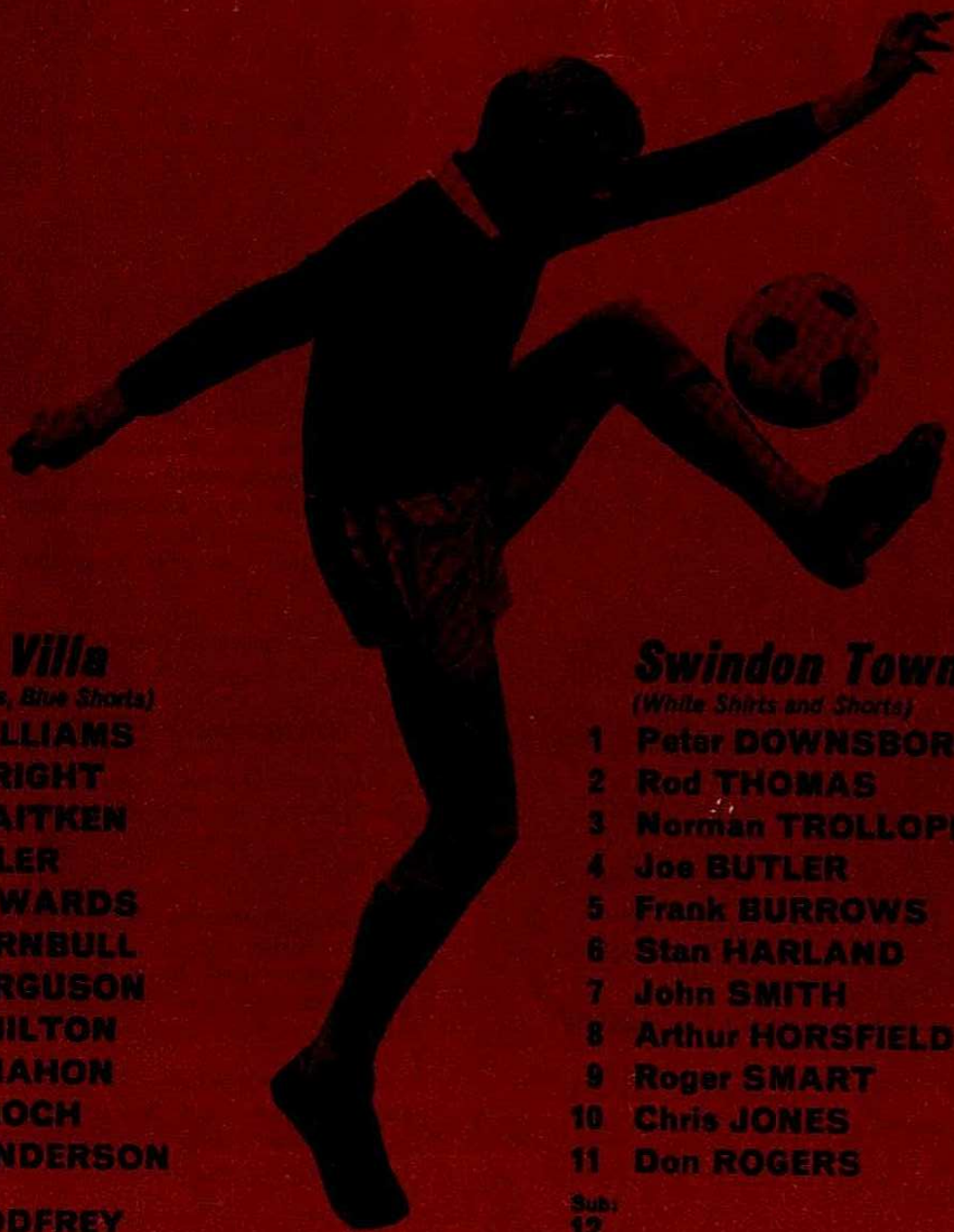


Aston Villa

NEWS and RECORD



Aston Villa

(Claret Shirts, Blue Shorts)

- 1 Evan WILLIAMS
- 2 Mick WRIGHT
- 3 Charlie AITKEN
- 4 Brian TILER
- 5 Dick EDWARDS
- 6 Fred TURNBULL
- 7 Mike FERGUSON
- 8 Ian HAMILTON
- 9 Pat McMAHON
- 10 Bruce RIOCH
- 11 Willie ANDERSON
- Sub:
12 Brian GODFREY

Swindon Town

(White Shirts and Shorts)

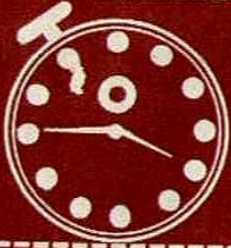
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- 8 Arthur HORSFIELD
- 9 Roger SMART
- 10 Chris JONES
- 11 Don ROGERS
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Referee: R. D. CHALLIS (Tonbridge)
Linesmen: J. J. CUNNINGHAM (Red Flag)
J. FLYE (Yellow Flag)

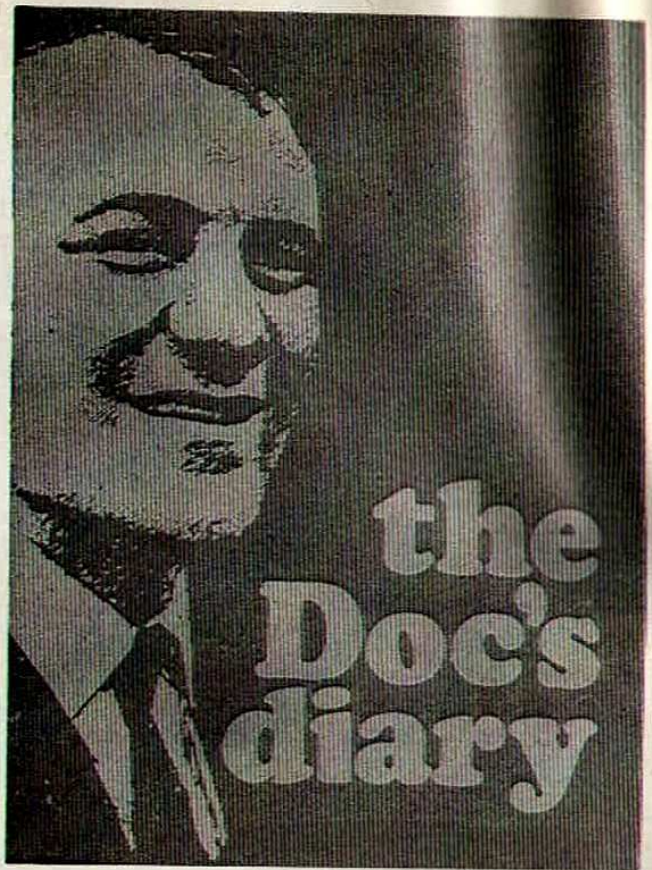
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Scorecheck



A	Arsenal v Notts. Forest
B	Crystal Palace v Spurs
C	Derby v Stoke
D	Ipswich v Coventry
E	Leeds v Newcastle
F	Liverpool v Burnley
G	Man. City v Everton
H	Southampton v Chelsea
J	Sunderland v Sheff. Wed.
K	West Ham v Albion
L	Wolves v Man. Utd.
N	Blackburn v Hull
P	Blackpool v B'ham C.
S	Bristol C. v Cardiff
T	Charlton v Watford
V	Leicester v Norwich
W	Oxford v Portsmouth
X	Sheff. Utd. v Huddersfield
Y	Mansfield v Walsall
Z	Burnley Res. v Villa Res.



There is tremendous competition between clubs to sign up schoolboy stars, but I sometimes wonder whether it might pay to watch the second best . . . because there are so many great players who were not among the elite as schoolboys.

In the close season, we ourselves signed up three of the best schoolboy footballers in Scotland, and I'm sure they have a bright future in the game. Nevertheless, there are a lot of players who slip through the net.

These lads find their way into the Third and Fourth Divisions and, as they mature, they then become the targets for bigger clubs seeking to strengthen their playing Staff.

