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#### Club Notes

After the unfortunate game against Walsall, the splendid result at Reading was doubly welcome. Supporters who made the journey will no doubt agree that the victory was well deserved.

Swindon were superior in every department from goalkeeper to outside-left. In the first half, playing fast, open, excellent football, we built up a four goal lead, which might easily have been six, as we missed two chances before opening the scoring.

Again in the second half we came near to scoring on several occasions. One shot by Micklewright just missed the upright after the 'keeper had been drawn out of goal.

This great victory still keeps us in the promotion race. If we can obtain four points from our two home games this Easter, we shall still be up with the leaders. Games in hand do not always mean points.

Both games are against strong opposition, and we ask all supporters to encourage the team in every way. It is hard to believe, but even now, some of our players perform better away from home. Slips can still be made, but please make allowances. The players are very keen and yet hope to win promotion. Surely we are all with them one hundred per cent in this great endeavour.

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Spectators at the County Ground saw a fine fight back by the Reserves after being two goals down in the first five minutes, and both own goals at that (getting quite a habit at the County Ground).

Undoubtedly the news from Reading spurred our lads, but nevertheless, congratulations to them all, for such great football and endeavour. Bournemouth Reserves were a strong side, holding a high position in the London Combination Table. In fact, they were top of the Third Division Reserve Teams in the League.

Tickets are selling extremely well for the Benefit Game on 21st April, 1958. Signs are that the gate on that evening will be the largest of the season. The kick-off is at 7 p.m., and the second half will probably have to be played under floodlights.

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In defence, England's 'B' International goalkeeper, Ken Nethercott has proved his worth, while Reading born Roy McCrohan, a former half-back, has proved his worth at right-back. Another half-back who has been successfully converted to a full-back is Ron Ashman, who appears at left-back. Further conversions are to be found in the half-back line, where former full-back John Wilson now appears at right-half, and Matthew Crowe, a forward, comes in at left-half.

Last year's game ended in a 1-1 draw. Our scorer was Micklewright.

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To-day the collection will be devoted to George Hunt's Benefit Fund. This very popular player has not been in the eye of the footballing public quite so much of late but he remains a loyal and conscientious servant of the Club and well deserves this second Benefit in recognition of his services in the past.

George had a variety of partners at full-back during his first team service. It will be remembered that he joined the Club originally as an outside-right, but later came into the first team as right-back. He recalls, among other left full-backs who played with him, Albert Young, Harry May, T. Elwell, P. Hilton and G. Fox, apart from players still on the books.

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We have just read that Newcastle United would like to have Mr. Bert Head as Manager. Possibly before these notes have reached the Press we shall have been reassured. Supporters generally would be most reluctant to lose him.

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