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EDITORIAL

Today the County and many other clubs commence their Christmas programme of four matches in eight days and it is doubtful whether supporters give much thought to the footballers' lot. It is well to remember that Whitsun is the only bank holiday which they have free. The County team at this festive season will have no time for celebration for within a few hours of the Christmas morning match they leave for Plymouth and return on the Friday. Like any other job it has its good and bad points but it is considered that fixtures could be far better organised. Some people advocate the cancellation of Christmas day matches but the small clubs could lose quite a lot as such matches draw in the crowds but, even so, much could be done to improve the players' lot at this festive season.

At this half way stage of the present campaign, the apathy of some supporters is appalling and yet the County are as well off, if not better, as they were last year. It might be just as well, therefore, to make a comparison. Last season having played 21 matches the County were third with 25 points and four points behind the leaders. This year they have 24 points but in 8th position and 5 points behind the leaders. The big difference is that the County have two matches in hand over our visitors and have

played one home match less than five teams above them. Last year supporters thought of nothing else but promotion but this year it is farthest from their thoughts. Admittedly some precious points have been lost at home but the 4th Division next season and a bigger bonus has made the competition keener. Last season 8 points separated the first seven teams, this year it is fifteen teams—more than double.

The misbehaviour of some spectators last Saturday was totally uncalled for. Supporters can help to make the team collect those vital points if they give the right encouragement all the time in every match.—CIVIC.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

The Lucky Programme No. 779 at the Bournemouth match was unclaimed.

The Winning Ball No. 16477 was drawn by Mrs. R. H. Jones, of 9 St. Vincent Road, Newport and held by Mr. W. J. Ford of 11 Warwick Road, Newport.

EXCURSIONS

Millwall, 28th December, 1957. K.O. 3 p.m. Fare 28/-. Depart Newport 8.5, 8.30 or 8.35 a.m. Return Paddington 6.55 p.m., 9.35 p.m. or 1.0 a.m.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

For this afternoon's game which is our last Saturday home fixture of 1957 we welcome our friends from Swindon. Since the war, the "Railwaymen" as they are affectionately known to football supporters, have several times found themselves in a precarious position. Last season they had to seek re-election having finished in 23rd position with 36 points.

This season however, Swindon have surprised everybody and at present head the Section with 29 pts. from 23 games played.

Manager Bert Head has been busy during the close season and new signings include full-back Neal (Hull C.), half-back Clayton (Bournemouth) and forwards Nisbett (Chelsea), Roost (Bristol Rovers) and Moore (Coventry). Amongst last season's players likely to be on view this afternoon are goalkeeper Burton, full-back Earl, centre-half Hudson and forwards Edwards and Maurice Owen.

It is hoped that the County forwards will find their shooting boots today and thus send their supporters home happy as the result of a good win.—W.G.A.

Corresponding Match last season, 24/11/56

The County took the lead in the sixth minute with a goal by Harris. The Swindon goalkeeper failed to clear his lines after a goalmouth lobb by Lucas and the ball went

to Harris who promptly banged it into the net. Although the County remained on top they failed to increase their lead in the first half through poor finishing.

The second goal came from another lobb but this time by Thomas and Harris headed the ball out of the reach of the goalkeeper.

Five minutes later Swindon scored and this was the first goal the County had conceded at Somerton Park since late September.

The County defence was in great form and so were the forwards as far as approach work was concerned but they lacked the final punch.

Scorer : Harris (6 mins. and 55 mins.).

County Team :

Weare; Hollyman, Sherwood; Tennant, Wilcox, Thomas; Hudson, Lucas, Terry, Harris and Brown.

Swindon Team :

Chandler; Hunt, Earl; Cross, Jack, Pembrey; Gibson, Richards, Owen, Edwards and Darcy.

Referee: Mr. S. W. Heath (Bexley Heath).

NEXT VISITORS

On Christmas morning the County entertain Plymouth Argyle who are striving to return to the 2nd Division. At present they have one point more than the County who have a match in hand. Plymouth have made a more encouraging first half of the season in this campaign for last year they were at the foot of the table with 18 points.