One such example is BRUCE RIOCH, for whom we wrote a hefty cheque only recently, and another is a visitor here today, DON ROGERS. Before Swindon won promotion, they were repeatedly approached for this winger.

And I think there are a lot of good players in the lower divisions. It's not their fault they are playing there. There are clubs that have 14 or 15 apprentice professionals and then decide to let a couple go.

These lads drop down a division and, because they get early opportunities, they become very good players. They have to be pushed that much quicker in a smaller

COVER PICTURE:
Chico Hamilton

GOING DOWN - TO GO UP

'Second-best' boys mature in Division III

club and, with experience, they come on quickly.

Already this season, we have fielded a side including two 18-year-olds. There's only one place a young player will learn this game—**THAT'S IN THE FIRST TEAM, OUT THERE ON THE PITCH!**

The ideal set-up, of course, is at Burnley. They do not produce the occasional youngster who makes good—they do it consistently. It's as if they have a conveyor belt just churning out good players.

I have pretty close knowledge of the way Burnley groom their youngsters, of course, because my son, Michael, has graduated through their youth scheme.

No club really wants to go into the transfer market at all—the ideal is to produce your own. This is what we want at Villa Park and I think in the foreseeable future we shall be starting to benefit from our youth policies.

No matter how thorough the coaching networks are, there will always be a certain number of good prospects dropping into lower divisions because they haven't been spotted by the bigger clubs.

And, when you consider that players of the calibre of Bonetti, Osgood, Hollins, Summerbee and Lee were not really top-class schoolboys, you can appreciate my early remark about watching the second best.

That doesn't mean I want YOU to watch the second best at Villa Park—you know my feelings about that by now!



BRUCE RIOCH . . . matured in the Third Division

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SWINDON SCHEMERS!

*Head and Williams
plotted their
climb to the top*

Swindon's place in the Second Division—and the banner headlines which greeted their League Cup success last season—did not come by accident.

The Wiltshire Wizards' rise from virtual obscurity is the culmination of the efforts of two managers—**BERT HEAD**, who gave the team ambition and their first look at Division Two in 1963, and **DANNY WILLIAMS**, who re-shaped the team as a potent attacking force and who once said: "The people of Swindon would never forgive me if we played negative football."

But the two managers who Swindon's greatest-ever successes have now moved—Mr. Head, in charge of Crystal Palace's first steps in Division One, and Mr. Williams, fighting to restore Sheffield Wednesday after a bad start to the season.

The new boss of the County Ground (record crowd: 28,582) is Fred Ford, a much-respected coach from the West Country who has directed team affairs at both Bristol clubs in recent years.

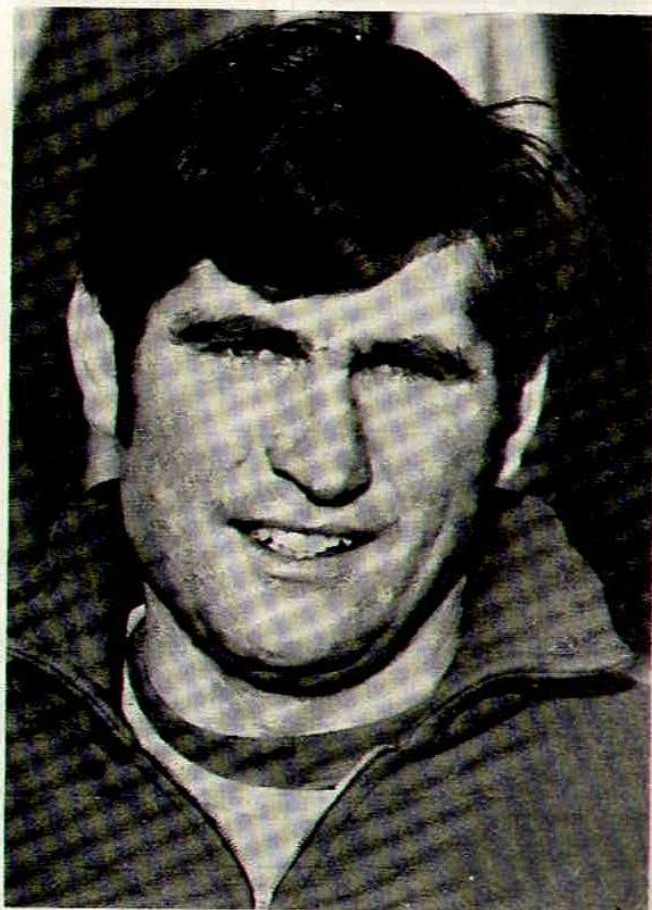
"SO FAR, SO GOOD" MUST BE HIS ASSESSMENT OF SWINDON'S PROGRESS IN THE HIGHER DIVISION THIS TERM.

The team returned from an opening day 2-0 defeat at Blackburn, tipping the expensively re-shaped Rovers as promotion prospects, but gained confidence with proud performances against experienced campaigners Cardiff and Carlisle.

The Carlisle match, a 2-2 draw at home, was sweet success for new striker Arthur Horsfield, who popped home both goals to give early justification for a £20,000 cheque to Newcastle.



STAN HARLAND



JOHN SMITH

Remember the last time?

How many of you remember Swindon's last visit to Villa Park?

It was only two and a half years ago . . . when the famous Wiltshire giant-killers came here to play second-in-the-First Division Nottingham Forest in a Fifth Round F.A. Cup replay.

Swindon had held Forest to 0-0 and 1-1 in the previous matches . . . but despite a brave performance their Villa Park date ended in a 3-0 defeat.

Swindon were then in Division III having been relegated in 1965 after a short stay in the Second Division, but their Cup reputation was burning brightly after a third round victory over West Ham.

Of course, it was last season that they really built their Cup-battling fame. In all, they played 12 matches to win the League Cup, scoring 23 goals to topple Torquay, Bradford City, Blackburn, Coventry, Derby, Burnley and Arsenal.

Yet we wonder how many people know that Swindon's earliest brush with cup-glamour was as far back as 1910 and 1912 when they twice reached the F.A. Cup semi-final as a Southern League club?

ROD THOMAS's cultured defensive displays for Swindon and Wales have already won him a pile of rave notices and a place in soccer's Hall of Fame. Little over three years after tenderly stepping up for his Football League debut, Rod won his first seven full international caps as a Third Division player—something no one else has achieved since the last war.

Quietly, this unassuming character, whom Swindon picked up on the cheap from Gloucester City, has become a really big star. It was in last season's League Cup final that most of us began to realise Rod had 'arrived' in the big time.

No apparent show of nerves, no panic clearances—just pure, thoughtful constructive football.

Rod had only a couple of dozen Third Division games to his credit when Wales called him up for his first Under-23 international against Scotland in November, 1966. Five months later he made his bow in the

