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CLUB NOTES

This afternoon's games brings to a close another season's programme. It has been a season we shall not be sorry to see the end of. After the first game which was away to Reading and which we won, hopes were raised that we might continue on the high note on which we had finished the previous season when we won the Fourth Division Championship in its inaugural year.

The second home game against Shrewsbury Town which we lost by three clear goals was a shock that the side never seemed to get over properly until the cup-ties came round. In the cup-ties we did well. The side touched its best form and the progress to the Fifth Round when we lost by the odd goal to Aston Villa was the highlight of the season. The form shown in the cup-ties was the only satisfaction we got from a season's effort.

If anyone could say why football form is so unpredictable, why in the cup-ties we should play so well, and why when we come to the league games when a win is so badly needed to put us amongst the league leaders, everything seems to go wrong and we fail to produce the form we are capable of? If this question could be answered football would of course lose its appeal. After all, it is the uncertainty of the game that is its greatest attraction.

It was most unfortunate that we should lose the services of two such established players as Peter Ford and Terence Miles at a crucial part of the season which, with other injuries gave the side a makeshift look, but thanks to the good form shown by those brought in to fill the gaps a reasonable league position has been maintained. It is good

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news to know that both these players will be fighting fit by the time next season comes round.

For our last game of the season we extend a welcome to Swindon Town, a side holding a middle of the league position similar to ourselves. When we met in December at Swindon we took the points with a 3-2 win, and that was the first away league win since the first game of the season at Reading.

While we finish the season on a note of disappointment the Management realise that we have fallen short of our objective, but efforts will be made to get together a side capable of taking the club into a higher sphere where we feel we belong.

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THE LEAGUE TABLE — DIVISION III

		HOME						AWAY						
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Southampton	...	44	18	3	1	66	30...	7	6	9	36	42...	59	
Norwich City	...	44	14	4	3	46	21...	8	7	8	29	30...	55	
Coventry City	...	44	14	5	3	43	21...	7	4	11	34	39...	51	
Bury	...	44	13	3	6	35	22...	8	5	9	28	26...	50	
Shrewsbury Town	...	44	12	6	4	56	32...	5	9	8	38	41...	49	
Grimsby Town	...	44	11	7	4	45	25...	6	8	8	38	42...	49	
Brentford	...	44	12	6	3	41	22...	8	3	12	32	37...	49	
Queens Park Rangers	...	44	13	7	2	44	16...	4	5	13	27	37...	46	
Colchester United	...	45	14	6	2	46	21...	3	5	15	32	52...	45	
Bournemouth	...	44	11	8	3	46	27...	5	5	12	25	42...	45	
Barnsley	...	45	13	6	4	45	25...	2	8	12	20	40...	44	
Newport County	...	45	15	2	6	59	36...	4	4	14	19	42...	44	
Southend United	...	44	14	3	5	46	28...	4	5	13	24	42...	44	
PORT VALE	...	44	15	4	3	45	18...	3	4	15	26	54...	44	
Swindon Town	...	44	11	6	5	37	30...	7	2	13	29	42...	44	
Reading	...	44	12	3	7	48	34...	5	6	11	34	42...	43	
Halifax Town	...	42	12	3	6	40	26...	5	6	10	26	42...	43	
Bradford City	...	43	10	7	6	39	28...	5	5	10	27	39...	42	
Chesterfield	...	44	13	3	7	41	31...	4	4	13	29	50...	41	
York City	...	45	11	5	6	38	25...	2	7	14	19	47...	38	
Tranmere Rovers	...	44	10	8	4	48	29...	2	5	15	20	46...	37	
Wrexham	...	44	12	4	6	35	29...	2	3	17	29	69...	35	
Mansfield Town	...	44	10	4	7	49	43...	4	2	17	26	64...	34	
Accrington Stanley	...	45	4	5	14	31	53...	7	0	15	25	65...	27	

