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CLUB NOTES

It was a big disappointment to lose both points at Mansfield, especially after our grand displays against Chesterfield and Bury in the two previous games, when maximum points were gained.

Most folks who had seen our lads in action in those two games thought that at least a point would be gained from our neighbours. But once again, as happened in the first leg of the local "derby" with the "Stags", two 'gift' goals were again presented to our opponents and our team never recovered from those setbacks.

They did not, however, show anything like the form that brought success at Bury for far too often the attack tried to be too fancy and against the quick-tackling Mansfield men it did not pay.

New signing Bob Forrest, from Leeds United, who scored the all-important goal at Gigg Lane, again showed glimpses of good form, but only he and Don Roby were in any sort of form in our front rank.

Unfortunately we were without the services of our captain, Gerry Carver, who was injured in training only two days before the game.

Two points from the "Stags" would have taken us away from the third-from-bottom of the table spot we have occupied for so long, but instead it proved to be the first double of the season for our Mansfield neighbours, and the third time we have conceded the double this season.

Let us hope that the lapse was only temporary for we have a long way to go to safety and after today only 15 more games to play, of which nine will be away.

However good news is that John Sheridan finished his Army service on Thursday and is now in full-time training.

The signing of local youngsters is being continued and since the turn of the year about six amateurs have been added to the list.

More experience is also being sought, for if the club can maintain its Third Division place this term a big effort must be made next season for the fight back to higher spheres.

Considering the lack of cash, Mr. Hill is to be commended for the way he has set about a difficult task.

He realises that there is still a lot of hard work to do and he can

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CLUB NOTES—continued

be helped in this matter by improved support.

On Monday we are due at Colchester for the re-arranged game with Colchester United and are looking forward to gaining something out of this game.

We would like to remind you that at the former Curzon Cinema,

Mansfield Road, Nottingham, on Monday next, a wrestling tournament with six attractive bouts is being staged for the benefit of the club.

We would also like to draw your attention to the sale of Premium Bond tickets by our Supporters' Club.

Vital Statistics of to-day's Opponents—Swindon Town

FOUNDED in 1881 by the Rev. W. Pitt for young men of his parish. Became a professional club in 1894. Southern League 1894-1920 and then became one of the original members of League Division 3. Known popularly as the "Moonrakers" (from the Wiltshire legend), the "Robins" (from their colours) or, like Crewe, the "Railwaymen".

GROUND: County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. Record crowd 28,400.

COLOURS: Red shirts with white collars, white shorts.

MANAGER: Mr. Bert Head. Previous managers have included Messrs. S. Allen, N. Harris, M. Lindley, L. Page and E. Vizard.

LEAGUE CAREER: Division 3, 1920-21; Division 3 (South), 1921-39, 1946-58; Division 3, 1958-59.

HIGHEST POSITION: 4th in Division 3, 1920-21; 4th in Division 3 (South) 1924-5, 1946-7, 1948-9, 1957-8; 5th in 1926-7.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORE: 9-1 v. Luton Town in 1920-21.

NOTABLE TRANSFERS include J. Murphy from West Bromwich Albion in 1939, and Norman Uprichard to Portsmouth in 1952.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS: period 1881 to 1914—H. Fleming (England), J. Walker (Scotland), A. Morris (Wales), W. Silto for England on 1910 Commonwealth tour. Period 1919-1939—A. Davies and T. Rogers for England on 1920 Commonwealth tour. Period 1946 to 1958—N. Uprichard (Ireland), W. Lucas for Wales in 1946 "Victory" international.

OTHER HONOURS include semi-finalists F.A. Cup 1910, 1912; quarter-finalists 1911, 1924; 5th Round 1929 by beating Newcastle United 2-0 and Barnsley 3-2. Southern League champions 1910-11, 1913-14. Met Manchester United for F.A. Charity Shield 1912, losing high-scoring game 8-4. J. Neal played for Division 3 (South) v. Division 3 (North) 1958.

APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS

	APPEARANCES			GOAL SCORERS		
	1ST TEAM	2ND TEAM	CUP	1ST TEAM	2ND TEAM	CUP
GOALKEEPERS:						
LINTON, J. ...	31	1	1	..	..	..
SMITH, G. H. ...	..	..	..	..	..	..
STONE, M. ...	..	7	..	..	..	..
TWIGG, R. L. ...	1	11	..	..	..	..
FULL-BACKS:						
CHATHAM, R. ...	2	3	..	..	..	..
CRUICKSHANK, F. J. ...	32	..	1	1	..	..
KILFORD, J. D. ...	28	..	1	..	..	..
KIRKHAM, R. ...	..	1	..	..	..	..
NEWTON, J. ...	..	17	..	..	..	..
HALF-BACKS:						
BLENKINSOP, B. ...	..	1	..	..	..	..
BUTLER, J. H. ...	6	12	..	..	..	..
CARVER, G. F. ...	20	2	1	1	..	..
HATELEY, T. ...	1	4	..	1	1	..
LOXLEY, H. ...	18	2	..	3	..	..
NOON, H. ...	5	15	1	..	..	..
RAWSON, K. ...	..	12	..	..	..	..
RUSSELL, E. ...	8	11	..	..	..	..
RUSSELL, P. W. ...	24	5	1	..	..	..
SHERIDAN, J. ...	27	1	1	1	..	..
FORWARDS:						
ASHER, T. ...	7	16	..	..	6	..
BIRCUMSHAW, P. B. ...	6	7	1	..	..	1
BROWN, K. ...	6	..	..	3	..	..
FELICE, F. ...	..	2	..	..	1	..
FORREST, R. ...	2	..	..	1	..	..
GISSING, J. W. ...	6	9	..	..	2	..
HARVEY, F. ...	..	3	..	..	1	..
HILL, B. ...	..	5	..	..	..	..
HOROBIN, R. ...	13	..	..	5	..	..
LANE, J. G. ...	8	7	1	1	6	..
LANGFORD, J. W. ...	16	11	..	..	1	..
NEWSHAM, S. ...	23	4	1	11	4	..
PARRY, C. ...	6	11	..	2	4	..
RAMIREZ, F. ...	..	2	..	..	..	..
ROBY, D. ...	32	..	1	8	..	..
WITHERS, A. ...	6	..	..	1	..	..
WYLIE, R. M. ...	16	1	..	2	..	..
AMATEUR ...	..	24	..	..	4	..

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

DIVISION III

(up to and including Saturday, 14th February)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Hull City ...	33	19	6	8	68	39	44
Plymouth ...	30	16	11	3	63	37	43
Southend United ...	32	15	7	10	58	50	37
Colchester ...	29	12	10	7	50	38	34
Brentford ...	29	12	10	7	37	30	34
Southampton ...	31	12	9	10	70	52	33
Bury ...	31	12	8	11	53	42	32
Reading ...	31	12	8	11	47	41	32
Chesterfield ...	32	12	8	12	52	48	32
Bournemouth ...	33	13	6	14	50	53	32
Tranmere Rovers ...	30	12	7	11	49	44	31
Norwich City ...	28	11	8	9	49	41	30
Accrington ...	29	11	8	10	48	41	30
Halifax Town ...	29	13	4	12	47	55	30
Bradford City ...	29	11	7	11	52	50	29
Swindon Town ...	29	11	7	11	36	34	29
Newport County ...	29	11	7	11	47	47	29
Mansfield Town ...	30	11	7	12	53	65	29
Wrexham ...	30	10	8	12	46	54	28
Q.P.R. ...	30	10	6	14	45	62	26
Stockport County ...	30	9	6	15	45	54	24
NOTTS COUNTY ...	30	6	11	13	41	63	23
Doncaster Rovers ...	31	8	2	21	32	65	18
Rochdale ...	31	5	7	19	28	61	17

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 2

(up to and including Saturday, February 14th)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mansfield Town ...	23	14	2	7	56	42	30
Bournemouth ...	22	13	3	6	61	32	29
Southampton ...	22	12	4	6	51	32	28
Brentford ...	23	11	4	8	47	39	26
Swindon Town ...	20	11	3	6	48	31	25
Norwich City ...	23	10	4	9	61	47	24
Southend United ...	21	11	2	8	46	45	24
Aldershot ...	24	11	2	11	50	73	24
Plymouth Argyle ...	20	10	3	7	52	47	23
Northampton ...	23	10	2	11	59	63	22
Millwall ...	22	9	2	11	41	40	20
Crystal Palace ...	22	8	4	10	30	32	20
Reading ...	20	8	3	9	48	47	19
O.P.R. ...	22	7	5	10	46	59	19
Coventry City ...	22	4	6	12	38	58	14
NOTTS COUNTY ...	19	4	4	11	30	50	12
Watford ...	22	4	3	15	30	57	11

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TODAY we welcome Swindon Town, making their first appearance at Meadow Lane since the 1949-50 season. Their team will include many of the following players.