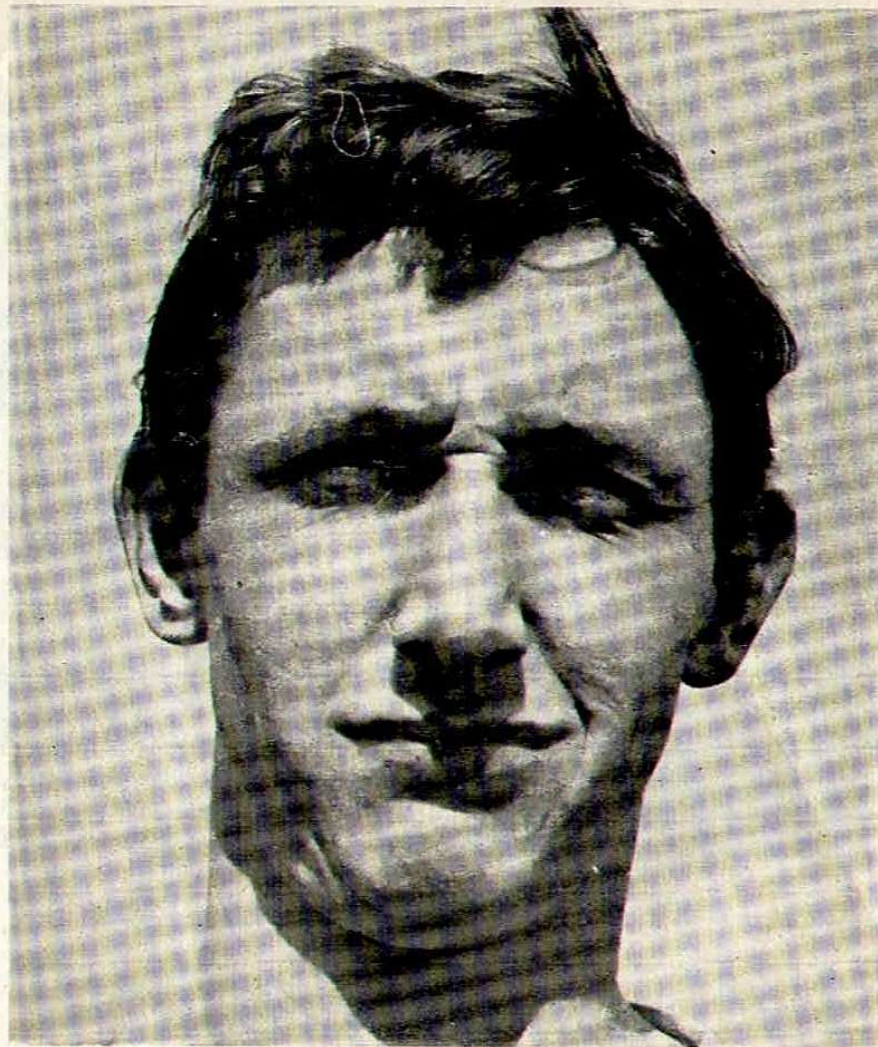


Photo: Monitor, London.

Welsh international **ROD THOMAS**

CULTURED ROD FITS THE CAP

full Welsh team versus Northern Ireland. Versatile Rod has played three times at right-back and four times on the left flank for his country.

Thomas turned on another superb display in the pre-season game against the Rest of the United Kingdom, achieving something few others have done—**HE VIRTUALLY BLOTTED GEORGE BEST OUT OF THE GAME!**

Quite a few other men have won international caps with Third Division clubs but usually they did so after establishing themselves with big clubs.

TOMMY LAWTON, just after

the war, moved down the scale to Notts County and completed his last four appearances for England while at Meadow Lane.

REG MATTHEWS and **JOHNNY BYRNE**—the only other Third Division players to turn out for England since the war—both won their first caps while with Coventry and Crystal Palace respectively. Matthews won five caps with Coventry, Byrne moving up to West Ham and the First Division before adding his second cap.

JIM McLAUGHLIN (Shrewsbury and Northern Ireland), **ROY PAUL** (Swansea and Wales) and another Swindon player, goalkeeper **NORMAN UPRICHARD**, of Northern Ireland, were the only post-war players to win their first five caps with Third Division Clubs.

Rod can't add to his 'Third Division' record now, but one thing is certain. He has a wonderful future ahead . . . and, with normal luck, many more international caps to come.



DON ROGERS

'I'M HAPPY HERE' SAYS ROGERS

Swindon's success couldn't have come at a better time for Don Rogers, the £100,000 'ace' in promotion team pack.

"I opened a sports shop a year ago," says Don. "And our winning run has been just great for trade."

When dazzling Don stepped into his business venture, Swindon folk breathed a sigh of relief at this sign that their greatest idol was attaching himself closely to the town.

But, if Don needed any more incentive to resist a glamour-seeking transfer, then Swindon's football feats last season put the idea of moving out of his mind.

"I'm happy here," says Don. "I did ask for a move a year or so ago, but since then things have gone well and I feel I can satisfy ambition at Swindon. I'm convinced that we have the players to do well in the Second Division."

One of these players is Peter Noble, a 25-year-old inside forward who turned down the chance to move from Newcastle to Walsall just before he packed his bags for Wiltshire.

Oddly enough, the man responsible for his transfer to Swindon was Fred Ford, who has since become the club's manager. At the time, in January, 1968, Fred was scouting for Swindon, in between his move from Bristol City and his eventual appointment at Bristol Rovers.

Fred trailed Noble around the country, discovered that Newcastle wanted £8,000, and his recommendation did the rest.

Quite a tip-off—for, during the tense stage of the promotion run, Noble hit a solitary winning goal five times!

Downsborough is a top-value 'keeper

● PETER DOWNSBOROUGH was perhaps the biggest bargain buy of Danny Williams' managerial career before he left Swindon to take over Sheffield Wednesday. When the Yorkshireman took over at Swindon in the summer of 1965, he went back to his native county for his very first signing.

● Downsborough had by then been distinguishing himself for several years in his home-town club Halifax's goal.

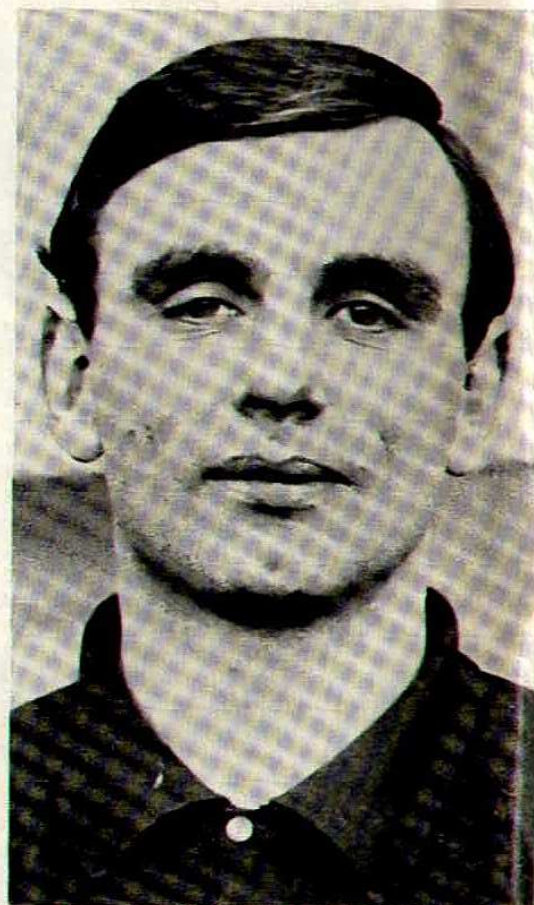
● Swindon, freshly relegated from the Second Division, were in need of replacements, and, somehow, Mr. Williams persuaded Halifax to part with the outstanding member of their defence for a mere £3,000!

● Since then Peter has been performing with an almost monotonous

consistency and the part he has played—not only in getting them into the League Cup final, but also helping them regain their Second Division status—is readily acknowledged by fans at the County Ground.

● Peter joined Halifax straight from school and made one League appearance for them before signing as a professional in September 1960. When he took over as first-choice 'keeper in 1961/62, Halifax Town were waging a desperate fight against relegation to the Fourth Division.

● There didn't appear to be much future for him with his local club and the prospect of joining a side with ambition was a move he welcomed. Even so, he never dreamed that within four years he would be playing for the Robins at Wembley... and winning a cup medal.



PETER DOWNSBOROUGH



Picture: "Goal" Magazine

SWINDON TOWN—LEAGUE CUP WINNERS, 1968-69

Back row (left to right): Don Heath, John Trollope, Stan Harland, Peter Downsborough, Owen Dawson, Roger Smart, Peter Noble, John Smith. Front row: Don Rogers, Willie Penman, Chris Jones, Rod Thomas, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows.

Meet the men of Swindon . . .

Peter DOWNSBOROUGH: Astute signing from Halifax Town in 1965.

Rod THOMAS: Signed from Gloucester City five years ago and is now an established Welsh international.

John TROLLOPE: Had given up hope of appearing at Wembley until Owen Dawson unluckily pulled out just before the League Cup Final, but of all last-minute deputies, Trollope more than deserved the chance. Until breaking an arm in August last year, he had made 368 consecutive appearances in a brilliant run started as a 16-year-old in 1960.

Joe BUTLER: His early career was given to progress through Newcastle United's junior teams. Reached senior level before switching to Swindon in August, 1965. A strong and speedy half back.

