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Club Notes

Supporters were no doubt disappointed when they heard the result of the game at Stockport, as it meant, unfortunately, three successive defeats. Such had not happened for a long time, and quite frankly, there is no need for despondency. The defeat at Plymouth was very undeserved, the home loss to Tranmere was most unfortunate, although the game itself was quite enjoyable.

Last Saturday, despite all the national press reports, our team played well. We made more openings than our opponents, but had no one in the forward line fortunate enough to finish the moves by scoring. For most of the game we were the better side, and no doubt had it not been for injury to Micklewright, we should certainly have gained one point if not two. In fact, after the game the Stockport chairman stated that on our showing in the first half-an-hour he thought we were going to inflict on them a heavy defeat.

Apart from Plymouth, the number of points dividing the next ten teams is very small. A win can move a team several places up the table.

The outstanding feature at the moment is the form displayed by the Reserve Team. At present Swindon take pride of place at the top of Division 2 of the London Combination.

The standard of football is not only high, but extremely enjoyable. Also it is beginning to attract larger crowds. Last Saturday's attendance of 3,029 was the largest for several seasons.

We are sure spectators were very happy with last week's game. Although Swindon had the better of the exchanges and made many openings during the first half, the score at half-time was 0—0. In the second half playing with spirit, determination and skill, we took control of the game, and scored three very good goals, and might easily have obtained more.

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The Reserves have now played seven games in succession since they lost at Aldershot on 6th September without defeat. The record has been due to splendid team work, despite the fact that almost every week there has been at least one change in the composition of the team. Last Saturday Morris came into the side, and fitted in with his colleagues admirably, his ball distribution being especially noticeable. It is heartening to see the older players helping and encouraging the new young members of the team.

Today we entertain with immense pleasure our old friends from Reading. It is significant that the Board of Directors has chosen this match for the Official Opening of the new Stand by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. F. King. It is hoped Mr. Carter, Chairman of Reading F. C., will participate in the ceremony.

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DENIS PENFORD (Left Back)—Born Reading. Signed as an amateur player for the Club in season 1949-50. Became a professional player on May 13th, 1952.

SYLVAN ANDERTON (Right Half)—Born Reading. Signed amateur forms for the Club in season 1951-52, and became a professional player on June 2nd, 1952.

WILLIAM DAVIES (Centre Half)—Born Middlesbrough. Joined the Club on January 17th, 1953, whilst serving in H.M. Forces. Previously assisted Hull City and Leeds United.

MAURICE EVANS (Left Half)—Born Didcot. A member of the Club's ground staff for 12 months before he signed as a professional player on September 22nd, 1953.

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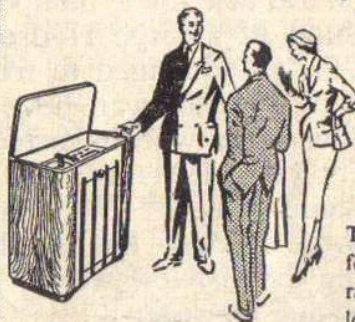
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Although George Hudson has not been quite so prominently in the public eye during the last few weeks, none will deny that he has a fine record of loyalty and consistency. Last season he was an "ever-present," which was surprising in view of the fact that, during the previous year, he was on the point of retirement and, for a while, acted as assistant trainer.

The players can do their bit to assist the collection, as there is nothing like a lead at half-time to bring out the money. Supporters like to see goals, whatever may be the ultimate result of the match, A 4—2 score gives more satisfaction than 2—1, a 3—3 draw pleases the crowd more than 0—0, so we appeal to the forwards to think of George today.

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