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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 3rd DIVISION.

ROVERS v.

**SWINDON TOWN**

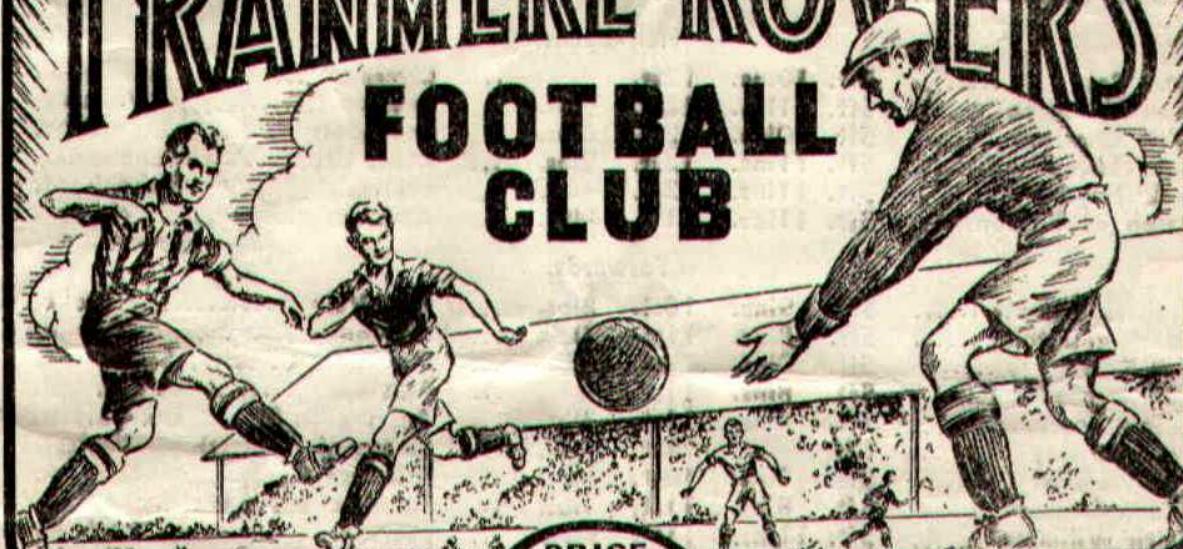
MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 1960.

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

No 1052

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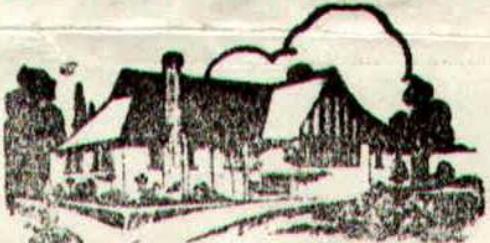
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	Height.	Weight.	Prev. Club.	Birthplace.
Goalkeepers.				
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Gordon Clayton .....	6ft.	13st.	Man. Utd. ....	Wednesbury.
Full-backs.				
Harold Bell .....	5ft. 10ins.	11st. 10lbs.	Amateur .....	Liverpool.
Ken Bracewell .....	6ft.	12st.	Burnley .....	Colne.
Pat Finlay .....	5ft. 7½ins.	11st.	Amateur .....	Birkenhead.
David Frith .....	5ft. 7ins.	11st.	Blackpool .....	Liverpool.
Derek Jones .....	5ft. 11ins.	13st. 2lbs.	Ellesmere Pt. ....	Ellesmere Pt.
Walter McDevitt .....	5ft. 7ins.	11st.	Amateur .....	Liverpool.
Half-backs.				
John Best .....	5ft. 10ins.	12st.	Liverpool .....	Liverpool.
Stan Billington .....	5ft. 11ins.	12st. 5lbs.	Everton .....	Wallasey.
Wilf Charlton .....	5ft. 10ins.	12st. 10lbs.	Southport .....	Blyth.
Bob Harrop .....	5ft. 11ins.	12st. 9lbs.	Man. Utd. ....	Manchester.
Jack Heydon .....	5ft. 11ins.	12st. 4lbs.	Millwall .....	Birkenhead.
Ralph Millington .....	5ft. 11ins.	11st. 8lbs.	Amateur .....	Neston.
Forwards.				
Graham Barnett .....	5ft. 9ins.	10st. 8lbs.	Port Vale .....	Stoke.
Tom Eglington .....	5ft. 8ins.	11st. 2lbs.	Everton .....	Dublin.
Ken Finney .....	5ft. 9ins.	11st. 10lbs.	Stockport C. ....	St. Helens.
Charlie McDonnell ...	5ft. 8ins.	11st.	Amateur .....	Birkenhead.
Jimmy Mulkerrin ...	5ft. 8ins.	11st. 2lbs.	Accrington S. ....	Dumbarton.
Tony Rowley .....	6ft.	12st. 4lbs.	Liverpool ...	Porth (S. Wales).
Jim Stoddart .....	5ft. 7ins.	10st. 2lbs.	Amateur .....	Liverpool.
Willie Sinclair .....	5ft. 8ins.	11st. 7lbs.	Huddersfield ..	Blairhall (Fife).
Keith Williams .....	5ft. 11ins.	11st. 6lbs.	Everton .....	Eastham.
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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.