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THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1959	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 22	Reading ...	a	3 2
24	Bournemouth ...	h	1 0
29	Shrewsbury ...	h	0 3
Sept. 2	Bournemouth ...	a	0 3
5	Tranmere R. ...	a	0 6
7	Southampton ...	h	1 1
12	Norwich City ...	a	1 5
16	Southampton ...	a	2 3
19	Brentford ...	h	3 1
21	Barnsley ...	h	1 0
26	Colchester ...	a	1 3
30	Barnsley ...	a	0 1
Oct. 3	Southend Utd. ...	h	3 1
10	Accrington ...	h	2 0
12	Mansfield T. ...	h	4 1
19	Newport County ...	a	3 4
24	Chesterfield ...	h	3 1
31	Wrexham ...	a	0 1
Nov. 7	York City ...	h	2 0
14	Dorchester (1) ...	a	2 1
21	Bradford City ...	h	0 2
28	Queen's Park R. ...	a	2 2
Dec. 5	Queen's P. R. (2) ...	a	3 3
7	Q. P. R. (replay) ...	h	2 1
12	Swindon Town ...	a	3 2
19	Reading ...	h	4 1

THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1959-60	Opponent	F.	A.
Dec. 26	Halifax Town ...	a	1 1
28	Halifax Town ...	h	7 0
Jan. 2	Shrewsbury T. ...	a	1 2
9	Cardiff City (3) ...	a	2 0
16	Tranmere R. ...	h	1 1
23	Norwich City ...	h	2 1
30	Scunthorpe U. (4) ...	a	1 0
Feb. 6	Brentford ...	a	0 2
10	Grimsby Town ...	h	2 1
13	Colchester ...	h	1 1
20	Aston Villa (5) ...	h	1 2
21	Southend Utd. ...	a	1 2
27	Accrington ...	a	3 1
Mar. 5	Newport County ...	h	2 1
7	Coventry City ...	a	1 1
12	Chesterfield (6) ...	a	1 4
19	Queen's Park R. ...	h	0 0
26	York City (S.F.) ...	a	0 2
Apr. 2	Coventry City ...	h	0 1
9	Bradford City ...	a	1 3
15	Bury ...	a	1 3
16	Wrexham ...	h	3 1
18	Bury ...	h	3 0
23	Grimsby Town ...	a	1 1
25	Mansfield T. ...	a	3 6
30	Swindon Town ...	h	...

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1959	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 22	Hull City ...	h	1 0
29	Middlesbrough ...	a	0 3
31	Stockport County ...	a	1 2
Sept. 5	Hartlepool ...	h	4 1
12	Stockport County ...	h	1 3
19	Barrow ...	a	1 4
22	Carlisle United ...	a	1 3
26	Bradford ...	h	2 1
28	Crewe Alex. ...	h	1 1
Oct. 3	Scunthorpe Utd. ...	a	4 2
10	Grimsby Town ...	a	1 0
17	Bradford City ...	h	2 2
24	Doncaster R. ...	a	0 3
31	York City ...	h	4 0
Nov. 7	Workington ...	a	0 1
14	Lincoln City ...	h	2 1
21	Gateshead ...	a	4 3
28	Darlington ...	h	4 1
Dec. 5	Sunderland ...	a	1 2
12	Accrington ...	h	3 0
19	Hull City ...	a	3 1
26	Halifax Town ...	h	4 2
28	Halifax Town ...	a	3 2

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1960	Opponent	F.	A.
Jan. 2	Middlesbrough ...	h	5 0
9		...	...
16	Hartlepool ...	a	3 2
23		...	...
30		...	...
Feb. 6	Barrow ...	h	6 2
13	Bradford ...	a	5 3
27	Grimsby Town ...	h	1 0
Mar. 1	Crewe Alex. ...	a	2 4
5	Bradford City ...	a	1 2
12	Doncaster R. ...	h	6 1
19	York City ...	a	3 2
26	Workington ...	h	3 2
Apr. 2	Lincoln City ...	a	1 0
9	Gateshead ...	h	3 2
11	Scunthorpe Utd. ...	h	1 1
15	Rotherham Utd. ...	h	2 3
16	Darlington ...	a	1 1
18	Rotherham Utd. ...	a	1 2
23	Sunderland ...	h	2 4
25	Carlisle United ...	h	2 0
30	Accrington ...	a	...
May 7			

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Players' Appearances 1st 2nd

