



Swindon Town F.C.

NEWPORT COUNTY

F.A. CUP FIRST ROUND
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NEWS & VIEWS

Tonight we renew acquaintance with our friends from Newport. Many of us have pleasant memories of visits to Somerton Park.

We last played our visitors in League Division 3 on Easter Saturday 21st April 1962. Swindon won by 3 goals to 0, and this defeat meant relegation to Division 4 for the County.

Previous to Saturday's game we had defeated Newport on two occasions in the First Round of the F.A. Cup. In season 1927/28 by 1 goal to nil and in Season 1934/35 by 4 goals to nil.

In more recent years we have played Newport twice in Round One of the Football League Cup. Tuesday 22nd August, 1967 the two teams met at the County Ground after a hard tough game, the result a draw, one goal each. Newport led at the interval, an own goal by Mel Nurse, the Swindon captain. Don Rogers equalized from a penalty, ten minutes after half-time.

Swindon: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Harper, Nurse, Harland, Rogers, Butler, Terry, Smart, Walker.

Newport: Timson, Williams, Wilson, Wood, Williams A, Rowland, Wookey, Melling, Jones, Stark, Thomas.

Dawson substituted for Harper after eighty minutes.

The gate that evening was 10,870. The replay the following week resulted in a victory for Newport by 2 goals to nil.

Again in 1973, we met Newport at the County Ground. A most exciting game produced a 3 - 3 draw.

Swindon: Allan, Thomas, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Butler, Moss, McGovern, Treacy, Legg, Jenkins, Sub. Stroud. Scorers, Swindon - Treacy, Moss, Legg. Newport County - Jarman, Screen Brown. Attendance: 6,873.

This time Swindon won the replay by two goals (McGovern, Legg) to one (Jarman).

Kenny Stroud replaced Rod Thomas, and the Newport team was;

Payne, Passy, Aizlewood, Harris, Swain, Screen, Godfrey, Jarman, Brown, Jones R, White.

Swindon's chief association with Newport, is of course through their General Manager (almost Mr. Newport himself) Billy Lucas. Many of our supporters will remember him, as a grand inside forward and captain, when football resumed at the County Ground after the war. Our manager too at that time Mr. Louis Page, came to us from Newport.

Bobby Woodruffe, one of our team of young players in the sixties, is still on their books, although not at present in the first team.

The draw has not been very kind to us, as should we be successful in tonight's replay we face another difficult away game at Hendon, conquerors of our near neighbours Reading in the last round.

F.A. Cup Scene

Great Day for the Minnows!

by Tony Pullein

The F.A. Cup's first round is renowned for the shock it usually produces. But rarely have there been quite so many upsets as last Saturday when no fewer than six non-League clubs scored victories over League clubs, and four more earned replays.

Pride of place went to little Spennymoor United who completely annihilated Fourth Division strugglers Southport, even though the Sandgrounders actually took a snap early lead through Tom O'Neil. The gallant non-Leaguers struck back to finish 4 - 1 winners.

Now Southport's entire future is in jeopardy. They have yet to win in the League this season, tallying only three points from 17 games. In an attempt to ease their financial problems they switched their home League Cup tie to Newcastle, thus sharing a 23,000 gate. Their last hope of raising more cash was to enjoy a good run in the F.A. Cup. Now their attendances are likely to drop below the thousand mark and there is some doubt that they will even be able to complete their fixture list.

Southport haven't bothered to appoint a new manager, since Jimmy Melia left. There was sad realism in their chairman's comment: "I don't really think we can do any worse without a manager so why go to the expense of an extra salary?"

Coventry Sporting are a new name among Cup giant-killers. Managed by former England goalkeeper Reg Matthews, Sporting borrowed Coventry City's ground for the day and proceeded to despatch the normally high-scoring Tranmere Rovers out of the competition by 2 - 0.

Hendon scored their first-ever victory over League opposition when defender Alan Phillips hit the decisive goal against Reading. So, if we do manage to beat Newport in tonight's replay, we can expect a tough battle when we go to Claremont Road for the second round.

Leatherhead knocked out Colchester and Brighton, and then led Leicester 2 - 0 before losing 2 - 3, in last season's competition so there was less element of surprise about their 2 - 0 success over Cambridge United.

Marine Crosby had little difficulty in ousting Barnsley 3 - 1 while the only non-League team to win away from home was Gateshead who won well at Grimsby (3 - 1).

Saturday's march of the minnows took the total of F.A. Cup knockouts to League clubs by non-Leaguers since the war to 65.

