



Monday, September 4th, 1961      K.O. 7.30 p.m.      League, Div. III

**SWINDON TOWN**



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S.E. Counties League	Mid-Week Combination	Football League Cup
<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>MILLWALL</b>	<b>C. PALACE</b>
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9th	MONDAY, SEPT. 11th	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th
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## Bush Telegraph

### BY THE EDITOR

These notes had necessarily to be written before Saturday's match, but whatever happened against Portsmouth, with victory in the two previous games — away to Barnsley and Reading — our players more than lived down that 3-6 home defeat inflicted in the first "leg" against Reading.

We welcome Swindon Town to-night with one thought very clearly in mind. On the eve of this new and vital season, it did look as if the Third Division was going to produce a really hot contest — and this has in fact been borne out in the first fortnight.

Manager Alec Stock told me before Saturday's game: "In every match of ours so far there has been football of a high standard. There are so many good sides in the section now that I would, even at this early stage, make the guess that

the Third Division will this season reach its highest standard since the war."

## Determination Did It

In both those victories at Barnsley and Reading we showed the determination to succeed under difficulties. Against Barnsley — incidentally, theirs is one of the best pitches we can expect to play on all season — we won 4-2 after **twice** being a goal down, and at Reading last Wednesday our ten men not only held, but added to, our lead after the sending-off of Mark Lazarus.

## Towers "Special"

**Jim Towers** chose this match to achieve his first "twosome" in our colours. The second goal was of rare significance — his first header to find the net since 1958. Don't make it so long again before the next one, Jim!

## A Little Adjustment

With **Roy Bentley** moving across to right-back and **Keith Rutter** coming back into the side at centre-



half, our defence quickly settled down again after those six goals conceded here against Reading.

Leaving Keith out of the opening matches after two ever-present seasons not unexpectedly aroused comment. We think it should be known that there was never any intention of Rutter being kept indefinitely in reserve football.

The same goes for **George Francis**. Here is another player too good not to be in the first team — yet there are only eleven places.

At the same time, to be successful a club cannot survive on only eleven good players. Certainly, it makes life a little awkward when there are "too many players going for too few places" . . . but not half as awkward as the reverse situation faced by the manager who needs to make changes but hasn't the necessary replacements to call on.

## I Hear That . . . .

Jim Towers and George Francis combined well in "push and run" moves when they lined up together in a private practice the other day.

When George Bristow reported fit again last week after slight Achilles trouble, trainer Alec Farmer found himself in the happy position at this busy stage of the season of having no injuries to worry him.

Our Juniors, who beat Hounslow West Youth Club here last Tuesday by 12—2 in the preliminary round of the F.A. Youth Cup, are drawn away to Arsenal or Norwich City in the first round proper.

Manager Alec Stock, who reckoned he was half a stone too heavy anyway, has shed nine pounds in the last few weeks. Special diet? Nothing of the sort. He did it the hard

way — knocking the garden into shape at his new house at Epsom.

Q.P.R. Youth side are playing Watford here on Saturday, kick-off 3.15 p.m.

## Crystal Palace — Twice

Two matches against our old friends and London rivals Crystal Palace are on the near horizon. On Saturday, we visit them in the Football League. Four days later — Wednesday, September 13, kick-off 7.30 — they are here in the first round of the Football League Cup. Centre stand tickets, price 6/6d., are available in advance for this match.

## Seven in a Row

Since we renewed Third Division rivalry with Swindon Town in season 1952-53, the "Robins" (or "Moonrakers" as they are also known) have visited Loftus Road nine times to play us for League points.

They drew the first and won the second, but have gone home pointless in the seven subsequent games, as the following list of results shows:—

1952-53	Rangers 1	Swindon 1
1953-54	Rangers 0	Swindon 2
1954-55	Rangers 3	Swindon 1
1955-56	Rangers 1	Swindon 0
1956-57	Rangers 3	Swindon 0
1957-58	Rangers 2	Swindon 1
1958-59	Rangers 2	Swindon 1
1959-60	Rangers 2	Swindon 0
1960-61	Rangers 3	Swindon 1

## TO-NIGHT'S VISITORS

**Sam Burton** (Goalkeeper): Signed for Swindon in 1945, and is one of the longest-serving players in the game. Also one of the most consistent keepers in the section. 6ft. 12st. Born Swindon.

