnie Allen to West Brom and he took over the No. 7 shirt for a 2-1 defeat at Brighton having the satisfaction of supplying the cross from which Walter Aveyard scored the Vale goal. He made a handful of appearances that season and then joined the R.A.F. in 1951, which rationed his availability somewhat.

Upon being demobbed in 1953 he became a regular for the 1953-54 season, which of course was the most successful in the club's history. He was a regular supplier of crosses to centre forward Basil Hayward as the Vale romped to the Third Division (North) Championship and reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

Colin contributed 6 goals and only missed one game, the away trip to Carlisle which was the week before the semi-final versus West Brom and manager Freddie Steele took the opportunity to rest five of his regulars of which Colin was one. The disappointment of the semi-final has been covered extensively in earlier programmes and Colin felt it as badly as anyone else. He remembers that his pay packet for the week of the semi contained just over £10, an amount that nowadays wouldn't buy two copies of the match programme.

In 1954-55 the Vale established themselves in Division 2 and Colin played his part well, missing only 3 games.

Vale again finished halfway up the Second Division in 1956 and reached the 4th Round of the F.A. Cup after winning 1-0 at Walsall in Round 3. A marvellous crowd of 44,000 crammed into Vale Park for the 4th round tie v. First Division Everton and despite Colin Askey's promptings from the right wing the Vale went down bravely losing 3-2, their goals coming from Les Stephenson and Roy Sproson. 1956-57 was a sad season for the club as they were relegated from Division 2 for the last time.

Further "relegation" followed a season later as Port Vale finished in the bottom half of the Third Division (South) and were therefore asked to become a founder member of the new Division 4 upon the scrapping of the regionalisation which nowadays could be making a comeback. Colin's farewell appearance in Vale colours, his 221st, came in a 3-1 defeat at Bournemouth in April, 1958 and a couple of months later he joined Walsall.

He remained in the local area and still trained with the Vale some of the time until December, 1960 when he was a member of the Walsall team that beat the Vale 6-2 in a Third Division game. Vale manager Norman Low then banned Colin from training at Vale Park and so he trained with Stoke instead! He helped Walsall to promotion to Division 2 in 1961 and a year later moved to Mansfield, helping them also to promotion in his first season only this time to Division 3.

He finished his playing career at the end of that season but the family name is still going in football circles, son John appearing regularly for Vale reserves this season, also making the sub's bench for the first team game v. Halifax whilst another son Robert is a regular for Mansfield Town as they currently challenge for the Multipart League title. Last season Robert appeared for Macclesfield in the F.A. Cup 1st Round, against the Vale and a third son also plays football in the local leagues.

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Last weekend Colchester could only draw at home to bottom of the table Scunthorpe, Reeves scoring their goal with Broddle equalising for the visitors. Hartlepool made it seven wins out of eight by defeating Hereford 2-1 at the Victoria Ground with goals by Smith and Shoulder with Hereford's reply coming in the last minute through Ollie Kearns, who scored in his fourth league game running.

Chester's unbeaten run came to an end with a 1-0 home defeat against today's visitors Swindon who registered their fifth consecutive victory thanks to a goal from Colin Gordon and Mansfield continued their challenge with a 2-1 home win over Exeter City. Viney put the visitors in front but goals from Kearney and Lowery clinched the points.

Wrexham had slipped into the top five by bringing forward their home game with Cambridge and thrashing them 6-2 but they failed to sustain their challenge with an emphatic 6-0 drubbing at Aldershot. Gary Johnson scored four and other goals came from Martin Foyle and Ian McDonald. Orient won 2-1 at Cambridge with an own goal three minutes from time shortly after David Crown had equalised Chris Jones' first half opener, and Rochdale's 100% home record came to an end with a 1-1 draw against Preston, who took the lead through Gary Brazil only for Steve Taylor to equalise.

Peterborough drew 2-2 at Stockport who are still seeking their first home win, Shepherd and Gallagher on the mark for the "Posh" with Hodgkinson and Mossman scoring for County whilst Tranmere won 2-1 at Halifax courtesy of Anderson and Muir with Barry Gallagher scoring Town's reply. Phil Power made it a debut to remember scoring twice in the first half hour in Crewe's 3-1 home win over Burnley. Tranfer listed Dave Waller scored the Alex's other goal with Alan Taylor replying for Burnley who have now lost their last four league games.

Torquay had their best league gate of the season - a mere 1,282 - for the visit of Northampton and Derek Dawkins gave them a half-time lead only for Phil Chard to equalise in the second half.

