

In the Secretary's Chair with Roy Whalley.

It is inevitable, I suppose, that at any Football Club the spotlight tends to be on the first team, while the achievements of the reserve side are neglected.

Thus, it is quite probable that many of our supporters are unaware that in the Midland Intermediate League, Walsall reserves are currently placed sixth, only three points behind leaders Nottingham Forest, and with a game in hand. In the Midland Intermediate League Cup competition, the news is even better, Walsall top Group 'A', three points ahead of their nearest rivals Aston Villa. The winners of Group'A' will meet the top club in Group'B' in a final played on two legs. Our rearranged game against Aston Villa at Fellows Park is on Monday next December 1st, kick off 7.30pm and it looks like being a game that will decide who will go through to the final. I hope that many of you as possible will make the effort to get to this game, and give our young players the encouragement they need to achieve the victory.

Those of you who read a match report on the reserve sides 6-0 victory at Molineux on November 15th, must have been a little mystified about the identity of our hat-trick hero on that day, Chris Adedeji.

past three seasons has represented ACB Lagos in the Nigerian First Division, scoring 64 goals for them in the process, and being Nigeria's leading goalscorer in the past two seasons. Earlier this year he the FA Cup, against Port Vale played for ACB Lagos in the Nigerian FA Cup final, losing 2-1 before 120,000 spectators in the National Stadium. He has played once for the Nigerian National side, against Ghana, and has fourteen Under-21 caps, including appearances in two Coca Cola Junior World Cup competitions, and scored eight goals.

He was advised by ACB's German coach that he had the ability to make the grade in European professional football, and his introduction to Walsall came following a recommendation made to our Chairman Terry Ramsden.

Chris enjoys living in England. He finds the British game faster than in Nigeria, but feels that he will soon adjust to the pace. In particular, he has noticed that players with the ball are closed down much more quickly here, and he is not allowed as much time to settle on the ball as in his home country. I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing Chris a successful soccer career in

He is a Nigerian, who for the England, and hope that he can make an impact at Football League level.

> It was a pleasant suprise to be given another home draw in and we are of course expecting our biggest crowd of the season so far, for this game. A warning to season ticket holders, you must reserve your stand seats by 3.00pm on Saturday next, November 29th, after that, they will be on sale to the general public. Port Vale have taken up their full allocation of seated accommondation, so those of you preferring to watch the game from a seat in the stand should reserve your ticket in advance. Stand tickets are on sale at the Ticket Office during normal office hours.

Finally, for those of you looking for a venue for an office party, family party or any type of social function, particularly over the Christmas period, the Vice Presidents Suite is available for hire at very reasonable rates, with a licensed bar, catering facilities and excellent car parking, it is ideal for parties of about 70 people. Please contact myself at the Club for further details.



WELL DONE DAVID.

We show David Kelly being presented with the Player of the Month Trophy by its donor Mrs Pat Stokes, prior to the Chesterfield game. David was the winner of the award, voted for by members of the Fellows Park Press Box, for both September and October.

UP FRONT with Don Stanton

TONIGHT'S MASCOT and SPONSORS

David Rose, tonight's mascot has been patiently waiting to lead the Saddlers out since September 20th when of course the game had to be called off due to the illness which closed the club. David comes from Great Wyrley, Walsall, and we hope he has an enjoyable evening.

Our mascot sponsor for tonight is Mr. Jennings of Bloxwich. This was, and we still hope, a surprise for Mr Jennings for his birthday, which was on September 12th, when he was 70 years young. He has been a Walsall supporter for 60 years, and we also hope he has an enjoyable evening and indeed we hope he also had an equally enjoyable 70th birthday way back in September.

Below we picture Richard White our mascot for the FA Cup game with Chesterfield, pictured here with Nicky Cross, one of Richard's favourite players.



MATCHBALL SPONSOR.

The matchball tonight has been sponsored by Springhill Rangers under-12 football team. Thank

you lads, we hope you win many games with tonight's ball.

• TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Bellaire Jazz Band, who are organised by Mrs Rippard from West Bromwich, will be playing for your enjoyment both before and at half-time this evening.

WALSALL GAMES NOW ARRANGED.

The Freight Rover Trophy games which we have to play have now been arranged, we play at Swansea City on Tuesday December 9th kick off 7.30pm and then we have our home game against Torquay United the following week on Tuesday December 16th again at 7.30pm.

We also remind you that our reserves play in the Midland Intermediate League Cup competition on Monday next against Aston Villa Reserves, here at Fellows Park, kick off 7.30pm.

BIRTHDAY GIRLS.

Kitty Lyons, who needs little introduction to Saddlers fans, will be 75 on Thursday next November 27th, happy birthday Kitty, we are all sure you will have an enjoyable day.

It's also a happy birthday tonight to one of Kitty's companions at our games, a young lady by the name of Dee, she however has not told us of here age, we also hope you have had an enjoyable day.

That same young lady, Dee, wishes to thank Ray Train, Paul Jones and Brian Palgrave together with one of our young reserve players for helping to get her car started by pushing it along Broadway on Wednesday November 12th, after they had been training..well done lads.

. HEARD AT THE CHESTERFIELD GAME.

Two of our supporters were overheard at half-time offering their views on why our team had not opened the scoring, their thoughts were "we are missing that young lad in midfield tonight".

That young lad was of course Ray Train!

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TEAM TALK! Tommy

It is pleasing to report that, after our early season traumas, when the majority of our playing staff were sidelined through injuries or illness, the situation has now been transformed and I find myself with a near full strength squad to choose from.

Since we have considerable strength in depth at Walsall, this situation can, of course, present me with a few selection headaches, especially when the competition for places is as fierce as it is at Fellows Park at the moment. No player can consider himself an automatic choice. Everyone has to prove, on a match by match basis, that they are worthy of a first team place. That is the way I like it, and I can think of many managers in the game who would love to be in my position to have so many good players to choose from.

