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MANAGER'S NOTES

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Port Vale's promotion hopes received a set-back last week-end when only one point was forthcoming from the two long trips to Torquay on Saturday and Newport on Monday night.

How easily it could have been a much brighter outlook. In our last three away games—Reading, Torquay and Newport—we have, after each match, been acknowledged as the much better football side and considered unlucky not to win. Granted the luck has not been with us, but I must admit that the main reason why we only got one point from these games instead of six points was through the missing of chances in front of goal. It is not enough to be a good football side up to the opponents goal and then break down. The ball has got to go in the net; after all that is the idea of the game—to score goals. Away from home, after good approach work, we have been making that one pass too many instead of hammering a shot at goal when the opening is there. This fault in my opinion is the reason for the loss of points.

The task to gain promotion is now formidable. We have fifteen matches to play and I reckon we have got to get twenty-four points out of the possible thirty to be in with a chance. As I say, formidable but not impossible. It means a terrific effort from the team every match.

Today's visitors, Swindon Town, inflicted on us our greatest defeat of the season at Swindon in October, beating the Vale 6-0. The boys will be all out today to try and reverse that score, and here's hoping they do so.

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Next Saturday we have one of our most attractive home fixtures, Grimsby Town, and a chance of our first double of the season, having won at Grimsby 5-0.

NORMAN LOW,
Manager.

THE LEAGUE TABLE — DIVISION III

	HOME						AWAY						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Queens Park Rangers	31	12	4	0	43	17...	5	4	6	24	25...42		
Bury ...	30	10	2	2	41	15...	7	3	6	33	24...39		
Grimsby Town ...	31	11	2	2	35	21...	5	5	6	25	25...39		
Notts County ...	30	13	1	0	42	13...	3	6	7	24	39...39		
Walsall ...	29	13	2	0	43	15...	4	1	9	20	30...37		
Torquay United ...	30	8	9	0	33	15...	4	3	6	25	29...36		
PORT VALE ...	30	11	2	3	46	17...	2	7	5	24	32...35		
Halifax Town ...	30	10	5	0	35	16...	1	7	7	21	39...34		
Watford ...	29	7	6	2	32	20...	4	5	5	21	28...33		
Barnsley ...	28	10	3	1	37	18...	5	0	9	20	34...33		
Newport County ...	28	9	3	1	34	16...	3	4	8	22	41...31		
Coventry City ...	29	10	4	1	39	17...	1	4	9	14	33...30		
Brentford ...	31	8	3	4	31	22...	2	5	9	12	31...28		
Hull City ...	29	9	2	4	34	16...	2	3	9	13	32...27		
Shrewsbury Town...	30	7	5	2	32	19...	1	6	9	21	39...27		
Southend United ...	31	7	5	4	20	22...	2	3	10	17	35...26		
Swindon Town ...	29	6	4	4	24	13...	1	7	7	14	22...25		
Bristol City ...	28	9	2	3	32	14...	1	3	10	11	31...25		
Reading ...	29	8	5	3	29	21...	0	4	9	16	39...25		
Bournemouth ...	31	6	5	5	25	27...	4	0	11	16	29...25		
Tranmere Rovers ...	31	5	4	6	35	42...	3	2	11	21	49...22		
Bradford City ...	26	4	5	2	20	18...	1	5	9	17	30...20		
Colchester United ...	31	4	5	7	25	27...	2	2	11	17	38...19		
Chesterfield ...	31	3	5	7	21	22...	0	4	12	15	43...15		

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THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1960	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug 20	Walsall ...	h 1	1
24	Shrewsbury ...	a 1	1
27	Bury ...	a 1	3
29	Shrewsbury ...	h 4	1
Sept 3	Chesterfield ...	h 7	1
5	Watford ...	h 3	0
10	Southend Utd. ...	a 1	2
13	Watford ...	a 0	0
17	Reading ...	h 1	1
19	Halifax Town ...	h 2	3
24	Torquay Utd. ...	h 0	3
26	Halifax Town ...	a 3	3
Oct 1	Swindon Town ...	a 0	6
3	Brentford ...	h 3	2
8	Bristol City ...	a 4	3
15	Queen's Park R. ...	h 0	1
22	Notts County ...	a 2	2
29	Bournemouth ...	h 3	0
Nov 5	Chelmsford (1) ...	a 3	2
12	Barnsley ...	h 2	0
19	...	...	...
26	Carlisle Utd. (2) ...	h 2	1
Dec 3	Grimsby Town ...	a 5	0
10	Hull City ...	h 4	1
17	Walsall ...	a 2	6
26	Tranmere R. ...	h 5	0

THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

1960-61	Opponent	F.	A.
Dec. 27	Tranmere R. ...	a 3	3
31	Bury ...	h 4	3
Jan 7	Swansea (3) ...	a 0	3
14	Chesterfield ...	a 0	0
21	Southend Utd. ...	h 4	0
Feb 4	Reading ...	a 1	2
6	Colchester ...	h 3	0
11	Torquay Utd. ...	a 1	1
13	Newport County ...	a 1	2
18	Swindon T. (5) ...	h ...	...
25	Grimsby Town ...	h ...	...
28	Bradford C. ...	a ...	...
Mar 4	Queen's P. R. (6) ...	a ...	...
11	Notts County ...	h ...	...
18	B'mouth (S.F.) ...	a ...	...
25	Bradford City ...	h ...	...
31	Coventry City ...	h ...	...
Apr 1	Barnsley ...	a ...	...
4	Coventry City ...	a ...	...
8	Newport County ...	h ...	...
15	Colchester ...	a ...	...
22	Bristol City ...	h ...	...
25	Brentford ...	a ...	...
29	Hull City ...	a ...	...
May 6	F.A. Cup Final		

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1960	Opponent	F.	A.
Aug. 20	Accrington ...	a 5	1
22	Middlesbrough ...	h 1	2
27	Barrow ...	h 1	0
31	Middlesbrough ...	a 1	4
Sept. 3	Scunthorpe Utd. ...	a 5	4
10	York City ...	h 6	2
14	Crewe Alex. ...	a 0	2
17	...	...	...
24	Halifax Town ...	a 2	1
26	Hull City ...	h 2	0
Oct. 1	Workington ...	h 1	0
8	Doncaster R. ...	h 6	1
15	Grimsby Town ...	a 2	2
29	Darlington ...	a 0	2
Nov. 12	Bradford City ...	a 3	2
19	Stockport County ...	h 9	0
26	Lincoln City ...	a 3	1
Dec. 3	...	...	...
10	Hartlepoons ...	a 8	3
17	Accrington ...	h 8	0
24	Rotherham Utd. ...	a 5	0
27	Rotherham Utd. ...	h 1	6
31	Barrow ...	a 4	0

NORTH REGIONAL FIXTURES

1961	Opponent	F.	A.
Jan. 21	York City ...	a 4	2
28	Halifax Town ...	h 2	1
Feb. 4	Hull City ...	a 4	5
11	Crewe Alex. ...	h 5	1
18	Workington ...	a ...	...
25	Doncaster R. ...	a ...	...
Mar. 4	Grimsby Town ...	h ...	...
11	...	...	...
18	Darlington ...	h ...	...
25	Sunderland ...	a ...	...
Apr. 1	Bradford City ...	h ...	...
3	Bradford ...	a ...	...
4	Bradford ...	h ...	...
8	Stockport County ...	a ...	...
15	Lincoln City ...	h ...	...
22	Carlisle United ...	a
29	Hartlepoons ...	h
	Sunderland ...	h
	Carlisle United ...	h
May 6	Scunthorpe Utd. ...	h

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Players' Appearances 1st 2nd

Archer, J.	1	23
Bailey, J.	...	5
Bassett, R.	...	6
Boswell, G.
Calland, E.	12	12
Cooke, E. J.	...	4
Corbishley, C.	1	25
Davies, C. F.	2	20
Edge, D.	...	20
Fidler, D. J.	24	4
Ford, P.	32	2
Gater, R.	...	22
Hall, P.	...	3
Hancock, B. J.	...	20
Hancock, K. P.	33	1
Jackson, B. H.	34	...
Kinsey, N.	3	23
Leake, A. G.	...	5
Llewellyn, H. A.	15	...
Lowe, T. J.	...	7
March, S.	...	15
Miles, T.	34	...
Oscroft, H.	11	10
Poole, H.	33	...
Poole, J. A. F.	1	20
Portwood, C.	34	...
Pass, C.	...	1
Raine, D.	28	1
Smith, J.	...	1
Sproson, R.	33	...
Steele, S. F.	34	...
Taylor, R. W.	...	2
Whalley, S. D.	9	17
Wetton, A.	...	2
Windsor, C.	...	3