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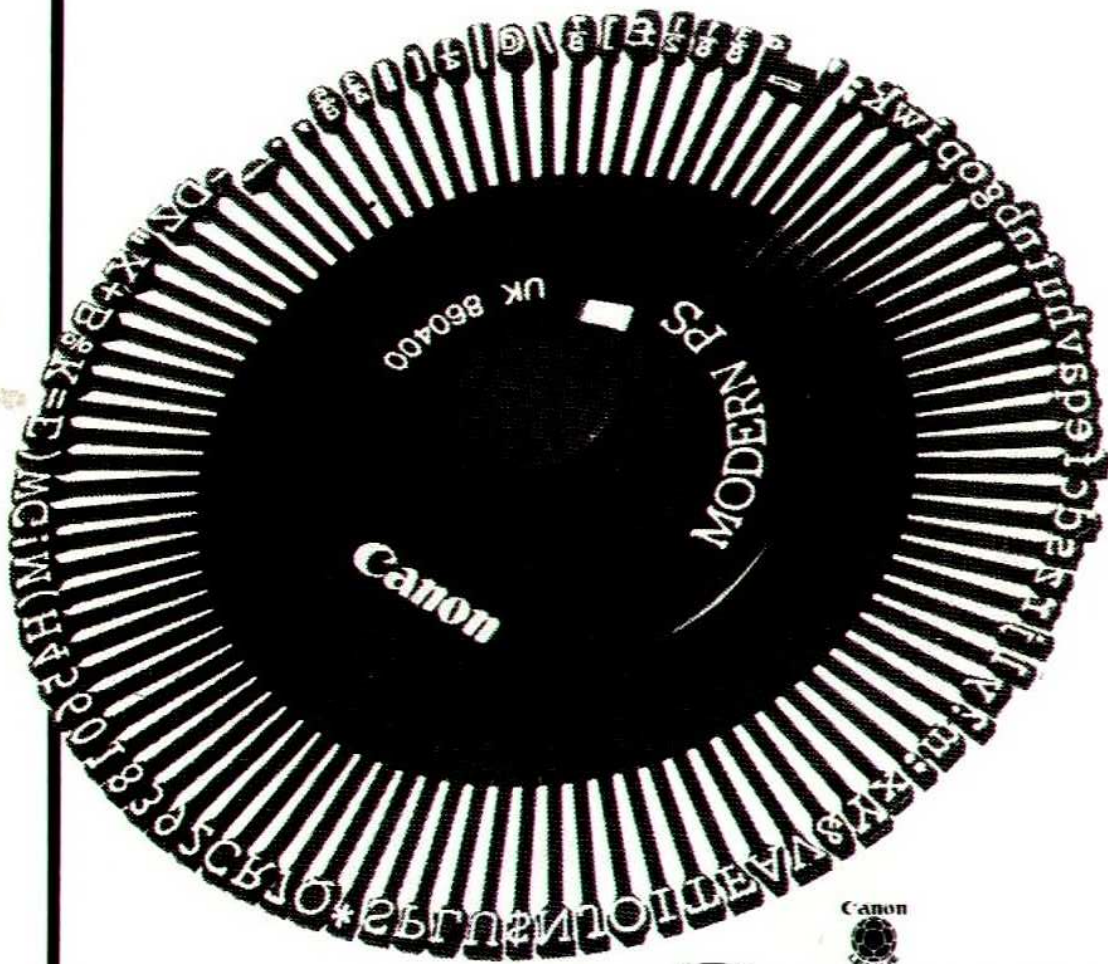
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5 YEARS AGE

Port Vale 1 Hartlepool 1

Vale's run of four successive home wins came to an end with this disappointing draw to leave them languishing in 17th place in Division 4. Russell Bromage had opened the scoring in the first half but the visitors, including Mark Lawrence and Bob Newton in their side, (both later to join the Vale) equalised after the break through Bobby Kerr.

Vale: Harrison, Brissett, Griffiths, Beech, Bowles, Sproson, Miller, Farrell, Allen, M. Chamberlain, Bromage. Sub. Elsbey. Attendance 3072.

Today's visitors Swindon had an exciting 4-3 win at Exeter in Division 3, their goals coming from Mayes, Rowland 2, and Miller.

10 YEARS AGO

25th October 1975 - Colchester United 1 Port Vale 0

Vale slipped to their fourth successive away defeat with this 1-0 reverse at Layer Road, the goal coming in the first half from Steve Foley. From a challenging position a few weeks earlier we had now slipped to mid-table.

Vale: Connaughton, Tarrt, Dulson, Ridley, Harris, Horton, McLaren, Lees, Williams, Bailey, Cullerton. Sub. Brownbill for Lees. Attendance 3053.

Swindon defeated Grimsby 3-0 in a Third Division game with goals by Peter Eastoe (2) and Trevor Anderson.

15 YEARS AGO

24th October 1970 - Port Vale 1 Rotherham 0

Our third home win in a week was clinched by a first-half Tommy McLaren goal that pushed us into the top half of the table. All the confidence that had been lacking a few weeks earlier had now come flooding back and hopes were high of a sustained challenge on the leading group.

Vale: Ball, Boulton, Wilson, King, Cross, Horton, McLaren, Morris (M), James, Lacey, Cough. Attendance 7,215.

Swindon were in Division 2 in those days and defeated Middlesbrough 3-0 with goals by Don Rogers and Arthur Horsfield (2).

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3 NICK COLEMAN
4 LEE BARNARD
5 DAVID COLE
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