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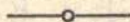
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Club Notes

Today we return to the excitement and glamour of cup-tie football. No doubt it will be a hard game. Supporters know the record of our opponents, Norwich City, a fine fighting side with long traditions. They will be just as anxious to enter the next round (*i.e.*, Third Round), and come into competition with the First and Second Division clubs.

Norwich is one of the best supported clubs in Division 3, average gate 22,000, and have a fine ground at Carrow Road, with a practice pitch adjoining, thus the playing surface is always excellent. Like Swindon they have recently enjoyed two good seasons under their Manager, Mr. A Macauley (ex-Arsenal). Supporters will no doubt remember him playing at the County Ground.

There seems every likelihood of a 20,000 gate, as all the Stand Tickets were sold a fortnight ago, and that includes 1,200 in the New Stand. However, there should be plenty of room on the terraces for all who want to see the game. May we please appeal to all spectators to help by standing closely together. Especially may we appeal to those who occupy the terracing under the New Stand kindly close towards the centre. We do not want to leave would-be spectators out side the ground. We are sure we can rely upon your full co-operation on this. One other thing, please, please do not clamber over the fence after the game. You will only get your shoes muddy, damage the ground and create a bottleneck in the north-west corner. There are ample exits in all parts, and the ground can easily be cleared in five minutes—Patience please—Thank you.

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Arrangements have been completed for the visit of the German First Division Club, SSV Reutlingen, to Swindon on Saturday December 27th. The kick-off is at 2.15 p.m. This promises to be one of the outstanding games in our soccer calendar.

The Town met Reutlingen during their Continental tour and lost 2—4 after a great game. We hope to reverse the result on this occasion, but our task is no light one. We shall be playing a team which includes one German full International player, a 'B' International and two players who have gained representative honours.

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R.B.—BRIAN THURLOW—Height 5' 9" Weight 10st. 9lbs. Born Loddon, Norfolk. A local boy who has been with the Club for several seasons and shortly completes his National Service in the R.A.F. Has made 20 League appearances.

L.B.—RON ASHMAN—Height 6' Weight 12st. 2lbs. Born Whittlesey, Cambs. He is Skipper of the Club and the longest serving member. Signed in May 1944, he was originally a centre forward, and in 1949 was converted to the left half position where he figured prominently for several seasons. It was two years ago that he took over the full back berth where he continues to be one of the outstanding members of the team. Made 414 League appearances up to last season.

R.H.—ROY McCROHAN—Height 5' 11½" Weight 11st 6lbs. Born Reading. Signed from Reading in 1951. A utility player who has played in no less than six positions in the League side. Made 241 League appearances up to last season.

C.H.—BARRY BUTLER—Height 6' 1" Weight 12st. 10lbs. Born Stockton-on-Tees, he joined Sheffield Wed. from a local junior side in 1952, and had five seasons at Hillsborough. Was transferred to Norwich in August 1957 and was practically an ever-present member of the team with 47 appearances last season.

L.H.—MATT CROWE—Height 5' 10" Weight 11st. 7lbs. Born Bathgate, West Lothian. Started his career with Bradford P.A., and after three seasons moved to Partick Thistle, where he had considerable first team experience. Joined Norwich in June 1957 and made 36 first team appearances last season.

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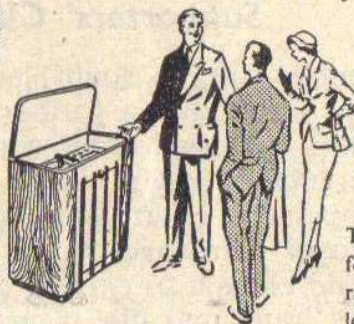
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This is a co-operative effort. The members of the Committee greatly appreciate the loyal patronage of the members of our Club, who, in their turn are kind enough to express their appreciation of our work.

As one of the "rank and file" Committee members, the writer feels that this would be an appropriate time to draw attention to the great work put in by our Competition organiser, Mr. F. N. Deane, and his main assistants, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stenning, and Mr. R. Holloway.

The remainder of us devote a certain amount of time weekly to the collection of subscriptions but the amount of work put into the competition by the organisers involves the sacrifice of a great deal of their leisure, and we feel that the thanks of all supporters are due to them.

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I.R.—TERRY ALLCOCK—Height 6' Weight 11st. 9lbs. Born Leeds. Joined Bolton straight from school and gained considerable experience at Burnden Park. Signed for Norwich March 1958, has been a regular member of the league side.

I.L.—JIMMY HILL—Height 5' 8" Weight 10st. 11lbs. Born Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim. Joined Newcastle from a Belfast club in 1957 and made 11 league appearances last season. Signed by Norwich in July 1958. An extremely good ball player.

O.L.—BOBBY BRENNAN—Height 5' 8½" Weight 10st. 5lbs. Born Belfast. Joined Luton from a Belfast club in 1947, moving subsequently to Birmingham and Fulham. Signed for Norwich in June 1953. He made 160 league appearances up to last season. Capped for Ireland on several occasions.

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