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Tuesday, August 21st, 1956

NEWS AND VIEWS

BY SCANNER

Good Evening, Everybody,

This evening we extend a cordial welcome to Swindon Town, who paid their first visit to Griffin Park more than half a century ago. It is a coincidence that our first and only floodlight game to-date in the Third Division should also have been against Swindon, and we hope the coincidence will end there, for the Town, although struggling at the foot of the Table, brought off a surprising victory by the odd goal in three at Griffin Park in March. The result was all the more startling because the Bees had won four and drawn two of their six preceding matches.

Actually, it was Brentford's only home defeat in the last five months of the season. We returned the compliment by getting the only goal in the return game at Swindon six weeks later.

In the previous season we took three points from Swindon by winning 4—2 at Griffin Park and sharing two goals in Wiltshire.

Last season was a most unhappy one for Swindon. Throughout the winter they were struggling near the wrong end of the Southern Section, and although they made a gallant fight in the closing weeks to avoid filling one of the two dreaded places at the bottom, they ultimately

three

finished last of all, four points behind Crystal Palace. Thus, for a second time in their long history, they had to apply for re-election, in which quest, as generally expected, they were successful. During the season the Town won only eight League matches, four home and four away, and they conceded exactly 100 goals. Their away successes, apart from the one at our expense, were gained on the grounds of Exeter City, Crystal Palace and Reading.

But if Swindon had a poor season in the League, they created quite a stir in the F.A. Cup. In the First Round, at home to Hereford United, they won 4—0; at home again in the Second Round, they drew 1—1 with Peterborough United and brought off a 2—1 win in the replay. That success qualified them for a home game with Worksop, and they got through by the only goal. In the Fourth Round they were booked to meet Charlton Athletic at the Valley, and the First Division men were generally expected to saunter into Round 5. But the East Londoners had a series of shocks before ultimately getting the odd goal in three. In the distant past, however, Swindon twice fought their way through to the F.A. Cup Semi-Final.

One of the founder members of the old Southern League in 1894-95, Swindon won the Championship twice before joining the Football League in 1920 as members of the newly-formed Third Division (Southern Section). They have never managed to finish in the first three in the

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Third Division, although twice in post-war years they have got as high as fourth place.

Player-Manager of Swindon is Geoff Fox, a left back who joined them from Bristol Rovers early last season.

COMING FIXTURES

On Saturday next Brentford go to Aldershot, hoping to avenge the 4—1 defeat they suffered there last season. On Wednesday, August 29th, comes the return match at Swindon, with an evening kick-off, and the Bees play their next home match on Saturday, September 1st, against Watford. Kick-off at 3.15 p.m. Patrons are asked to note that our Third Division home game with Brighton, on Tuesday, September 4th, will start at 6.15 p.m., as our opponents have not agreed to the match being played by floodlight.

The Reserves' match at Millwall last night took place after this Programme had gone to Press, so we are unable to discuss happenings at the Den. On Saturday next our Reserves will be at home to Watford Reserves, and they play the return with Millwall on this ground on Tuesday next, by floodlight. Kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

FLOODLIGHT NEWS

A couple of seasons ago various writers alleged that the novelty of floodlight football was wearing thin, and that, as a form of entertainment, it was on its way out. On the contrary, "football by night" is gaining new friends.

Floodlighting is being installed on more and more grounds, and before long the club without such equipment will be the exception rather than the rule. Stamford Bridge will be lit up before many months have passed, and Charlton Athletic expect to follow Chelsea's example at no distant date.

We are convinced that floodlight football is a popular feature at Brentford, and many supporters declare that there were no games at Griffin Park last season more thrilling than those with the Argentinians and the Brazilians; and Brentford's London Challenge Cup Final with Queen's Park Rangers, played under the lights, attracted a crowd just ten times as large as the gathering at their previous Final in the same Competition, against Chelsea, which took place in the afternoon.

TESTIMONIAL GAME FOR JIMMY BAIN

Our Patrons can expect another entertaining series of floodlight games this season. Two have already been arranged, and the first has been fixed for Tuesday, October 9th, when Brentford meet an International Players' XI (not to be confused with the International Managers' XI) in a Testimonial Match for Jimmy Bain, whose association with this Club terminated in May after a period of 28 years, first as a player and then as Assistant Manager. Already a number of famous stars have promised to appear, and fuller details will be given in later issues of this Programme. Meanwhile, please note

that the date of the match is Tuesday, October 9th, and not Wednesday, 10th, as announced in the Press. The game has been brought forward one day to avoid a clash with a big athletics meeting at the White City.