RAY CHANDLER (Goalkeeper). Signed from Bristol Rovers in 1956 season after completing three years with that club. Born at Bath, Somerset. 6 ft., 13 st.

SAM BURTON (Goalkeeper). Product of local football. Joined Swindon in 1945. Played for Wilts. Junior eleven which reached the final of the Counties Tournament 1944-5. Ever present last season. 6 ft., 13 st. 7 lb.

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 3 Representative match last season. Has been a professional sprinter. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 1 lb.

WALTER BINGLEY (Left-back). Born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his League debut for the "Robins" then and has been ever present since. Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday and was previously with Bolton. 6 ft., 12 st.

JAMES LEE (Left-back). Former Leyton Orient player, who had 22 first team games for Swindon last season. Has recently come into the first team again. Born Rotherham. 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st. 7 lb.

JOHN FOUNTAIN (Right-half). Born in Leeds. Signed from Sheffield United in 1957. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 7 lb.

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., and was a professional with Portsmouth before joining the "Robins". Must be one of the strongest centre-half backs in the League. 6 ft. 1½ in., 15 st.

MAURICE OWEN (Left-half). Born in Abingdon. 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. 5 ft. 11 in., 10 st. 13 lb.

DAVE CORBETT (Outside-right). Promising youngster who has shown great form this season and has attracted the attention of several First Division clubs.

ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT (Inside-right). Was with Bristol Rovers and Bristol City before joining Swindon in 1955-6 season. Born in Smethwick. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 5 lb.

BOB WOODRUFF (Centre-forward). Made his League debut against Chesterfield last Saturday.

BOB EDWARDS (Inside-left). Last season was second highest goalscorer with 15 goals. He was ever present last year in the club's best year for some seasons. He joined the town in 1956 from Chelsea. Born at Guildford. 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st. 10 lb.

ARNOLD DARCY (Outside-left). Born at Blackburn. Joined the "Robins" from Wigan Athletic during 1956-7 season and was ever present last year. Played as an amateur for Accrington Stanley in 1952-3 season. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 5 lb.

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Recorded History ★ Swindon Town

Now in their 78th year, Swindon are remembered by old timers for their great amateur inside-right, Harold Fleming, who did more than any one player to take the Wiltshire side to the F.A. Cup semi-final twice in three seasons—1910 and 1912. They were first beaten by Newcastle United and then by Burnley and both these clubs went on to win the trophy.

Fleming played for England, but at the same time Swindon had other top-rate forwards in Jefferson, Wheatcroft, Bown and Lamb, and at full-back Scottish international John Walker.

The glory of Swindon departed when the best players had to be sold to enable the club, started first by the Rev. William Pitt and then carried on by the railway workers of the town, to balance their books.

Managed at one period by Welsh international outside-left Ted Vizard, Swindon also had another left-winger as team boss in Louis Page.

One of the best servants of recent years to the "Robins" has been Maurice Owen, a real utility man.

Swindon sold Irish international 'keeper Norman Uprichard to Portsmouth and at the present time have a youngster on their books who is attracting considerable attention in Bobby Corbett, a promising outside-right.

Although they have never made the Second Division, Swindon have often looked like gaining promotion, but have just fallen short of the target.

Last season they finished fourth in the table and after figuring high up the table this season have fallen away again.

Their present manager is Mr. Bert Head.

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HEADQUARTERS NOTES

THESE are busy times, full of activity for all loyal supporters of Notts County, and each week produces its events arranged to give us the opportunity of strengthening the parent club. Each success of the team brings fresh enthusiasm and new ideas, whilst set-backs only stiffen our support.