We now have a very talented squad of players here. Their attitude towards training and competitive games has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season, and of course this is reflected in the much improved performances and results of recent weeks. It is my intention to try to strengthen the squad even further of course, but there are many teams in the Third and even the Second Divisions, who would love to have the same quality of players that we have.

I was pleased with the result that we achieved against Chesterfield, and that we have made progress in the FA Cup, although our performance fell below the level we have set ourselves in recent home games. However, it is the hallmark of a good side that can have an indifference performance and still win with something to spare.

I can only say I was more than delighted with the result at York on Saturday, few teams go to York and get a result let alone score five goals (in fact we had the ball in the net eight times), it again just shows how much improvement we have made in these past weeks to produce such a professional performance.

The next three games, including tonights fixture against Swindon Town are all going to be equally difficult, and I certainly expect Swindon Town to provide us with a stern test as we are likely to face all season. They are a good well organised side, and we will need to be at our very best in order to get the victory that we so urgently require. Having said that, when we do perform at something approaching our best, there are few teams in the Third Division who are capable of matching us, as we did at York.

I am pleased at the outcome of the FA Cup draw. You can never expect more than to be drawn at home, it's a bonus that we are matched against Port Vale, our North Staffordshire neighbours, since we can confidently predict our best home 'gate' of the season so far. Moreover, this tie presents us with a good opportunity to make further progress in the 'cup', thoughts of the FA Cup must be put firmly behind us however, until December 6th as our priority must be elsewhere and a rise in our position in the Third Division table.

Thank you to our supporters for your encouragement you are giving us, and to all of you who travelled to York last Saturday, I thank you, and felt that you all enjoyed the game.

Finally, I have noticed that my mailbag these days is much lighter than it was a few weeks ago. Is this, I wonder, a good or bad sign?



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OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome a Swindon side currently on the edge of the promotion race on their return to Division Three and with a recent run of five away games in a row without defeat. Their visit, however, brings back memories of many Division Three (South) tussies either side of the second world war. Now managed by effervescent little Scot Lou Macari they are a brave little club who have enjoyed some exciting moments in their 105 years of history.

Founded in 1881 they reached the semi-final of the FA Cup in both 1909/10 and 1911/12 while still members of the Southern League. During this period either side the first world war they were in the top five in the Southern League in seven successive seasons and twice won the championship.

Like most other members of the Southern League they became founder members of the new Division Three in 1920, this changing to Division Three (South) a year later and at that stage they embarked on an unbroken spell there that lasted until 1963 when they won promotion. Their first spell in Division Three lasted only two seasons, but the with a side that included Emle Hunt, Mike Summerbee and Don Rogers up front and Peter Downsbrough and John Trollope in defence they became one of the most talented Third Division sides ever. They reached the last eight of the FA Cup in 1966/7 and though Summerbee and Hunt had moved on by then they won the Football League Cup in 1968/9 in the same season that they went up to Division Two.

They stayed up until 1974, but then after near misses for both promotion and relegation they went down to Division Four for the first time ever in 1982 when we pipped them and Wimbledon by a single point after a really tight squeeze. They then finished eighth, seventeenth and eighth again before roaring to promotion from Division Four last season.

All this happened in fact after they had lost five of their first eight games and they were struggling in 21st place at this stage. An amazing run of 22 wins in 25 games by March lifted them into top place and there they remained. They also beat Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday in the Milk Cup for good measure, and in fact they did not lose a single League game after going down at Tranmere Rovers on January 4th.

THIS SEASON

Now in his third season at the helm Lou Macarl, who played here for Manchester United in that memorable FA Cup-tie in January 1975 is now in his third season in charge - how glad Swindon fans are that he returned after leaving for a few days in his second season. Swindon Town kicked off this season with a win at Bolton and since then they have lost only one away game (at Middlesbrough) though at home they have been beaten three times.2-1 by Notts County, 6-2 by Blackpool and 2-1 by Bristol Rovers. In their last few weeks they have won at Fulham, Port Vale and of course on Saturday at Bury, drawn at Darlington and Mansfield Town, while in the FA Cup they won 4-0 against Farnborough Town to earn a second round tie against Enfield.

Newcomer this season Jimmy Gilligan has been the most regular scorer recently with Stephen White (from Bristol Rovers this season) Bryan Wade (ex-Trowbridge Town) and midfielder Peter Coyne (a former Man-chester United apprentice who arrived via Hyde United) also finding the net. Peter has been recently linking up with Leigh Barnard (ex-Portsmouth and Peterborough United) and tall Chris Kamara, who is now in his second spell with Swindon after two spells with Portsmouth. In defence Tim Parkin has arrived this season from Bristol Rovers, linking up with Chris Ramsey (an FA Cup finalist with Brighton a few years ago) Colin Calderwood (an ever-present after moving from Mansfield Town last season) and David Hockaday, who is new this season from Blackpool. In goal Fraser Digby is a former Manchester United England Youth International. In recent weeks substitutes have included Mark Gardiner, a former apprentice and recent signing Alan McLoughlin, and of course we are likely to see the return to Fellows Park of our former striker Dave Bamber, who got nine goals in the second half of last season and has found the net seven times this.





Back Row: Mark Gardiner: Steve White: Jimmy Gilligan: Chris Kamara: Tim Parkin: Kenny Allen: David Bamber; Charlie Hanry: David Cole: Colin Calderwood; Chris Ramsey.

Front Row:- Alan McLoughlin; Mark Hughes; Jamie Reynolds: Dave Hockaday; Andy Rowland (Player/Coach); Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist); Lou Macari (Team Manger): John Trollope (Assistant Manager): Peter Coyne: Martin Ling: Leigh Barnard: Bryan Wade.

STEVE WHITE - Striker.

Another player who joined the club in the close season from Bristol Rovers, surprisingly too as he had scored sixteen goals for the Eastville Club last season. Steve was in his second spell at Bristol Rovers having first joined them from Charlton Athletic after moving away to Luton Town for a £200,000 fee.

LEIGH BARNARD - Midfield.