From Alderman H. PLATT, J.P.

Once more, at the commencement of a new Season, I give greetings and a welcome to all those interested in the Club, and hope that our joint efforts will ensure a successful Season, both from a playing point of view and financially.

Last Season brought many anxieties, and only good play in the last half dozen matches avoided a descent into the Fourth Division. The fact, however, that the team played so well in the early and late weeks of the Season indicates that the talent was there, and that good results could be produced. However, recent signings, though few in number, should strengthen the weak spots in the team. In addition, those who saw the practice on Saturday last will agree that amongst those playing were two or three youngsters with great possibilities.

Mr. Farrell has finally finished playing and will be able to devote the whole of his time to the Management side of the Club, and we are confidently looking forward, because of those factors, to success from a playing point of view.

It will have been noted that prices of admission are up 6d. as compared with last season. This was a decision of the Football League, and we are compelled to adopt the change. We have, however, increased our charges by the minimum amount only—many other Clubs having increased charges by more than the 6d. minimum laid down.

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It is our intention that the extra income, together with the continued efforts of the Supporters' Clubs, will result in early improvements to facilities at the ground.

At the start of last season I forecast immediate improvements behind the home Goal, but practical difficulties prevented the improvements being carried out. Preparations, however, for the new Stand have reached a point at which it would be possible, when continued support is apparent, to place a contract to commence during the current season. We, therefore, appeal to our supporters to continue to give us their loyal support.

The treatment given to the pitch last year showed very good results, and a continuance during the current year should make it one of the finest playing pitches in the country.

To the fans who regularly watch our matches — to the Supporters' Association, and the Development Association, I say thank you for all you have done, and trust that your good work, together with efficient management of the Club, will bring about a still higher standard of football and better results during this coming season.

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**NEXT MATCH HERE—**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th**

**TRANMERE ROVERS v. WATFORD**

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**ROWLEY** (9)

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**D'ARCY** (11) **JACKSON** (10)  
**WOODRUFFE** (6) **OWEN**  
**TROLLOPE** (3)  
**BURTON** (1)  
**SWINDON T**

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OWEN (5) MORGAN (4)

3) WOLLEN (2)

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NDON TOWN

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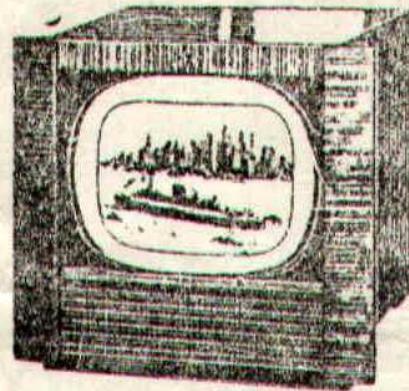
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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

To those supporters who are visiting Prenton Park for the first time since last April—Welcome back. We hope you will keep coming in ever increasing numbers until the end of next April.

As these notes are being written in advance of the opening match at Brentford there can only be hope that the result at Griffin Park was an encouraging one.

Tonight Rovers play the first of the several mid-week matches scheduled for the next five weeks and remembering the keenly fought battles with Swindon Town last Easter—both of which ended all-square—there ought to be a big welcome from the men from Wiltshire. Like Rovers, Swindon haven't figured prominently in the transfer market in the close season, but the shrewd recruiting of their Manager, Mr. Bert Head, has given the "Moonrakers" quite a lot of talent to draw on.