BRENTFORD PERSONNEL

For the benefit of relatively new supporters, and to settle possible arguments among those of longer standing, brief notes on the players on Brentford's books are given below. They are in alphabetical order.

Avis, Vernon: Made his mark as a left winger in Twickenham Schools' football and joined Brentford as a Junior. Demobilised towards the end of last season. Has had one game in the League side, at centre forward against Stoke in December, 1953.

Bassham, Alan: Gained International School honours with Ealing, playing against Scotland and Eire in 1949. Came to Griffin Park on leaving school and signed Professional Forms at the age of 17. Made League debut in 1953-54 (two games) and had 29 League appearances up to the end of last season. Mostly at right back, but was frequently at right half for the Reserves.

Bragg, Wally: Played for Hounslow Town and Finchley at centre half before joining Brentford in January, 1947, at the age of 17. Had one League game that season (at outside right) and his next five years later, at centre forward. Made 127 League appearances up to the end of last season. Now figures at centre

half, but has also played in both wing half and both full back positions.

Bristow, George: Another lad who came to Brentford as a junior. His first senior game was on Manchester City's ground in 1950. Mostly a wing half, but has played at inside forward.

Cakebread, Gerry: A Southall lad and a former Brentford Junior. Kept goal three times for the Bees in 1954-55 as an Amateur. Became a Professional at the start of last season, during which he missed only one game. Was reserve for England "Under 23" last season.

Coote, Ken: A first class utility man beginning his seventh season at Brentford, whom he joined from Wembley Town. Originally an inside forward, he is now the regular left half, but has played many fine games at full back. Had 188 League matches up to end of last season, when he played for London F.A. against Basle at Tottenham.

Dargie, Ian: Lives near Crystal Palace ground but joined Brentford from Army football in 1951. Made his League debut at Hull in May, 1952, at left half. Generally centre half, but has had a few senior games at left back.

Dudley, Frank: Played for Southend, Leeds, Southampton and Cardiff before coming to Brentford as a centre forward in December, 1953. Has played on both wings. Has scored 29 goals in 68 League games for the Bees.

Feehan, Ignatius: Generally known as "Sonny." An Irishman who kept goal for Manchester

United and Northampton before joining Brentford two years ago.

Francis, George: Local lad now in his third Professional season with the Bees. Usually a centre forward. Nine goals in 20 games.

Goundry, Bill: A Yorkshireman who came to Brentford on leaving the Army 14 months ago. Had 23 games, mostly in the outside forward position, during his first season.

Heath, Dennis: Another erstwhile Brentford Junior. Began his League career at outside right on opening day of 1954-55 season at Southampton.

Henaughen, Tommy: Kilmarnock inside forward on loan to Brentford while doing National Service in London area. Gained Scottish Amateur International cap with Queen's Park.

Horne, Ken: Has played 116 League games for Brentford (115 at back, one at centre forward), in six seasons since coming from Blackpool.

Lowden, George: Former Junior back or centre half who made Professional debut against Doncaster in 1953. Has had 20 League games.

Morgan, Wendell: A Welsh inside forward starting his second season with Brentford, who obtained him from Cardiff. Sixteen games in 1955-56.

Newcombe, Bernard: Winger signed by Brentford from Fulham in April last. A Welshman who played in First and Second Division football in his six seasons at Craven Cottage.

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Newton, Reg: Goalkeeper who joined Brentford from Leyton Orient in 1949. Has played in 82 League games for the Bees.

Pearson, John: Still another Junior from schools' football. Had four League games last season, beginning as inside right at Colchester.

Peplow, Ron: Former Southall F.C. forward who signed for Brentford last season. Scored the only goal of the game on making his League debut at Swindon in April.

Rainford, John: Began with Crystal Palace and had a brief spell with Cardiff before coming to Brentford in 1953. Inside forward or wing half.

Roe, Len: Recommended to Brentford by their former International, Billy Scott. Has had five senior games. An inside forward converted to wing half.

