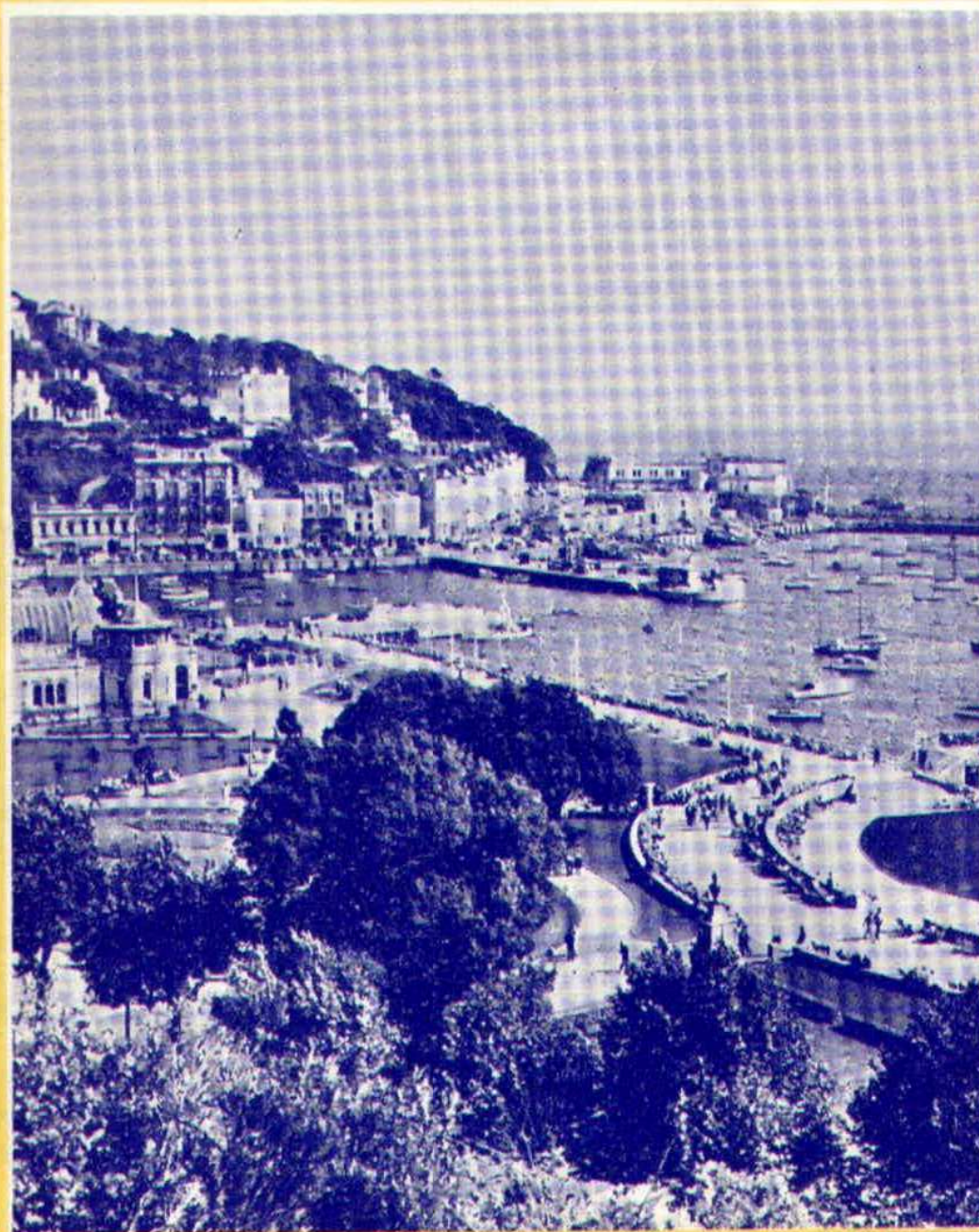


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Ten points and 16 goals from six matches all played within the space of 18 days—the figures make impressive reading and they belong to Torquay United. No wonder that from the Club Chairman, Mr. Arthur Milner down, we're all thinking about promotion. Yes, of course, it's early days, but the quarter-season mark of the League programme is past and Torquay lay in a very useful position, thanks to the spate of points from the last six games. How the picture can change in two and a half weeks! Thanks to those recent results, promotion is a target which can be seriously discussed.

Torquay won their match with Coventry City here last Saturday in the first half. The three goals which gave the final result were scored before the interval and, if the rest of the game was not so exciting, there was, at least, little chance that Coventry would snatch even one goal. Had they done so I feel that perhaps Torquay would have gone on to one of those really big wins. No doubt of it, Coventry were a well-beaten side but they should not be regarded too lightly. One of the worst hit clubs in the League from the injury and sickness point of view, six recognised first team players were out of the team for that game, and only two, Myerscough and Curtis, were ever-present so far this season.