Joined the Town from Portsmouth in July 1982 although before last season he was on loan to Exeter City, in fact he played against Swindon and then in the return game played against Exeter City. He signed on a free transfer from the Fratton Park club and made 37 appearances last season and one as substitute, netting three goals. He also had a brief spell on loan to Peterborough United while with Portsmouth.

JIMMY GILLIGAN - Striker.

The first summer signing by Lou Macari joining the club in June for a £31,000 transfer fee from Grimsby Town who had been at the Blundell Park club for just one season after joining them from Watford in the summer of 1985 for £100,000 after he had found his first team opportunities limited with the form of Luther Blissett and John Barnes and has replaced Colin Gordon who has moved to Wimbledon.

BRYAN WADE - Striker.

Bryan made a successful season last season, his first in League soccer, after joining them from Trowbridge Town after having also played for Bath City. He made 31 League appearances and scored ten League goals.

KENNY ALLEN - Goalkeeper.

Moved from Torquay United to Swindon in September 1985. this former Hartlepool United. West Bromwich Albion and Bournemouth player made 40 appearances last term to gain a Fourth Division Championship medal in his first season at Swindon.

DAVE HOCKADAY - Defender.

This versatile former Blackpool player moved south to Swindon in the summer of 1983 to fill the hole in the full-back berth in the second half of last season making 34 appearances and three as substitute.

CHRIS RAMSEY - Defender.

Formally with Bristol City and Brighton where he miss-ed the 1983 cup final due to injury, against Manchester United, Chris joined Swindon on loan but in December 1984 Joined the club on a permanent basis to make up for his Wembley disappointment to gain a Fourth Division Championship medal after missing only three League games last season.

TIM PARKIN - Central Defender.

Moved from Bristol Rovers in July for a fee settled by the Football League tribunal at £27,000. A tall commanding central defender who had made 219 League appearances for Rovers after moving to them in the previous August from Malmo in Sweden. He made his Football League debut with Blackburn Rovers and followed this with twelve more before moving to Sweden.

DAVID COLE -Central Defender. Born in the Isle of Man, David signed for Swindon in February 1985 on a free transfer from Swansea City. He missed only two League games last season in the Wiltshire's Championship season. He has also spent brief spells with St.Mirren and Sunderland.

COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender.

Said to be Lou Macari's outstanding signing as he started to build their Championship winning team in 1985. This former Mansfield Town defender attracted a lot of attention from First Division clubs. Born in Stranraer, Colin was the only Swindon Town player to make 46 maximum League appearances last season and won the "Player of the Year" award.

CHRIS KAMARA - Midfield.

Chris rejoined Swindon for a second spell in August 1985 from Brentford for a £12,000 fee. Absent through injury in the first half of last season the former Portsmouth apprentice made 19 League appearances and one as substitute netting on just one occasion. Chris seems to have a habit of rejoining clubs as apart from Swindon Town he has also played for Portsmouth on two different occasions and on his first spell with the club he made 183 first team appearances.

Charlie Henry (centre) in action.

ANDY ROWLAND - Defender.

Swindon Town's longest serving professional having joined them from Bury in September 1978 for a fee of £80,000. Andy however has taken a backroom role at the County Ground and his outings were restricted to 12 league appearances last season and six as subsitute, prior to this season he was placed on 99 goals in the League with 542 first team appearances in his career.

MARK GARDINER - Striker.

Made his first team debut in April 1984 against Mansfield Town after progressing through the club's junior ranks were he had been a prolific goal scorer. Last season he only made five League appearances, but has been the clubs leading scorer for the past two seasons in the Football Combination.

MARK HUGHES - Striker.

Swindon born Mark, missed most of last season with a pelvic injury, but this local born striker who formed a prolific goalscoring partnership with Mark Gardiner in the South East Counties League in the 1982/3 season, made his one and only League appearance last season in March against Northampton Town in a goalless draw.

JAMIE REYNOLDS - Midfield.

An England Youth International who toured China during the close season with that team. He made his debut against Crewe Alexandra in March 1984 but he is rated as their finest discovery in recent seasons.



CHARLIE HENRY - Midfield.

A former club apprentice who has been converted from his former role as full back he astounded everyone last season by being the club's leading scorer with 18 goals. Joined Swindon as a professional in February 1980 and made 38 League appearances and one as substitute lasty season.



DAVE BAMBER - Striker.

David no stranger to Fellows Park as he of course was with us two seasons ago before joining Portsmouth from where he joined Swindon Town in March earlier this year for a fee of £15,000 and brought the extra dimension to the squad to enable them to clinch the Fourth Division title scoring nine goals.

Star Manager

Swindon Town have had a number of outstanding managers since the war, amongst them Bert Head and Danny Williams, but none as flamboyant or controversial as one of our own ex-bosses Dave Mackay, who made just as many headlines as a manager as he did as a player.

Born in Edinburgh in 1934 Dave came to the fore with Hearts, winning a League Cup winners medal in 1955 and 1959, a cup winners medal in 1956 and a league championship medal in 1958. He made his Scotland debut in May 1957 in a World Cup qualifyer against Spain and captained them in the following season. He moved to Spurs in March 1959 - and what a bargain he proved to be at £30,000. He was a key member in Spurs 1960/1 Football League and FA Cup double winning team and the following season's repeat of the FA Cup win.

He had the misfortune to miss the Cup Winners Cup win over Athletico Madrid in 1962 and a year later broke a leg playing against Manchester United in a European Cup Winners Cup match. Bravely he fought his way back to fitness and then after another cruel blow a year later when he broke his leg again he was still back to play in 41 games in 1965/6 and to skipper Spurs to another FA Cup win in 1967.

In the summer of 1968 he moved to Derby County and skippered the Rams as they climbed out of Division Two and played in every game in their first season back in Division One though by that time he was in his 37th year. At this point he moved to Swindon Town and played regularly for them in 1971/2 while also taking on the role as manager. They were then in mid-table in Division Two and then came his move to Nottingham Forest where in 1972/3 he again led a mid-table Second Division team. This was perhaps the quietest part of his career, but excitement erupted again when he moved back to Derby County in October 1973 after Brian Clough and Peter Taylor had just moved away.

