

F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 26th
1966



HORSHAM

v.
SWINDON TOWN

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME
PRICE - ONE SHILLING



L. E. HALE, Chairman, Horsham F.C.

It is difficult to find suitable words with which to express one's true feelings on such a great sporting occasion. For an amateur club to reach the first round proper of the F.A. Cup is a distinction available only to the most determined, and the fact that this is the second time in a space of nineteen years suggests that Horsham are a little above average, and perhaps this is a good way to describe our Club.

We take our football seriously, and after last season's debacle we were grimly determined to do better in the future, and at last we are able to see that a new policy is producing hoped-for results.

We have been fortunate in acquiring the services of a superb coach, whose dedication to fitness and discipline have welded our team into a quite formidable combination in our own circles; and we have been able to persuade several good players to join the Club, with the result that up to the time of going to press we are an unbeaten team.

Whatever the result today we must all agree that for courage, skill and determination our wonderful team deserves full credit, and it is certain that everyone in and around Horsham will be rooting for them from the bottom of their hearts.

We are grateful for the patience and good sense displayed by our supporters during the distribution of tickets for this match, an exercise that has been carried out without incident.



F. C. SPARKES,
Hon. Secretary.

Above all we are extremely gratified to observe the expanding interest in football in the town, confirmed by the increasing gates at league matches.

On this memorable occasion I am particularly proud to hold the office of Club Chairman.

Sincerely,

LESLIE E. HALE.



T. W. LEE,
Hon. Treasurer.

HORSHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club was founded in 1885 with very humble beginnings and after normal teething troubles associated with all clubs, entered the West Sussex League, winning this League three years in succession—1899, 1900-01-02. The Royal Ulster Rifles Cup was won for the first time in 1900 the forerunner of many victories in this Cup in later years.

In the years after the first World War, Horsham's goalkeeper was a tall, lean man by the name of Fred Sparkes who up until the time he suffered a bad injury was the regular custodian and he, of course, has been our secretary for the last 41 years. The 1920's brought little success to the Club in the way of championships or cups, but the 1930's were a very different story.

Horsham were by now in the Sussex County League and from 1931 to 1939, the league championship was won six times, the Sussex Senior Cup twice, and the R.U.R. Cup seven times. Such players names as Lance Norwood, Mike Cope, Ron Ragless, the Charman brothers, Jack Broadley, Vic Channon, and countless more were household names in Sussex, and Horsham earned Amateur Cup fame, too, by playing Kingstonians and Dulwich Hamlet in front of over 5,000 people. This was a boom time in Horsham Football Club and people still talk with awe of those halcyon days in the 1930's.

World War II brought a halt in those festivities and the ground was taken over by the Army and not used for football at all. Great coke dumps surrounded the top goal and many people must have despaired at ever starting the Club again in 1945. However, things got moving again and Horsham, after a season of building up their strength had a magnificent season in 1946, winning the League title again, the R.U.R. Cup and the Baldwin Cup. The following season will always be known as the Notts County season when Horsham, like this season, fought their way through to the first round proper of the F.A. Cup, when they were drawn away to Notts County. Notts had just bought England centre-forward Tommy Lawton from Chelsea and also had Jackie Sewell, another England player, to be in the side. Not discouraged thousands of Horsham supporters travelled to the Midlands to help make up a 28,000 crowd. Outside right Ronnie Smallwood gave Horsham a three minute lead but there was no fairy story ending and finally the heavy conditions wore down the amateurs to a 9-1 defeat. The ball used in that match is still in our showcase and the memories remain for ever. A more tangible reminder is the covered terracing on the far side of the ground which was financed partly by the gate money.

