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## Club Notes

This afternoon we welcome old friends from Reading in what could be a vital match for both clubs. Despite the urgency for points we do hope everyone will enjoy a grand game of football. After the wet muddy pitches during the mid-season, we return with a vengeance to the hard, firm, fast grounds; probably too quick a change. Whereas a few weeks ago it was difficult to move the heavy ball more than a few yards we now have a light ball, bouncing high, due to the hard ground and lack of grass. We trust the ball will not be too fast for our young team and they will soon find form similar to that

shown at the beginning of the season.

The Swindon Boys' game on Tuesday evening attracted an excellent gate of almost 7,000 spectators. All present witnessed a splendid game. Fast, strong open football, with twenty-two very determined young men. While Liverpool were a little stronger in the forward line, we thought Swindon a shade unlucky to lose. The defence was most impressive, just a slight error of judgment bringing about the only goal scored. Nevertheless all will congratulate the "Young Robins" on a fine fighting display, and also on having played so well throughout the season, to figure in the last eight teams in a competition with an entry of something like 300 associations.

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On Tuesday we stage on this ground what should prove to be one of the most outstanding matches of the season, namely Swindon Youth XI versus Chelsea Youth XI in the quarter finals of the English F.A. Youth Competition. All the lads taking part in the game were under 18 years of age on 1st September, 1960. Most of them are either full-time

or apprentice professionals. For many seasons now Chelsea has figured prominently in this competition, and their present side is exceptionally strong, some of its members having figured in Division I games.

Our lads face a difficult task, but we know they will be most determined, and fight to the last kick. May we see a fine game, may the weather be kind, and the better team win.

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## FIXTURES AND RESULTS TO DATE

### DIVISION III

<b>1960</b>			
Aug. 20	Halifax Tn. ....	H	1-1
22	Tranmere R. ....	A	2-2
27	Shrewsbury ....	A	1-1
31	Tranmere R. ....	H	1-0
Sept. 3	Walsall ....	H	1-0
6	Bristol C. ....	A	1-1
10	Bury ....	A	0-3
17	Chesterfield ....	H	2-0
20	Watford ....	A	0-1
24	Southend U. ....	A	2-0
28	Watford ....	H	1-2
Oct. 1	Port Vale ....	H	6-0
5	Torquay U. ....	A	1-1
8	Notts C. ....	A	0-1
12	Shrewsbury (Cup) ..	H	1-1
15	Bournemouth ....	H	0-1
19	Bristol C. ....	H	3-1
22	Bradford C. ....	A	1-2
29	Barnsley ....	H	P
Nov. 5	Bath City (Cup) ...	H	2-2
10	Bath City (Cup) ...	A	6-4
12	Colchester U. ....	H	0-2
19	Grimsby T. ....	A	0-0 A
26	Shrewsbury (Cup) H		0-1
Dec. 3	Reading ....	A	1-1
10	Coventry C. ....	H	1-2
17	Halifax T. ....	A	1-1
24	Brentford ....	A	1-2
31	Shrewsbury ....	H	2-2
<b>1961</b>			
Jan. 7	(3) Brentford ....	H	1-1
14	Walsall ....	A	0-3 A
21	Bury ....	H	4-0
28	(4) Newport C. ....	A	0-2
Feb. 4	Chesterfield ....	A	1-1
11	Southend U. ....	H	1-1
18	(5) Port Vale ....	A	1-4
25	Reading ....	H	
Mar. 4	(6) Bournem'th ....	A	
11	Bradford C. ....	H	
18	(3.F.) Barnsley ....	A	
25	Newport C. ....	H	
31	Q.P.R. ....	A	
Apr. 1	Colchester U. ....	A	
3	Q.P.R. ....	H	
8	Grimsby T. ....	H	
15	Hull C. ....	A	
22	Notts C. ....	H	
26	Torquay U. ....	H	
29	Coventry C. ....	A	
May 6	(Final) .....		