Dave picked up the pieces well enough to lead them to the First Division Championship again in 1974/5 but then in November 1976 he lost the confidence of their board and moved to us. In his one full season here he led us to sixth place in Division Three and a fifth round FA Cup tie at Highbury. Then he was off to Kuwait and despite many rumours he has not been involved in football in this country since.

MARTIN LING - Midfield.

Moved from Exeter City in July for a fee of £25,000 set by a Football League Tribunal after the Devon club had set a fee of £15,000, 21-year-old Martin had made 117 League appearances for them whom he joined as an apprentice.

PETER COYNE - Midfield/Striker.

This former Manchester United, Crewe Alexandra and Hyde United striker was the club's leading scorer by the end of October last season, but then a stomach injury curtailed his season and he struggled to regain form and fitness, even so he made 30 League appearances and scored eleven goals.

SWINDON TOWN - THE LAST TEN YEARS

Div	P	W	D	L	GF	FA	P	Pos
1976/7-3	46	15	15	16	68	75	45	11
1977/8-3	46	16	16	14	67	60	48	10
1978/9-3	46	25	7	14	74	52	57	5
1979/8-3	46	19	8	19	71	63	46	10
1980/1-3	46	13	15	18	51	56	41	17
1981/2-3	46	.13	13	20	55	71	52	22
1982/3-4	46	19	11	16	61	54	68	8
1983/4-4	46	15	13	18	58	56	58	17
1984/5-4	46	21	9	16	62	58	72	8
1985/6-4	46	32	6	8	82	43	102	1

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1927/8	1-2	0-5
1928/9	1-1	1-5
1929/30	4-0	1-3
1930/1	2-2	3-4
1936/7	5-2	0-3
1937/8	2-3	1-1
1938/9	5-0	4-1
1946/7	0-1	1-4
1947/8	1-0	3-0
1948/9	0-1	1-2
1949/50	0-0	3-4
1950/1	1-0	1-1
1951/2	0-0	1-1
1952/3	1-2	2-1
1953/4	0-1	0-3
1954/5	1-2	2-2
1955/6	4-0	2-1
1955/6	1-2	2-1
1957/8	1-1	1 3-2
Division Three		
1960/1	2-1	0-1
1965/6	5-0	0.0
1966/7	1-1	2-3
1967/8	3-2	0-3
1968/9	0-2	0-1
1974/5	2-0	0-3
1975/6	1-1	1-5
1976/7	2-0	2-2
1977/8	2-0	3-2
1978/9	4-1	1-4
1980/1	2-1	1-3
1981/2	5-0	2-2

SOCCER SCENE

After six successive away games without a win we came good with a vengeance at York when we scored as many goals in one game as we had scored in our previous five away games. This was only the second time we had won at York in 14 league and cup visits and our 5-1 win was our biggest away from home since February last when we won by a similar score at Newport when, as on Saturday, Gary Childs, David Kelly and Nicky Cross were amongst the scorers.

Middlesbrough meanwhile kept up their promotion momentum with a matchwinner from defender Tony Mowbray in what was their first-ever league game at Newport while Gillingham took their home record in league and cup to eight wins and three draws in their 3-1 win over Port Vale. David Shearer and Tony Cascarino were both on the mark again and they are now rivalling David Kelly and Nicky Cross as the best twin spearheads in Division Three.

Though they lost for the fifth time in six league games Port Vale must be pleased to have our old friend Richard O'Kelly fit again and linking up with prolific Andy Jones. Richard got their goal in the 2-1 defeat at Doncaster and there are signs of him recapturing the form that brought him a goal in each of the first four games this season.

Bournemouth who share with

Northampton the distinction of having the only hundred per cent home records in the Football League, have now won nine league and cup games in a row, ex-Southampton man David Pluckett getting his twelfth goal of the season in Saturday's 2-1 win over Chesterfield.

Meanwhile Colin Clarke who moved from Bournemouth to Southampton last summer is scoring almost as freely in Division One as he did in Division Three, his goal in his side's 3-1 win at Charlton on Saturday being his 13th of the season.

Still in Division One leaders
Arsenal achieved one of the day's
most predictable results, beating
Manchester City 3-0, this being the
fifth time in their last five visits
that City have gone down at
Highbury without scoring a goal.
This was also Arsenal's twelfth
home game without defeat this
season and in nine of these they
have kept a defensive clean sheet.

Hats off to Stockport County, who chalked up their first home win of the season, 2-0 against Cardiff in Division Four with one of the goals coming from former Hednesford man Vernon Allett.

It was also a good weekend for Halifax, who after their at least temporary financial reprieve chalked up their biggest win of the season, 4-0 against Orient and

move out of the bottom four with only one defeat in their last nine league and cup games.

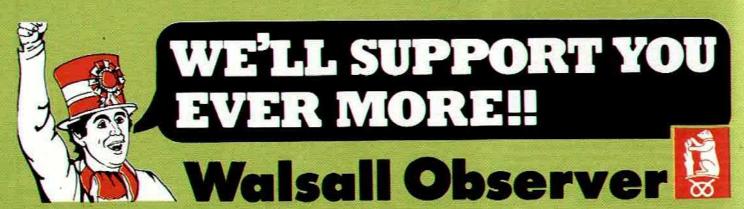
Another team edging their way out of danger are Shrewsbury in Division Two, following up their win over promotion-seeking Portsmouth with a 1-1 draw at Sunderland, Mike Brown getting his first-ever league goal. Another commendable Second Division performance was Birmingham's 2-1 win over Leeds on Friday with Wayne Clarke netting for the fourth home game in succession. There was also a little joy up Blackburn way after Rovers' 2-0 win at Brighton to end a winless spell of 11 league games.