In his message in this edition of the programme, Alderman Hugh Platt, the club Chairman, has indicated that if the support of the past two seasons is maintained the long-time dream of a new Stand will become a reality within the next year or two.

A successful team will almost certainly ensure maintenance of that support and to achieve that end our "fans" can play a very big part. We made the plea last season and we repeat it with emphasis tonight: Give the players the encouragement they need, not only in the first team, but also in the Reserves. If we have second-string men battling for a place in the first team the competition should be a tremendous spur to the men holding League team places. And above all we ask certain sections to remember that senseless barracking and abuse can do nothing but harm to individual players and to the team.

In addition to the Third Division and Cheshire League matches to be played in mid-week until the end of September we have another interesting fixture on the card — this is the F.A. Youth Cup first round in which our youngsters have won a home draw against Everton Youth. This match will be played on Monday, September 19th.

May we remind car owners among our supporters that for only £1 they can obtain a season ticket for the car park. These can be obtained from the club offices.

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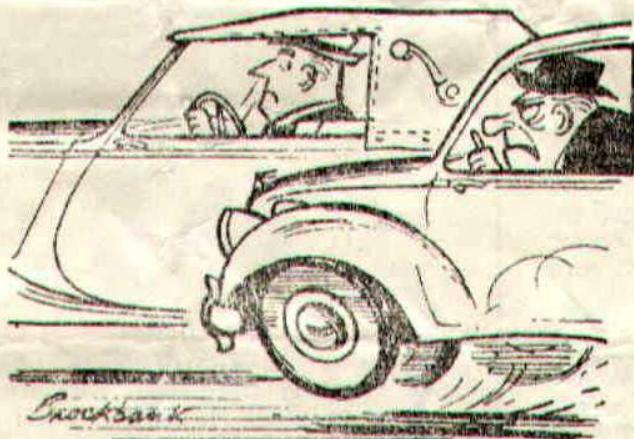


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## The Manager Speaks . . .

It was rather a strange start to the season last Saturday for me to be sitting watching instead of trotting out with the lads, and it was difficult to keep my feet still on the bench at Brentford. I am looking forward to my first season as manager of Tranmere Rovers and, whilst fully realising the many problems confronting us in the coming months I look ahead with optimism. My aim, through the co-operation of all connected with the Club, shall be to provide the people of Birkenhead and the Wirral with the type of football they deserve. The only thing that really counts, according to some, in football is results and the better means of obtaining these is by trying to play good football. With this in mind plus the excellent team spirit which I know we have, we look to the future with confidence, happy in the knowledge that Rovers' supporters as always will give us that loyal support, not only in numbers, but also vocal, which means so much to the lads. So here's wishing you all a very happy season with the excitement and thrills far outnumbering the disappointments.

PETER FARRELL.



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## OUR VISITORS.

**SAM BURTON** (goalkeeper).—Product of local football joining Swindon in 1945. Played for the Wilts. junior eleven which reached the final of Counties tournament. Stands 6ft., weighs 13½ stone.

**JACK WOOLLEN** (right-back). — A recent addition to the Swindon staff, but his form in pre-season practice matches made him first choice.

**JIM TROLLOPE** (left-back). — With Woollen forms a new full-back division and one in which Swindon have high hopes.

**KEITH MORGAN** (right-half). — Another teenager produced through the ranks of the 'Robins' youth teams. A County youth player he made his debut in 1958-59 season. He stands 6ft. 1in., weighs 12½ stone.

**MAURICE OWEN** (centre-half). — Shortly after signing as a professional from Swindon in 1947, he was the target for many offers from Clubs in the First Division, two of them being Wolves and Arsenal. Height 5ft. 11in. 11st.

**BOB WOODRUFF** (left-half). — A local lad who joined the 'Robins' from the Swindon schoolboy team that did so well in the National team Schoolboys Cup. He stands 5ft. 11in., weighs 11 stone.

**MICHAEL SUMMERBEE** (outside-right). — Michael signed pro' on his seventeenth birthday after being on the Ground Staff. Made his debut last season. Born in Cheltenham, Michael stands 5ft. 10in. 11st.

**ERNIE HUNT** (inside-right). — Made his debut last season. This teenager was on the ground staff before he turned Pro' last season on his seventeenth birthday. Born in Swindon Ernie stands 5ft. 9in., weighs 10½ stone.

