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SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

SOUTHEND

FARE 12/6

Depart Mill Lane 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7th

WALSALL

FARE 13/9

Depart Mill Lane 9.30 a.m.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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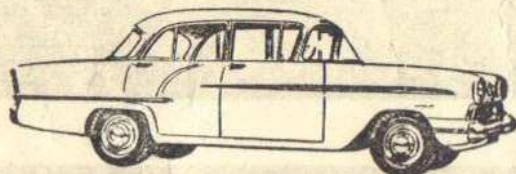
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FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE

Good afternoon, Ladies & Gentlemen.

On Saturday last, we made the long journey to Exeter City in search of League points. Dick Spiers came into the side at left half back in place of Tommy Cronin, this being the only change in the team.

The ground was very hard and a strong wind was blowing from goal to goal. In the opening half we had the advantage of the elements and did most of the attacking. After some twenty five minutes play we took the lead, when a through ball from Tommy Dixon found Jimmy Wheeler who took the ball in and as the keeper came out, lobbed it over his head into the net.

We had several chances and also "near misses" but at half time we still led by the only goal scored.

In the second half with the wind behind them, Exeter City had most of the game and it appeared from the touch lines only a matter of time before they scored. However, our defence held out for some seventy five minutes although they were never the compact force they had been in previous games, and it was no surprise at all when they equalised. Our attack was very seldom in the picture and was most disjointed but collecting a point away from home was highly satisfactory and in spite of everything, we are still in with a chance.

On Tuesday evening, we entertained Luton Town in the Semi-Final of the Southern Floodlight Cup Competition and a draw of three goals each resulted.

Maurice Evans was declared fit and took his place at left half back in the place of Dick Spiers.

It was a most exciting game from beginning to end and our lads gave an excellent display against their First Division opponents. In the first half we had the better of the exchanges and led at the interval by two goals to one, scored by Tommy Dixon and Jimmy Wheeler.

The second half saw our opponents fight back in turn with ourselves, with Jimmy Wheeler scoring our goal.

The re-play will take place at Luton on Monday next, March 31st, at 7.15 p.m.

Presenting . . .

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

whose Directors, Officials and Players we welcome to Elm Park this afternoon for our Football League fixture.

This popular Wiltshire Club are old friends and rivals of many years' standing, dating back to the days when both Clubs were members of the Southern League.

Founded 1908. Ground: County Ground, Swindon. Ground capacity: 30,000. Record attendance: 28,400 v. Stoke City, February 2nd, 1952. Secretary: Mr. R. A. Morse. Manager: Mr. A. Head. Principal honours: Champions, Southern League Division One, 1910-11, 1913-14. Record victory: 9-1 v. Reading, 11th September, 1909. Record defeat: 10-1 v. Manchester City, January 25th, 1940.

Football League Record, 1956-57.

Played 46, won 15, drawn 6, lost 25. Goals for 66, against 96. Points 36.

Football League goalscorers, 1956-57.

Edwards 24, Richards 10, Owen 7, Gibbs 5, Micklewright 5, D'Arcy 4, O'Mahony 4, Gibson 2, Pembley 2, Fountain 2.

Results of matches played 1956-57.

Swindon Town 3 Reading 2
Reading 1 Swindon Town 0


The Man on the Cover

RAY REEVES (Left Full Back)

One of our local born players, Ray joined the Club's ground staff in August, 1947, and signed as a professional player on May 17th, 1949. As a Youth Player, played for the F.A. Youth XI., in this Country and in Holland in Season 1948-49.

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LEAGUE III (SOUTH)				COMBINATION LEAGUE			
1958				1958			
Feb.	1—Watford	..	A 1—1	Feb.	1—Charlton Athletic	..	H 3—3
..	8—Crystal Palace	..	H 2—2	..	8—Watford	..	A 1—3
..	15—Torquay United	..	A 4—1	..	22—Swindon Town	..	H 1—0
..	19—Millwall	..	H 4—1	Mar.	1—Bristol Rovers	..	A 0—1
..	22—Port Vale	..	A 2—1	..	8—Arsenal	..	H 5—1
Mar.	1—Newport County	..	H 1—0	..	15—Aldershot	..	A 2—1
..	8—Southampton	..	A 1—0	..	22—Ipswich Town	..	H 0—4
..	11—Brentford	..	A 1—2	..	24—Plymouth Argyle	..	H 6—1
..	15—Brighton & Hove	..	H 1—1	April	4—Bristol City	..	A
..	17—Queen's Park Rangers	..	A 0—3	..	5—West Ham United	..	H
..	22—Exeter City	..	A 1—1	..	7—Bristol City	..	H
..	29—Swindon Town	..	H	..	12—Queen's Pk. Rangers	..	A
April	4—Walsall	..	H	..	19—Leicester City	..	H
..	5—Southend United	..	A	..	26—Millwall	..	A
..	7—Walsall	..	A				
..	12—Gillingham	..	H				
..	19—Millwall	..	A				
..	23—Brentford	..	H				

ELM PARK ATTRACTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4th

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WALSALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

WEST HAM UNITED

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

DIVISION THREE (South)

(Up to and including 22nd March, 1958)

READING	39	19	11	9	70	42	49
Brighton	36	20	9	7	69	49	49
Plymouth	37	22	4	11	58	40	48
Swindon	39	16	14	9	69	47	46
Norwich	37	15	14	8	58	57	44
Southampton	38	17	9	12	94	63	43
Brentford	36	18	7	11	68	50	43
Newport	37	15	11	11	59	49	41
Southend	35	15	10	10	68	40	40
Colchester	37	15	10	12	62	65	40
Q.P.R.	38	15	10	13	51	56	40
Bournemouth	36	17	5	14	65	58	39
Port Vale	36	15	8	13	59	37	38
Shrewsbury	37	13	10	14	41	52	36
Crystal Palace	36	12	10	14	54	55	34
Watford	36	10	14	12	48	54	34
Aldershot	38	9	13	16	47	76	31
Northampton	35	12	5	18	52	63	29
Walsall	37	11	7	19	48	60	29
Coventry	36	9	10	17	42	70	28
Millwall	38	10	7	21	54	71	27
Exeter	37	9	7	21	52	82	25
Gillingham	35	9	7	19	39	63	25
Torquay	36	7	10	19	37	65	24

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

GOALSCORERS

Tommy Dixon	....	....	24
Jimmy Wheeler	....	....	12
Douggy Webb	....	....	8
Jimmy Whitehouse	....	....	7
Ray Reeves	....	....	5
Peter Harrison	....	....	4
Maurice Evans	....	....	2
Johnnie Walker	....	....	2
Sylvan Anderton	1
Bobby Campbell	1
Tommy Cronin	1
Harry Gunning	1
Eddie McLaren	1

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Jimmy Whitehouse	1



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TODAY'S HALF TIME SCORE BOARD

A Plymouth Res. v. Reading Res.	L Brentford v. Southend
B Chelsea v. Sunderland	M Colchester v. Brighton
C Newcastle v. Luton	N Coventry v. Plymouth
D Portsmouth v. Arsenal	P Crystal Palace v. Exeter
E Tottenham v. Aston Villa	Q Northampton v. Millwall
F Charlton v. Bristol Rovers	R Norwich v. Southampton
G Huddersfield v. Fulham	S Shrewsbury v. Aldershot
H Leyton Orient v. Lincoln	T Torquay v. Q.P.R.
J Stoke City v. West Ham	U Walsall v. Port Vale
K Bournemouth v. Newport County	V Watford v. Gillingham

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