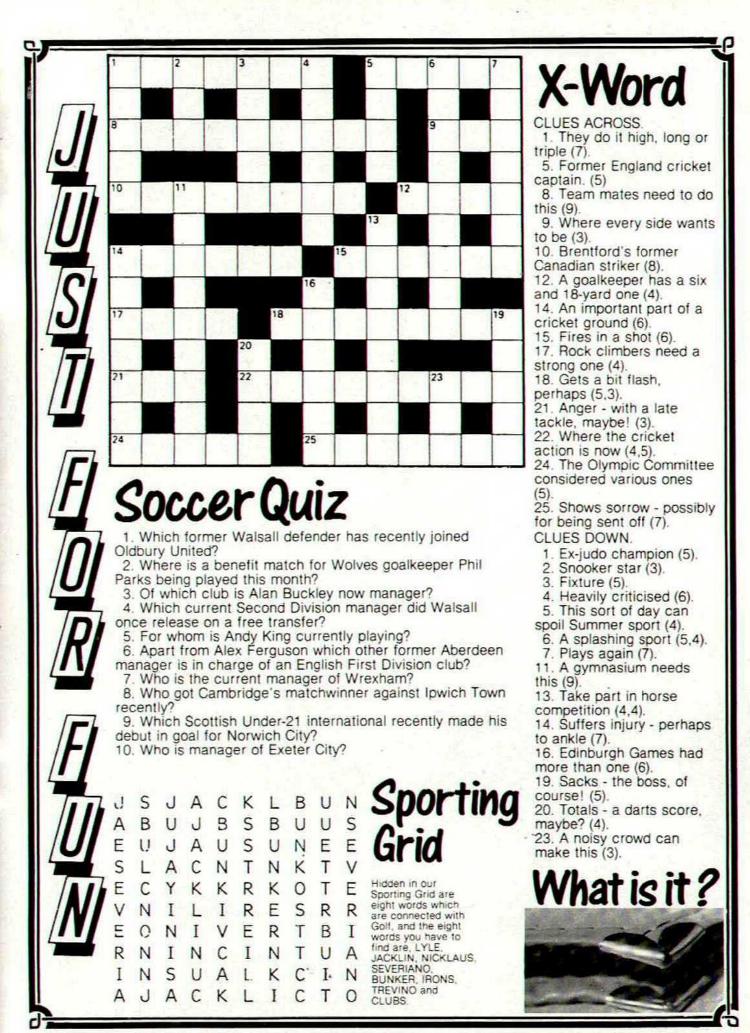
While Paul Mariner was netting in Portsmouth's tenth successive home win surprise team Oldham kept ahead in the table with a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace, whom they have now beaten in each of the last five seasons at Boundary Park.

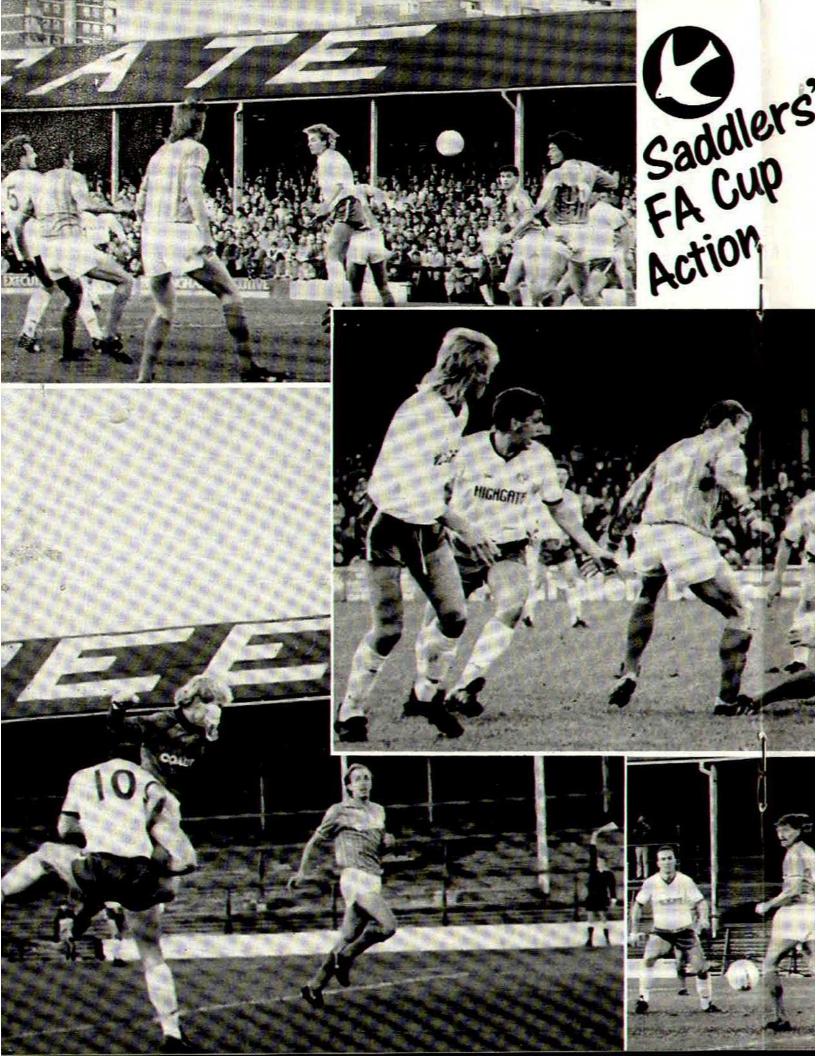
Geoff Allman.

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GOLDEN OLDNES

A Look Back in Time

WALSALL v SOUTHPORT - October 5th 1968.

Today we look both back at the programme for Ray Train's debut gamethough he wasn't actually down on the programme. He came in at number 10 for the visit of Southport, who are of course now in the Multipart League but were then in the danger zone in Division Three.

We in fact moved above them with a 3-0 win thanks to goals from David Wilson and Geoff Wright(2) and a non-stop display of running by the young Ray Train. I is also interesting to see the name of George Andrews in the Southport lineup before his move to Shrewsbury Town and then to us.