**Ken Jones** (Right-back): Signed from Crystal Palace in March, he broke his

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### Swindon Town Players—continued

nose on his return to Selhurst Park in the third match of this season. Trialist for the Welsh Under-23 team. 5ft. 10in., 12st. 2lb. Born Wrexham.

**John Trollope** (Left-back): Local boy who joined the ground-staff from school, he was selected for first-team duty at the start of last season when only 16 and played in all but two League matches. 5ft. 11in., 11st. 7lb. Born Swindon.

**Keith Morgan** (Right-half): Strong, attacking wing-half signed as a youth from Westbury, he was ever-present last season. 6ft. 12st. Born Westbury.

**Maurice Owen** (Centre-half): Club captain and Swindon's senior player. Originally a centre-forward, he has in recent years served the club splendidly in the half-back line. 5ft. 10in., 11st. 3lb. Born Abingdon.

**John Bell** (Left-half): Swindon's only Scot, signed from Stirling Albion last summer. Established himself midway through the season. 5ft. 11in., 11st. 5lb. Born Glasgow.

**David Corbett** (Outside-right): Product of the club's youth scheme, and a part-

time player until recently. 5ft. 8in., 11st. 3lb. Born Marshfield.

**Ernie Hunt** (Inside-right): Went into the League side when 16 two years ago, and was the Club's top League marksman last season with 14 goals. Swindon have turned down several good offers for this former ground-staff boy, who unluckily suffered a knee injury in this season's third match. 5ft. 9in., 11st. Born Swindon.

**Mike Summerbee** (Centre - forward): Champions Spurs were among a whole string of First Division clubs who showed keen interest in this 17-year-old last season when he played outside-right. Has now returned to his original position in the middle. 5ft. 10in., 11st. 6lb. Born Preston.

**Ralph Hunt** (Inside-left): Swindon signed him from Grimsby Town during the close season to add experience and goalscoring ability to their attack. Previous clubs: Portsmouth, Derby County and Norwich. 5ft. 10½in., 12st. Born Portsmouth.

**Arnold Darcy** (Outside-left): Completes five years with Swindon in November, having joined them from Wigan Athletic. 5ft. 8in., 11st. Born Blackburn.

## PLAYING LIST 1961-62

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Birthplace	Previous Club
Andrews, Jimmy	O.L.	5' 6½"	10.7	Ross-shire	Leyton Orient
Angell, Peter	L.H.	5' 10"	11.5	Chalvey	Slough — Amateur
Baker, David	C.H.	6' 1"	12.4	S. Bush	Groundstaff
Baker, Peter	F.B.	5' 9"	11.11	Romford	Sheffield Wednesday
Barber, Mickey	W.	5' 10"	10.9	Devon	Groundstaff
Bedford, Brian	I.F.	5' 11½"	12	S. Wales	Bournemouth
Bentley, Roy	C.H.	5' 11"	12.3	Bristol	Fulham
Bottoms, Mickey	I.F.	5' 10½"	11.13	Fulham	Harrow — Amateur
Bristow, George	H.B.	5' 9½"	12.2	Chiswick	Brentford
Cockell, David	H.B.	5' 10"	11.3	Ashford	Hounslow — Amateur
Collins, John	I.F.	5' 8"	10.12	Chiswick	Groundstaff
Drinkwater, Ray	G.	6' 1"	12.7	Jarrow	Portsmouth
Eagles, Alan	F.B.	6' 1"	12.12	Edgware	Colchester
Evans, Bernard	C.F.	6' 2½"	13.1½	Chester	Wrexham
Francis, George	C.F.	5' 9½"	12	Acton	Brentford
Grace, Derek (App.)	H.B.	5' 10"	11.11	Chiswick	Groundstaff
Hobbs, Peter (App.)	O.L.	5' 8½"	10.5½	Sittingbourne	Sittingbourne
Ingham, Tony	L.B.	5' 11"	11.11	Yorkshire	Leeds
Keen, Mike	R.H.	6' 1"	12	Wycombe	Q.P.R.
Lazarus, Mark	O.R.	5' 10"	12.7	Stepney	Leyton Orient
Lucas, Alex (App.)	I.F.	5' 6½"	10.12	Wrexham	None
Rutter, Keith	C.H.	6' 0½"	11.9	Leeds	Methley — Amateur
Slack, Rodney	G.	5' 9½"	11	Farset	Leicester
Smith, Bill	H.B.	6'	11.8	Hounslow	None
Towers, Jim	I.F.	6'	12.5	S. Bush	Brentford
Williams, Bill	F.B.	6' 2½"	12.12	Esher	Portsmouth



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### "BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH"

**IN THE DARK.** These 'Notes' are necessarily being written before the results of the Reading and Portsmouth games are known.