In 1951 the Club left the County League after much debate and entered the semi-professional Metropolitan League and won it at the first attempt. During the six years we remained in the League it got much more professional and therefore stronger. We then entered the Corinthian League and then on amalgamation the Athenian League. The last 15 years have brought no league championships but a few cup successes. The Senior Cup was won in 1950 and 1954, and the R.U.R. Cup in 1951, 1952 and 1957. Many brilliant players have been on the Club's books in that time, some to reach International fame, like Mick Browning, or turn pro like Robin Stepney. Space prevents a mention to all of them, but some of our present players like Roy Mobsby, Geoff Crowther, Roy Scutt, John Elphick and John Browning, have known good and bad times. We were in the depths of despair last season, gates at an all-time low when Pat Tobin took over as coach. No-one could have believed that such a transformation was possible. The installation of floodlighting last year, christened at the Fred Sparkes testimonial match, seemed like a White Elephant at the time with no Horsham team to display under them. This season has been a reward to all those faithful supporters who have patiently waited for so long for success. May they be rewarded by a splendid game of football today. They are seeing for the first time a Football League club, at Horsham, in a competitive match. Thank you for your support.

TONY LEE, Programme Editor.

INTRODUCING THE HORSHAM TEAM



1. IAN PAGE

Goalkeeper. Age 20, height 5 ft. 10 ins., weight 11 st. Formerly with Lancing. Capped by Sussex earlier this month. Professional trials with Arsenal and Rotherham.

2. GEOFF CROWTHER

Age 27. Height 5 ft. 10 ins., weight 12 st. Longest serving Horsham player at present, joining Club at 16 years old. Trials with Manchester United, Portsmouth and Bournemouth. Sussex County player, also represented F.A. XI.



3. W. HUGILL

Age 26, height 5 ft. 9 ins., weight 11 st. 7 lbs. Left back, Club captain. Formerly with Worthing for seven seasons. Represented Athenian League, Sussex, F.A. XI, England Trial 1964.

4. RON PHILPOTT

Age 28. Height 6 ft., weight 12½ st. Centre-half with Riggs. Formerly with Kingstonian, Leatherhead, Dorking. Red hair makes him unmistakable on the field.



5. BRIAN RIGGS

Age 30, height 5 ft. 11 ins., weight 12 st. Centre-half, vice-captain, third season with Horsham. Formerly with Chichester, Bognor, Crawley and Lewes. Represented Sussex and England Trial 1964. Professional trials with Charlton and West Ham.

6. DON HOLLANDS

Age 27. Height 5 ft. 10 ins., weight 11½ st. Wing-half. Scorer of five goals so far. Very hard tackler. Formerly with Dorking, Crawley and Epsom.



7. JOHN GREGORY

Age 20. Height 5 ft. 5 ins., weight 10 st. Formerly with Redhill, joining Horsham this season. Mid-field player. He is also Horsham's penalty expert. Trial with Chelsea last year.

8. JOHN TOMLINSON

Age 22. Height 5 ft. 7 ins., weight 11 st. Captured from Blackburn Rovers early this month. Inside-forward, who formerly played for Manchester United and Wrexham.



9. MICK STREETER

Age 23. Height 6 ft. 2½ ins., weight 12 st. 7 lbs. Sussex County centre-forward, leading scorer, back with home town club after three seasons with Worthing during which he scored over 100 goals. Once scored nine goals in one match for club.

10. BRIAN GRIFFIN

Age 22. Height 5 ft. 7 ins., weight 10 st. 4 lbs. Previously with Lancing, Lewes. Scored five goals so far this season. Left-winger.



11. KEITH WELLHAM

Age 23. Height 5 ft. 8 ins., weight 10 st. 7 lbs. Formerly with Tooting and Epsom. Trial with Fulham. Outside left. Six goals so far this season.

12. BRIAN HARDCASTLE

Age 23. Height 5 ft. 7 ins., weight 11 st. Formerly Captain of Oxford University, played in University match four times. Formerly with Oxford City and Halifax Town. Inside-forward, Sussex County player. Also represented Pegasus in Amateur Cup.



13. TEX WILTSHIRE

Age 23. Height 5 ft. 8 ins., weight 10 st. 4 lbs. Formerly with Redhill, Hendon and Epsom. Inside-forward and crowd favourite.