TO-DAY'S VISITORS

Our friends from Southport have over the past few years enjoyed as successful a time as any in their history for after many years of unspectacular existence they are now one of the most attractive teams in the Third Division.

HISTORY

Founded in 1881 as Southport Central, they did not join the Football League until the formation of the Third Division until the formation of the Third Division in 1921 when they deopped the "Cen-tral" part of their name. They had an unbroken membership of Division Three (North) until 1957/8, surviving five application for re-election. Like ourselves they were founder members, of Division 4, when it came into being in 1958/9. Three more applications for ev-election followed, but when former Irish International winger Billy Bingham took over the managerial reins in the mid over the managerial reins in the mid 60°s, things began to happen. In 1966/7 they finished runners-up to Stockport County and fully justified their promo-tion to Division 3 by last season finishing halfway up the table with 46 points and losing by a mere 1-0 to the mighty Everton in the F.A. Cup.

THIS SEASON

fortunes similar to ourselves in that they streams inmar to cursive in that instances are playing attractively without finding the net as regularly as they would like and therefore relying on a sound defence for most of their points. Since Eilly Bingham's move to Plymouth last year they have been managed by Don McEvoy. for many years a pivot of renown with Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wed-

w that Pred Molyneaux has rejo Billy Bingham at Plymouth, Arthur PEAT. who is so his eighth season with the club, has taken over as skipper and utility-man Colin ALTY has settled into defence Malcolm RUSSELL for

everal years a cratwart of the Halifax defence, has quickly settled down at Haig Avenue, partnering Erac CURWEN, one of several ex-Everion players in the team. Behind them Brian REEVES (with or without his beard) is a reliable keeper who had considerable Second Division experience with Blackburn

Ambrone CLARKE, who has warriely mused a match since moving from Everton three years ago is a power in midfield, whilst up frost there is strength and opportunism which "Match of the Day! viewers admired last season in the draw with HARKIN moved from Notts. County at the beginning of last scason, scored 21 goals and won an Irish cap. George ANDREWS will be remembered for his leadership of Lower Gornal before moving to Cardiff and Luten and joining



George Andrews

Southport 18 months ago, Eric REDROBE, who first attracted attention in Bolton's Central League side is one of the beaviest forwards in the game and his speed and opportunism can tax any defence. Most of the craft behind the

TODAY'S VISITORS

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members of previous encounters.

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Football League 3rd DIVISION

Teams subject to alteration

Walsall v. Southport

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from the team manager

OUR PRESENT POSITION

From the way in which the fixtures have been programmed, this season we are still compositive strangers, for in date we have played 14 matches with only 6 of these at Fellows Park. This, of course, indirectly has a bearing on the players.

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REFLECTIONS

Despite our lowly position in Division Three (South) we gave a battling display here against Southampton on December 1st, 1956 and though Derek Reeves put the visitors ahead after just six minutes after Gordon Chilvers had pushed out a Hoskins shot, we equalised before half-time. It was a really spectacular goal too with Tony Richards flashing over a fast centre from the right for Brian Taylor to meet it first time and hammer the ball home.

We had more of the play after the break and Southampton's cause was not helped by losing Hoskins after 75 minutes with a twisted knee, but they managed to hold on for a point.

WALSALL Chilvers: Haddington, Perkins; Jarman: McPherson; Rawlings; Moore; Dorman; Richards; Brown; Taylor (B). SOUTHAMPTON: Christie; Wilkins; Traynor; McLaughlin; Parker; Elliott; Day; Reeves; Shields; Mulgrew; Hoskins.

We stayed ahead of Plymouth Argyle and Swindon Town at the bottom of the table while in Division Three (North) Mansfield Town moved up to mid-table with a 2-1 win over Hull City, Ken Murray and Barry Jepson getting their goals. It is interesting to see Accrington, Hartlepools, Bradford City and Workington occupying the top four positions in that division.

20 YEARS

December 3rd, 1966 saw us moving into an early lead against Bournemouth here as George Kirby followed up after Roger Jones had partly saved a MacEwan shot. We so dominated the first half that Bob Wesson scarcely had a shot to stop, but it was not until early in the second half that we netted again, this time Jimmy MacEwan finding the net after George Kirby had worried Roger Jones into making a tentative clearance. We made it 3-0 near the end when Colin Taylor netted after an Alan Baker shot had come off a post.

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WALSALL. Wesson: Gregg; Evans; Hill;
Sissons; Summers; MacEwan; Baker; Kirby;
McMorran; Taylor.

BOURNEMOUTH Jones: Gulliver: Stocks; Ashworth; White: Taylor: Bunstead; Norton; Hold; Weller; Taylor.

Attendance: 6,835.

Attendance: 7,571

We were now sixth in Division Three with Mansfield Town in second place behind 0.P.R. after a 4-1 win over Gillingham in which Tommy Mitchinson, Stuart Brac and John Rowland (2), got the goals.

10 YEARS

On a frozen pitch here we drew 1-1 in a Friday evening match on December 3rd, 1976. We got off to a flying start with Brian Caswell netting with a screaming 25-yard shot after 15 minutes. Then Ernie Moss equalised 10 minutes later and although Bernie Wright got the ball into the net from an offside position soon afterwards it was Peterborough United who came nearest to scoring when Mick Kearns blocked a close-range shot from Tommy Robson and Dave Serelia cleared as the ball rolled towards the net.

