

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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BIRMINGHAM CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION, FIRST ROUND

BIRMINGHAM CITY v. SWINDON TOWN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1961

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

TONIGHT we have the pleasure of entertaining Swindon Town at St. Andrew's and look forward to an enjoyable game. The story of Swindon Town is practically the story of football south of the Thames. Founded in 1881 by a clergyman, the Rev. W. Pitt, as an amateur club, it was quickly accepted as the best in Wiltshire, and the Wilts Cup was nearly always held by Swindon Town; in fact, one season the final was contested between the first and the second teams of the one club.

In time it broadened its attitude, began to engage professionals in 1894 and was accepted as one of the original members of the Southern League Div. 1, in which it had, with Millwall and Southampton, continuous membership from the inception in 1894 to 1920 when, with its fellow-clubs, it became a founder-member of Division 3 (S.) of the Football League.

During this period it had varied fortunes. It finished its first season at the foot of the table and so became a wholly professional side with a wage bill of £10 a week. In 1900 it reached fourth position, but its financial resources were so inadequate that it had to part with many good players, several of whom went to Nottingham Forest. In 1902 it was a bad last and the "Railwaymen" were in sore straits. Thanks, however, to the hard work of such men as Sam Allen, a devoted club-man, difficulties were overcome for a time.

Season 1907-8 began its most memorable period. Swindon Town entered the F.A. Cup for the first time, reached the third round and three years later got to the semi-final to be beaten by Newcastle United, the ultimate winners, at Tottenham.

Two years later it again reached the semi-final, losing to Burnley in a replay.

Between 1907 and 1914 they won the Southern League Championship twice and were never lower than fifth in the final tables.

Since Swindon Town has been in the Football League, it has never escaped from Division 3; five times it has reached fourth place, but in 1933, 1956 and 1957 it was obliged to seek re-election. Its Cup record is rather better, for it has reached the fourth round eight times, the fifth round three times and the sixth round once, this being in 1924.

Originally the Swindon team played in green shirts on the Croft, but they moved to the County ground in 1896 and they have occupied it since then without interruption, even in war-time. Its capacity is said to be 30,000 but the highest pre-war attendance was 24,730 at the Cup-tie with Burnley in 1929; this was easily surpassed at the Cup game with Stoke City in February 1952 when the record 28,400 was established. Naturally, with so long a history of professional players, many outstanding men have been connected with the club. Perhaps the best known was Harold Fleming, always an attractive and dangerous inside forward, capped nine times for England. Then must come Grenville Morris, capped for Wales twenty-one times, and John Walker, the international back for Scotland, capped nine times. Others of renown were the backs, Harry Kay, J. Hogan, S. Lamb and F. Richardson. Another player who served them well before World War II was the late George Morrall, who played centre-half for Blues in the Cup Final at Wembley in 1931.

Indeed, the "Railwaymen" have much to be proud of, and may we take this opportunity of wishing them well during this present season and for the future.

Who's Who at the County Ground

SAM BURTON (Goalkeeper): Signed for Swindon in 1945 from the successful County Youth team. Has played consistently well and has been the established First team goalkeeper for several seasons.

KEN JONES (Right-back): Joined the Club from Crystal Palace in March 1961. After one game in the Reserves he became a regular First team defender. A Welshman, he was a trialist for the Welsh Under-23 International team.

NORMAN TROLLOPE (Left-back): Local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the First team at the beginning of the season 1960-61, when he was 16 years old and was ever-present during that season.

KEITH MORGAN (Right-half): A strong attacking wing-half who joined Swindon as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every First team game during 1960-61.

MAURICE OWEN (Centre-half): The team captain and oldest member of the team. Formerly a centre-forward, he has had a long and outstanding period of service with the Club. Has played in several representative games.

JOHN BELL (Left-half): Joined Swindon from Stirling Albion at the beginning of season 1960-61. Became the First team left-half mid-way through the season, a position he held to the end.

BOB WOODRUFF (Wing-half): Another local born player who came to the town direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. Has played at centre-forward and inside-forward in the senior side and his perfor-

mances have made him a target for several transfer offers. Was an ever-present for the Club season 1960-61.

MIKE SUMMERBEE (Centre-forward): Born in Cheltenham, he is another product of the Swindon Youth policy. Formerly played at outside-right, but has now made the centre berth his own. Another of the players wanted by several clubs.

ERNIE HUNT (Inside-right): Joined the Club's ground staff from school. A member of the First team at 16 years old, he is a player of outstanding ability for whom the Club has had many offers. A local boy, he is just eighteen years old. Was top goal scorer 1960-61.

KEN McPHERSON (Centre-forward): Recently signed from Newport County, he is a player with a reputation for hard work and goal scoring ability.

RALPH HUNT (Inside-forward): Joined the town from Grimsby during the close season. He is expected to give the attack some much needed goal power. Previously with Portsmouth, Derby County and Norwich. He was a leading goal scorer at Norwich for several seasons.

CLIFF JACKSON (Inside-forward): Swindon-born, he joined the club direct from school. He was a schoolboy international and he made his debut in Swindon's First team at the age of 17. Has a very powerful shot.

ARNOLD DARCY (Outside-left): Joined the Club in November 1956 from Wigan Athletic. In spite of his lack of inches, he is a strong forceful winger with a powerful shot.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Johnny SCHOFIELD

(2)
Brian FARMER

(3)
George ALLEN

(4)
~~Ferry HENNESSEY~~
D. NEAL.

(5)
Trevor SMITH

(6)
Malcolm BEARD

(7)
Mike HELLAWELL

(9)
Robin STUBBS

(11)
Brian TAYLOR

(8)
Jimmy BLOOMFIELD

(10)
Jimmy SINGER

Referee :
Mr. M. A. FUSSEY
(Retford, Notts)



Linesmen :
Messrs. R. J. GARVEY (Red flag)
V. A. BRISTOW (Yellow flag)

Ralph HUNT
(10)

Mike SUMMERBEE
(8)

Cliff JACKSON
(11)

Jack SMITH
(9)

David CORBETT
(7)

Bob WOODRUFF
(6)

Maurice OWEN
(5)

Keith MORGAN
(4)

Norman TROLLOPE
(3)

Ken JONES
(2)

Sam BURTON

SWINDON TOWN

Before and after the match

M & B

It's Marvellous Beer

FOOTBALL AT ST. ANDREW'S

SATURDAY NEXT, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1961

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. I

BURNLEY

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1961

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. I

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Kick-Off 7.15 p.m.

KEY TO SCOREBOARD

A	BLACKPOOL	v.	PORT VALE
B	BRADFORD CITY	v.	ASTON VILLA
C	CARDIFF CITY	v.	WREXHAM
D	BOLTON WANDERERS	v.	SUNDERLAND
E	LEEDS UNITED	v.	BRENTFORD
F	LUTON TOWN	v.	NORTHAMPTON TOWN
G	MILLWALL	v.	WALSALL
H	NEWCASTLE UNITED	v.	SCUNTHORPE UNITED
I	PRESTON NORTH END	v.	ALDERSHOT
J	WORKINGTON	v.	COVENTRY CITY
K	SOUTHEND UNITED	v.	STOKE CITY
L	CHESTERFIELD	v.	NORWICH CITY
