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CLUB NOTES

By Watchman

It is some time since a game at the Vetch excited so much interest, as the Swans' clash with Leeds United. It was more in keeping with a cup-tie than a League game and not surprisingly the gates had to be closed before the kick-off with 29,800 people inside the ground.

This was the biggest gate since alterations were carried out and surpassed the previous best attendance at the match with Newport County in 1949.

After the form which the Swans had shown in the previous consecutive away games, much was expected of them, but as so often happens, the game lacked the thrills and skill which the crowd has come to expect.

There was far too much negative football, with the respective defences being in control. The Swans' attack never really clicked. Consequently the team conceded its first home point and has dropped one position in the League table.

Our guests this afternoon are Doncaster Rovers whom we defeated 3-0 in the corresponding game last season after being unlucky to lose at Doncaster by the odd goal in three. Mr. Peter Doherty's team upset the book last week-end by taking a point at Blackburn, and thoroughly deserved to share the honours. They will be keen to repeat that performance at the Vetch where they have not had a very good return.

FORWARD WITH A FUTURE.

In seventeen-year old inside forward Aleck Jeffrey, Manager Doherty has discovered a star in the making. Jeffrey played for the England Amateurs against France and Wales last season, and many competent judges believe he will one day get a full England cap.

There are three other internationals on the Rovers' books—Eddie McMorran, the tall, strong Irishman, who played such a skilful game at the Vetch for Ireland against Wales in the 1951-52 season; Len Graham, another Irish "cap" and Kit Lawlor, who is an Eire international. Another notable figure is Jimmy Walker, who scored over 100 goals with Irish League club, Linfield, before joining Rovers in 1954. Graham, captain of the side, is playing for Ireland against Scotland today.

Ivor Allchurch, the Swans' skipper, who had to cry off last week, was fit to lead the team today.

Congratulations to Cliff Jones, who was married this week to Miss Joan Radcliffe, of Bathurst Street, Swansea.



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Swans' Who's Who

No. 3 : ARTHUR WILLIS.



Before coming to Swansea Town last season, Arthur Willis had been 17 years with Tottenham Hotspur and was capped for England against France in 1951.

A miner from Denaby, near Doncaster Willis was given a trial by the Spurs at the age of 17 and spent some time with the nursery team in Northfleet. During the war he underwent a serious operation but recovered and went straight into the first team as an amateur in 1942.

His full-back partnership with England international Alf Ramsey was one of the longest and most successful the Spurs have had and significantly they played together against France.

Except for a short period in hospital for another operation, he missed few first team games and like his colleague Ron Burgess, is the proud possessor of

Second and First Division championship medals.

Thirty-five years of age, he has lost little of the skill which put him in the first flight of full-backs with Tottenham. He has settled down with Swansea Town for whom he has already given valuable service.

Evening Post photo

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION II. FIXTURES, 1955-56

					Goals		Scorers
					F.	A.	
1955							
Aug.	20	Bristol C.	...	A	1	2	C. Jones.
"	25	Middlesbro'	...	H	2	1	C. Jones, Medwin.
"	27	West Ham	...	H	4	2	Griffiths 2, Medwin 2.
"	31	Middlesbro	...	A	1	4	Allchurch, I.
Sept.	3	Port Vale	...	A	0	3	
"	8	Bury	...	H	5	3	I. Allchurch 2, Medwin, Charles, C. Jones, pen.
"	10	Rotherham U.	...	H	4	1	Charles, Medwin, Jones 2.
"	17	Sheffield W.	...	A	2	2	Medwin, I. Allchurch.
"	19	Bury	...	A	4	2	Medwin 2, Charles, Beech.
"	24	Notts Co.	...	A	5	1	I. Allchurch 3, Medwin 2
Oct.	1	Leeds U.	...	H	1	1	Griffiths.
"	8	Doncaster R.	...	H	2	0	
"	15	Bristol R.	...	A	2	1	
"	22	Hull City	...	H	4	1	
"	29	Plymouth A.	...	A	1	0	
Nov.	5	Liverpool	...	H	2	1	
"	12	Leicester C.	...	A	1	6	
"	19	Lincoln City	...	H	0	2	
"	26	Blackburn R.	...	A	0	3	
Dec.	3	Stoke City	...	H	0	0	
"	10	Notts Forest	...	A	1	2	
"	17	Bristol City	...	H	2	1	
"	24	West Ham U.	...	A	1	5	
"	26	Fulham	...	A	1	4	
"	27	Fulham	...	H	2	0	
"	31	Port Vale	...	H	0	0	
1956							
Jan.	14	Rotherham U.	...	A			
"	21	Sheffield W.	...	H	2	1	
Feb.	4	Notts Co.	...	H	5	1	
"	11	Leeds U.	...	A	2	2	
"	18	Lincoln C.	...	...	1	3	
"	25	Bristol R.	...	H	1	2	
Mar.	3	Hull City	...	A	4	1	
"	10	Notts Forest	...	H	0	1	
"	17	Liverpool	...	A	0	4	
"	24	Leicester C.	...	H	0	1	
"	31	Doncaster R.	...	A	1	3	
April	2	Barnsley	...	A	2	3	
"	7	Blackburn R.	...	H	2	1	
"	14	Stoke City	...	A	0	5	
"	21	Plymouth A.	...	H			
"	28	Barnsley	...	H			

SWAN'S WHO'S WHO—continued



No. 4—DAI THOMAS.

ALTHOUGH Dai Thomas came to the Vetch as an inside-forward, he is one of the few players who has played in at least four positions.

