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		F.	A.
1959.			
Aug.	22—Newport County	H 0 — 0	
	25—Brentford	A 1 — 3	
	29—Accrington Stanley	A 2 — 2	
Sept.	2—Brentford	H 3 — 2	
	5—Bournemouth	H 1 — 2	
	7—Chesterfield	A 1 — 5	
	12—Tranmere Rovers	A 1 — 4	
	19—Norwich City	H 1 — 2	
	23—Swindon Town	A 1 — 4	
	26—Grimsby Town	H 2 — 1	
	30—Swindon Town	H	
Oct.	3—Queen's Park Rgs.	A	
	7—Bradford City	H	
	10—Colchester United	A	
	13—Bradford City	A	
	17—Southend United	H	
	24—Mansfield Town	A	
	28—Chesterfield	H	
	31—Port Vale	H	
Nov.	7—Bury	A	
	14—(1)		
	21—Southampton	A	
	28—Reading	H	
Dec.	5—(2)		
	12—Halifax Town	H	
	19—Newport County	A	
	26—Coventry City	H	
	28—Coventry City	A	
1960.			
Jan.	2—Accrington Stanley	H	
	9—(3) Barnsley	H	
	16—Bournemouth	A	
	23—Tranmere Rovers	H	
	30—(4) Shrewsbury Town	A	
Feb.	6—Norwich City	A	
	13—Grimsby Town	A	
	20—(5) Queen's Park R.	H	
	27—Colchester United	H	
Mar.	5—Southend United	A	
	12—(6) Mansfield Town	H	
	19—Reading	A	
	26—(S.F.) Bury	H	
April	2—Barnsley	A	
	9—Southampton	H	
	15—York City	A	
	16—Port Vale	A	
	18—York City	H	
	23—Shrewsbury Town	H	
	30—Halifax Town	A	
May	7—(Final).		

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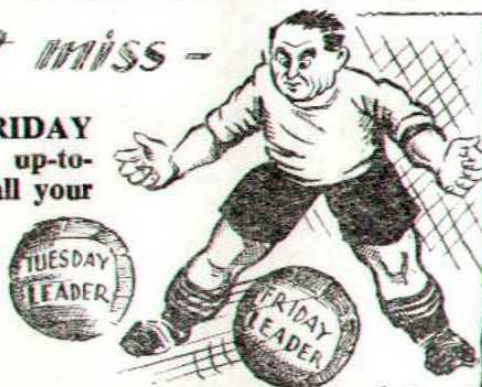
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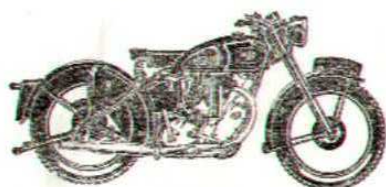
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## PEN PICTURES OF SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

SAM BURTON (Goalkeeper)—Product of local football, joining Swindon in 1945. Played for Wilts. Junior eleven which reached final of counties Tournament in 1944-45.

PETER CHAMBERLAIN (Right Back) — Became a Swindon player in 1957 coming from Leicester City. Peter also plays in the forward line. Born Bootle.

WALTER BINGLEY (Left Back)—Born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his league debut then for the "Robins." Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday, previously with Bolton.

KEITH MORGAN (Right Half) — Another teenager produced through the ranks of the "Robins" youth teams. A County Youth player he made his debut last season playing a dozen League games.

KEN MELLOR (Centre Half)—Joined the "Robins" during the close season from Mansfield Town, converted into a centre half when he joined Mansfield from Leicester.

BOB WOODRUFF (Left Half) — A local lad who joined the "Robins" from the Swindon Schoolboys team that did so well in the National Team Schoolboys Cup.

ARNOLD DARCY (Outside Right) — Born at Blackburn, joining the "Robins" from Wigan during the 1956-57 season. Played as an amateur for Accrington Stanley in 1952-53 season.

BOB EDWARDS (Inside Right)—Was last season's top goal-scorer. He joined the town in 1956 from Chelsea. Born at Guildford.

JOHN RICHARDS (Centre Forward)—Signed from the Army during 1957-58 season. A versatile and goal-scoring forward, playing in all inside-forward positions and right wing last season.

JIMMY GAULD (Inside Left) — Was signed at the beginning of this season from Plymouth Argyle for a reputed figure of £5,000. His other Clubs have been Everton and Charlton Athletic.

JOHN HOSKINS (Outside Left)—Signed from Southampton during the close season, being at that Club for six years. Born near Southampton.

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9 RICHARDS

8 EDWARDS

7 DARCY

6 WOODRUFF

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4 MORGAN

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### SECRETARY'S NOTES.

ON this auspicious occasion, probably the most historic in the long life of Wrexham Football Club, it is a real honour to me as Secretary to welcome our Supporters to witness the first floodlit football match at our ground. I was careful to mention the word "ground" because our very old Supporters will tell us that a floodlit football match was played in the town as far back as the end of the last century. Records show that it was played at Acton Park with oil lamps surrounding the playing area. I have an idea that the lights this evening will be of a brighter nature.

It gives us a great deal of satisfaction when we see an undertaking of such magnitude, completed with such satisfactory results. We are all responsible—Directors, Supporters' Executive and ordinary Supporters. We should all feel proud this evening. I trust the team will give us an exhibition tonight to match the surroundings, so that we may all return home able to say that we have won all our home games under lights. Swindon Town are a good side as we know to our cost and their victory at Chesterfield on Saturday is a reminder that only the best will do tonight if we are to make sure of the points that will get us from the unenviable place we now find ourselves in the League.