Frank BURROWS: Last term was a momentous first season at Swindon. Joined them from Scunthorpe, where he had attracted considerable attention in a three year spell. A six-foot Scot who started his career with Raith Rovers.

Stan HARLAND: Has been exceptionally consistent in this three seasons with Swindon. His previous clubs, Everton, Bradford City and Carlisle United, must all be wonder-

368 CONSECUTIVE GAMES FOR SWINDON

Trollope earned that League Cup medal!

ing whether they did the right thing in allowing him to move on. Born in Liverpool. An energetic attacking player.

CHRIS JONES: Former Manchester City Striker. Scored the two goals which beat Cardiff in mid-week.

Roger SMART: One of the products of Swindon's well-known youth scheme. At 17, he was a promising centre forward in the reserve side but now excels as a deep-lying inside man.

John SMITH: A well-travelled Cockney who looked set for an international career in his earlier days. An England Under-23 cap when transferred by West Ham to Spurs, but, at White Hart Lane, his potential faded in the shadow of Danny Blanchflower. Has since played for Coventry, Orient and Torquay and gradually returned to his peak in his first season at Swindon.

Peter NOBLE: North Easterner who had four years with Newcastle United before joining Swindon nearly two years ago. Has proved an excellent striker, scoring winning goals in two of the League-Cup semi-final matches against Burnley.

Don ROGERS: The pin-up boy of the lower Divisions—a £100,000-rated Under-23 international who has drawn transfer talk from just about all the big-name clubs. A Bristol boy who joined Swindon at 15 and went to win England Youth honours. Top scorer in '67/68 with 28 goals.

Arthur HORSFIELD: The one newcomer to the League Cup pool, this Geordie arrived from Newcastle for £20,000 early in the close season. It was the striker's second transfer in four months, having moved last season from Middlesbrough to Newcastle. Played in one Fairs Cup game against Vittoria Setubal.

CAN LEICESTER CARRY THE PRESSURE?

**VILLA PARK
VISITORS**

Leicester City are carrying the tag that all teams hate—promotion favourites.

All right, it's a big compliment to the strength of their playing staff—and to the ability they showed in reaching last season's Cup Final—but the strain of being *expected* to triumph sometimes brings down the best of contenders.

Birmingham City were a good example last season. We, ourselves, are feeling the pressure of everyone *wanting* us to go up this term.

Whether Leicester or Villa carry the tension successfully will not be decided for a long time, but NEXT WEDNESDAY's clash between the two teams at Villa Park (7.30 p.m.) will be an interesting clue to the book-makers who made Leicester favourites, with Villa their second choice.

EVEN WITHOUT ALLAN CLARKE, THE LEICESTER RANKS CARRY A FORMIDABLE APPEARANCE. Young men like Shilton, Nish and Cross are all Under-23 caps. Welshman Rodrigues is one of Britain's top international full backs.

* Leicester have already beaten Blues—so why not come and cheer Villa in a revenge bid on behalf of the City?

We're back to Second Division again at Villa Park next week . . .

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v

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v

Nottingham Forest

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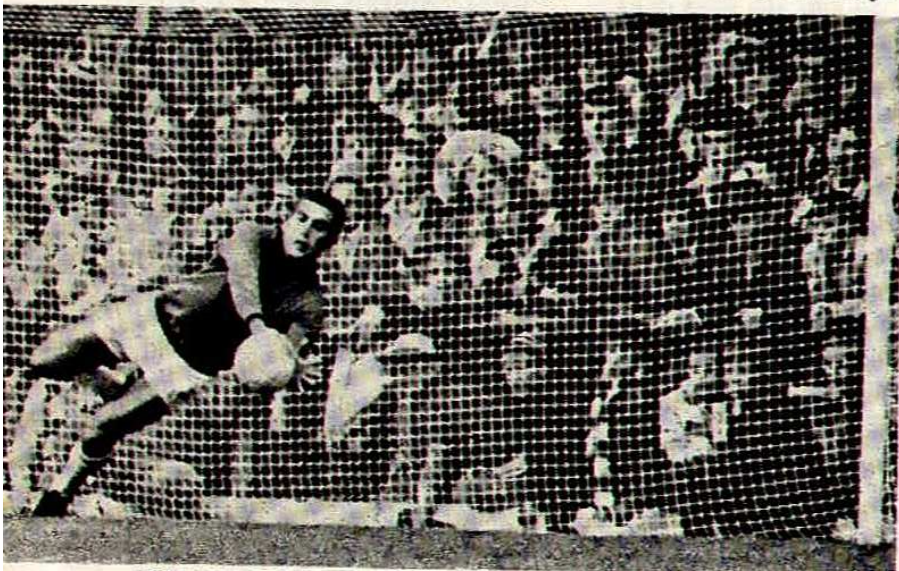
Aston Villa

v

West Bromwich Albion

(all ticket)

See page 10 for ticket arrangements



PETER SHILTON . . . Leicester's star saves a penalty from Blue's Dave Robinson on the first day of the season.

STRIP-TEASER

Players vote goes to the new style—now what's your verdict?

The 'Great Shirt Debate' has been a popular topic among Villa fans recently. What are the facts?

There have been odd complaints about the introduction of the new-style strip and brand-new second colours, but the players have unanimously voiced their approval—both of the design and material that is used.

We asked director Harry Parkes to go behind the scenes and take us, step by step, through the stages that have brought Villa one of the most distinctive styles in the country.

It all started when manager Docherty was glancing through a soccer magazine. He saw a 'V'-necked style and asked Mr. Parkes if he thought such a style would suit Villa.

"I told Tommy that I thought it would look very smart on our players," said Mr. Parkes, "and he asked if I could get a sample jersey made.

"So we planned one out with the 'V'-neck and it looked good. We also had a jersey made up in the change strip of yellow and blue. Tommy showed them to the lads and they liked them. In particular, they liked the material.

"Up to this time, we were using nylon which clings to the body and doesn't absorb perspiration. The new material we have is both absorbent and lightweight.

"We had some sets made up to take to America—with short sleeves because of the heat—and the lads were very pleased with them. So we went ahead and arranged for shirts with long sleeves for use in this country.

"Next, we decided on the shorts and the stockings with one bar on them and although there have been a few complaints—many from the older people—we feel they are a success.

"We wanted, most of all, to get away from the crew-necked style which, actually, I also introduced to Villa. We also re-designed the badge—the rampant lion, of course—and had this embroidered into the shirt.

"WE FEEL THESE ARE VERY PROGRESSIVE OUTFITS."

The average football club will use between eight and ten sets of colours per season and, for the youngsters, there are exact replicas of the first-team strip—complete in every detail.

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*** What do you think of the strip? Send your views to: Eric Woodward, Commercial Manager, Aston Villa F.C., Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham 6.



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Seats

Season Ticket Holders may claim their own seats for this match, provided they apply in person or by post, enclosing voucher K, remittance and stamped addressed envelope, not later than Monday, 25th August.

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	Doors R & T	15/-

Any Season Tickets not claimed by 25th August will be placed on general sale.

Non-Season Ticket Holders may make application for seats by post only enclosing remittance and s.a.e., and must understand that owing to the large number of season tickets issued and the allocation of tickets due to West Bromwich Albion F.C., no guarantee of tickets can be given, especially at 15/-.

Standing Tickets

Tickets at 5/- and enclosure tickets at 7/- will be on sale at Villa Park tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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EVAN THE GOALIE IS REALLY A SCOTSMAN!

EVAN WILLIAMS, the well-built goalkeeper who joined Villa on a two-month loan from Wolves last week, often has a job in convincing people that he is really a Scot—and not a Welshman!

To put the record straight, Evan was born in Dumbarton and began his professional career with the now-defunct Third Lanark club.

