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FOOTBALL
LEAGUE
Division 3



Official Programme

3^d

KICK-OFF 7.0 p.m.

Wednesday, 1st October 1958 Swindon Town

OUR NEXT HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER
Football League Division III
CITY v HALIFAX TOWN
Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER
North Midlands Combination
CITY v HULL CITY
Kick-off 3 p.m. At Thackley.

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1958
North Regional League
CITY v GRIMSBY TOWN
Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

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CLUB TOPICS

SWINDON'S FIRST-EVER VISIT

FOLLOWING the narrow and undeserved home defeat at the hands of Southampton, last week's draw at Swindon and win at Accrington have provided a stimulating Valley Parade tonic. Two home games this week offer a further opportunity of improving the League position.

It was, of course, disappointing to drop both points to Southampton, especially as we enjoyed so much of the play. In recent seasons Valley Parade has not been a happy hunting ground for visitors, and only three sides won here in the whole of last campaign Scunthorpe United, Gateshead and Hartlepool United.

Southampton would not have become the season's first winners here if we had been given normal luck. But there was ample atonement in the next two matches. Swindon have started the season in convincing style, and a point on their ground was welcome and

well-earned. For a long time, indeed, it looked like being two points, but two late goals brought them on level terms.

A very large following from the Bradford area saw the side's 3-1 triumph at Accrington, where the home team was unbeaten on their own ground since September 30th, last year. Last season, away wins were in plentiful supply, and we hope more will quickly follow that at Accrington.

The signing of Falkirk centre-forward John McCole was effected too late for any reference to be made in our last programme, but the new attack leader **quickly** made his mark with a headed goal against Southampton. McCole is only just 22 years of age, emphasising once again that the club's policy is, whenever possible, to recruit young and promising players. McCole became the third Scottish debutant so far this season, left-back Bill Barnes and inside-

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forward David Cameron having supplied the first two instances.

There are now no fewer than nine Scots on the City playing register, and of these all save our reserve goalkeeper David McCallum have sampled senior side football. At the same time, there is always an opening at this club for the promising local player, and nine players were born in the West Riding.

Tonight brings the only League match so far arranged for floodlit conditions, and without the assistance of the lights the kick-off time would have been brought forward from 7 p.m. to around 5 p.m., which we are sure would not have been to the liking of our supporters. In recent seasons the tendency has been to rely more and more on the floodlights, and even Saturday-afternoon kick-off times have been standardised.

There is no such plan this season at Valley Parade, where it is felt that daylight conditions are, after all, the most natural. At the same time, we shall keep a sharp check on "gate" figures under the

new arrangement, and we may have to think again if any mid-week F.A. Cup ties come along.

After dropping a home point to City, Swindon came North on Saturday to win 3-1 at Chesterfield, so our lads obviously have to be on their guard tonight.

This season's clashes between City and Swindon Town are the first in the history of the two clubs either in the Football League or F.A. Cup. After being members of the old Southern League from 1894 (when they became a professional club) to 1920, Town became one of the original members of Division III, spending one season in that competition.

From 1921 to 1958 (excluding the war years) Swindon were members of the Southern Section of the Third Division.

Last season, for the third time since the war, they finished fourth, thus qualifying for the Third Division. This was the first time since 1948-49 that Swindon had finished in the top half of the table, and in both 1955-56 and 1956-57 they successfully applied for re-

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1958-59

1958					
Aug. 23	BRENTFORD	...	A	L	0-4
27	MANSFIELD	...	H	D	1-1
30	HULL CITY	...	H	W	2-1
Sept. 1	MANSFIELD	...	A	L	1-2
6	TRANMERE	...	H	W	2-0
10	CHESTERFIELD	...	H	W	1-0
13	WREXHAM	...	A	D	3-3
15	CHESTERFIELD	...	A	L	0-2
20	SOUTHAMPTON	...	H	L	2-3
24	SWINDON T.	...	A	D	2-2
27	ACCRINGTON	...	A	W	3-1
Oct. 1	SWINDON T.	...	H		
4	HALIFAX T.	...	H		
9	NEWPORT	...	A		
11	READING	...	A		
18	COLCHESTER	...	H		
25	BOURNEMOUTH	...	A		
Nov. 1	NORWICH	...	H		
8	SOUTHEND	...	A		
15	(1)				
22	DONCASTER	...	A		
29	ROCHDALE	...	H		
Dec. 6	(2)				
13	PLYMOUTH	...	H		
20	BRENTFORD	...	H		
26	NOTTS C.	...	A		
27	NOTTS C.	...	H		
1959					
Jan. 3	HULL CITY	...	A		
10	(3) BURY	...	H		
17	TRANMERE	...	A		
24	(4) QUEENS P. R.	...	A		
31	WREXHAM	...	H		
Feb. 7	SOUTHAMPTON	...	A		
14	(5) ACCRINGTON	...	H		
21	HALIFAX T.	...	A		
28	(6) READING	...	H		
Mar. 7	COLCHESTER	...	A		
14	(S.F.) BOURM'TH	...	H		
21	NORWICH	...	A		
27	STOCKPORT	...	A		
28	SOUTHEND	...	H		
31	STOCKPORT	...	H		
Apl. 4	BURY	...	A		
11	DONCASTER	...	H		
18	ROCHDALE	...	A		
22	NEWPORT	...	H		
25	QUEENS P. R.	...	H		
29	PLYMOUTH	...	A		
May 2	(Final)				