Halifax Town, who have been ousted seven times by minnows, were in determined mood this time, never allowing visiting Altrincham much scope. Yet Millwall were on the point of joining them on the seven mark as they struggled on Yeovil's famous slope. Only 13 minutes remained when Barry Kitchener hit the equaliser for the lions.

The second round draw has been kind to the small clubs. Marine, Stafford Rangers, Coventry Sporting, Scarborough, Gateshead, Wimbledon and Hendon are all at home to Football League teams. Sutton United and Yeovil faced similar prospects if they succeeded in replays.

One club who got the draw they least wanted was Halifax. They have to visit Stafford Rangers - - - the team that beat them 2 - 1 in the same round last season!

Newport County Pen-Pictures

by Tony Pullein

BILLY SCREEN (Defender) Billy won two Welsh under-23 caps during his early days with Swansea City. After five years as a Swan's first-teamer, he made the short journey to Newport in 1972. League Record: Swansea 139(4) aps. 14 gls; Newport 123(5) aps. 7 goals.

STEVE AIZLEWOOD (Defender) Another under-23 Welsh player, Steve won four caps at this level. He made his League debut for Newport in 1969 and has been on regular duty for six years. League Record: Newport 177(6) aps. 15 gls.

MIKE HANCOCK (Defender) Mike has recently been recalled to the defence and now looks set for his longest run in the senior side. He made his initial appearance in 1971/72 but, until now, had generally been called up only as understudy. League Record: Newport 35(4) aps; 1 gl.

JOHN MACEY (Goalkeeper) John developed in Bristol City's juniors but never got a chance in their first team. In 1968 he moved to Grimsby Town where he quickly established himself in the senior side. After losing his place, he signed for Newport in 1970 and has been in consistent form ever since. League Record: Bristol City: 0 aps; Grimsby 36(1) aps; Newport 176 aps.

JOHN RELISH (Defender) John has recently won his place at left-back. Newport signed him during the 1974 close season from Chester where he made only occasional first-team appearances. During his last season at Sealand Road, he spent a few weeks on loan to Bury. League Record: Chester 10(1) aps. 1 gl; Bury (loan) nil aps; Newport 21(4) aps.

GARY BELL (Defender) Gary distinguished himself for several seasons with Cardiff City, playing in many of their European Cup-Winners Cup ties. After spending a loan period with Hereford United, he transferred to Newport in the summer of 1974. League Record: Cardiff 219(2) aps. 10 gls; Hereford (loan) 8 aps; Newport 48 aps. 3 gls.

ANDY WHITE (Striker) Andy is one of Newport's own discoveries who has been playing regularly since his debut six years ago. He has scored two goals this season. League Record: Newport 185(23) aps. 22 gls.

WYN HOOPER (Midfield) Wyn served his apprenticeship at Somerton Park and made several League appearances before turning professional in August 1970. He has for several years been a regular member of the Newport side. League Record: Newport 163(12) aps; 12 gls.

BRIAN GODFREY (Midfield) Newport's most experienced player, Brian was capped by Wales at full and under-23 levels. He began his professional career with Everton, moved on to Scunthorpe in 1960 and to Preston three years later. As a striker, he was Preston's top scorer in 1965/66 and, after joining Aston Villa in 1967, he was their leading marksman too. Bristol Rovers signed him in 1971 and he is now in his third season with Newport. League Record: Everton 1 ap; Scunthorpe 87 aps; 24 gls; Preston 126(1) aps, 52 gls; Aston Villa 139(4) aps, 22 gls; Bristol Rovers 79(2) aps, 16 gls; Newport 94(1) aps. 13 gls.

JOHN PARSONS (Striker) John is Newport's leading scorer with seven goals. He began his career with Welsh rivals Cardiff City, moving on to Bournemouth in 1972. He didn't meet with a great deal of success at Dean Court, though, but he impressed Newport while on loan to them last season and they later completed the transfer. League Record: Cardiff 7(8) aps., 6 gls; Bournemouth 6(1) aps., 1 gl; Newport 20(2) aps. 11 gls.

EDDIE WOODS (Striker) Eddie was top scorer with 22 goals last season and has netted five times this term. He didn't get many chances with his first club Bristol City but he made a big impact, before being injured, when loaned to Scunthorpe two seasons ago. He joined Newport last season. League Record: Bristol City 1(1) aps; Scunthorpe (loan) 4 aps. 2 gls; Newport 52 aps, 26 gls.