A native of Abercregan, near Port Talbot, Thomas joined the Swans in 1947 and spent a couple of seasons in the reserves before being promoted to the senior team.

As an inside forward he had considerable success in the Football Combination, but after being tried at wing half-back he did well enough to make many first team appearances in the middle line.

Two seasons ago he was tried at full-back and has held this position regularly.

Although on the light side for a full-back, he is a fearless tackler and very speedy.

Before coming to the Vetch he worked underground for five years and afterwards served 12 months in the Royal Artillery. During this time he played some football for the regimental side and after being demobbed assisted Glyncoed, the Welsh League club.

Unassuming and popular with his colleagues, he has given the club good service.

SPASTICS COLLECTION REALISED £88.

The collection taken by the Supporters' Club on behalf of the Swansea and District Spastic Association at the Leeds match realised the magnificent sum of £88 2s. 3d. The Spastic Association tenders its warmest thanks for this generous and invaluable help.

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(4) CHARLES	(6) JONES, B.
(7) ALLCHURCH, L. GRIFFITHS	(9) MEDWIN (10) ALLCHURCH, I. JONES, C.
Referee:	Thomas
E. R. Hill, Chester	
(11) WALKER, R. G.	(10) JEFFREY
(6) HERBERT	(5) WILLIAMS
(3) GRAHAM	(9) WALKER, J.
Left	GREGG (1)
DONCASTER ROVERS	
	Right

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

BALL COMPETITION—Winning number at the match last Saturday was 35379 (Green). Tickets are on sale again today, 2d. each.

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The trains will leave High Street at 10.45 and 10.55, calling at Skewen, Neath and Port Talbot, arriving at Stapleton Road at 1.08, 1.26 and Templemeads at 1.37 p.m.

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NOTICE TO PORT TALBOT AND DISTRICT MEMBERS.—A meeting of the Swans' Supporters Club will be held on Monday next, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Railway Tavern, Port Talbot. A Branch will be set up at this meeting.

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COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES, 1955—1956

			Goals	Scorers
			F. A.	
1955				
Aug. 20	Tottenham H. ...	H	3 2	Palmer, McIntosh, Price
" 22	Brentford ...	A	2 1	Price, Beech.
" 27	West Ham United ...	A	1 5	Henning.
Sept. 1	Brentford ...	H	1 3	Palmer.
" 3	Southampton ...	H	2 4	Price 2.
" 10	Bristol City ...	A	0 3	
" 15	Leyton Orient ...	H	1 0	
" 17	Birmingham C. ...	H	2 2	Palmer, Rees.
" 24	Luton Town ...	H	1 0	Pearson.
Oct. 1	Fulham ...	A	2 6	Palmer.
" 8	Chelsea ...	A		
" 15	Reading ...	H		
" 22	Bristol Rovers ...	A		
" 29	Bournemouth & Boscombe A... H			
Nov. 5	Plymouth Argyle... A			
" 12	Millwall ...	H		
" 19	Watford ...	A		
" 26	Arsenal ...	H		
Dec. 3	Portsmouth ...	A		
" 10	Cardiff City ...	H		
" 17	Tottenham H. ...	A		
" 24	West Ham United H			
" 26	Charlton Ath. ...	H		
" 31	Southampton ...	A		
1956				
Jan. 7	Swindon Town ...	H		
" 14	Bristol City ...	H		
" 21	Birmingham C. ...	A		
" 28	Swindon Town ...	A		
Feb. 4	Luton Town ...	A		
" 11	Fulham ...	H		
" 18	Chelsea ...	H		
" 25	Reading ...	A		
Mar. 3	Bristol Rovers ...	H		
" 10	Bournemouth & Boscombe A... A			
" 17	Plymouth Argyle... H			
" 24	Millwall ...	A		
" 31	Watford ...	H		
April 2	Queens Park R. ... A			
" 7	Arsenal ...	A		
" 14	Portsmouth ...	H		
" 21	Cardiff City ...	A		
" 28	Charlton Ath. ... A			
May 5				

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LEAGUE TABLE — DIVISION TWO

			P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	F. A.	Pts.
Bristol Rovers	10	7	1	2	22—14	...	15
Fulham	11	6	2	3	27—16	...	14
Stoke	...	...	11	7	0	4	25—18	...	14
SWANSEA TOWN	...	...	11	6	2	3	29—22	...	14
Port Vale	...	...	9	5	3	1	15— 5	...	13
Lincoln	...	...	10	6	1	3	22—12	...	13
Bristol City	...	...	10	6	1	3	20—13	...	13
Leeds	...	...	10	5	2	3	14—10	...	12
Sheffield Wednesday	...	...	11	3	6	2	23—18	...	12
Leicester City	...	...	11	5	2	4	20—24	...	12
Barnsley	...	...	11	3	6	2	15—19	...	12
Liverpool	...	...	10	4	3	3	18—16	...	11
Doncaster Rovers	...	...	10	3	4	3	22—22	...	10
West Ham United	...	...	10	3	3	4	21—18	...	9
Middlesbrough	...	...	9	2	4	3	12—11	...	8
Blackburn Rovers	...	...	9	3	2	4	10—11	...	8
Notts Forest	...	...	9	4	0	5	17—19	...	8
Notts County	...	...	11	2	4	5	15—27	...	8
Bury	...	...	11	1	4	6	16—28	...	6
Rotherham United	11	1	4	6	13—25	...	6
Plymouth	11	2	1	8	10—23	...	5
Hull City	10	1	1	8	8—23	...	5

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