14. GEORGE WAKELING

Age 22. Height 5 ft. 8 ins., weight 11 st. 6 lbs. Previous clubs: Epsom, Harrow Town. Reserve full-back. Seven first team appearances so far.



TODAY'S MATCH LIST

(1) I. PAGE

(2) G. CROWTHER (3) V

(4) R. PHILPOTT (5) B. RIGGS

(7) J. GREGORY (8) J. TOMLINSON (9) M. STREETER

HORSHAM (Green and)

Referee : Mr. R. A. PAINE (Hounslow) ●

SWINDON TOWN (Red ar

(11) B. WALKER (10) J. BUTLER (9) W. PENMAN

(6) S. HARLAND (5) M. NURSE

(3) J. TROLLOPE (2)

(1) P. DOWNSBORO

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1966

Today is a red-letter day for Horsham in many ways, but our first duty is to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Swindon Town who are the guests of the whole of Horsham this afternoon. We hope they enjoy our Sussex hospitality and take home with them warm memories of their visit.

CLUB RECORD — 1966-67

F.A. CUP

1st Qualifying Round	...	v.	Dorking (Away)	...	...	Won 3—0
2nd Qualifying Round	...	v.	Fleet (Home)	...	...	Won 3—0
3rd Qualifying Round	...	v.	Woking (Home)	...	...	Won 2—1
4th Qualifying Round	...	v.	Hastings United (Home)	...	...	Won 2—1

AMATEUR CUP

Pre-Qualifying Round	...	v.	Merton-Rushmere (Away)	...	...	Drew 2—2
Pre-Qualifying Round Replay	v.	Merton-Rushmere (Home)	...	...	...	Won 3—0
1st Qualifying Round	...	v.	Farnham (Home)	...	...	Won 2—1
2nd Qualifying Round	...	v.	Godalming (Home)	...	...	Won 2—0
3rd Qualifying Round	...	v.	Redhill (Home)	...	...	Won 2—1

MATCH LINE - UP

(1) I. PAGE

(12) B. HARDCASTLE

(3) W. HUGILL (Capt.)

(5) B. RIGGS

(6) D. HOLLANDS

(4) M. STREETER

(10) B. GRIFFIN

(11) K. WELLHAM

M (Green and Yellow)

● **Linesmen :** Mr. M. J. BAYSTON (Welwyn), Yellow Flag
Mr. A. A. TEALE (London), Red Flag

TOWN (Red and White)

(1) W. PENMAN

(8) D. BROWN

(7) D. ROGERS

(5) M. NURSE

(4) R. SMART

(3) E (2) R. THOMAS)

DOWNSBOROUGH

(12) K. MORGAN

LEAGUE

Herne Bay Away)	Won 1—0
Epsom (Home)	Won 4—2
Boreham Wood (Home)	Won 1—0
Boreham Wood (Away)	Won 1—0
Wingate (Home)	Won 4—1
Epsom (Away)	Won 1—0
Eastbourne Town (Away)	Won 1—0

GOALSCORERS

Mick Streeter	7
Keith Wellham	6
Brian Griffin	5
Don Hollands	5
John Gregory	4
Tex Wiltshire	3
Brian Riggs	2
Brian Hardcastle	1
Mick Mears	1

SWINDON TOWN

Founded 1881.

Colours : Red Shirts, White Shorts. Ground capacity, 28,500.

Best performance Football League :

14th, Division Two, 1963/64. 2nd, Division Three, 1962/63.

F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists 1910 and 1912.

PEN PICTURES

First choice goalkeeper **Peter Downsborough** joined Swindon in August, 1965, in a part-exchange deal, and the safe, rather than showy, Downsborough is rated as one of the best goalkeepers in Division III.

Tony Hicks was Swindon's regular 'keeper before Downsborough's arrival, and although on the short side, local-born Hicks possesses amazingly quick reflexes.