Our teams met with mixed fortunes last Saturday. Only four matches were played, the Colts having a free date. The first team, as you all know, won 2—1, both goals coming from Bernard Evans' headers; the Reserve team lost at Winsford by the same score, our scorer being Ray Wilkins; the "A" team lost by the odd goal of five at Llangollen, whilst the "B" team trounced Llay Welfare 11—2, five being scored by Ken Simpkins.

### THE LEAGUE, Division III.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halifax	12	8	3	1	19	11	19
Q.P. Rangers	12	7	3	2	22	7	17
Norwich	11	7	3	1	25	12	17
Stampton	12	6	4	2	35	26	16
Coventry	12	5	5	2	20	11	15
Bourmouth	12	7	1	4	24	19	15
Newport	12	6	3	3	20	19	15
SWINDON	11	6	2	3	22	17	14
Grimsby	11	5	3	3	29	17	13
Shrewsbury	12	5	3	4	27	21	13
Colchester	12	5	2	5	25	26	12
Bury	11	5	1	5	15	10	11
Tranmere	12	4	3	5	23	17	11
Barnsley	11	4	3	4	17	13	11
Brentford	12	3	4	5	20	22	10
York	11	3	4	4	12	15	10
Port Vale	11	4	1	6	13	27	9
Bradford C.	11	3	2	6	20	23	8
Southend	11	3	2	6	13	25	8
Reading	12	2	3	7	25	29	7
Accrington	12	2	3	7	14	32	7
Chesterfield	11	3	0	8	15	27	6
WREXHAM	10	2	2	6	13	25	6
Mansfield	12	1	4	7	14	31	6

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SWINDON TOWN A.F.C. was founded in the year 1881 by the Rev. W. Pitt for the benefit of the young men of his parish and became a professional Club in 1894 when they joined the Southern League, but in 1921 became one of the original members of League, Division Three. They are known as "The Robins" from their colours of red shirts with white collars, and their ground record stands at 28,400.

### NOTE FROM THE LADIES' SECTION.

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FIXTURES.

		F.	A.
1959.			
Aug.	22—Mossley .....	A 0	— 4
	26—Oswestry Town .....	H 5	— 2
	29—Stafford Rangers .....	H 0	— 1
Sept.	2—Oswestry Town .....	A 1	— 1
	5—Rhyl Athletic .....	A 0	— 2
	12—Tranmere Rovers .....	H 3	— 2
	19—Tranmere Rovers .....	A 2	— 1
	26—Winsford United .....	A 1	— 2
Oct.	3—Rhyl Athletic .....	H	.....
	10—Northwich Victoria .....	H	.....
	17—Stalybridge Celtic .....	A	.....
	24—Hyde United (C.Cup) .....	A	.....
	31—Runcorn Athletic .....	A	.....
Nov.	7—Hyde United .....	H	.....
	14—Macclesfield .....	A	.....
	21—Ellesmere Port Town .....	H	.....
	28—Congleton Town .....	A	.....
Dec.	5—Witton Albion .....	A	.....
	12—Altrincham .....	A	.....
	19—Mossley .....	H	.....
	26—Chester .....	A	.....
	28—Chester .....	H	.....
1960.			
Jan.	2—Northwich Victoria .....	A	.....
	9—Hyde United .....	A	.....
	16—Altrincham .....	H	.....
	23—Buxton .....	A	.....
	30—Bangor City .....	H	.....
Feb.	6—Buxton .....	H	.....
	13—Runcorn Athletic .....	H	.....
	20—Ellesmere Port Town .....	A	.....
	27—Bangor City .....	A	.....
Mar.	5—Winsford United .....	H	.....
	12—		
	19—Stalybridge Celtic .....	H	.....
	26—		
April	2—Macclesfield .....	H	.....
	9—Stafford Rangers .....	A	.....
	15—Wigan Rovers .....	H	.....
	16—Congleton Town .....	H	.....
	18—Wigan Rovers .....	A	.....
	23—		
	30—Witton Albion .....	H	.....
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## *Our Photo Gallery . .*

**I**N this issue we present a photograph of Major F. Evelyn Soames, who has been President of Wrexham A.F.C. since the early twenties. Major Soames is the only surviving son of the late F. W. Soames, a former President of Wrexham A.F.C., who was a very keen supporter of football in the Wrexham area. The late Mr. F. W. Soames was responsible for the re-laying of the football pitch when the playing position was altered and for the erection of the old stand on the Mold Road side. Some of the older Supporters of Wrexham will remember the solitary figure standing on the balcony of the Turf Hotel in the far off days.

Major F. E. Soames was prior to the 1914-18 War, a regular officer with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and after services in France during that War, spent some years in Kenya in British East Africa, returning to this country in 1923 to take over the management of his father's Brewery business—F. W. Soames & Co. This business was later amalgamated with Island Green Brewery and is now known as Border Breweries (Wrexham) Ltd., of which Major Soames is Chairman.

Major Soames has followed his father's interest in the welfare of Wrexham A.F.C. and is a frequent attendee at Wrexham Home Matches.

## *A Reminder from the Secretary .*

A limited number of Stand seats for the Bradford City game may be reserved providing you write in or call as soon as possible. The game is a week tonight, kick-off — 7-0 p.m. I regret that several of our good Supporters were too late to book seats for this evening's game—a reminder not to leave it too late next time.

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