

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

County Ground, Swindon

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION
THIRD ROUND REPLAY

SWINDON TOWN

V

PORTSMOUTH

Wednesday, 9th January, 1974

Kick-off: 1.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

ONE NEW PENNY

SWINDON TOWN

OFFICIALS

PORTSMOUTH

1. ALLAN	REFEREE:-	1. MILKINS
2. DIXON	MR. B.H. DANIELS	2. ROBERTS
3. TROLLOPE	(Brentwood)	3. COLLINS
4. MUNKS	LINESMEN:-	4. LEWIS
5. BURROWS	Red Flag:	5. WENT
6. STROUD	MR. J.J. FAULKNER	6. MANLEY
7. MOSS	(Didcot)	7. MARINELLO
8. HUBBARD	Yellow Flag:	8. KELLARD
9. EASTOE	MR. W.G.V. CLEERE	9. DAVIES
10. BUTLER	(High Wycombe)	10. REYNOLDS
11. JENKINS		11. MELLOWS
12. POTTER		12. HAND

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NEXT MATCH ON THIS GROUND

DIVISION II

SWINDON TOWN V NOTTS. COUNTY

Saturday, 12th January, 1974.

Kick-off: 2.00 p.m.

In the past few months, Portsmouth have spent something like £400,000 on new Players.

John Mortimore recently signed two central defenders in one week, investing a club record £150,000 fee in Fulham's Paul Went and paying £45,000 for Leicester City's Malcolm Manley. Went, a former England youth international, played in Orient's League team when he was 16 and then spent five years with Charlton before joining Fulham in 1972. Manley had developed in Leicester's juniors and made well over 100 first-team appearances for them.

During the close-season Pompey invested another £200,000 for newcomers Ron Davies, a Welsh international and one of the most successful strikers of the past decade, defender Phil Roberts, who is now on the fringe of a full cap for Wales, former Arsenal wing star Peter Marinello and a much-travelled young goalkeeper Ron Tilsed.

Ron Davies has already proved a huge success at Fratton Park, making and scoring several goals. Capped 28 times by Wales, Ron served his apprenticeship with Chester and then assisted Luton and Norwich on his way to the top. With Southampton, he was on two occasions the First Division's top scorer and, with 268 League goals to his credit, he is now the highest scorer in the competition.

Portsmouth paid a then club record fee, not far short of £100,000, for Marinello, a player who can float across the type of high ball that Davies revels upon. A big star with Hibernian, Peter had an unhappy time at Arsenal following a £100,000 transfer in 1969.

Tilsed, who was with Portsmouth on loan last season, is a much-travelled player. He made his League debut for Bournemouth in 1970, since when he has put in spells with Leicester, Wolves, Shrewsbury, Chesterfield and Arsenal. Pompey paid £10,000 for him after he had impressed as successor to John Milkins last season. But, when Tilsed was injured, the veteran Milkins - who has played over 350 games for Pompey - was recalled to the side.

Phil Roberts, a Welsh under-23 international, cost Portsmouth £52,000 when they persuaded Bristol Rovers to part with him.

With results improving, Pompey have been fielding a fairly settled team. Combining with Roberts, Went and Manley in the back four is John Collins, a Welsh under-23 international who was once a Spurs' player.

Norman Piper, Bobby Kellard and Mike Mellows are the usual midfield players. Piper, another England under-23 cap, joined Portsmouth from Plymouth in 1970. Kellard began at Southend a career which has subsequently seen him in the colours of Crystal Palace, Ipswich, Portsmouth (for an earlier two-year spell), Bristol City, Leicester and Crystal Palace again.

Mellows, capped 16 times for the England amateur XI, previously played League football with Reading but then went into amateur soccer again with Sutton United, Wycombe Wanderers and Winchester City before turning professional with Portsmouth this season.

Assisting Marinello and Davies up front is Richard Reynolds, a one-time England youth player who joined Pompey from Plymouth in 1971.