With these ideas in mind here are a few items for your attention:

1. Ask any official how you may obtain a Premium Bond today—a splendid chance to help the club as well as yourself.
2. Have you obtained your ticket for the Dance tonight at the Village Hall, Ruddington (8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.)? All can help by purchasing a ticket from the Supporters' Office, Meadow Lane (price 4/- each).
3. Enjoy yourself on Monday evening next, whilst helping your club, at the Opening Wrestling Tournament to be held at the Curzon Wrestling Arena (Curzon Cinema), Mansfield Road, Nottingham, in aid of our Supporters' Club Appeal Fund. You can obtain tickets and book seats now at the Supporters' Club Office, Meadow Lane Stand. There will be six all-star contests and an exciting evening full of interest.
4. If resident in the Clifton area you are invited to attend a Meeting on Thursday next at 8 p.m. at the Fairham Hotel, when a branch of the Notts County F.C. Supporters' Club will be formed. The preliminary meeting held on February 12th was most encouraging, and our thanks are due to those enthusiasts who attended, as well as to Notts County Secretary, Mr. C. H. Heath, and Mr. E. Hodson, a Director of the parent club, for their friendly assistance.
5. A few tickets – price 10/6d. each – are still available for the Games Section Dinner and Dance, to be held at the Carlton Hotel, Noel Street, on March 14th.

Delegate Meeting—Monday, February 23rd.

All Branches:—Please note this meeting is unavoidably cancelled owing to the Wrestling Programme being offered on that evening.

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Fixture Lists – Season 1958-59

Division III				
Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.
AUGUST 1958				
23 S	Accrington S. ...h	1	1	
27 W	Wrexham ...a	2	3	
30 S	Halifax Town ...a	1	1	
SEPTEMBER				
4 Th	Wrexham ...h	2	0	
6 S	Newport C. ...h	1	1	
11 Th	Hull City ...h	1	1	
13 S	Chesterfield ...a	0	1	
15 M	Hull City ...a	0	5	
20 S	Bury ...h	1	1	
25 Th	Southampton ...h	1	2	
27 S	Mansfield T. ...h	3	4	
OCTOBER				
1 W	Southampton ...a	0	3	
4 S	Swindon Town ...a	1	3	
9 Th	Brentford ...h	0	0	
11 S	Rochdale ...a	2	1	
18 S	Doncaster R. ...h	2	2	
25 S	Plymouth Argyle ...a	0	3	
NOVEMBER				
1 S	Tranmere R. ...h	1	1	
8 S	Stockport C. ...a	1	1	
15 S	(1) Barrow ...h	1	2	
22 S	Norwich City ...a	3	3	
29 S	Bournemouth ...h	4	3	
DECEMBER				
13 S	Southend Utd ...h	1	4	
20 S	Accrington S. ...a	0	3	
26 F	Bradford City ...h	1	3	
27 S	Bradford City ...a	1	4	
JANUARY 1959				
3 S	Halifax Town ...h	4	4	
10 S	Reading ...h	3	1	
31 S	Chesterfield ...h	3	1	
FEBRUARY				
7 S	Bury ...a	1	0	
14 S	Mansfield T. ...a	0	3	
21 S	Swindon T. ...h			
23 M	Colchester ...a			
28 S	Rochdale ...h			
MARCH				
7 S	Doncaster R. ...a			
14 S	Plymouth ...h			
16 M	Newport C. ...a			
21 S	Tranmere R. ...a			
27 F	Queens Park R. ...a			
28 S	Stockport C. ...h			
30 M	Queens Park R. h			
APRIL				
4 S	Reading ...a			
11 S	Norwich C. ...h			
18 S	Bournemouth ...a			
21 Tu	Brentford ...a			
25 S	Colchester ...h			
29 Th	Southend Utd. ...a			
MAY				
2 S	(FINAL)			