Make no mistake, this is still a hard League and there won't be any "esay" games this season.

#### SWINDON

To-day we can certainly anticipate a tough encounter. Swindon, managed by that great stalwart, Bert Head, who reigned as centre half here for so many years, have ideas about promotion, too. At the weekend they slammed Port Vale 6-0, but one member of the Swindon staff did not see the Wiltshire club's triumph. Ellis

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Stuttard, the former Torquay full back, who is now an assistant to Bert Head, was right here, running the rule over United. Swindon carry a comparatively big staff for a Third Division club. Their list of players numbers 28. If there were no injuries at Swindon on Saturday these are the men we can expect to see to-day: Goalkeeper, Sam Burton, is a product of local football who joined Swindon in 1945. Played for the Wilts Junior eleven who reached the final of the Counties tournament. Stands 6ft, weighs 13½ st. Fullbacks: John Jiggins, signed from Hibs during the 1959-60 season. Was previously with St. Mirren, Higgins is 5ft 10ins, weighs 11½ st. Walter Bingley, signed from Sheffield Wednesday early in the 1958 season, previously with Bolton. Height 6ft, weight 12 st.

Half-backs: Keith Morgan, another teenager produced through the ranks of Swindon youth teams. A County youth player, he made his debut in 1958-59. Height 6ft 1in, weight 12½ st. Maurice Owen was the target for several first division clubs, including Wolves and Arsenal soon after joining Swindon in 1947. But Owen would not move. Height 5ft 11ins, weight 11 st. John Bell joined Swindon this summer from Stirling Albion. Height 5ft. 10ins, weighs 12 st.

Forwards: Mike Summerbee turned pro at the age of 17 after being on the ground staff and made his debut last season. Height 5ft 10ins, weighs 11 st. Ernie Hunt is another teenager who made his debut last season after turning pro. on his 17th birthday. Height 5ft 9ins, weighs 10½ st. Bob Woodruff is a local lad who joined from the Swindon schoolboys' team which did so well in the National Schoolboys cup. Cliff Jackson is a teenager who made his debut two seasons ago. A local lad, 5ft 10ins, weighs 10½ st. Also a teenager, David Corbett made his debut in 1958-59 and is a County Youth player. Stands 5ft 8ins, weighs 10½ st. That, at any rate was the forward line which scored so freely against Port Vale and as you can see, it must be one of the youngest in this Division.

### NEXT ATTRACTIONS AT PLAINMOOR

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <b>Saturday, 8th October, 1960</b> —Bristol City<br>(Western League).                | K.O. 3.0 p.m. |
| <b>Saturday, 15th October, 1960</b> —NOTTS COUNTY<br>(Football League Division III). | K.O. 3.0 p.m. |
| <b>Saturday, 22nd October, 1960</b> —Welton Rovers<br>(Western League).              | K.O. 3.0 p.m. |

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### **FROM THE MANAGER'S CHAIR**

Good Afternoon to You All,

The signing, and subsequent non-appearance of Brian Handley in the league side seems to be causing some of our supporters some difficulty in trying to reason those two things. Simply it is this, that during the past close season one of our requirements, openly stated, was the need for a centre-forward, preferably a big lad, to cover any long term injury to that position. The opportunity arose to do this when Brian became available from Aston Villa, and with a view to his future asset to the club, the transfer was negotiated, but the situation is such at present that there is no call to displace Tommy Northcott and my own view is that Brian is primarily, if not only, a centre forward.

For our match ball to-day we are indebted to Mr. Len Robins, of the Shiphay Grocery Stores, and we extend our grateful thanks to him. Mr. Robins has quite a record in soccer overseas, in Lagos, Nigeria, whilst on Government work with the railways he was manager/coach of the railway teams and his teams won championships in three divisions covering a period around 1945 to 1950, besides winning various cups.



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Good Afternoon Supporters,—This being a Wednesday afternoon may we welcome you shop people. We often wonder what difference it would make to our gates if early closing day for the whole of the town was Saturdays. What do you think? We welcome Swindon Town to Plainmoor this afternoon with their Manager, well known to many of us, Mr. Bert Head.

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The Pools' Committee still need more Agents. What about you? Can you help; just contact us, we will do the rest, but please do it now. Thank you.