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

<b>1960</b>			
Aug. 20	24 Aldershot .....	A	2-4
	27 Shrewsbury T. ....	H	3-0
Sept. 3	Millwall .....	A	3-4
	7 Fulham .....	A	1-1
	10 Southend U. ....	H	1-2
	13 Brentford .....	A	0-2
	24 Brentford .....	H	0-1
	27 Northampton .....	A	0-0
Oct. 1	8 Mansfield T. ....	H	4-2
	15 Reading .....	A	0-1
	22 Swansea T. ....	H	1-1
	29 Plymouth A. ....	A	0-0
Nov. 5	Crystal P. ....	H	P
	12 Colchester U. ....	A	1-2
	19 Notts C. ....	H	P
	26 Coventry C. ....	A	P
Dec. 3	Luton Tn. ....	H	P
	10 Mansfield T. ....	A	1-2
	17 Northampton .....	H	1-3
	24 Bristol R. ....	H	1-1
	26 Bristol R. ....	A	0-6
	31 Shrewsbury T. ....	A	1-3
<b>1961</b>			
Jan. 7	Peterborough U. ....	A	1-3
	14 Millwall .....	H	3-3
	21 Southend U. ....	A	1-3
	28 Peterborough U. ...	H	0-2 A
Feb. 4	Fulham .....	H	0-5
	11 .....		
	18 Aldershot .....	H	0-0
	25 Swansea Tn. ....	A	
Mar. 4	Plymouth A. ....	H	
	11 Crystal P. ....	A	
	18 Colchester U. ....	H	
	25 Notts C. ....	A	
	31 Q.P.R. ....	H	
Apr. 1	Coventry C. ....	H	
	3 Q.P.R. ....	A	
	8 Luton T. ....	A	
	15 Reading .....	H	
	22 .....		
	29 .....		

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## **Our Visitors**

### **READING F.C.**

It is our pleasure today to welcome our very old friends from Reading. They, like ourselves, are having a poor season. Nevertheless, we know from experience that our meetings are always hard fought games with the excitement usually produced by the "local derby".

For the record the game at the County Ground last season resulted in a win for Reading by 4 goals to nil.

Details of today's probable team are as follows:-

### **PEN PICTURES OF THE PLAYERS**

#### **GEORGE BUCK (Outside Left)**

Born Abingdon. Assisted the Club as an amateur player from September 6th, 1956 until he signed as a professional player on February 3rd, 1958. Made his first team debut on December 20th, 1958, versus Queen's Park Rangers.

#### **WILLIAM DAVIES (Centre Half)**

Born Middlesbrough. Joined the Club whilst doing his National Service, on January 7th, 1953, having previously assisted Hull City and Leeds United. Played for the Football Combination versus Dutch XI, in Amsterdam, on April 8th, 1959.

#### **JIMMY WHITEHOUSE (Inside Forward)**

Born West Bromwich. Transferred from West Bromwich Albion F.C. his only other professional Club on July 17th 1956. Prior to signing as a professional Jimmy was an amateur player at the Hawthorns for four seasons.

#### **WILLIAM LACEY (Centre Forward)**

Born Tynemouth. Joined the Club on July 24th, 1959, when he was transferred from Aldershot F.C., for whom he played for six seasons. Prior to joining Aldershot, assisted Middlesbrough F.C.

#### **DAVID MEESON (Goalkeeper)**

Born Oxford. Transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C., on August 10th, 1954, upon his release from the Royal Air Force. Selected as a Reserve for England Under 23 XI versus Italy, in January, 1955.

#### **JOHN McILVENNY (Outside Right)**

Born Barnstaple. Transferred from Bristol Rovers F.C. on June 6th, 1959. Prior to joining the Bristol Club, in 1952, whom he assisted for seven years, John played for West Bromwich Albion F.C., from 1949 to 1951.

#### **GORDON NEATE (Full Back)**

Born Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff upon leaving school in April, 1956 and has graduated through the Club's Minor and Youth Teams. Signed as a professional player on March 17th, 1958. Made his first team debut on April 20th, 1959, versus Colchester United F.C.

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#### JIMMY WHEELER (Inside Forward)

Born Reading. Another of the local born players, Jimmy joined the Club as an amateur player in May, 1952. He signed as a professional player in August of the same year. The Club's leading goalscorer last season with 23 goals.

