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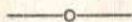
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Club Notes

By virtue of the excellent victory at Shrewsbury, Swindon Town occupies the proud position—top of the Third Division South. While we realise this is due somewhat to the fact that most teams in the Division were engaged in the Cup nevertheless the excellent display against a team in form, fully justifies—top of the table position.

The whole team played extremely well and congratulations to Bill Roost, for being the scorer of a hat-trick. May there be many more to follow. What about this afternoon William? "You'll try" "We bet you will".

To the Reserves again we say "Well done". A three to one defeat of Northampton after the great victory at Brentford the previous week.

To the spectators can we say, "Do come along and see some most entertaining displays, by our second team lads". Next Saturday, 21st December, is probably the most outstanding home fixture of the season for the Reserve team. Arsenal at home. Incidentally Arsenal Reserves defeated Crystal Palace Reserves by eight goals to nil last Saturday.

Our fixtures during the Christmas period promise to be most entertaining.

On Christmas Day (kick-off 11 a.m.) the First Team play Brighton. Boxing Day (kick-off 2.15 p.m.) the Reserves entertain Q.P. Rangers and on the Saturday, 28th December, (kick-off 2.15 p.m.) the First team take on Port Vale. The results of these first team games may play a very important part in the final destination of the League Championship.

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May we today see a grand game, and may the better team win.

The members of the Supporters Club are making a collection towards the benefits of George Hunt and Maurice Owen. All supporters will know what excellent service these two have rendered during the past ten years. We wish them well.

As this is the last programme may we wish you all "A Very Happy Christmas" and thank you for your excellent support during the first half of the season. Please keep up the good work and *oh!* please may the second half be as equally entertaining and successful. Compliments of the season to Mr. Head, his two trainers and the lads, not forgetting our genial secretary Ron Morse and his assistant. Good luck and best wishes everyone even to those who take the kicks and receive few thanks—The Chairman and his fellow Directors, also to our friend R.C.E.

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The majority of our supporters will have seen Reading this year when they beat us 1-0 in the first round of the F.A. Cup. They are a fast hard hitting team. Their top goal scorer is Tommy Dixon who has scored 14 goals this season, including the one which knocked us out of the Cup.

Reading are well placed in the League, being in fifth position with 24 points from 20 games. Their defensive record is even better than ours having conceded only 20 goals this season.

We have little doubt that today's game will be a great struggle and we look forward to an enjoyable game.

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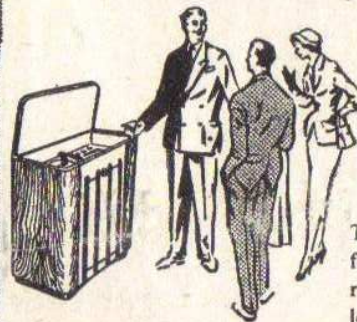
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Supporters' Club Notes

The collection at today's match will be devoted to Maurice Owen's Second Benefit Fund.

We know the generosity, which is always shown by Swindon Supporters so well, that we do not issue an appeal on these occasions—all that is necessary, to ensure a good response, is a reminder of the occasion the crowd always appreciates the opportunity to show appreciation of the players services.

An Official of the Brighton Club once remarked to the writer that Brighton Supporters regarded Brightons Langley and Swindon's Owen as the gentlemen of the Third Division. Few would have disagreed with this opinion although, owing to his transfer, Langley now graces the Second Division. We all unite in the hope that Maurice Owen, next season, will adorn higher circles—but still with our Club!

He becomes the second Swindon player still with the club since the war to qualify for a second benefit—Sam Burton took his last season. In a few weeks George Hunt will also be taking his second benefit, and if all goes well, these players will be joined in a season or so by George Hudson. In these days, when players are so often moving from club to club it must surely be pleasing to all, to find such loyalty to Swindon

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The Supporters' Club's Annual Dinner and Dance will be held on Monday, 30th December, at Messrs. McIlroys' Restaurant, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Social Secretary of our Club, Mr. S. G. Rouse either in our Office or at 70 Eastcott Hill. Tickets for Dinner and Dance cost 12/6, or for the Dance only, (commencing at 9.0 p.m.) 4/6. Harry Smith and his Dance Orchestra have been engaged for the evening.

There will, no doubt, be several Officials of the Reading Supporters' Club at the County Ground today and if they can spare a few minutes, we shall be pleased to see them in our new Office under the Stand at the town end (by the Car Park).

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F	—	Fulham	v.	Cardiff
G	—	Ipswich	v.	Doncaster R.
H	—	Lincoln	v.	Huddersfield
I	—	Notts County	v.	Rotherham
J	—	Sheffield U.	v.	Leyon Orient
K	—	Aldershot	v.	Shrewsbury
L	—	Brighton	v.	Colchester U.
M	—	Gillingham	v.	Watford
N	—	Port Vale	v.	Wallsall
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