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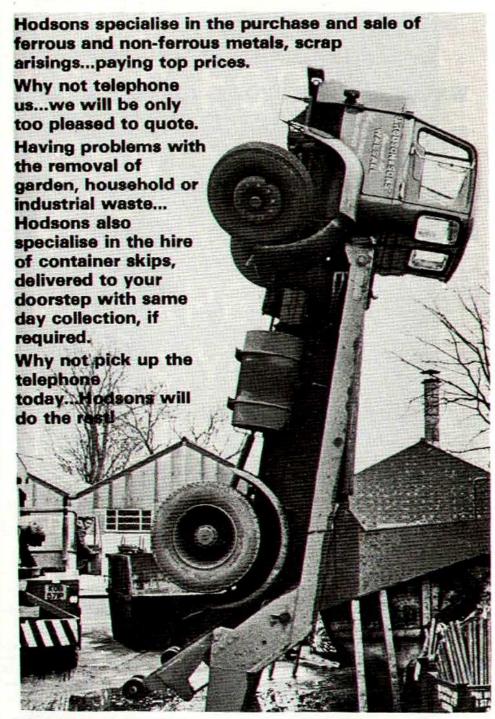
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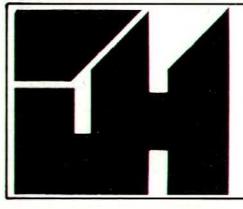
Attendance 3,848.

We were now 17th in Division Three with Mansfield Town sixth, their game at Northampton Town the following day being postponed, that weekend 25 games were called off and the pools panel was called in.

Geoff Allman.

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TALKING PROGRAMMES with Stève Davies



The first England International of the season at Wembley against Northern Ireland in the European Championship in October and the programme contains 36 pages priced £1.00. 5 pages contain adverts. The front cover contains a colour action photograph of Gary Lineker in World Cup action against Paraguay. An article by Bobby Robson covers two pages and tries to explain why England lost in Sweden. A page looks at England's second in command. Don Howe. Two pages also look at at previous games between the countries and includes England's all time record as follows P94 W72 D16 L6 GF314 GA80. makes impressive reading doesn't it! Four pages contain England's pen pictures including only five colour photographs. Two pages contain colour photographs from the World Cup including the infamous Maradona hand-ball incident which turned the Quarter final against us. The middle two pages have the team line ups and small colour photographs of both managers. A page contain an England team photo on colour. There is an interesting page looking at England's first game as World Champions againt Northern Ireland in 1966. 11/2 pages feature Peter Doherty one of Northern Ireland's greats. The other 1/2 page contains a photograph of Northern Ireland in Mexico action. Northern Ireland pen pictures are on two pages and there is a full page colour team photograph of their squad. There is also a colour action photograph of Norman Whiteside. Next visitors to Wembley, who were Yugoslavia are previewed in a page and Jack Rollin has a two page look-at results so far and games to be played. It would appear I was not the only one who disliked the extra large sized pages and Wembley have bowed to public opinion and returned to the old paged size. but the sting in the tail is a 20p increase from 80p to £1.00 but it had to happen sooner or later. It's superbly produced as all England issues are and if they need to justify the £1.00 price tag just compare it with similary priced Scottish International programmes...well there's no comparison.

Talking of Scottish programmes, Stirling Albion produce a 16paged priced at 40p. Four pages contain advertisements, the front cover has a black and white action photograph bordered in red. The team line-ups are on page three followed by the managers comments on page four, action photographs and a look at the next visitors to Anfield. A page under the title of Albion News contains match reports of the clubs last two games. Then there's a 1/2 page on the reserves giving match results and reports. The historical section looks back at 1933 when the club was named Kings Park and contains the clubs results, a brief look at the World events and the news. A club call, which looks at clubs who have played against them in the past, this one was of a side called Nithsdale Wanderers...I've never heard of them. Division Two news cover another 1/2 page and the visitors, who were Stenhousemuir, get two pages including the usual pen pictures, a look at their ground, previous meetings and a brief profile on their manager. A player profile includes a small black and white photo and an other page entitled Bairns Back, looks at Falkirk's return to the Premier Division. A quiz. more photographs, a brief Stirlingshire Cup story and statistics are also included. The statistics which show attendances ranging from the highest 1874 for the local derby against Alloa Athletic to 315 away at Cowdenbeath. The team line-ups include two substitutes. Programme monthly will know Stirling's programme editor Alan Grieve in addition to this excellent effort he also edits the Scottish News for Programme Monthly. A super effort. packed with interesting reading throughout and good value for 40p

Looking at the non-league scene Kidderminster Harriers produce a 24paged programme priced at 40p, half of it however are advertisements. The front cover is a large football on a green background, not too imaginative. Manager Graham Allner contributes ½page with the Harriers Centre article covering another ½page. The reserve update is a small article and three ex-Walsall players, Thomas Dass, Nigel Kelly and Paul Handsaker, who played for our reserve side last season are all mentioned. Visitors of that day, Runcorn, get two pages including their history, pen pictures, a five year record and previous meetings. Statistics cover two pages and also include team lineups. There is a page of action photographs and another of GM Vauxhall Conference (that name again) news. The weeks fixtures and league table cover another page with the team line-ups on the back cover. One of the better programmes in this league and apart from the amount of advertisements it's not a bad programme and certainly good value at 40p.

Bilston Town produced a 20paged programme for the pre-season friendly against Wolves which was produced at very short notice and also quickly sold out on the night which makes it very hard to obtain. It was a 20paged issue with no cover charge on the issue, but their normal league programme sells at 25p. Ten pages contain advertisements and the front cover is orange with drawings of the Steelworks and Steelmen. Editor Alan Owen contributes a page. A player profile looks at club captain Steve Ryan.

A memory lane feature looks at Football League happenings of 4.5 and 10 years ago. Team line-ups are in the middle pages, a page contains cartoons and also a page lists 23 post war teenagers who have appeared in the FA Cup final with finally a page entitled Bilston Town looks at some of the club's newcomers this

season. As I've said the small print run was sold out very quickly so it could become a collectors item.

Midland Combination side Waisall Wood are now producing a programme and while the one I review was an early edition this season they are now producing one on art paper. However for their I'A Cup Preliminary Round tie with Skeimersdale in August they issued a 20 paged programme priced at 20p. 12 of these contain advertisements with the front cover in white with the club badge printed on the front in red. A welcome from the Chairman of the club to Oak Park and a paragraph from the manager, who was at that time Colin Holder. First team fixtures cover a page and so do the team line-ups. A welcome to the visitors covers just four paragraphs, but the reserve team fixtures, table of the Midland Combination and the previous weeks results take up two pages. Overall this programme was not very well produced but living in South Derbyshire I find Midland Combination programmes very difficult to obtain and it's alway pleasant to include one in my collection so a credit Walsall Wood for the effort.