ROD JONES (Striker) Another local discovery, Rod made his initial League appearances in 1968/69. He has been scoring regularly for the club for the past five seasons and has five goals to his credit this season. League Record: Newport 187(8) aps. 58 gls.

ALISTAIR LOVE (Striker) Alistair is playing regularly in senior football for the first time this season. He didn't manage to get into West Bromwich's first-team but made a few appearances after transferring to Southend last season. Newport signed him in the summer. League Record: W.B.A. nil aps., Southend 6(5) aps; Newport 17 aps. 1 gl.

The Town Focus On

DAVID SYRETT

Birthplace: Salisbury
Height: 5' 10"
Married: No
Previous Clubs: Laverstock and Ford
Favourite players: Mick Channon, Ron Davies
Favourite Team: Southampton
Most Memorable Match: England Youth v Wales Youth
Biggest Football thrill: Playing for England Youths
Favourite Food: Sunday dinner at home
Favourite T.V. Shows: Porridge, Top of the Pops.
Favourite Singer: David Essex
Favourite Actress: Hannah Gordon
Pet Likes: Scoring Goals
Pet Dislikes: Long Coach journeys
Biggest influence on career: Family & Frank Burrows
International honours: 3 England Youth Caps
Professional ambition: To play in 1st Division
If not a footballer, what would you like to be: P.E. Instructor
Which person would you most like to meet: Karen Carpenter at her place



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DAVE ELLIOTT (Newport's Player-Manager)

Dave Elliott is sampling his first taste of soccer management with Newport County this season, coupling with those responsibilities his duty as a player. His experience is proving of great value to the Somerton Park club for more than half of his career as a League player was spent in the First Division.

His first big club was Sunderland and he made his League debut for the Roker side during 1963/64 - - - the season they gained promotion to the First Division. Though he continued to play occasional games for Sunderland he never quite established himself in the side.

It was after transferring to Newcastle in 1967 that his career really began to blossom, his major disappointment being in missing the

final of the Fairs Cup in 1969 when Newcastle won the trophy. He had played in earlier rounds when the Geordies defeated Feyenoord and Sporting Lisbon.

Dave Elliott made 80 First Division appearances for Newcastle and then, in February 1971, he moved south to join Southend United. In his second season at Roots Hall he helped the club win promotion to the Third Division.

He enjoyed five-and-a-half happy years with the seaside club but when the opportunity came for him to take on his first managerial appointment this summer he left to fill his present post. Under his guidance the club is unbeaten at home this season and is making a strong bid for promotion to Division Three.

Danny's Desk

There has never been any necessity to define 'The Cup'. For everyone in England that brief reference automatically implies the Football Association Challenge Cup. It's astonishing popularity has fathered a host of imitators, there is room for them all, but more than a hundred years from it's modest beginnings the Challenge Cup still reigns supreme. In 1871, the date July 20th, seven men met in London and from that meeting 'The Cup' was born, fifteen teams entering the first competition. Compare this with more than 400 clubs which are now attracted to the competition. The F.A. Cup is cruelly selective, acknowledging only the victor. On the hard or muddy grounds of January, February and March many a team disappears that might have graced Wembley's turf. Newspapers often complain that there are better teams around than the finalists but all who win through must have some outstanding quality of courage or skill and if the standards of play sometimes disappoint unrealistic expectations the final never fails as a spectacle and as an emotional experience for the supporter. This is the climax of the sudden death competition and the result for the team is more important and compelling than the play.

A manager once said that if he were given the choice of being drawn at home in the Cup against a First Division side or a non League club then he would take the first every time. "At least you know what you are up against, with these little beggars, you don't". Since the beginning of football the so called aristocrats of the game have had bad dreams about 'those other little beggars' who are also known in the trade as small fry, minnows, giants killers. They show little respect for reputation, even less for class distinction. Not all of them come back for a second year but for them and their victims, once was more than enough. How often have we, Swindon Town been the victorious 'minnows' in the wonderful competition but before we have this opportunity this season we have to reach the Third Round and those who visited Somerton Park last Saturday will realise that this will be no easy task. Newport County are a good side, make no mistake about it and I am sure we all hope that this season they will finally gain promotion after having been knocking on the door during the last two or three years. Needless to say that I do not wish them the same luck in this competition. Thank you for your support.

HISTORY OF NEWPORT COUNTY.