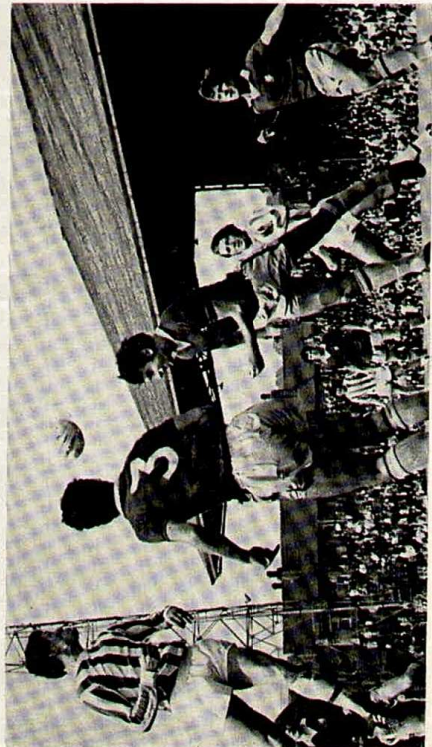
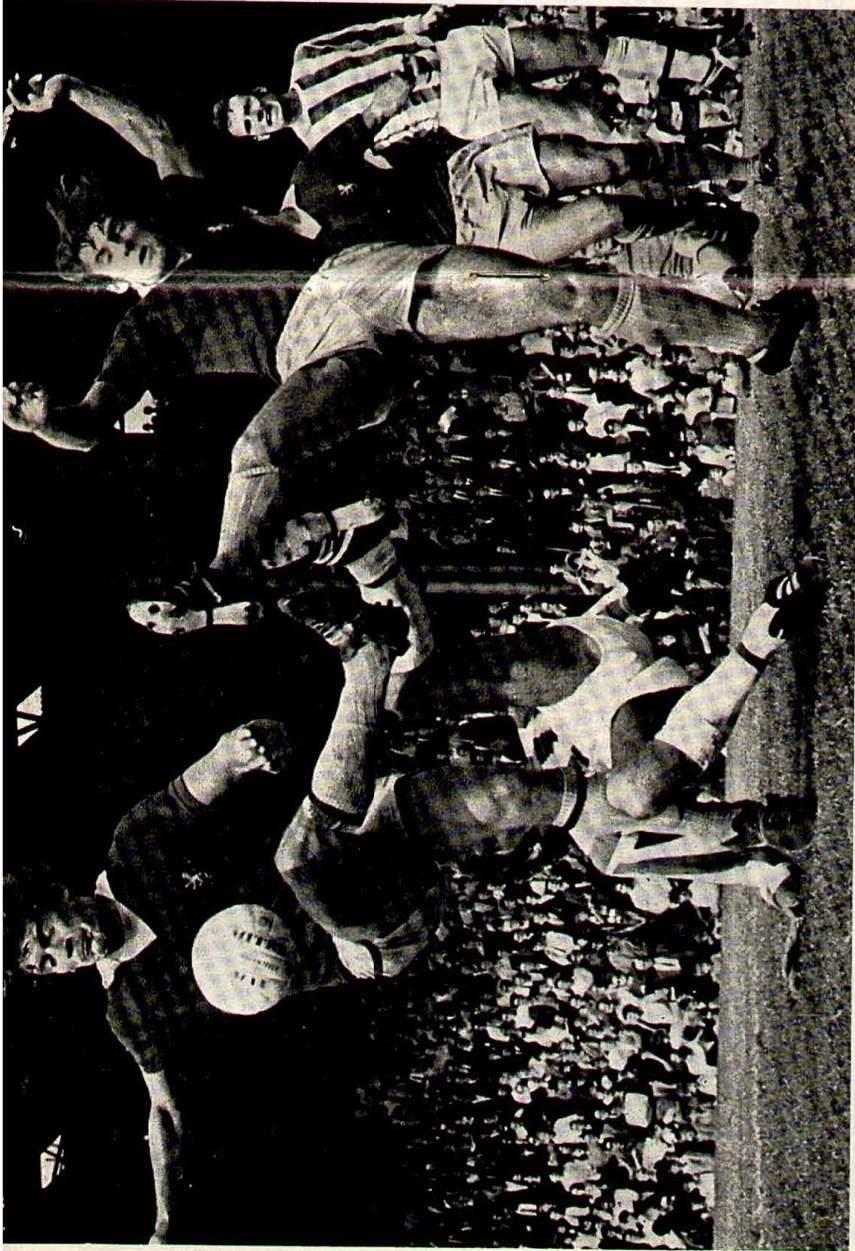
Indeed, his transfer from the 'Thirds' had an odd twist in that Wolves were due to pay extra money to the Scottish club after an agreed number of appearances in the Molineux first team. But before this applied, the Glasgow side went out of business!

Evan made only two appearances for Wolves last season, both in the League Cup, but the previous year he had a long run in the senior side only a few weeks after being in the third team.

His position with Villa is that Tommy Docherty has an option to sign him, at an agreed fee, after the 'trial' period.

● *Our pictures show Evan in action on his debut for Villa at Huddersfield.*





VILLA DRAW A BLANK

Two League matches in seven days—and still not a Villa goal to show you! That was the disappointing first week of the season, but there was no shortage of action.

AGAINST NORWICH (pictures right), the camera caught Willie Anderson (top) in fine raiding form and spotlighted former Villa goalkeeper Kevin Keeelan (bottom) clearing with the help of a massed defence.

AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD (pictures left) the defence had a busy time in the first half. Dick Edwards and Mick Wright (top) get involved in a high-kicking routine, while Brian Tiler (bottom) heads away to clear another attack.



HALL OF FAME

VILLA'S 'DOC' ...

Looking back to the Roaring Twenties ...

with Dr. MILNE

Between front-line duty in France and Belgium in the 1914-18 War and forty years as a General Practitioner and Medical Officer of Health in Aldridge, Dr. Victor E. Milne studied and graduated in Medicine and Public Health at Aberdeen University.

But, soon after graduation, he sampled six seasons of first-class soccer in the golden era of the great Aston Villa.

One must tread far down 'Memory Lane', to the 1920's, to unfold the soccer exploits of this Scottish-born centre half, now a 72-year-old enjoying the peace of his timbered home in Little Aston.

Only a minority will be able to recall this 'Apollo'-

Aston Villa's Scottish-born centre half of the immediate period after World War I, Dr. Milne, now 72 and living in Little Aston, recalls how he moved from Aberdeen to Villa Park . . . and a Wembley appearance in his first season.

sized defender playing in the famous Claret and Blue in Villa's vintage years, and even fewer, past the 70's, will rival the clarity with which Dr. Milne can remember the comings and goings at Villa Park over 40 years ago.

'Doc' Milne's six-season spell in Villa's glorious years, was, perhaps, a comparatively short one, but those years with the greatest name in football held the glamour of a first-season Wembley appearance and a shooting tragedy

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which left a team gap that eventually became the 'Doc's'.

To trace the soccer career of this six-foot plus giant to its source, takes one back to a few years after the turn of the century in Aberdeen.

In this North Eastern 'Silver City by the sea' young Milne's career in the medical profession was already earmarked, but his favourite pastime was association football in the Boys' Brigade and City Boys' league competition.

He commenced his medical studies at Aberdeen University in 1915, but, one year later, World War I seriously interrupted his work and 1916 brought a critical break when he was called up as a student, with some knowledge of chemistry, to serve in the Special Brigade of the Royal Engineers.

Milne, along with a dozen of his fellow students, was whisked over 500 miles to join his Regiment at its depot near Plymouth. Here, he won quickly his place in the Depot soccer team and played more than once on the Plymouth Argyle ground.

Although *soldier* Milne had the opportunity of remaining in this country to play for the Depot, he elected to keep company with his student 'pals' and, shortly, went to France, where he took part in specialised gas attacks.

Dr. MILNE . . . MORE NEXT WEEK

● In our magazine for next Wednesday's match against Leicester City, the Dr. Milne Story will continue with the tale of how Villa missed the chance of winning the 1924 Cup Final against Newcastle (they lost 2-0) and with a memory of a famous match against Birmingham City.

Recalled from the Forces in the early summer of 1918, student Milne resumed his medical career.

Football was in his 'blood', however, and he soon gained representative honours in the Aberdeen and District Amateur Football League. *Sportsman* Milne earned his University Blues for football, cricket and a half-blue for athletics.

