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No. 3. SWINDON TOWN. Kick-off 3-15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27th, 1960

## Football shows its Early Promise ! 220

Whilst we cannot exactly call our points reward a handsome one, we must pay credit to our Players and those of our opponents, Torquay and Port Vale, for the excellent football played in both matches. Numerous were the good things said after last Wednesday's game about both sides, and it will be a good thing for football if we can see more of this good play.

Despite bad weather all day, 9,022 people turned up to see the Port Vale game, an excellent response, and we must not forget to thank those who braved the elements in such large numbers.

Whilst fate has not served us too kindly with the forced absence of Skeece and Ambler, and then an injury to Mal Starkey, we must feel thankful that such lads as Tony Corbett, Jim McLaughlin and Dave Pountney are there to fill the gaps. Our very young Reserve side lost 2-3 to a very experienced Aldershot team, but here forced absence and ill luck with another injury to Joe Maloney, did lose us some bite and experience. Our only win to date was the Colts against Ellesmere 3-1, and what a grand football feast this was.

Our game was honoured last Wednesday by Messrs. Ainsley and Wigmore of the Football Association coaching staff along with other staff members, and a century of schoolboys receiving tuition at Lilleshall in the arts of soccer. Comments by these visitors were complimentary, and no doubt both Clubs will rise in stature and respect for the class of fare given.

To sum up in our first issue we appealed for more dedication to the game and more appreciation of good football, and it appears that both player and spectator responded at the Port Vale match, even more dedication is needed, and we are confident that everyone will supply this much needed asset to our great National game.

Naturally you supporters will want to know the views of your Board on Television, the position at our Club is that in Shrewsbury, knowing that the Management Committee of the Football League are appointed to act in the best interests of the League, are quite happy to abide with a majority decision, knowing that the powers that be are always acting with the best will in the world for the good of Football in general.

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We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of today's ball, the donors being the **Directors of Hall, Wateridge & Owen**, Estate Agents of High Street, Shrewsbury. Our former Chairman and present Director, Mr. C. Lewis Edwards is an associate of the firm, and we know Mr. Edwards will convey the warmest thanks of the Club and its Supporters to his firm for their generous gesture.

We will be pleased to hear from other firms or organisations who wish to follow the good example set by our first donors.

#### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

Tonight sees the Youth team in action for the first time in their new League, the Midland Intermediate League, why not stay behind and see Coventry City at 5-30 p.m. Next Saturday we have Peterborough United playing at the Gay Meadow in the Football Combination at 3-15 p.m., a grand attraction, following this game again at 5-30 p.m., Leicester City are our opponents in the Intermediate League.

For those of you going to Port Vale on Monday, the kick-off is at 7-15 p.m. Vaggs Motors are running coaches, leaving Abbey Foregate at 5-15 p.m. and picking up at Victoria Hotel, Smithfield Road. The fare is 5/6 and the seats may be booked at 20 Abbey Foregate or Telephone 6391.

Our next First team home game is an outstanding one with Bury as visitors on Wednesday, September 7th, kick-off 7 p.m. Stand seats may be booked now.

#### LINE UP 24th AUGUST, 1960.

1st team Port Vale Home. Drew 1—1, Half-time 1—0. Attendance 9,022.

Team : Miller, Hobson, Skeech, Harley, Wallace, Walters, Baker, Pountney, Ambler, Rowley, Whitaker. Reserve McLaughlin.

We have been asked to print the list of appearances and goalscorers in 1st team Football League games for Season 1959-60 so here goes. Ambler 13, Cornfield 2, Crossley 1, Edgley 41, Harley 24, Hobson 46, Humphreys 29, Ireland 38, M. Jones 1, Maloney 14, Miller 16, Pountney 30, Price 5, Rowley 41, Russell 6, Skeech 38, Starkey 39, Tucker 1, Wallace 42, Walters 33, Whitaker 46.

Goals : Rowley 32, Whitaker 19, Starkey 19, Edgley 7, Ambler 6, Ireland 4, Russell 3, Harley 2, Walters 2, Pountney 1. Opponents 2.

#### POTTED PARS ABOUT PERSONALITIES

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Plimmer on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. "Old Matt" has been a staunch worker for the Club for many years, and we hope he will be spared many years to give us his valued services.

Well done, Harry Potts, our former Manager, on the honour the Football League have bestowed on you, the First League Club Manager to be in charge of a representative side.

Albert Harley is a proud father, he and Mrs. Harley being presented with a little stranger in the close season, congratulations and good wishes.

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Our first Guest writer will have an article in our next programme and our first Photograph feature will also appear.

Many of you will by force of circumstances and because of the inclement weather at the first match, be paying your first visit of the season to the Gay Meadow today. To those first timers we repeat the welcome given in our first issue and wish you and those who came, a happy season's entertainment.

## Quiz Corner.

Prize : Two Stand seats for next 1st team match v. Bury, 7th September. Replies to be here by first post Wednesday, August 31st.