Another local side Bloxwich Town are producing a 20paged programme priced at 20p, nine contain advertisements. The front cover is light blue with a drawing of a player in the dark blue club strip. A welcome to the visitors covers a page with another page containing two match reports. A quiz and a feature on the visitors cover another page with other pages being made up of the lineups, league tables and club results. The managers notes and a player profile cover ½ page each and league tables lookback looks at 1968. For a West Midland League Division Two programme this programme is well presented and printed, the contents are good and a credit to the club and everyone connected with it.

Top of the Third Division, Middlesbrough produce a 16page programme priced at 40p. Five pages contain advertisements and the front cover contains a black and white team photograph bordered in red. Manager Bruce Rioch has an article as have supporters club travel club, junior reds and the reserves and juniors. There are 1½pages of action pictures, skipper Tony Mowbury gets ½page but the vistors get a whole page! Including a small black and white team photograph and pen pictures. Commercial news has two pages and statistics cover 1½pages. What the papers say covers ½page but Middlesbrough who were great innovators dropping the price to 20p last year have doubled it this year is not bad, but it's only an average programme.

Birmingham City now in Division Two are still producing a programme with colour changes for each match, although they have kept their price at 60p they have reduced the size to 24pages a cut of eight pages on last season. Five pages contain colour the action shots which include the front cover change each game. In the issue for the game with Huddersfield Town 4½pages were of advertisements. The front cover as well as the colour action photograph is bordered in blue and yellow. Inside manager John Bond's page includes a black and white photograph of himeself alongside his article, there's a player profile including a colour photograph as well as his background and a black and white photograph. City Diary by the secretary looks behind the scenes at the club, an interesting item. Two pages contain black and white action photographs. The visitors get two pages, a page of club history a rundown on the squad and a ½page team photograph in black and white.

A feature which shows players who have played for both clubs and a team of present day ex-Blues players who are currently playing in the Third and Fourth Divisions of the league. The teams are on the back cover and in general it's a very good programme and should be one of the better in Division Two this season, but it will be interesting to see if it's maintained in view of Blues low attendance figures in recent games, because without doubt on their current gates colour changes certainly cannot be maintained at this level.

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England's recent European Nations Cup win over Yugoslavia was, as so often at international level, of the curate's egg variety. The attack showed more sense of urgency than they have usually done and the comfortable win was well deserved from this point of view. Somehow men seemed for once to be moving forward fairly quickly and fairly consistently.

But what of the defence? A clean sheet was kept, but can any other striker be expected to miss so many sitters as the hapless Vujovic did? Time and again he seemed to go right through the England defence and then either to shoot wildly or to be bravely baulked by Chris Woods. Even so this made for more interesting watching than those many England games over the years when the defence has seemed to have about twenty men in it and the team has shortpassed its way painstakingly into their oppenents' half, time and again but no further.

The question now is whether the defence can be tightened without attacking flair being lost. So few and far between are there European Nations Cup games that many people will have forgotten about the qualifying games before they are completed and the odds are that if England do contest the final they will do so with a different team from last Wednesday if only from natural westage.

Patience is not the most common virtue amongst paying fans and many must have squirmed at Bobby Robson's pre-match pleas to the England followers to wait patiently if things didn't happen from the start. Prices are high for admission to international games these days and fans pay for 90 minutes. Nothing suits them better than a first minute goal unless it's a last minute-goal (provided fans have stayed that long) and the last thing they want is a long patient wait for an opening goal and then a sitting on a narrow lead for the rest of the match.

But let's not be uncharitable. England did win and it was an entertaining game one way and another. If only they can continue to win and to entertain we shall all be happy.

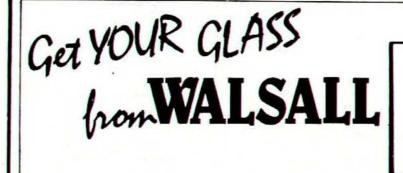
Geoff Allman.

Centenary Countdown

After moving away from the re-election zone in the second half of the previous season our hopes were high when we kicked off with two wins in a row, our new striker Hugh Evans getting the winner in both games. Soon, however, we were playing 11 games without defeat and though we gave the occasional outstanding display (as when beating Northampton 3-0) we also touched the depths as when we crashed to five successive defeats just after Christmas, one of them 8-0 at Norwich.

We made no progress in the FA Cup and the change of manager from Tony McPhee to Brough Fletcher in March made little difference. Though we battled to the end and young goalkeeper Gordon Chilvers gave some promising displays a re-election application became inevitable after an Easter Monday home defeat in the rain by Newport County.

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Born in Manchester in 1883 he fought in the Boer war before playing in quick succession for Aston Villa, Brighton, both Manchester clubs, Birmingham, and Derby County. It was while with Derby that at the age of 31 he played his one and only game in the England defence and he also skippered Derby to the Second Division Championship in 1914/5.

During World War One he served in the 17th Middlesex Regiment and was promoted to Major, a title he bore for the rest of his life.

He managed Norwich in 1919/20 then worked as a Commercial Traveller until taking over as Blackpool manager in July 1923. He moved on to Wolves in 1927 and reached the climax of his career with an unparallelled series of discoveries and sales that not only made Wolves into one of the most successful clubs in the land but also at that time one of the wealthiest.

Sadly the war robbed them of the highest honours and by the time hostilities ended the Major had moved on to Notts County. After two years there he moved to Hull in 1946, Leeds in 1948 and Walsall in April 1953. Many players came and went during his time at Fellows Park but success eluded him and he retired in June 1955. He died quietly in December 1964. His widow still lives in Walsall.

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