Welsh born right back **Rodney Thomas**, quickly raised the standard of his game when called on to replace Owen Dawson, and has since played some classic games, although the "youngster" of the team at 20.

Left back **John Trollope** is another local, and although only 23, he made 250 consecutive appearances in the Town's colours. A hard tackler, he loves to work a dangerous overlap with his left-winger.

Owen Dawson, who came from Portsmouth in 1962, is extremely strong, despite his slight appearance. A wonderful timer of the ball, whether in the air or on the ground, he, too, is 23.

Right half **Roger Smart** (23) is the ideal link-man. A midfield grafter, he possesses tremendous reserves of energy, and has played many games in the inside-forward positions.

Keith Morgan (25), who vies with Smart for the right half berth, is a determined, constructive player who captained Swindon during their promotion year.

Centre half **Mel Nurse** (29) joined Swindon two years ago for about £18,000. He was at Middlesbrough for three seasons, but it was while he was with Swansea that he won 12 Welsh caps.

Left half **Stan Harland** joined Swindon during the close season from Carlisle United. A stylish, attacking player, he was born in Liverpool and was once wanted by Tottenham, who offered Carlisle £30,000 for him.

England under-23 right-winger **Donald Rogers** is one of the most sought-after young players in the game, and should he ever leave Swindon, he could easily net a £40,000 transfer fee.

Nicknamed "Bullets", because of his exceptionally fierce shot, inside-right **Dennis Brown** (22) joined Swindon from Chelsea in 1964 for £15,000. An extremely fast striker, Brown scored all four Swindon goals in their first away win of the season.

Inside-forward **Willie Penman**, who has been operating recently as a deep-lying centre-forward, joined from Newcastle two months ago. He was previously with Glasgow Rangers. A player in the true Scottish mould, Penman is a subtle ball-artist who possesses a deceptively powerful shot.

Inside-left **Joe Butler** joined from Newcastle as a full back. Although only small, he is tenacious and a "terrier" for work in midfield. He, too, has terrific staying power.

Left-winger **Bruce Walker** is an outside-left who loves to go past on the outside, and is a prolific scorer from anywhere around the "box".

Swindon's top-scorer last season, centre-forward **Keith East** (22) is at present not in the team. Fast off the mark, he never stops going for the full 90 minutes. He was with Portsmouth until 1964.

Middlesbrough-born centre-forward **Jimmy Lawton** also cannot command a first-team place regularly after coming from Darlington where he had a big reputation as a goal-scorer. He is a delightful distributor of the ball, and exceptionally good in the air.



Three of the stars of the Swindon side are pictured here. Skipper and centre-half Mel Nurse is one of the many outstanding players Wales has produced. Although reaching the twilight of his career, he retains much of the fire that brought him a dozen Welsh "caps"—and the experience to be in the right place at the right time.

Rapidly on his way to the top of the footballing ladder is England under-23 winger Don Rogers. He is a fast, thrustful player, whose skill is rated highly by many managers—in addition to Swindon's Danny Williams, and is one of the big threats to the Horsham defence. If ever he leaves the town it will be for a big fee.

Man with the hardest shot, and one of the biggest smiles, in the side is inside-right Dennis Brown. Give him half a chance, and he races in on goal to unleash a piledriver that threatens to burst the net.

He learnt much of his trade at Stamford Bridge before being transferred to the Wiltshire Club two years ago, and has not forgotten any of it.

HORSHAM SUPPORTERS' CLUB



Mr. A. F. HASELTINE (Chairman).

Saturday, 26th November, 1966.

Hullo, Everybody.