GOAL SCORERS 1st 2nd

Archer, J.	...	15
Bassett, R.	...	1
Calland, E.	3	20
Corbishley, C.	...	6
Edge, D.	...	2
Fidler, D. J.	9	4
Hall, P.	...	1
Hancock, B. J.	...	13
Jackson, B. H.	8	...
Kinsey, N.	...	1
Llewellyn, H. A.	8	...
March, S.	...	16
Miles, T.	2	...
Oscroft, H.	3	4
Poole, H.	5	...
Portwood, C.	24	...
Smith, J.	...	1
Steele, S. F.	9	...
Whalley, S. D.	3	2
Own Goal	2	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. 1958-59 found them in fifteenth position in the new Third Division with 45 points. Last season Swindon finished just below us on goal average. They secured 46 points, scoring 69 goals against 78. The club's 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—A product of local football, joining Swindon in 1945. Played for the Wilts. junior XI which reached the final of the Counties tournament. Stands 6 ft. and weighs 13½ stone.

Keith Morgan—A teenager produced through the ranks of the club's youth teams. A County youth player, he made his debut in the 1958-59 season. Is 6 ft. and weighs 12½ stone.

Maurice Owen—Shortly after signing as a professional from Swindon in 1947, he was the target for many offers from clubs in the First Division, two of them being Wolves and Arsenal.

Bob Woodruff—A local lad who joined the "Robins" from the Swindon Schoolboy team that did so well in the National team Schoolboys Cup. Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 11 st.

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Arnold Darcy—Born at Blackburn. Joined Swindon from Wigan during the 1956-57 season. Played as an amateur for Accrington Stanley during season 1952-53. Stands 5 ft. 8 ins and weighs 10½ st.

Ernie Hunt—Made his debut last season. This teenager was on the ground staff before he turned professional last season on his seventeenth birthday. Born Swindon. Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Weight 10½ st.

Michael Summerbee—Michael signed as a professional on his seventeenth birthday after being on the Ground staff. He made his debut last season. Born Cheltenham. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11st.

Clifford Jackson—Another teenager who made his debut two seasons ago when on the Ground staff. Clifford is a Swindon lad who joined the club on leaving school.

John Higgins—Signed from Hibernian during the 1959-60 season. He was previously with St. Mirren. Born Kilmarnock.

Walter Bingley—Signed from Sheffield Wednesday in the early part of the 1958 season. Was previously with Bolton Wanderers. Born in Sheffield, Walter stands 6 feet and weighs 12 stone.

Rex Tilley—Now in his third season with the club after a period of six years with Plymouth Argyle. Born Swindon.

Leslie Watson—Signed during the 'close' season from Arsenal with whom he made several reserve team appearances. Born Swansea.

James Guald—Joined Swindon from Plymouth Argyle in 1959. Jim has given service to great clubs such as Charlton Athletic and Everton. Is a very fast and dangerous raider.

Bill Atkins—Joined the "Robins" from Aston Villa. He has a powerful shot in either foot. Plays in any inside forward position. Bill was born in Solihull and stands 6 ft. 1 in., weighing 12½ st.

David Layne—Signed from Rotherham United ready for the 1958-59 season. Has been introduced as 'Bronco Layne' last season through his scoring feats. David was born in Sheffield.

Geoff Crook—Joined Swindon as an amateur last season after having completed his National Service. He played representative games the R.A.F. during his period with them. Signed professional this 'close' season. Is 5 ft. 9 ins. and weighs 11½ stone.

Ivor Prosser—Joined Swindon from Bath City in 1958-59 season. At the moment he is in the services. Stands 6 ft. and weighs 12 st.

William Marshall—Signed from Bradford City in season 1958-59, scoring a hat-trick on his debut. Born Glasgow.

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