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#### **CLUB NOTES**

This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground, yet another team from the North of England. The third in succession. Grimsby, York and now Bury.

Bury, like Grimsby, is a grand footballing team, and has made an excellent start to this, their second season in Division 3.

Unfortunately the form of our club, has been sometimes very good, others very poor. In fact at the moment Swindon must be one of the most unpredictable sides in the country.

After the home win against Grimsby, most supporters looked for a repeat performance against York City (a team without an away goal). Unfortunately the game proved to be disappointing, with Swindon being unable to find their form, and work together as a team. At present all the danger in attack comes from individual bursts. These have been very dangerous, and have produced goals, but so often the move breaks down, before the final shot at goal. The injury to Richards upset the striking force of the team, but even before the incident the forwards were not working together.

May we soon find the right combination, and the team settle down into a well-knit force. We have the players, now all we need is just that little bit of luck (so necessary in football), the run of the ball, freedom from injuries, and all players available for selection.

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Within the past month the club has lost two grand and devoted servants. First Mr. H. Chegwidden, a director for fifty years, and also Chairman. He worked extremely hard for Swindon Town F.C. in the early nineteen hundreds, when it was struggling for existence.

Most supporters will remember Mr. Sam Gray, for all his sporting activities, his cheerful disposition, and splendid personality. He retired from the Board in 1953, and was immediately made a Vice-President, in recognition of his work. We extend to his wife and his large circle of friends our deepest sympathy.

The club can ill-afford to lose such men, who although retired from office, did so much to help.

We all enjoyed the bright entertaining Reserve game on Wednesday evening. Despite the fact they were seven goals down, Gillingham kept pegging away and scored two goals, although with a little luck, we might have scored several more goals in the second half.

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season and looks like holding it.

EDDDIE ROBERTSON. Right Full Back. Height 5ft. 9in. Weight 11st. 11b. Born Edinburgh, joined Bury from Linlithgow Rose juniors as a forward, but Manager David Russell saw the potential as a defender, with his speed and anticipation he quickly took the eye, and was selected on two occasions for North v. South. BOB CONROY. Left Full Back. Height 5ft. 7½in. Weight 10st. 11lb. Tough and tenacious, Bobs hails from Scottish Ashfield Juniors and joined Bury in 1951 as a winger.

BRIAN TURNER. Right Half Back. Height 5ft. 10in. Weight 11st. 4lb. Product of Manchester Schoolboys. Signed professional in 1957 on his return from the forces. Strong and constructive, Brian is regarded as a great prospect at Gigg Lane.

JOHN McGRATH. Centre half. Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 7lb. "Big John" not yet 21 is considered the copy of famous "Tiny" Bradshaw, former Bury star and Scottish International. Product of Manchester Schoolboys, and a County youth player, John would appear to have a great future, and already is well matured in league football having been blooded in Bury's Second Division side two seasons ago.

GORDON ATHERTON. Left Half Back. Height 5ft. 8\frac{1}{2}in. Weight 11st. Born Horwich near Bolton, this human dynamo joined Bury as a full professional in 1955 after considerable service in the junior teams. Either in defence or attack the auburn

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STANLEY HEPTON. Cen. Forward. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 10st. 7lb. Former Black-pool and Huddersfield forward. Stan was signed during the close season and is a fast moving dangerous player with an eye to goal. Although he did not appear regularly with the Huddersfield first team last season he headed the scoring list in the Central League side, which is considered a formidable competition. BILL CALDER. Outside right. Height 5ft. 9½in. Weight 12 st. Born Glasgow, this strong direct winger joined Bury during the close season from Leicester City and at 22 has the advantage of first class club experience together with the resource to pursue his football future at Bury.

DONALD WATSON. Inside Right. 5ft. 8½in. Weight 11st. Former Sheffield Wednesday and Lincoln forward, Donald is now a firm favourite at Gigg Lane and is Club Captain. Always among the goals he must be regarded as one of the keys

in Bury's early promotion hopes.

ALAN JACKSON. Inside Left. Height 5ft. 10in. Weight 11st. 7lb. One of the close season big signings, Alan comes to Bury with the knowledge of European Cup experience having represented Wolves in both their matches last season. Although only 20 he has all the natural ability and strength to make him a challenging figure in the Third Division.

JOHN HUBBARD. Outside Left. Height 5ft. 6in. Weight 9st. 7lb. For over eight seasons the automatic choice at Ibrox Stadium, home of the fabulous Rangers. Born in South Africa, John entered the services of Rangers as a boy and rapidly climbed to fame as a personality at Ibrox. Although only in his mid-twenties, John brings to Bury the experience of many Club honours having played in several European Cup games, and in addition to holding a Scottish Cup Winner's Medal. he has been joint top scorer at Ibrox for many seasons.

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Swindon Supporters have had mixed experiences this season as a result of some of the matches, and we trust that the feelings of frustration, which we have felt after seeing certain games, will soon be dispelled and that the team will settle to consistent form.

On Tuesday when the result was announced as a 3—3 draw at Grimsby, by ITV, no doubt most who saw the news thought that the team had performed well, but there was a shock to come when the correction was announced. We hope that the team will meet with better luck today.

In the meantime our Competition goes well, and any who wish to join, but have not done so, should not delay, as the maximum permitted membership is in sight.

Ordinary enrolments (i.e. without Competition membership) are still possible. All we require is sixpence for the season. This may be paid to any Committee Member or at the Office on match days. Our new badges, of attractive design, are available.

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