#### RICHARD SPIERS (Half Back)

Born Benson, Oxon. Recommended to the Club as an amateur player in season 1954-55. Signed as a professional player on October 3rd, 1955. During his period of National Service assisted the Army F.A. XI at home and abroad on numerous occasions.

#### RAY REEVES (Left Back)

Born Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff in August, 1947, and signed as a professional player on May 17th, 1949 and today is the senior professional. As a Youth Player, played for the F.A. Youth XI in this Country and in Holland in season 1948-49. Has made more than 200 first team appearances.

#### MAURICE EVANS (Left Half)

Born Didcot. Now in his ninth season with the Club, Maurice joined the Club's ground staff in September, 1952, and signed as a professional player in September the following year. During his period of National Service, played in many Representative matches for the Royal Air Force.

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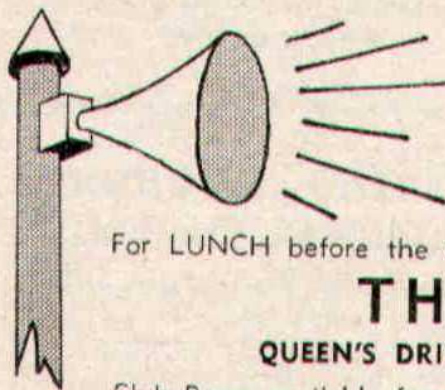
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The collection a fortnight ago on behalf of the Congo Relief Fund produced just over £16—a very satisfactory result, as it was not possible to make an announcement regarding this until the collection was actually being taken.

Quite often football supporters become annoyed with referees, but the situation was reversed last Saturday at the Football Combination game with Aldershot Reserves.

The referee, quite rightly, became annoyed with a foolish spectator who had irritated everyone intensely by the persistent blowing of a whistle.

People who are not old enough to behave responsibly are certainly not welcome at the County Ground.

We wish the team the best of luck today and hope that they will return to winning form against our old friends from Reading.

We well remember many thrilling games between the two teams in the past when their reputations were of more significance in the football world than at present.

We hope that better days may be in store for Reading, too, but trust that they will not commence their recovery today.

Holders of 'lucky programmes' on February 11th were: 3901, Mr. D. Rich, Easton Gray, Malmesbury. 221, Not Claimed.

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## KEY OF THE BOARD

Half-time scores will be given in two sections. First Section indicated by **[1]**. Second Section indicated by **[2]**.

### FIRST SECTION

- A—Arsenal v. Leicester
- B—Birmingham v. West Ham
- C—Burnley v. Blackburn
- D—Fulham v. Blackpool
- E—Manchester C. v. Tottenham H.
- F—Newcastle v. Aston Villa
- G—Nottingham F. Manchester U.
- H—Preston v. Everton
- I—Sheffield W. v. Chelsea
- J—West Brom. v. Bolton
- K—Bristol R. v. Luton
- L—Derby v. Swansea
- M—Leeds v. Sunderland
- N—Middlesbrough v. Plymouth
- O—Rotherham v. Portsmouth
- P—Scunthorpe v. Sheffield U.
- Q—Southampton v. Huddersfield
- R—Bury v. Barnsley
- S—Halifax v. Notts C.
- T—Torquay v. Hull

### SECOND SECTION

- A—Walsall v. Bradford C.
- B—Watford v. Bristol C.
- C—Accrington v. Hartlepoons
- D—Aldershot v. Exeter
- E—Barrow v. Crystal P.
- F—Bradford v. Southport
- G—Chester v. Rochdale
- H—Crewe v. Carlisle
- I—Gillingham v. Darlington
- J—Northampton v. Peterborough
- K—Oldham v. Stockport
- L—York v. Wrexham

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
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Bury	32	19	5	8	83	39	43
Grimsby Town	32	17	7	8	61	46	41
Notts County	31	16	7	8	66	53	39
Walsall	31	17	4	10	63	47	38
Port Vale	32	14	9	9	75	52	37
Torquay United	32	12	12	8	59	56	36
Halifax Town	31	11	13	7	56	55	35
Newport County	30	14	7	9	60	59	35
Barnsley	28	15	3	10	57	52	33
Watford	30	11	11	8	53	50	33
Coventry City	30	12	8	10	53	50	32
Bristol City	31	12	6	13	50	48	30
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