Adams, J. A.	1
Archer, G.	..	5	21
Barnett, G.	..	33	4
Bickerton, J.	1
Boswell, G.	..	...	12
Corbishley, C.	..	...	33
Cunliffe, J.	..	6	...
Davies, C. F.	..	9	20
Donaldson, F. L.	..	8	28
Ford, P.	..	23	...
Gater, R.	..	...	12
Hancock, B.	..	...	16
Hancock, M.	..	...	3
Hancock, P. K.	..	23	13
Hall, P.	..	4	32
Hunt, M. M.	..	2	29
Jackson, B.	..	50	1
Kinsey, N.	..	19	19
Leake, A.	..	38	10
March, S.	..	1	31
McLean, J.	..	...	19
Miles, T.	..	40	2
Nixon, B.	..	...	3
Oscroft, H.	..	26	3
Poole, H.	..	49	...
Poole, J. A. F.	..	28	18
Portwood, C.	..	24	21
Pritchard, R.	..	6	31
Raine, D.	..	45	...
Reeves, J.	..	...	2
Sproson, R.	..	46	...
Steele, S. F.	..	51	...
Toulster, T.	..	...	3
Wilkinson, B.	..	9	6
Whalley, S. D.	..	11	24
Woolley, V.	..	...	33

GOAL SCORERS 1st 2nd

Archer, G.	..	3	9
Barnett, G.	..	18	3
Corbishley, A.	..	...	2
Davies, C. F.	..	...	2
Donaldson, F. L.	..	4	17
Gater, R.	..	...	1
Hall, P.	..	2	14
Hancock, B.	..	...	4
Hancock, M.	..	...	2
Jackson, B.	..	9	...
Kinsey, N.	..	1	1
Leake, A.	..	3	...
March, S.	..	...	22
McLean, J.	..	...	6
Miles, T.	..	1	...
Oscroft, H.	..	3	...
Poole, H.	..	13	...
Portwood, C.	..	10	5
Raine, D.	..	1	...
Sproson, R.	..	1	...
Steele, S. F.	..	11	...
Toulster, T.	2
Wilkinson, B.	..	1	2
Whalley, S. D.	..	2	6
Own Goal	...	2	...

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Swindon Town came into being as a professional club in 1894. They were one of the original members of the Southern League and played a prominent part in that competition until the formation of the Third Division by the Football League.

The "Robins" have been members of the Third Division ever since and have had to seek re-election on three occasions. On the credit side they have been semi-finalists of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912; and quarter-finalists twice.

Swindon finished in fourth position in the Third Division South on four occasions, the last being in 1957-58 when they secured 57 points. Last season found them in fifteenth position in the new Third Division with 45 points. Their best goal scoring season was 1926-27 when they scored 100 goals in 42 matches, and 47 of them were scored by D. Morris who was then top scorer in the Division.

The club has provided several International players in its time, notably in latter years N. Uprichard who played for Ireland.

PEN PORTRAITS

'Sam' Burton (goal)—A product of local football, joining Swindon in 1945. Played for Wilts. Junior XI which reached the final of Counties Tournament 1944-45. Stands 6 ft. Weighs 13½ stone.

John Higgins (right back)—Signed from Hibs. during the close season. Previously with the Scottish Club St. Mirren. Born Kilmarnock.

Walter Bingley (left back)—Born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his debut then for the "Robins". Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday. Has also played with Bolton Wanderers. Is a six-footer and weighs 12 stone.

Keith Morgan (right half)—Another teenager produced through the ranks of the club's youth teams. A County Youth player he made his debut last season, playing a dozen league games.

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Peter Chamberlain (centre half)—Became a Swindon player in 1957 coming from Leicester City. Peter also plays in the forward line. He was born in Bootle, is 6 ft. and weighs 11½ stone.

Rex Tilley (left half)—Now in his second season with Swindon after a period of six years with Plymouth Argyle. Born in Swindon.

Mick Summerbee (outside right)—Mick comes from Cheltenham. He turned professional recently on his seventeenth birthday after a period on the ground staff. Normally a centre forward, but has played his last dozen games on the wing.

Ernie Hunt (inside right)—A local lad who joined Swindon Town from school when playing for Swindon Schoolboys. Just seventeen years old, he turned professional recently.

Ken Mellor (centre forward)—Joined the "Robins" during the close season from Mansfield Town. Was converted into a centre half when he joined Mansfield from Leicester.

James Gauld (inside left)—Transferred to the club from Plymouth Argyle for a substantial fee after service with such great clubs as Everton and Charlton.

Arnold Darcy (outside left)—Joined Swindon from Wigan during the 1956-57 season. Also played as an amateur with Accrington Stanley in season 1952-53.

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