### "MATCH BALLS"

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### "GATES"

We regret having always to appeal for help each week, but what else can a club such as ours with an average of only between 6-7,000 gates do? The money has to be found somehow. Can anyone tell us what more can we do to get more to come to Plainmoor. Please don't let it be said we are not sports-minded in Devon. If only you staunch supporters would bring just one extra friend to Plainmoor for two or three games, we are sure they would get interested and keen to come to every match. So what about it? Do please try if you are really keen to keep your League football in Torquay. Our only hope rests with your real support.

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The Committee welcome the Players, Directors and the Manager, Mr. Bert Head, an old friend to many of us, to Plainmoor and to our Club after the game. The club is fully licensed and at half-time, teas and light refreshments are obtainable.

**Football League Division III Appearances**—Baxter, Bettany, Hancock, Northcott, G., Northcott, T., Penford, 13; Cox, 12; Gill, 11; Rawson, 9; Mills, Pym, 7; Bond, 6; James, 4; Court, Lewis, 3; Marsh, 2; Carter (Roger) 1.

**Football League Division III Goalscorers**—Northcott, T., 10; Pym, 4; Cox, 3; Baxter, Mills, Rawson, 2; Curtis (Coventry City own goal) Lewis, 1.

**Western League Appearances**—Eckersall, Smith, A., Weir, 7; Carter (Ray), Smith, H., 6; Carter (Roger), 5; Arundel, Court, James, Murray, 4; Holland, Lancaster, Marsh, 3; Bond, Bristow, Griffiths, Lewis, Rossiter, 2; Cox, Glazier, Mills, Pym, 1.

**Western League Goalscorers**—Carter (Ray), 4; Bond, Lewis, 3; Carter (Roger), Court, Mills, Pym, 2; Arundel, 1.

**Arthur Young Cup Appearances**—Arundel, Bristol, Carter (Roger), Eckersall, Lewis, Smith, A., Smith, H., Weir, 2; Carter (Ray), Gill, Glazier, James, Lancaster, Mills, 1.

**Arthur Young Cup Goalscorers**—Carter (Ray), Eckersall, 1.

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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III**

	Goals											Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Watford	13	5	2	0	18	7	3	1	2	9	8	19
Grimsby	13	5	2	0	14	6	2	3	1	8	7	19
Halifax	13	6	1	0	18	8	1	3	2	9	12	18
Bury	12	3	1	1	13	6	4	2	1	21	7	17
Walsall	13	5	1	0	19	5	2	1	4	7	11	16
Torquay	13	4	3	0	15	6	2	1	3	10	12	16
Notts County	13	6	0	0	21	8	0	4	3	8	13	16
Q.P.R.	13	5	1	0	9	1	1	2	4	10	15	15
Swindon	12	4	1	1	12	3	1	3	2	6	8	14
Hull City	13	4	1	1	15	6	2	1	4	10	16	14
Newport	13	5	2	0	20	9	0	2	4	7	17	14
Barnsley	13	3	2	1	14	8	3	0	4	10	17	14
Bournemouth	13	2	4	0	11	9	2	0	5	9	13	12
Brentford	13	4	1	2	16	11	0	3	3	3	13	12
Port Vale	13	3	2	2	18	10	0	3	3	6	15	11
Bristol City	12	4	1	1	14	4	0	2	4	6	17	11
Coventry	13	3	3	0	13	8	0	1	6	8	20	10
Tranmere	13	3	2	2	15	19	1	0	5	6	19	10
Reading	12	3	1	2	10	8	0	2	4	8	16	9
Southend	13	2	1	4	8	12	1	2	3	9	12	9
Chesterfield	13	2	2	2	9	8	0	2	5	7	19	8
Shrewsbury	12	1	5	1	10	10	0	1	4	4	15	8
Bradford C.	12	2	1	2	10	10	0	2	5	7	13	7
Colchester	13	3	1	3	13	10	0	0	6	4	20	7