- 1.—When did the White Ball first come into official use, i.e. what year?
- 2.—Dixie Dean holds the Football League record for goals at 379. Who holds the Scottish League record, and how many goals?

## LAWS OF THE GAME

The offside law was amended to its present form in 1925—26, the International Board in June, 1925, on the proposal of the Scottish F.A., decided (in brief) a player shall not be offside if Two (instead of Three) opponents are nearer their own goal line.

Goalkeeper's steps. In 1931 this rule was amended so that a goalkeeper in possession of the ball is permitted to take four steps instead of two. In the same year, 1931, it was decided in the case of a foul throw, the throw reverts to the other side.

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## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES**

Today we welcome to the Gay Meadow all our regular Saturday supporters. Last season was one of the most successful yet, and we are looking forward confidently to this one being more successful. I know that it is the Staff and Players' intention to make it so, and they will be trying their best each to bring this about. All they ask is that if things occasionally go wrong, as they do in the best of circles, you will forbear with them. It is at such times that your support and encouragement at the Meadow is needed.

### **PROGRAMME PRICES AND PRIZES.**

During the close season the Directors of the Club, although appreciating that the floodlights had not yet been fully paid for, and that several thousands of pounds were still required, asked your Committee if they considered that the Programmes should now be reduced in price, and that, if so, they would endeavour to find the money required from the finances of the Club.

We are so confident that we have such a loyal and faithful band of Supporters who are anxious to see the lights paid for without any such embarrassment or detriment to the Playing Staff, that we feel sure you will agree with our decision to keep the price at sixpence, at least for the time being, and continue to give us your support and patronage, knowing that by so doing, you will be helping the Floodlighting Fund.

Those who do buy programmes will notice that they have been numbered. The reason for this is that three prizes will be offered each week to persons holding the numbers corresponding to those decided by the Committee. The prizes will be :—

1. A Bottle of Whisky.
2. Two Stand Tickets for the next Match.
- 3.—Two Paddock Tickets for the next Match.

### **OLD AGE PENSIONERS.**

The Football Club finding that it is not in their power to reduce prices for Old Age Pensioners, you will be pleased to learn that your Committee have been looking into ways and means by which they can help such old supporters. However, although a great deal of time has been given to the question, they have as yet been unable to come to any satisfactory definite conclusion. In order to help them in further considering the matter, they would be pleased if all old Supporters who feel that the present admission charges will debar them from attending all the Matches, would leave their names and addresses in sealed envelopes, at the Supporters' Club Office, explaining their particular difficulty. These will then give a guide to the Committee, and if a decision is arrived at, they will notify such persons how best they can be helped, but it must be pointed out that no promise can be given at this stage to provide such assistance. Every application will be treated with the strictest confidence.

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## Visitor's Page SWINDON TOWN

We welcome Swindon Town to the Gay Meadow this afternoon and will face another team which fosters local talent. The Manager Bert Head ex Torquay United and Bury is a man of shrewd ideas with an eye for spotting raw material.

### Pen Pictures

**Samuel Burton** (Goalkeeper). A hefty but capable keeper, a long serving player with one Club his home Town team Swindon. 6 ft. and 12st.

**David Richardson** (Right Back). Joined Swindon in the close season from Grimsby Town and a native of Billington, C. Durham. Stands 5 ft. 11 in. and weighs 12 st. 1 lbs.

**Left Back.** This position is likely to be filled by a newcomer to the game named Trollop, one of Mr. Head's junior finds.

**Keith Morgan** (Right Half). Well built youngster 6 ft. 0 ins. and 11 st. 6 lbs. nearly a local coming from Westbury with whom he previously played.

**Maurice Owen** (Centre Half). Another Junior find from Abingdon, Oxon, his former Club Stands 5 ft. 10 ins. and weighs 11 st. 3 lbs.

**Robert Woodruff** (Left Half). Swindon's outstanding youngster, a local boy with a great future. Stands 5 ft. 10 ins. and weighs 11 st.

**Michael Summerbee** (Outside Right). A Cheltenham boy who previously played for Bath City, well built 5 ft. 9 ins. and weighs 11 st. 2 lbs., another young player of promise.

**Ernie Hunt** (Inside Right). A local boy and a junior product who with his wing partner showed extreme promise last season. Stands 5 ft. 8 ins. and weighs 11 st.

**Ken Mellor** (Centre Forward). Formerly with Leicester and Mansfield he often appears at Centre Half. Well built 5 ft. 11 ins., 11 st 6 lbs. a native of Leicester.

**Cliff Jackson** (Inside Left). Yet another local boy with Swindon his only Club. Stands 5 ft. 10 ins. and weighs 11 st. A player with a future.

**Peter Chamberlain** (Outside Left) A native of Liverpool who joined Swindon from Leicester City who has also played full back and Centre Half. Stands 5 ft. 11 ins. and weighs 11 st. 8 lbs.



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