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Brighton ...	21	13	2	6	45	34	28
Norwich C. ...	22	9	9	4	38	36	27
Brentford ...	21	11	4	6	39	28	26
Port Vale ...	21	10	5	6	35	20	25
Reading ...	21	9	7	5	36	21	25
Plymouth A. ...	22	12	1	9	30	26	25
Newport Co. ...	21	8	8	5	31	30	24
Shrewsbury ...	22	9	6	7	26	31	24
Southampton ...	22	9	5	8	50	37	23
Queen's P.R. ...	21	10	3	8	30	31	23
Colchester U. ...	23	8	7	8	34	44	23
Southend U. ...	21	8	5	8	44	27	21
Watford ...	23	6	9	8	30	31	21
Bournemouth ...	20	9	3	8	36	39	21
Crystal Pal. ...	21	7	6	8	31	33	20
Millwall ...	21	8	3	10	33	34	19
Northampton T. ...	22	6	4	12	21	43	16
Aldershot ...	21	6	4	11	25	37	16
Coventry C. ...	19	6	4	9	21	34	16
Walsall ...	19	5	5	9	25	32	15
Gillingham ...	20	6	3	11	21	31	15
Torquay U. ...	21	4	7	10	19	30	15
Exeter C. ...	22	4	5	13	25	46	13

Exeter City, 18th January, 1958. K.O.
3 p.m. Fare 15/6. Depart Newport 9.8
a.m., arrive Exeter 12.10 p.m. Depart
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

Fixture Alteration.—Supporters' attention is drawn to the fact that on the 4th January, 1958 the County will now visit Southampton. The return match at Somerton Park will be on the 23rd April, 1958.



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" 29	Coventry City	H	2 2	" 26	Plymouth Argyle	A	
" 31	Millwall	H	1 2	" 28	Millwall	A	
Sept. 2	Coventry City	A	2 1						
" 7	Gillingham	..	..	A	1 0	1958					
" 12	Walsall	..	..	H	2 0	Jan. 4	(3) Southampton	..	..	A	
" 14	Exeter City	..	..	H	0 0	" 11	Gillingham	..	..	H	
" 19	Walsall	..	..	A	0 3	" 18	Exeter City	..	..	A	
" 21	Queen's P.R.	..	..	A	1 1	" 25	(4) Torquay United	..	..	H	
" 28	Southend United	..	..	H	1 0	Feb. 1	Queen's P.R.	..	..	H	
" 30	Port Vale	..	..	A	2 2	" 8	Southend United	..	..	A	
Oct. 5	Brighton & H.A.	..	..	A	3 5	" 15	(5) Brighton & H.A.	..	..	H	
" 12	Shrewsbury Town	..	..	A	1 1	" 22	Shrewsbury Town	..	..	H	
" 21	All Star F.A. XI	..	..	H	2 4	Mar. 1	(6) Reading	..	..	A	
" 26	Northampton Town	..	..	A	3 0	" 8	Northampton Town	..	..	H	
" 28	Reading	..	..	H	0 0	" 15	Watford	..	..	A	
Nov. 2	Watford	..	..	H	2 1	" 22	Brentford	..	..	H	
" 6	Red Star Olympique	..	..	H	1 2	" 29	Bournemouth & B.A.	..	..	A	
" 9	Crystal Palace	..	..	A	2 2	Apr. 4	Aldershot	..	..	A	
" 11	Port Vale	..	..	H	2 1	" 5	Crystal Palace	..	..	H	
" 16	Northampton (1st Rnd. Cup)	A	0 3			" 7	Aldershot	..	..	H	
" 23	Brentford	..	..	A	1 2	" 12	Colchester U.	..	..	A	
" 30	Colchester U.	..	..	H	2 2	" 19	Norwich City	..	..	H	
Dec. 7	(2) Wrexham (Friendly)	H	2 3	" 23	Southampton	H	
" 14	Bournemouth & B.A.	H	3 1	" 26	Torquay United	A	
" 21	Swindon Town	H		May 3	(Final)				

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