The same year, he distinguished an extremely promising football career by winning his place in the Scottish Universities side—when they played the Corinthians on tour.

About this time, Milne's early soccer admirers, including the Aberdeen F.C., were impressed by the progress this 21-year-old had made and he was invited to play for the Club of his native city.

This 'Highlander' was immediately selected for the First XI as centre half, *by-passing the reserves*, and held the position firmly for the next three seasons.

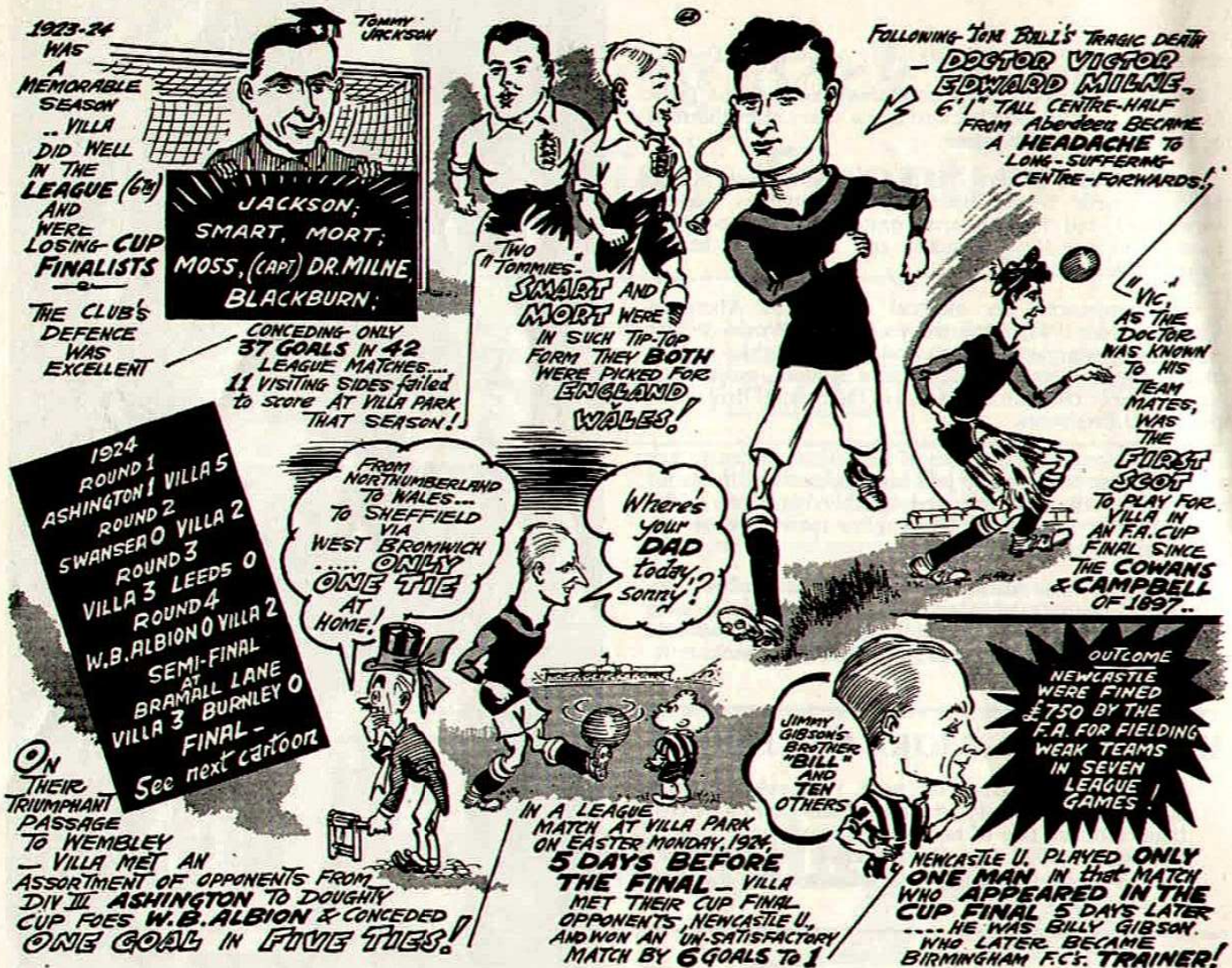
During this period young Milne continued serious studies, graduated as a Doctor in 1921 and gained his Diploma in Public Health in 1923.



Dr. Victor E. Milne

Villa's First Wembley

by NORMAN EDWARDS
(Sports Argus)



From Norman Edwards' "Story of Aston Villa"

Villa's interest in him was aroused after their Club Doctor heard from his Scottish assistant, Dr. Lambie, that Aberdeen's brilliant centre half had been a University colleague and that it might be worthwhile persuading Milne to join Villa's set-up.

A meeting was arranged in an Aberdeen hotel between Capt. Bate, one of five Villa Directors, Jimmy Phillips—Aberdeen manager—and the player. AND SO DOCTOR MILNE DULY SIGNED TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE AS AN ASTON VILLA PROFESSIONAL.

This softly-spoken Scot vividly reflects how proud he felt to become the prospective wearer of the Claret and Blue jersey—possibly, at some date, in the first team.

Dr. Milne had the difficult task in his first season at Villa Park (1923-24) of following in the famed footsteps of Frank Barson, Villa's dynamic skipper who had dominated the side since the end of the War. But Villa's new signing acquitted himself in great style!

Villa trainer Freddie Miles ("a real friendly character") was a great help to the 'Doc' in his bid to quicken to the

pace of English soccer, which left no room for the slower, more deliberate Scottish version.

"Tommy Ball had taken over from Barson but, tragically, he died in a shooting incident, and I became the proud owner of the Number Five shirt" said Villa's 'Doc' of the roaring twenties.

"According to Billy Walker (the finest inside forward Doc Milne has ever seen), I had my best season for Villa the year we reached the Cup Final (1924), which was played at Wembley the year following the famous White Horse Final.

"The team that day read: Tommy Jackson; Tommy Smart, Tommy Mort; Frank Moss, myself, George Blackburn; Dickie York, Billy Kirton, Len Capewell, Billy Walker, Arthur Dorrell.

● See next Wednesday's magazine for Dr. Milne's story of the match.

Home game a 400-mile
trip for Villa's . . .

LONG-DISTANCE FAN FROM CARLISLE

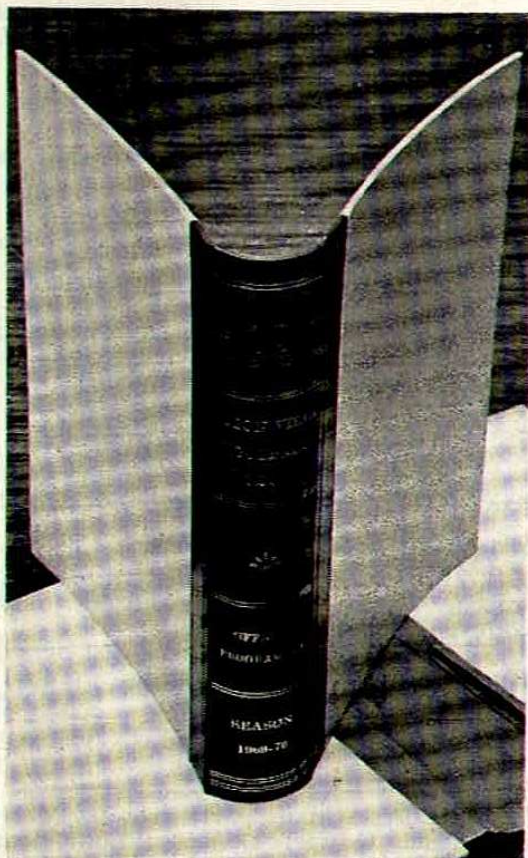
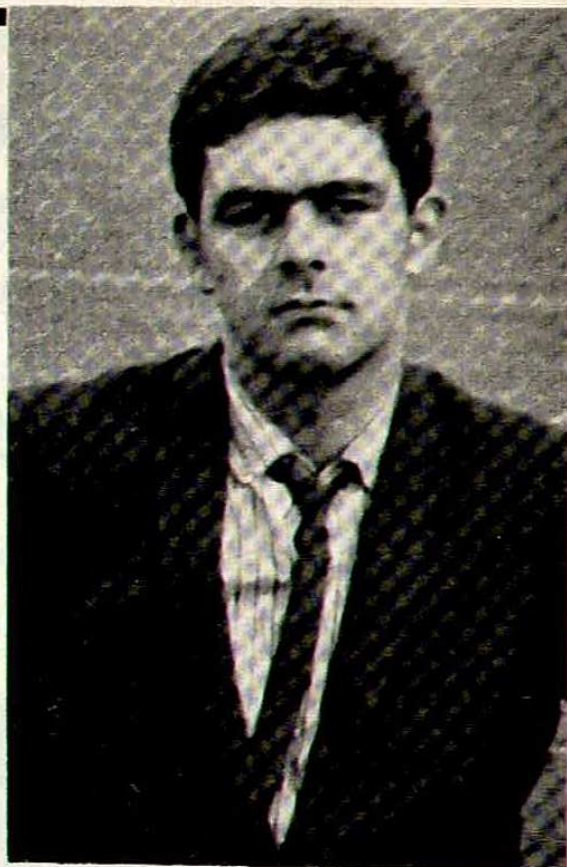
TONY MANUEL is a Villa loyalist and has been since he was 15. So what, you may think. So . . . Tony 'adopted' Villa even though he was born—and still lives—just 200 yards from Brunton Park in Carlisle.