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES

1958-59

1958					
Aug. 23	HULL CITY	...	H	W	5-1
27	LINCOLN C.	...	A	L	0-5
30					
Sept. 6					
8	BARROW	...	A	W	2-0
13	GATESHEAD	...	H	W	5-2
16	CARLISLE	...	A	D	1-1
20	HALIFAX T.	...	A	L	0-2
27	ACCRINGTON	...	H	W	4-3
Oct. 4	DARLINGTON	...	A		
11	GRIMSBY T.	...	H		
18	DONCASTER	...	A		
25	WORKINGTON	...	H		
Nov. 1	ROTHERHAM	...	A		
8					
15	STOCKPORT	...	A		
22	HARTLEPOOLS	...	H		
29	MIDDLESBRO'	...	A		
Dec. 6	BRADFORD	...	H		
13	GRIMSBY T.	...	A		
20	HULL CITY	...	A		
25	GATESHEAD	...	A		
26	DONCASTER	...	H		
27					
1959					
Jan. 1	YORK CITY	...	A		
3	YORK CITY	...	H		
10	SUNDERLAND	...	A		
17	SUNDERLAND	...	H		
24	CARLISLE	...	H		
31					
Feb. 7	HALIFAX T.	...	H		
14	ACCRINGTON	...	A		
21	DARLINGTON	...	H		
28	WORKINGTON	...	A		
Mar. 7	ROTHERHAM	...	H		
14					
21	STOCKPORT	...	H		
28	HARTLEPOOLS	...	A		
30	BARROW	...	H		
Apl. 4	MIDDLESBRO'	...	H		
11	BRADFORD	...	A		
18	LINCOLN	...	H		
25					
May 2					

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admission to the League, after finishing in one of the bottom two positions. Last season's successful come-back gave Swindon their most points, 57 out of 92, in any season, compared to the least points, 30 out of 92, in 1955-56.

Their highest scoring season was 100 goals in 1926-27, and their best defensive record was 1924-25 when they conceded only 38 goals. They have produced one international player since the war in Irish goalkeeper Norman Uprichard, whom they transferred to Portsmouth in 1952.

Swindon reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912; the quarter final in 1911 and 1924; and the fifth round in 1929.

We give a warm welcome to Mr. Bert Head and his team.

Sam Burton (goalkeeper) product of local football, who joined Swindon in 1945. Played for Wilts. Junior XI which reached final of Counties Tournament 1944-5. An ever-present last season.

John Neal (right-back) signed from Hull City, after spending one season with King's Lynn, in 1957. A keen tackler, fast in recovery. Represented the South in North v South League III Representative match last season. Has been a professional sprinter.

Walter Bingley (left-back) was born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his league debut for the "Robins" then, and an ever-present since. Walter was previously with Sheffield Wednesday and Bolton Wanderers.

Lew Clayton (right-half) signed from Bournemouth during the 1957 season and was an ever-present during the Hants club's great cup run. Born in Royston Yorkshire.

George Hudson (centre-half) became a Swindon player in

September, 1948 and gained his League place in the latter half of that season. A native of Havant (Hants) was a professional with Portsmouth before joining the "Robins". Must be one of the strongest centre half backs in the League.

Maurice Owen (left-half) born in Abingdon, and shortly after signing as a professional for Swindon in 1947 he was the target for many offers from clubs in the first Division, two of them being Wolves and Arsenal.

John Stephens (outside-right) joined Swindon in the close season, for a large fee, from Hull City. At the age of 22 he has already been capped for Wales under-23 side. He was among the 40 out of which the Welsh team for the World cup series was selected.

John Richards (inside-right) signed from the army during the 1957-58 season. A goal-scoring inside forward, last season he was top scorer with 17 goals. A versatile forward, playing in all inside forward positions and right wing.

James Kelly (centre-forward) signed from Preston North End at the start of the 1958 season, making his League debut then and completed the last 11 games of the season.

Bob Edwards (inside-left) last season was second highest goal-scorer with 15 goals. He was an ever present last year in the club's best year for some time. He joined Town in 1956 from Chelsea. Born at Guildford.

Arnold Darcy (outside-left) born at Blackburn and joined the Town from Wigan Athletic during the 1956-57 season. An ever-present last season. Lost his place recently to Cliff Jackson who got the equalising goal against City last week.

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