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EDITORIAL

Once again we have made our bow and exit in the Cup. This season was an improvement on last year and we can be proud of our effort against Tottenham who, although winning by what, on paper, looks a convincing margin, did not in any way convince our boys that they were any bit inferior to their first division opponents. The injury to Ray Wilcox came at a time when a second goal to the County looked a certainty and with only thirteen minutes left for play Tottenham took every advantage of the gap in the middle to register two goals which, on the run of the play, they were not entitled to. However, that is cup football and it is of no use to dwell on what might have been. Our best wishes go out to Ray Wilcox and we all hope he will make a full recovery from his injury. We can now concentrate on improving our position in the league. What are our prospects of promotion this season? We are not in a very strong position but we have an advantage over many of the teams above us in that they have played more games than we have. It is possible for us to reach quite a respectable position by winning the outstanding fixtures and thus be in reach of the leaders if any of them strike a thin patch. I am sure Manager

Lucas has studied this problem and equally sure that if there is a solution he will find it.

Our reverse on Saturday last came as something of a surprise. Mansfield are not regarded as a very strong side and their home record did not suggest that the County would come away pointless. However, it was not our day and we paid the penalty of several missed chances. This was our third game in eight days, all away from home and doubtless some of the players were feeling the strain.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

For this afternoon's match, which incidentally is our first home English League game since Xmas Day, we entertain our old friends from Swindon. The Club which was founded in 1881 by Rev. W. Pitt for the young men of his parish became professional in 1894 and played in the Southern League until 1920 when they became one of the original members of League Division III. They are popularly known as "The Moon-rakers" (from the Wiltshire legend), "The Robins" (from their colours), or (like Crewe) "The Railwaymen."

Last season Swindon finished in fourth position with 57 points and a little better home record would probably have meant promotion to Division II. So far this campaign they have not done quite so well and at present occupy tenth position with 29 points from 27 matches.

Limited finances which did not permit many big signings have not prevented Manager Bert Head welding together a more than useful side. Amongst the players from whom today's side will be selected are: Goalkeeper Sam Burton; full-backs John Neal and Walter Bingley; half-backs George Hudson and Len Clayton; and forwards Arnold Darcy, Andy Micklewright, Bill Roost, Alan Moore, J. Corbett and Bob Edwards.

It is hoped that the Somerton lads can produce their usual home form today and record a good win.—W.G.A.

CORRESPONDING MATCH LAST SEASON

Swindon Town came to Somerton Park as leaders of Division III (South) and, with the County only a few points behind, a close game was expected. The first ten minutes was packed with action, both sides going all out for the first goal, shots by Terry and McSeveney being saved by the Swindon backs with the goalkeeper well beaten while a fierce drive by Harris was brilliantly saved by Burton. Reward came to the County when Harris scored with one of his specials. The second half was almost one sustained attack by a very confident County and Swindon were constantly playing second fiddle. Three goals came in the space of four minutes, Terry being the first to score when he headed a fine goal. Two minutes later Skull fired the ball past Hughes from 25 yards range. Just one minute later Dixon was brought down in the penalty area and Sherwood made no mistake with his kick. From that time on Swindon were rarely out of their own half and Terry scored his second and the County's fourth goal five minutes from the end.

County team: Hughes; Hollyman, Sherwood; Graham, Wilcox, Thomas; Dixon, McSeveney, Terry, Harris, Brown.

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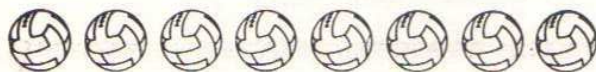
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Hull City	...	31	17	6	8	63	39 40
Southend	...	30	13	7	10	52	48 33
Colchester	...	26	12	8	6	46	33 32
Bournemouth	...	31	13	5	13	48	47 31
Brentford	...	27	11	9	7	34	30 31
Bury	...	29	11	8	10	50	40 30
Reading	...	29	11	8	10	44	38 30
Southampton	...	28	10	9	9	60	48 29
Accrington	...	27	11	7	9	48	40 29
Swindon T.	...	27	11	7	9	35	29 29
Halifax	...	27	13	3	11	47	51 29
Tranmere	...	28	11	6	11	46	42 28
Chesterfield	...	30	10	8	12	47	46 28
Newport Co.	...	27	10	7	10	44	44 27
Wrexham	...	28	10	7	11	43	49 27
Norwich C.	...	26	9	8	9	44	40 26
Bradford C.	...	27	10	6	11	50	49 26
Q.P.R.	...	29	10	6	13	43	56 26
Mansfield	...	27	9	7	11	46	60 25
Stockport	...	28	9	5	14	42	50 23
Notts Co.	...	28	5	11	12	40	60 21
Rochdale	...	28	5	7	16	25	50 17
Doncaster	...	29	7	2	20	27	61 16