Chairman: C. Rogers
 Directors: H.W. Morgan, D.G.Mills, R. Warrey
 General Manager: Bill Lucas
 Player Manager: Dave Elliott
 Secretary: K. L. Saunders
 Year Formed: 1912. Turned Professional: 1912
 Limited Company: 1912
 Honours: Football League, highest position in
 Division 3: 13th, 1959/60, 1960/61 Division 3(S)
 Champions: 1938/39. F.A. Cup, best season:
 5th Rd. 1948/49. Football League Cup: never
 past 3rd round;
 Record Victory: 10 - 0 v Methyr Town, Division
 3(S) 1930.
 Record Defeat: 0 - 13 v Newcastle U. Division 2,
 1946. Most League points: 56 Division 4 1972/73
 Most League goals: 85 Division 4 1964/65
 Highest League Scorer in Season: Tudor Martin
 34, Division 3(S) 1929/30
 Most Capped Players: Fred Cook, 2(9), J.Nicholls
 2 (4) Alf Sherwood 2 (41) W. Thomas 2, Harold
 Williams 2 (all for Wales)
 Most League Appearances: Ray Wilcox 530
 Record Transfer Fee Received £12,000 from
 Norwich for Ollie Burton, 1961
 Managers Since the War: Tom Bromilow, Fred
 Stansfield, Bill Lucas, Bobby Evans, Bill Lucas,
 Trevor Morris, Les Graham, Bob Ferguson.

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	Football League		League Cup		F.A. Cup	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
J. Allan	10		1			
T. Anderson	17	5	4		1	
J. Barron	7		3		1	
F. Burrows	15(1)		3		1	
J. Butler	11(1)		2(1)			
W. Dixon	15(1)		3		1	
P. Eastoe	17	6	4	1		
J. Emanuel	2				1	
J. Gilligan	2(3)				1	
T. Hubbard	8(2)		3		1	
T. Jenkins	8(5)		1(3)			
J. McLaughlin	17		4			
D. Moss	13(1)	3	4	2	1	1
C. Prophett	4(1)		4			
K. Stroud	16	1	4	1	1	
D. Syrett	3(1)				(1)	1
G. Taylor	5				1	
N. Trollope	17	1	4	2	1	
I. Farr	(1)					
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Swindon Town Ball Point Pens	9p	Pendants - Swindon Town	30p
Satin Scarves	80p	Pendants - First Division	33p
Knitted Scarves	£1. 15p	Autograph Book	25p
Bob Caps	80p	Comb & Case	20p
Rosettes	15p	Key Fob	15p
Pennants	25p	Sew on patches (First Division)	30p
Maxi Pennants	45p	Iron ons	15p
Shirt Badges	13p	Swindon Town Rings	35p
1969 League Cup Souvenir Ties	25p	First Division Rings	35p
New Club Ties	£1. 60p	Swindon Town Mugs	65p
Players Photographs - Coloured	20p	Swindon Town Tea Pot Stands	55p
Team Photographs - Coloured	50p	Swindon Town Ashtrays	40p
Shoulder Bags	£2. 00p	First Division Lapel Badges	28p
Duffle Bags	£1. 20p	Action Pens	40p
Ball & Boot Key Rings	22p	8 Panel Caps	70p
Pencils	6p	Splash Patches	35p
Rainhoods	5p	Car Stickers	16p
Bracelets - Large	33p	Swindon Town Lapel Badges	30p
Swindon Town Button Badges	12p	Swindon Town Tankards	90p
Swindon Town Letter Racks	65p	Red & White Cuddly Toys	

TUESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1975

SWINDON TOWN

1. Barron
2. Taylor
3. Trollope
4. Emanuel
5. Burrows
6. Stroud
7. Moss
8. Dixon
9. Eastoe
10. Syrett
11. Anderson
12. Hubbard



NEWPORT COUNTY

1. Macey
2. Screen
3. Relish
4. Godfrey
5. Aizlewood
6. Hancock
7. Hooper
8. Parsons
9. Love
10. Jones
11. Elliott
12. White

Referee: Mr. D. W. Civil (Great Barr, Birmingham)
Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. S. G. Phelps (Longlevens, Gloucester)
Yellow Flag: Mr. G. S. Bates (Horfield, Bristol.)

DEREK CIVIL (Birmingham). Works in the printing trade and has been on the League List since 1969-70. Previously refereed in local leagues, the Worcester-shire Combination and Football Combination. Linesman for a European Cup quarter-final match in 1973/74 and refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup Final in 1971/72. He helps with the coaching and running of local schools sides and helps and advises young referees. A married man with two sons.

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