Tony missed seven Villa matches last season—which is tremendous going when you consider that a home game at Villa Park involves Tony in a round trip of some 400 miles. He leaves Carlisle at nine in the morning and returns home in the early hours of Sunday morning.

"I COVERED ABOUT 18,000 MILES IN ORDER TO WATCH VILLA LAST SEASON," says 22-year-old Tony, "and spent something like £250. I hope to miss not so many this season."

Tony admits that his friends in Carlisle pull his leg about his hobby, but insists: "I shall have the last laugh, wait and see."

We are prepared to wager he was the only Villa fan who walked to Brunton Park last Tuesday, anyway.



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VILLA RECORD ROUND-UP

Saturday, August 9

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 2

ASTON VILLA 0, NORWICH CITY 1

At Villa Park. Att.: 32,663. Scorer: Foggo (73).

ASTON VILLA: Dunn; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Edwards (McMahon), Tiler; Rudge, Hamilton, Ferguson, Rioch (B), Anderson.

NORWICH CITY: Keelan; Stringer, Butler; Mallender, Forbes, Anderson; Foggo, Bryceland, Conlon, Bennett, Crickmore. (sub.: Lucas).

CENTRAL LEAGUE

COVENTRY CITY 2, ASTON VILLA 1

At Highfield Road. Villa Scorer: Simmons.

ASTON VILLA: Knowles; Bradley, Rowan; Lynch, Turnbull, Brown; Donnelly, Little, Simmons, Godfrey, Griffiths. (Sub.: Kellock).



Picture: Terry Lake

NEIL RIOCH . . . League debut at Huddersfield

Monday, August 11

CENTRAL LEAGUE

WOLVES 2, ASTON VILLA 1

At Molineux. Villa scorer: Griffiths.

ASTON VILLA: Knowles; Bradley, Rowan; Rioch (N), Chatterley, Brown; Little, Fellows, Godfrey, Simmons, Griffiths. (Sub.: Kellock).

Wednesday, August 13

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP — Round 1

CHESTER 1, ASTON VILLA 2

At Sealand Road. Att.: 10,510. Scorers: Chester: Dearden (75). Villa: McMahon (18), Hamilton (55).

CHESTER: Carling; Bradbury, Sear; Ashworth, Turner, Cheetham; Dearden, Sutton (Webber), Chapman, Brodie, Proven.

ASTON VILLA: Dunn; Wright, Aitken; Hole, Edwards, Tiler; Anderson, Rioch (B), McMahon, Ferguson, Hamilton. (Sub.: Rioch (N)).

Saturday, August 16

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 2

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2, ASTON VILLA 0

At Leeds Road. Att.: 13,364. Scorers: Hoy (4), Worthington (30).

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN: Poole; Clarke, Hutt; Nicholson, Ellam, Cherry; Hoy, Worthington, Greenhalgh, McGill, Dobson. (Sub.: Lawson).

ASTON VILLA: Williams; Wright, Aitken; Rioch (N), Edwards, Tiler; Anderson, Ferguson, McMahon, Rioch (B), Hamilton. (Sub.: Chatterley).

CENTRAL LEAGUE

ASTON VILLA 1, PRESTON NORTH END 2

At Villa Park. Villa Scorer: Simmons.

ASTON VILLA: Knowles; Bradley, Rowan; Lynch, Turnbull, Brown; Rudge, Broadbent, Simmons, Godfrey, Griffiths. (Sub.: Hughes).

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

BIRMINGHAM CITY 3, ASTON VILLA 1

Villa Scorer: Kearney.

ASTON VILLA: Crudginton; Sullivan, McMillan; Ross, Stark, George; Donnelly, Little, Kearney, Fellows, Cook. (Sub.: Common).

Villa calendar 69-70

League—Division Two

				Season				Season				
				68-69	Att.	Res.				68-69	Att.	Res.
Aug 9	NORWICH CITY	..	2-1	32,663	0-1	Nov 29	CHARLTON ATH.	..	0-0			
13	Chester (F.L.C. 1)	..	—	10,510	2-1	Dec 3	F.L.C. semi-final	..	—			
16	Huddersfield Town	..	1-3	13,364	0-2	6	Blackburn Rovers	..	0-2			
19	Carlisle United	..	1-0	12,504	1-1	13	WATFORD	..	—			
23	SWINDON TOWN	..	—			20	Millwall	..	1-0			
27	LEICESTER CITY	..	—			26	Swindon Town	..	—			
30	Middlesbrough	..	0-0			27	MIDDLESBROUGH	..	1-0			
Sept 3	ALBION F.L.C. 2	..	—			Jan 3	F.A.C. 3	..	—			
6	MILLWALL	..	1-1			10	Hull City	..	0-1			
13	Watford	..	—			17	PORTSMOUTH	..	2-0			
17	Bolton Wanderers	..	1-4			24	F.A.C. 4	..	—			
20	HULL CITY	..	1-1			31	Preston North End	..	0-1			
24	F.L.C. 3	..	—			Feb 7	(F.A.C. 5) CARDIFF C.	..	2-0			
27	Portsmouth	..	0-2			14	Norwich City	..	1-1			
Oct 4	PRESTON N.E.	..	0-1			21	(F.A.C. 6) BRISTOL C.	..	1-0			
8	HUDDERSFIELD T.	..	1-0			28	Queen's Park Rangers	..	—			
11	Cardiff City	..	1-1			Mar 7	(F.L.C. final) SHEFF. U.	..	3-1			
15	F.L.C. 4	..	—			14	(F.A.C. semi-final) Charlton Athletic	..	1-1			
18	BIRMINGHAM CITY	..	1-0			21	BLACKBURN ROV.	..	1-1			
25	Oxford United	..	0-1			28	Blackpool	..	1-1			
29	F.L.C. 5	..	—			30	Birmingham City	..	0-4			
Nov 1	Q.P.R.	..	—			31	OXFORD UNITED	..	2-0			
8	Bristol City	..	0-1			Apr 4	Leicester City	..	—			
12	CARLISLE UTD.	..	0-0			11	F.A.C. final	..	—			
15	BLACKPOOL	..	0-1			14	BOLTON W.	..	1-1			
19	F.L.C. semi-final	..	—									
22	Sheffield United	..	1-3									