The formation of the Supporters' Club in Horsham took place on the 18th February, 1947, held in the Queen's Head Hotel, by permission of Mr. H. Etheridge who let them continue to use a room free of charge right up to the time he left the Hotel. At this meeting the chief business was to elect a Chairman, Secretary, and Committee of 15, which resulted as follows: Mr. J. Lee, Mr. F. Bridges, Mr. T. Burchell, respectively, the main three officials. They pledged themselves to help the parent Club by donations, working parties for improvements to ground, stands, etc. Items also discussed were Rules, Social Side, Etc. So started the Horsham Football Supporters' Club. Those of you attending the matches in those days heard this: "Penny on the Ball," and at half-time saw Billy Fawn walk on the pitch with a plate of sliced lemon for the players. Out of the kitty the supporters sent a donation of £10 9s. 6d. to the Lord Mayor of London's Flood Relief Fund. Other items arranged were outings, cricket matches, motor cycle racing with other supporters' clubs in Sussex. In January, 1948, through Mr. Manville and Mr. Jenner, the first supporters' hut was erected on the Queen Street ground at a cost of £6 1s. That lasted until 1966 when the present committee decided that it would have to go, and be replaced with a more modern one, more in keeping with the general outlay of the ground.

In February, 1948, Mr. A. Haseltine and Mr. H. George were co-opted on the committee. In March, 1948, the east stand was considered unsafe and with the help of supporters the sleeper steps were replaced by concrete, the old sleepers being moved to the south stand. Plaques were presented to the players who played against Notts County. The first order was placed for metal badges for the Supporters' Club at 1/2 each. Mr. A. Haseltine took over the duty of Membership Secretary, Mr. H. George was appointed a member of the Anglo-Netherland Association.

So the activities of the supporters go on. Great changes have been made and will be made. We rely on your full support to various items we undertake—the weekly 1/- tickets, the "Jackpot", etc.

Mr. H. George was elected Secretary in June, 1949. Mr. A. Haseltine was elected Chairman in July, 1950. Both have and will continue the good work of the Club. Then in July this year we had the pleasure of electing Mr. A. W. Barker, a very well known supporter, as our President.

Welcome this afternoon to the supporters, players and officials of Swindon Town F.C. Best wishes and luck to our own lads.



JOHN BROWNING, Hon. Promoter, Horsham Sports Association

HORSHAM AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

(Sponsored by the Horsham F.C.)

LUCKY NUMBER TICKET SCHEME.

All sporting organisations require cash so that they may function efficiently, provide modern facilities and to achieve ambitions. The Horsham F.C. are no exception and to all readers of this programme today the fulfilment of these requirements will be apparent.

In the Spring of 1964 it was becoming increasingly obvious to the committee that not only the playing strength of the Club was at a low ebb but the financial position was also deteriorating. To remedy the latter it was decided that Mr. Leslie Hale the Chairman, and Mr. John Browning would investigate various fund-raising schemes with a view to setting a new scheme in motion as soon as possible.

It was decided straightaway that to organise a scheme with attractive cash prizes it would be necessary to invite other clubs to participate on a commission basis. After a series of meetings the first tickets went on sale for the week commencing July 27th, 1964, with nine member clubs. Today there are 58.

The prize money for the first week was £150. It is now £270 each week with a top prize of £100. In the first two years over £19,000 was paid in prize money. The Horsham F.C. received nearly £5,000 and over £13,000 was shared among the member clubs.

Many clubs are now finding it possible to build new pavilions, purchase new and more up-to-date equipment and what is more, to provide all this at no extra cost to their members.

The Football Club have, as a direct result of this scheme, been able to install floodlights and have the distinction of being the only amateur club in Sussex with lights suitable for competitive football. Credit is also due for this achievement to the Supporters' Club for they have undertaken to pay for the floodlights from their share in the "Lucky Number" Scheme.

Finally, there are still tickets available—1/- each—for sale by individuals on behalf of any of the member organisations, or by clubs who would like to join the scheme. All clubs receive 5d. for each ticket sold. If anyone would like further information please contact the promoter, John Browning, 7 Madeira Avenue, Horsham (Horsham 60637).

OFFICIALS & COMMITTEE OF HORSHAM F.C.



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