**DIVISION III**

Date 1960	Opponents	K.O.	Grd.	Result
Aug. 20	Shrewsbury Town	3.00	h	2-0
22	Halifax Town	6.45	a	2-3
27	Walsall	3.00	a	0-3
Sept. 1	Halifax Town	6.00	h	1-1
3	Bury	3.00	h	1-1
6	Brentford	7.30	a	3-2
10	Chesterfield	3.00	a	0-2
14	Brentford	5.30	h	1-1
17	Southend United	3.00	h	2-1
22	Tranmere Rovers	5.15	h	5-2
24	Port Vale	3.00	a	3-0
26	Tranmere Rovers	7.30	a	2-2
Oct. 1	Coventry City	3.00	h	3-0
5	Swindon Town	3.00	h	—
8	Queen's Park Ran.	3.15	a	—
15	Notts County	3.00	h	—
22	Bournemouth & B.A.	3.00	a	—
26	Plymouth Argyle or Southport (F.L.C.)	3.00	h	—
29	Bradford City	3.00	h	—
Nov. 5 (1)				
12	Newport County	2.45	h	—
19	Colchester United	3.15	a	—
26 (2)				
Dec. 3	Hull City	3.00	a	—
10	Reading	2.30	h	—
17	Shrewsbury Town	3.15	a	—
24	Watford	2.30	h	—
27	Watford	3.00	a	—
31	Walsall	2.30	h	—
1961				
Jan. 7 (3)	Grimsby Town	2.30	h	—
14	Bury	3.00	a	—
21	Chesterfield	2.45	h	—
28 (4)	Barnsley	3.00	a	—
Feb. 4	Southend United	3.00	a	—
11	Port Vale	3.00	h	—
18 (5)	Coventry City	3.00	a	—
25	Hull City	3.00	h	—
Mar. 4 (6)	Notts County	3.00	a	—
11	Bournemouth & B.A.	3.00	h	—
18 (S.F.)	Bradford C.	3.00	a	—
25	Barnsley	3.00	h	—
31	Bristol City	3.00	a	—
April 1	Newport County	3.15	a	—
3	Bristol City	10.30	h	—
8	Colchester United	3.00	h	—
15	Grimsby Town	3.00	a	—
22	Queen's Park Ran.	3.00	h	—
26	Swindon Town	7.30	a	—
29	Reading	3.00	a	—
May 6 (Final)				

**WESTERN LEAGUE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bridgwater Town	8	5	3	0	23	7	13
Minehead	7	6	1	0	19	8	13
Dorchester Town	8	6	0	2	25	12	12
Bristol Rovers	10	5	2	3	23	13	12
Salisbury	7	5	1	1	17	9	11
Torquay United	7	5	1	1	19	11	11
Welton Rovers	6	5	0	1	24	13	10
Yeovil Town	9	4	2	3	9	8	10
Bath City	8	3	2	3	14	14	8
Exeter City	8	4	0	4	9	17	8
Chippenham Town	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Weston-super-Mare	7	3	1	3	16	15	7
Bristol City	8	3	1	4	12	14	7
Portland United	8	2	3	3	18	23	7
Weymouth	9	2	3	4	12	19	7
Trowbridge Town	7	2	2	3	10	15	6
Glastonbury	7	2	1	4	9	18	5
Taunton	9	1	1	7	14	25	3
Poole Town	10	1	1	8	12	23	3
Barnstaple Town	8	1	0	7	16	29	2
Bideford	7	0	2	5	12	23	2

**WESTERN LEAGUE**

Date 1960	Opponents	K.O.	Grd.	Result
Aug. 20	*Salisbury	3.00	a	1-2
24	Barnstaple	6.15	h	7-3
27	*Salisbury	3.00	h	1-4
Sept. 3	Bristol City	3.00	a	1-4
10	Weymouth	3.00	h	3-0
14	Barnstaple Town	5.30	a	1-0
17	Yeovil Town	3.00	a	1-1
24	Poole Town	3.00	h	3-2
Oct. 1	Bath City	3.00	a	3-1
8	Bristol City	3.00	h	—
15	Chippenham T.	3.00	a	—
22	Welton Rovers	3.00	h	—
29	Glastonbury	3.00	a	—
Nov. 5	Minehead	2.45	h	—
12	Bridgwater T.	2.45	a	—
19	Weston-s-Mare	2.45	h	—
Dec. 3	Bath City	2.30	h	—
10	Bideford	2.30	a	—
17	Salisbury	2.30	h	—
24	Exeter City	2.30	a	—
26	Exeter City	10.30	h	—
31	Bristol Rovers	2.30	a	—
1961				
Jan. 7	Minehead	2.45	a	—
14	Taunton	2.45	h	—
21	Portland Utd.	2.45	a	—
28	Chippenham T.	2.45	h	—
Feb. 4	Glastonbury	3.00	h	—
11	Trowbridge T.	3.00	a	—
18	Trowbridge T.	3.00	h	—
25	Dorchester T.	3.00	a	—
Mar. 4	Bridgwater T.	3.00	h	—
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April 1	Dorchester T.	3.00	h	—
3	Taunton	3.00	a	—
8	Poole Town	3.00	a	—
12	Yeovil Town	6.00	h	—
15	Bristol Rovers	3.00	h	—
18	Weymouth	7.15	a	—
22	Salisbury	3.00	a	—
29		3.00	h	—

\* Arthur Young Cup

Date for home League fixture against Bideford yet to be arranged.

The Club has been drawn against Bideford at home in the Western League Professional Cup the date for which has yet to be arranged.

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