Home fixtures in bold capitals

Central League

			Res.				Res.				Res.
Aug 9	Coventry City	..	1-2	Oct 11	HUDDERSFIELD T	..	—	Feb 7	Huddersfield Town	..	—
11	Wolves	..	1-2	18	Blackburn Rovers	..	—	14	COVENTRY CITY	..	—
16	PRESTON N.E.	..	1-2	25	MANCHESTER C.	..	—	21	Manchester City	..	—
18	WOLVES	..	1-1	Nov 1	West Bromwich A.	..	—	28	WEST BROM. A.	..	—
23	Burnley	..	—	8	LIVERPOOL	..	—	Mar 7	Sheffield United	..	—
27	Derby County	..	—	15	Blackpool	..	—	14	STOKE CITY	..	—
30	NOTTINGHAM F.	..	—	22	SHEFFIELD UTD.	..	—	21	Leeds United	..	—
Sep 6	Newcastle United	..	—	29	Stoke City	..	—	28	BLACKPOOL	..	—
13	BURY	..	—	Dec 6	LEEDS UNITED	..	—	30	Liverpool	..	—
15	BOLTON W.	..	—	13	Bury	..	—	Apr 4	DERBY COUNTY	..	—
20	Sheffield Wed.	..	—	20	NEWCASTLE UTD	..	—	13	Bolton Wanderers	..	—
22	BLACKBURN R.	..	—	27	Nottingham Forest	..	—				
27	EVERTON	..	—	Jan 10	SHEFFIELD WED.	..	—				
Oct 4	Manchester Utd.	..	—	17	Everton	..	—				
6	Preston North End	..	—	31	MANCHESTER U.	..	—				

To be arranged:

BURNLEY

Home fixtures in bold capitals

Midland Intermediate League

CUP COMPETITION—Section A			Res.	LEAGUE COMPETITION			Res.				Res.
Aug 16	Birmingham City	..	1-3	Oct 25	BIRMINGHAM C.	..	—	Jan 17	Birmingham City	..	—
23	COVENTRY C.	..	—	Nov 1	Coventry City	..	—	24	COVENTRY C.	..	—
30	SHREWSBURY T.	..	—	8	DERBY COUNTY	..	—	31	Derby County	..	—
Sep 6	Walsall	..	—	15	Leicester City	..	—	Feb 7	LEICESTER CITY	..	—
13	WEST BROM. A.	..	—	22	Mansfield Town	..	—	14	Shrewsbury Town	..	—
20	BIRMINGHAM C.	..	—	29	NOTTS. FOREST	..	—	21	MANSFIELD T.	..	—
27	Coventry City	..	—	Dec 6	SHREWSBURY T.	..	—	28			
Oct 4	Shrewsbury Town	..	—	13	Stoke City	..	—	Mar 7	STOKE CITY	..	—
11	WALSALL	..	—	20	WALSALL	..	—	14	Walsall	..	—
18	West Bromwich A.	..	—	Jan 3	West Bromwich A.	..	—	21	WEST BROM. A.	..	—
				10		..	—	28	Nottingham Forest	..	—

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FACTS and FIGURES



GRAHAM ATKINSON ... scored in each of Oxford's first three matches.

DIVISION I												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Everton	4	2	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	2	0	8
Liverpool	3	2	0	0	7	3	1	0	0	3	2	6
Wolves	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
Leeds	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	5	2	4
Coventry	3	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
Derby C.	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	4
Newcastle	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
West Ham	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Tottenham	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	3	3	4
Arsenal	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Crystal Palace ..	3	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	3
Stoke	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	3
Burnley	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	0	4	3
Manchester City ..	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	2	4	2
Southampton	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Albion	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	2
Chelsea	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
Notts Forest	3	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	6	2
Manchester Utd. ..	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	5	1
Ipswich	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Sunderland	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1
Sheffield Wed. ..	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	7	0

Up to and including 19th August

DIVISION II												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Sheffield Utd. ..	4	2	0	0	5	1	1	0	1	7	4	6
Huddersfield ..	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	2	1	6
Middlesbrough ..	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	1	1	1	4	5
Charlton	4	2	0	0	5	3	0	1	1	1	3	5
Blackburn	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Norwich	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	4
Cardiff	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	4	4
Hull C	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
Swindon	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	1	2	4	4
Q.P.R.	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Bolton	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Blackpool	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	3
Oxford	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	1	2
Leicester	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	2
Bristol City	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Milwall	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	7	2
Carlisle	3	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	0	2	2	2
Preston	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	1
Birmingham	3	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	1	1	3	1
Watford	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Portsmouth	3	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	2	3	1
ASTON VILLA ..	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1

Up to and including 19th August

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

No. 4: Charlie Aitken

Charlie Aitken and Alan Deakin are the only members of the playing staff to have experienced the club's most successful period in the last decade—the years when Joe Mercer was at the helm.

BUT, FOR SHEER EXCITEMENT, CHARLIE MAINTAINS LIFE UNDER THE NEW REGIME BEATS EVERYTHING HE HAS SAMPLED AT VILLA PARK.

"Everything was so staid before," says Charlie. "Villa seemed to be more of a family club than anything. The changeover has been unbelievable. The cobwebs have been swept away. Now there's an awful lot happening every day."

Since he came to Villa Park in 1959 after playing for his Edinburgh school at—believe it or not, *rugger!*—Charlie has become one of the most popular Villa men during his years under four different managers—Mercer, Dick Taylor, Tommy Cummings and Tommy Docherty.

"They were all very different, personality-wise. Each had his own characteristics and you find out a lot about a man's temperament when the side has lost," Charlie recalls.

NOW IT'S ALL GO AT VILLA

"Joe, I remember, was the type who said things in the heat of the moment. Then, later, he would say something else intended to take the edge off his earlier remarks. That's how it was with me personally, anyway."

While Joe was in charge, Villa jumped out of the Second Division and then began to make good headway in the First, finishing ninth and, before the Big Freeze of 1963, seventh place.

Villa also won the League Cup and reached the Final two seasons later. And there were some good Cup runs to keep the fans interested.

"Joe bought very well when we were in the Second Division but the players he signed when we were in the First Division didn't come off too well. Then, he sold players who went on to do well with other clubs—men like Harry Burrows and Derek Dougan," says Charlie.

"But it was almost unknown for us to be beaten at home. We held our own in the First Division without too

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CHARLIE AITKEN . . . the home handy-man, cleaning the car!

much difficulty and it was just taken for granted that we would win whenever we met a side from a lower division.

"We didn't have such a good record away from home, however, and standards have risen considerably since then. But I am glad Joe has tasted success—he really 'lived' each game with you on the park. I think he would still be playing now if he could?"

Charlie has set a fantastically high level of consistency since he made his League debut in April, 1961. It took him less than 12 months to earn his first representative honours—for Scotland's Under-23 team—but it has been for Villa that Charlie really excelled.

Charlie is one player who does not find the rigours of training too hard. "I generally seem to have

something in reserve after the most demanding of routines," he says.

"Perhaps it goes back to my schooldays when I used to play rugger in the morning and football in the afternoon without too much difficulty."

Charlie has been fortunate in that he has not been beset by injuries—knock on wood!—and he has been ever-present throughout a season no fewer than four times—in 1962-63, 1964-65, 1965-66 and last term.

AT ONE TIME CHARLIE TOTTED UP A STRING OF 123 CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES—HOW'S THAT FOR CONSISTENCY?

But the tension is still there before every kick-off. "We are treating every game very, very seriously, now," he says. "No matter whom we are playing. Practice matches are treated exactly the same way."

As Charlie says, it's all happening!

CHARLIE AITKEN In a nutshell

BORN: Edinburgh.

FIRST CLUB: Villa.

OTHER CLUBS: None

HONOURS: Four Scottish Under-23 appearances, plus appearance in full Scottish International trial.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: the 5-5 draw with Spurs at White Hart Lane after Villa were losing 5-0.

MOMENT MOST LIKE TO FORGET: Relegation.

BEST FORWARD: George Best

BEST DEFENDER: Mike England.

HOBBIES: Gardening and motoring.

PET HATE: Washing the car in winter.

COUNTRIES PLAYED IN: Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Italy, America.

BACK COVER SCENE

Goalmouth drama at Leeds Road . . . former Villa leader Brian Greenhalgh (right) just fails to force home an awkward bouncing ball. Villa men in defence against this Huddersfield raid are (from left): Neil Rioch, Tiler, Williams, Wright and Anderson.

