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Club Notes

Those supporters who travelled to Plymouth must have been just as disappointed with the result as the "lads" themselves. Never in forty years of football has the writer of these notes been so upset by a result. If ever a team deserved a point away from home it was Swindon last Saturday.

Early in the first half we might easily have taken the lead, but for the fact the ball hit the goalkeeper when he was on the ground. Soon after this came the penalty, which amazed the whole Swindon party. Jack challenged Gauld on the edge of the penalty area, the latter fell over, and to everyones surprise the referee pointed to the penalty spot—a very harsh decision indeed. Within three minutes we drew level, a splendid header from a very clever centre by Corbett.

Just before half-time Gauld regained the lead, getting the "run of the ball" from a rebound from a shot which was obviously meant for a centre.

Swindon fought back desperately after the interval, and in the twenty-fifth minute equalised, as we thought, Kelly heading in from a goal clearance by goalkeeper Barnsley. The centre forward was injured and whilst the trainer was attending to him, the referee, who had already pointed to the centre spot, walked over to the linesman, and then gave a free kick near the penalty spot, despite all protests of "Skipper Owen." A few minutes later, however, Edwards did equalise with a long dropping shot from the edge of the penalty area.

From then onwards it was cut and thrust, with neither side on top, and long after what everyone thought was full-time Gauld broke away, and although Sam Burton parried his shot he was unable to hold it, and the ball ran just right for Gauld to tap it into the net. Even after this incident Swindon would have equalised with the slightest luck. Following an attack the ball ran loose and just as Kelly was about to shoot from five yards a home player stuck out a foot and deflected the ball.

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ALBERT HARRIS (Goalkeeper)—Born Liverpool, was signed from Everton in the summer of 1957, having been with them as amateur and professional for three seasons.

HAROLD BELL (R.B.)—He played in 461 competitive matches for nine seasons from 1946-47 to 1955-56 without once being absent and made 45 league appearances last season. Was presented by the F.A. with an illuminated address. Also born Liverpool.

DAVID FRITH (L.B.)—Was signed shortly before the start of this season from Blackpool for a fee in the region of £1,500, can play in either full-back position. Made over 50 First Division appearances for Blackpool.

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KEN FINNEY (O.R.)—Is the former Stockport County player who was transferred in March 1957.

KEITH WILLIAMS (I.R.)—Obtained by Tranmere from Everton, soon established himself as a goal scorer and headed the list with 28 goals. This is his second season at Tranmere.

TONY ROWLEY (C.F.)—A South Walian. Previous club, Liverpool, for whom he made 70 league appearances scoring 38 goals. Second season at Tranmere.

JOHN GREEN (I.L.)—Born near Warrington and came to Tranmere last season and quickly proved that he had merit above the ordinary. 19 years old. Signed professional last February.

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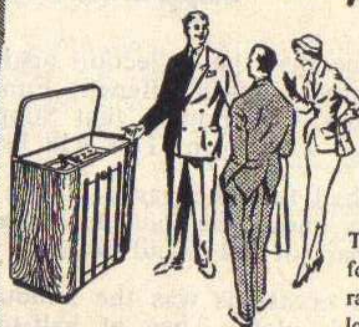
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Some of us had fun and games at the Combination match last Saturday. As most Supporters know, the loudspeaker announcements can only be heard very rarely in that part of the Stand between the halfway line and the Stratton end.

One of these occasions was the announcement from Plymouth (0—0 after a quarter of hour's play). Then at half-time after the usual jumble, which we always assume to be the announcement regarding the next match, we heard something about a church and that somebody was winning 6—1. Not knowing whether thanksgiving or a plea for pardon was indicated, we sent our runner into the enlightened regions on the other side of the half-way line, and he returned with the news that Newcastle (with Allchurch) were winning 6—1. Shortly after we heard, or thought we heard, "a draw 1—1," which we assumed to be a message from Plymouth, but another visit to civilisation established that this was a correction of the Newcastle score.

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