**KEN MELLOR** (centre-forward). — Joined the 'Robins' during 1958-59 season from Mansfield Town. Converted from a centre-forward to centre-half when he joined Mansfield from Leicester City. He stands 5ft. 11in., weighing 11½ stone.

**CLIFFORD JACKSON** (inside-left). — Another teenager who made his debut two seasons ago when on the Ground Staff. Clifford is a Swindon lad joining the Town when he left school. He stands 5ft. 10in., weighs 10½ stone.

**ARNOLD DARCY** (outside-left). — Born at Blackburn joining the 'Robins' from Wigan during 1956-57 season. Played as an Amateur from Accrington Stanley in 1952-53 season. Height 5ft. 8in. 10½ st.

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1960		
Aug. 20	Brentford	Away
22	SWINDON TOWN	Home
27	WATFORD	Home
31	Swindon Town	Away
Sept. 3	BOURNEMOUTH	Home
5	SOUTHEND UN.	Home
10	Halifax Town	Away
12	Southend United	Away
17	SHREWSBURY T.	Home
22	Torquay United	Away
24	Walsall	Away
26	TORQUAY UN.	Home
Oct. 1	BURY	Home
8	Barnsley	Away
15	NEWPORT COUNTY	Home
22	Colchester United	Away
29	GRIMSBY TOWN	Home
Nov. 5	1st Round F.A. Cup	
12	READING	Home
19	Coventry City	Away
26	2nd Round F.A. Cup	
Dec. 3	Queen's Park Rangers	Away
10	NOTTS COUNTY	Home
17	BRENTFORD	Home
24		
26	Port Vale	Away
27	PORT VALE	Home
31	Watford	Away
1961		
Jan. 2	Chesterfield	Away
7	(3) BRISTOL CITY	Home
14	Bournemouth	Away
21	HALIFAX TOWN	Home
28	(4) Hull City	Away
Feb. 4	Shrewsbury Town	Away
11	WALSALL	Home
18	(5) Bury	Away
25	QUEEN'S PARK R.	Home
Mar. 4	(6) Newport County	Away
11	COLCHESTER UN.	Home
18	(S.F.) Grimsby Town	Away
25	HULL CITY	Home
31	BRAD. CITY (G.F.)	Home
April 1	Reading	Away
3	Bradford City (E.M.)	Away
8	COVENTRY CITY	Home
15	Bristol City	Away
22	BARNSLEY	Home
24	CHESTERFIELD	Home
29	Notts County	Away
May 6	(Final)	

CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE.

1960		
Aug. 20	BANGOR CITY	Home
23	Stalybridge Celtic	Away
27	Chester	Away
30	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	Home
Sept. 3	Congleton Town	Away
7	Winsford United	Away
10	Wigan Rovers	Home
13	WINSFORD UN.	Home
17	Witton Albion	Away
20	(Chal. Cup) RUNCORN	Home
24	SANKEYS (W'ngton) ..	Home
28	Stafford Rangers	Away
Oct. 1	Rhyl	Away
8	FRICKLEY COLLIERY	Home
15	Wigan Rovers	Away
22	HYDE UNITED	Home
29	Challenge Cup	Away
Nov. 5	OSWESTRY TOWN	Home
12	Mossley	Away
19	MACCLESFIELD	Home
26	CHESTER	Home
Dec. 3	STAFFORD RANGERS..	Home
10	Buxton	Away
17	Bangor City	Away
24	Northwich Victoria	Away
26	ALTRINCHAM	Home
27	Ellesmere Port Town	Away
1961		
Jan. 7	Altrincham	Away
14	RUNCORN	Home
21	Oswestry Town	Away
28	CONGLETON TOWN	Home
Feb. 4	Cheshire F.A. Senior Cup	
11	Sankeys (Wellington)	Away
18	WITTON ALBION	Home
25	Cheshire F.A. Senior Cup	
Mar. 4	RHYL	Home
11	Hyde United	Away
18	BUXTON	Home
25	Frickley Colliery	Away
31	Wrexham (Good Friday)	Away
April 1	NORTHWICH VIC.	Home
3	WREXHAM	Home
8	Macclesfield	Away
15	ELLESMORE PORT T.	Home
22	Runcorn	Away
29	MOSSLEY	Home

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