NEXT VISITORS

Hull City on 21st February. One of the more successful of the old Third Northern teams they have played good football consistently this season and are among the challengers for promotion. Their home record is particularly good but earlier in the season when the teams met at Hull the County succeeded where so many others have failed, winning by two goals to one.

Hull City lost their place in Division II in season 1929-30, were champions of Division III (North) in 1932-33. Relegated again in 1935-36 they once more secured promotion in 1948-49 but failed to hold their position and 1955-56 was their last season in Division II.

TODAY'S COVER

Today's photo shows the team which played in all our F.A. Cup matches and came so near to emulating our Cup record of 1948-49.

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Aug. 23	Norwich City	..	A	0 3	Dec. 20	Norwich City	..	H	2 2
" 27	Accrington Stanley (Wed.)	..	A	2 2	" 25	Southampton (Thur.)	..	H	4 2
" 30	Chesterfield	..	H	0 1	" 27	Southampton	..	A	3 3
Sept. 4	Accrington Stanley (Thur.)	..	H	2 1	1959				
" 6	Notts County	..	A	1 1	Jan. 3	Chesterfield	..	A	1 3
" 10	Wrexham (Wed.)	..	A	0 0	" 10	Torquay (3rd Rnd. F.A. Cup)	H	0 0	
" 13	Mansfield Town	..	H	1 0	" 14	Torquay (3rd Round Replay)	..	A	1 0
" 18	Wrexham (Thur.)	..	H	2 1	" 17	Notts County	..	postponed	
" 20	Swindon Town	..	A	1 2	" 24	Tottenham Hotspurs (4th Rnd.)	A	1 4	
" 22	Halifax Town (Mon.)	..	A	1 3	" 31	Mansfield Town	..	A	1 2
" 27	Brentford	..	H	0 1	Feb. 7	Swindon Town	..	H	
Oct. 2	Halifax Town (Thur.)	..	H	0 2	" 14	(5) Brentford	..	A	
" 4	Hull City	..	A	3 2	" 21	Hull City	..	H	
" 9	Bradford City (Thurs.)	..	H	3 2	" 28	(6) Bury	..	H	
" 11	Bury	..	A	0 0	Mar. 7	Queen's Park Rangers	..	A	
" 20	Queen's P.R. (Mon.)	..	H	3 1	" 14	(S.F.) Rochdale	..	H	
" 25	Rochdale	..	A	1 1	" 21	Doncaster Rovers	..	A	
" 27	All Star XI	..	H	4 3	" 28	Plymouth Argyle	..	H	
Nov. 1	Doncaster Rovers	..	H	3 1	" 30	Southend United (Mon.)	..	A	
" 8	Plymouth Argyle	..	A	2 3	" 31	Southend United (Tues.)	..	H	
" 15	Wisbech (1st Rnd. F.A. Cup)	A	2 2		Apr. 4	Tranmere Rovers	..	A	
" 17	Wisbech (Replay 1st Rnd. Cup)	H	4 1		" 11	Colchester United	..	H	
" 22	Colchester United	..	A	2 3	" 18	Reading	..	A	
" 29	Reading	..	H	2 1	" 22	Bradford City	..	A	
Dec. 6	Hereford (2nd Rnd. F.A. Cup)	A	2 0		" 25	Stockport County	..	H	
" 13	Bournemouth & Bos.	..	H	4 1	" 29	Bournemouth & Bos. (Wed.)	..	A	

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