Football Combination Division II

Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.
AUGUST 1958				
30 S	Coventry City ...h	5	1	
SEPTEMBER				
6 S	Southend Utd. ...a	2	3	
8 M	Coventry City ...a	1	1	
18 Th	Mansfield T. ...h	0	2	
27 S	Brentford ...a	0	3	
OCTOBER				
4 S	Swindon T. ...h	2	2	
11 S	Watford ...h	3	2	
18 S	Norwich City ...a	0	7	
25 S	Bournemouth ...h	2	2	
NOVEMBER				
1 S	Reading ...a	3	5	
8 S	Crystal Palace ...h	1	1	
22 S	Plymouth A. ...h	0	2	
29 S	Queens Park R. ...a	2	3	
DECEMBER				
6 S	Norwich City ...h	0	3	
20 S	Southampton ...h	1	4	
27 S	Aldershot ...h	2	1	
JANUARY 1959				
24 S	Millwall ...h	3	1	
FEBRUARY				
7 S	Mansfield Town ...a	1	4	
14 S	Brentford ...h	2	3	
21 S	Swindon Town ...a			
28 S	Bournemouth ...a			
MARCH				
7 S	Reading ...h			
14 S	Plymouth Argyle ...a			
21 S	Northampton ...h			
27 F	Aldershot ...a			
28 S	Crystal Palace ...a			
30 M	Millwall ...a			
APRIL				
4 S	Queens Park R. h			
11 S	Watford ...a			
18 S	Southampton ...a			
25 S	Northampton T. ...a			
	Southend Utd. ...h			

FRIENDLIES

Dec. 6 S	Exeter City ...a	0	2
Jan. 24 S	Man. Utd. XI ...a	0	4

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N. Midlands Football Combination

Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.
Challenge Cup Competition				
SEPTEMBER				
6 S	Huddersfield T. ...a	0	5	
13 S	Barnsley ...h	4	4	
16 Tu	Scunthorpe Utd. ...a	3	6	
20 S	Chesterfield ...a	0	3	
27 S	Leeds United ...h	1	3	
OCTOBER				
4 S	Bradford P.A. ...h	1	5	
11 S	Doncaster R. ...a	2	0	
18 S	Rotherham ...h	0	3	
25 S	Bradford City ...h	2	2	
NOVEMBER				
15 S	Hull City ...h	1	2	
League Championship				
NOVEMBER				
22 S	Rotherham ...h	3	4	
29 S	Scunthorpe Utd. ...a	4	3	
DECEMBER				
6 S	Bradford City ...h	3	2	
13 S	Barnsley ...a	0	6	
27 S	Bradford P.A. ...h	2	0	
JANUARY 1959				
3 S	Chesterfield ...a	0	0	
24 S	Leeds United ...h	4	4	
31 S	Huddersfield T. ...a	1	1	
FEBRUARY				
7 S	Huddersfield ...h	1	2	
14 S	Rotherham Utd. ...a	0	2	
21 S	Scunthorpe ...h			
MARCH				
7 S	Barnsley ...h			
14 S	Chesterfield ...h			
21 S	Bradford P.A. ...a			
28 S	Bradford City ...a			
30 M	Doncaster R. ...h			
APRIL				
4 S	Doncaster Rov. ...a			
11 S	Hull City ...h			
18 S	Leeds United ...a			
25 S	Hull City ...a			

MIDLAND MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.	Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.	Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.	A.
OCTOBER 1958					FEBRUARY 1959					MARCH				
23 Th	Leicester City ...h	1	2		11 W	Aston Villa ...h	0	5		25 W	Port Vale ...a			
NOVEMBER					25 W	Stoke City ...h				APRIL				
12 W	Aston Villa ...a	0	4		MARCH					1 W	Leicester City ...a			
26 W	West Bromwich ...a	3	3		5 Th	Stoke City ...a				16 Th	Port Vale ...h			
					18 W	West Brom. ...h								

FUTURE FOOTBALL AT MEADOW LANE

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1959	Kick-off 3.0 p.m.
NOTTS COUNTY v. ROCHDALE	
SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1959	Kick-off 3.0 p.m.
Notts County Reserves v. Reading	
SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1959	Kick-off 3.0 p.m.
NOTTS COUNTY v. PLYMOUTH	

Meet the Player . . .

No. 14

BERT LOXLEY

CAME from Bonsall, Derbyshire, and signed for the Magpies on March 4th, 1952.

Was kept in the Midland League until April 30th, 1955, when he made his debut against Ipswich Town at Meadow Lane and Notts won by the odd goal of three.

Last season he made 26 League and Cup appearances and this term has figured at right-half, left-half, centre-forward and, more recently, at centre-half.

Towards the end of the 1956-7 season he played some outstanding games at right-half, particularly at Charlton and was reported to have interested Mr. Jack Crayston, who was then manager of Arsenal.

Was skipper of the side at Mansfield last week in the absence of Gerry Carver.

Height 5 ft. 11 in., weight 12 st.



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