Taylor, Jeff: Centre or inside forward who went to Fulham from Huddersfield in 1951 and to Brentford late in 1954-55. Brother of Ken Taylor, Huddersfield centre half and Yorkshire cricketer.

Tickridge, Sid: Joined Brentford a year ago from Chelsea, who secured him in 1951 from

Tottenham. Right or left back.

Towers, Jimmy: Another local product. Made League debut at Shrewsbury in September, 1954. Has played in every forward berth. 70 games, 35 goals.

Yeatman, Ron: Former Brentford Junior from Southall district. A left back now undergoing National Service. Has yet to appear in League side.

Robinson, Terry: An Amateur International half back who played for Blackpool before joining Brentford on taking up a teaching appointment at Greenford in 1954. Made League debut for Bees at Norwich and has had 22 League games. Has recently been to Iceland with the England Amateur XI.

KILMARNOCK VISIT

Kilmarnock, of the Scottish League (First Division) will be our guests at the second floodlight game on Tuesday, October 16th. It will be a return visit on the part of the club managed by our old favourite, Malcolm MacDonald, for they were here in a floodlight match two seasons ago, when the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

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BRENTFORD SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

FINANCIAL AID TO THE PARENT CLUB

At the Supporters' Club Annual General Meeting, held on the 22nd June, it was unanimously carried "That the Supporters' Club should render financial aid to the Brentford Football Club when possible."

The Supporters' Club's first aim will be to re-roof the Popular Side at an approximate cost of £2,000. In an effort to raise this amount two weekly Competitions will be run by the Supporters' Club, and in this direction all supporters can help the Club by becoming an agent for one of these Competitions. Only by the enthusiasm and efforts of all members and supporters to assist

in this way can this target be reached. Will all supporters able to offer their services please contact Mr. C. W. Tyler, 2, Coningsby Cottages, S. Ealing, W.5, any Member of the Supporters' Club Committee at the Huts on the Ground, or ring EAL 9079 after 7 p.m. any evening. A specially high COMMISSION is also paid to all who render service to the Club in this manner.

PENNY-ON-THE-BALL

Volunteers are urgently needed for the Penny-on-the-Ball Competition, which will commence on Saturday, September 1st. Will any members interested please
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SOUTHERN FLOODLIGHT CHALLENGE CUP

In the First Round of the London Floodlight Challenge Cup, Brentford have drawn a bye. The competition rules stipulate that First Teams shall be fielded, and this season's entry is larger than last winter. It will be remembered that Brentford progressed to the Semi-Final last season by beating Portsmouth in a real thriller at Fratton Park, after a goal-less draw at Griffin Park had entailed a replay. In the Semi-Final the Bees rather surprisingly went under to Aldershot on this ground.

F.A. PUBLICATIONS

The "F.A. News" and "F.A. Diary" may be obtained from the Football Association Offices, 22, Lancaster Gate, London, W.2. The annual subscription to the "F.A. News" is 10/- post free, and the "F.A. Diary" costs 3/3 a copy, postage included. Both are full of information and articles of great interest to every keen follower of the winter game.

SEASON TICKETS

There are still a few Season Tickets for sale, and early application should be made to the Secretary's Office.

FORMER PLAYERS

Two players who were with us last season, Frank Latimer and Jimmy Robertson, have been signed by Gravesend and Northfleet F.C., of the Kent League, and Len Geard has joined Ket-

tering, the club now managed by Tommy Lawton. We wish them every success in their new company. At the moment of writing there is no news of Billy Sperrin.

HEARTENING WIN OVER PLYMOUTH

Winning the opening game of a season for the first time since Lincoln City were here in 1952. Brentford got off the mark in heartening style on Saturday with a 4—1 victory over Plymouth Argyle, who came down from the Second Division at the close of last season. Our lads seemed to realise from the outset that the first game would offer a stern test and they played with fine determination throughout the 90 minutes.

Brentford team: Cakebread; Bassham, Tickridge; Bristow, Bragg, Coote; Newcombe, Taylor, Francis, Towers, Goundry.

Eight minutes from the start a ball from Francis found Newcombe, whose shot swerved into the net for our first goal of the season. That early success, however, was speedily neutralised, for Plymouth, with a strong wind behind them, fought back spiritedly, and Davies, their right winger, levelled the scores with a first-time drive.

In the second half Brentford took command, but for a long time it seemed that all their efforts were to be foiled by Dyer, who made excellent saves from Newcombe, Taylor and Towers. But with less than ten minutes left, Goundry and Newcombe changed wings, and the switch

brought immediate results, the latter centring for Goundry to score with a header. A couple of minutes later Taylor made things safe by converting a pass from Francis, and a goal by Towers rounded off a workmanlike victory.

It will be noted that our goals were shared by four forwards, but George Francis, who did not manage to get the ball into the net himself, led the line with

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

In trying to strengthen the membership of the Supporters' Club, I am appealing to you to assist me with our membership drive. Obtainable at the Supporters' Huts is a special membership form. This form is made up of four sections. The first one is for your personal use.

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"	25—Aldershot	A	
"	29—Swindon Town	A	
Sept.	1—Watford	H	
"	4—Brighton & Hove A.	H	
"	8—Shrewsbury Town	A	
"	12—Brighton & Hove A.	A	
"	15—Walsall	H	
"	18—Gillingham	H	
"	22—Ipswich Town	A	
"	26—Gillingham	A	
"	29—Bournemouth & B.A.	H	
Oct.	6—Northampton Town	H	
"	13—Southend United	A	
"	20—Crystal Palace	H	
"	27—Exeter City	A	
Nov.	3—Southampton	H	
"	10—Coventry City	A	
"	17—(1)		
"	24—Colchester United	A	
Dec.	1—Newport County	H	
"	8—(2)		
"	15—Plymouth Argyle	A	
"	22—Aldershot	H	
"	25—Torquay United	H	
"	26—Torquay United	A	
"	29—Watford	A	
1957			
Jan.	5—(3) Millwall	A	
"	12—Shrewsbury Town	H	
"	19—Walsall	A	
"	26—(4) Millwall	H	
Feb.	2—Ipswich Town	H	
"	9—Bournemouth & B.A.	A	
"	16—(5) Northampton Town	A	
"	23—Southend United	H	
Mar.	2—(6) Crystal Palace	A	
"	9—Reading	H	
"	16—Southampton	A	
"	23—Coventry City	H	
"	30—Norwich City	A	
April	6—Colchester United	H	
"	13—Newport County	A	
"	19—Queen's Park Rangers	H	
"	20—Exeter City	H	
"	22—Queen's Park Rangers	A	
"	27—Norwich City	H	
May	1—Reading	A	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1956		Result
Aug.	18—	
"	20—Millwall	A
"	25—Watford	H
"	28—Millwall	H
Sept.	1—Birmingham City	A
"	8—Bournemouth & B.A.	A
"	15—Cardiff City	A
"	22—Reading	H
"	29—Brighton & Hove A.	A
Oct.	6—Swansea Town	A
"	13—Bristol City	H
"	20—Southend United	A
"	27—Northampton Town	H
Nov.	3—Crystal Palace	A
"	10—Luton Town	H
"	17—Norwich City	A
"	24—West Ham United	H
Dec.	1—Plymouth Argyle	A
"	8—Coventry City	H
"	15—Chelsea	H
"	22—Watford	A
"	25—Ipswich Town	A
"	26—Ipswich Town	H
"	29—Birmingham City	H
1957		
Jan.	5—Charlton Athletic	H
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"	23—Bristol City	A
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"	9—Northampton Town	A
"	16—Crystal Palace	H
"	23—Luton Town	A
"	30—Norwich City	H
April	6—West Ham United	A
"	13—Plymouth Argyle	H
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"	20—Coventry City	A
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STAR MEMBERSHIP

Such has been the response to our "Honorary Membership Scheme" in the last two months, and in order that members who enrol more than the three new members required should not go unrecognised, the Executive have commenced a competition for a MONTHLY PRIZE, to be awarded to the member who joins the most new supporters in

that month, and also a STAR AWARD at the end of the season to the member who has enrolled the largest number of supporters. The Competition is open to all HONORARY MEMBERS and is as follows: For every 3 New Members enrolled the member will be credited with a STAR in the Membership Records.

Supporters can only be enrolled for this Competition **three at a time**, and on this form only. Please note that Senior Members may only enrol Seniors to qualify, but Junior Members may enrol both new Seniors and Juniors. We know as a True Supporter of the Bees, your name will soon be on the Honorary and Star Members' List, and take this opportunity of thanking you in advance for your assistance.

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