We hope the news is good, but whatever has happened, tonight's game should prove exciting fare against a Swindon side which fully extended the strong Palace combination last Saturday week, with a depleted side.

On this showing they are a force to be reckoned with and our lads will have to be at their best if they are to gain the day, as we hope they will.

We extend a warm welcome to our old friends from the railway town and look forward to a rousing encounter.

**AWAY TRIPS.** It is expected that a large contingent of members will wish to be at Selhurst Park next Saturday and accordingly the necessary transport arrangements are being laid on.

Supporters will fully appreciate that with the large number who will be travelling across London for this most attractive fixture, it is essential that your requirements be made known to us today.

Please co-operate by booking your seats **now**. Last-minute bookings cannot be made for a game of this importance.

Will members also please note that young supporters of school age, must be accompanied on all away games by a responsible adult. This decision by the Committee was made after very careful consideration and endorsed by members at our Annual General Meeting last July.

We cannot re-iterate too strongly also that membership cards **must** be carried on all away trips. This is most important, so please make sure you have your membership card with you before you leave home.

Full details of the Palace trip and forthcoming outings to Halifax and Watford, can be obtained from our Travel Organiser, Mrs. D. Biggs and her Assistant, Mr. W. Waddon, at our Clubroom.

**A WEEK-END OUT.** Following the success of our visit to Blackpool last season for the "lights", it has been decided to organise a similar trip this season.

This will take place on the occasion of the Grimsby game on October 21st next.

Members will be taken to Grimsby for our game there and will then be taken on to Blackpool for the evening.

A coach tour of the whole of the front will be made and hotel accommodation is being booked for the Saturday night. A leisurely return trip to London will be made on the Sunday.

It is expected that the total cost will be around £2. 10. 0. and members who wish to take advantage of this outing are asked to make bookings as early as possible to our Travel Organiser, Mrs. Biggs, or to her assistant, Mr. Bill Waddon, at our Clubroom.

**THEATRE OUTING.** With the nights drawing in, we once again start our round of the London theatres with our first trip to the ever-popular London Palladium.

This will take place on Thursday evening, September 28th, at 8.45 p.m. The Show is — "LET YOURSELF GO" with an all-star cast featuring Harry Secombe, Roy Castle, Marion Ryan, Eddie Calvert, etc.

A limited number of stall seats are available at 10/6d., a block booking for members has been made, and once again we ask you to make early contact with our Socials Organiser, Mr. C. Howard, who will make the necessary reservations for you.

### THE RANGERS' HANDBOOK

Once again published by the Supporters' Club, bigger (and we think you will agree), better than ever, this season's edition contains 48 large pages, printed on high quality paper, a centre-spread team photo measuring 8½" x 6", special features about our new players, articles galore by those closely connected with the Club, action photos, Club records and data.

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## Match Summaries

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, Aug. 19 beat **Brentford** (home)  
3—0.

**Team :** Drinkwater ; Baker (P.),  
Ingham ; Keen, Bentley (captain), Angell ;  
Lazarus, Bedford, Evans, Towers, Barber.

**Scorers :** Towers, Bedford, Evans.

Half-time : 0—0. Attendance : 16,796.

Monday, Aug. 21 lost to **Reading** (home)  
3—6.

**Teams :** Drinkwater ; Baker (P.),  
Ingham ; Keen, Bentley (captain), Angell ;  
Lazarus, Bedford, Evans, Towers,  
Andrews.

**Scorers :** Angell, Lazarus 2.

Half-time : 2—2. Attendance : 12,847.

Saturday, Aug. 26 beat **Barnsley** (away)  
4—2.

**Team :** Drinkwater ; Bentley (captain),  
Ingham ; Keen, Rutter, Angell ; Lazarus,  
Bedford, Evans, Towers, Andrews.

**Scorers :** Bedford, Angell (penalty),  
Towers, Evans.

Half-time : Losing 1—2.

Attendance : 7,605.

Wednesday, August 30 beat **Reading**  
(away), 2—0.

**Team :** Drinkwater ; Bentley (captain),  
Ingham ; Keen, Rutter, Angell ; Lazarus,  
Bedford, Evans, Towers, Andrews.

**Scorers :** Towers 2.

Half-time : 0—0. Attendance : 19,509.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday, Aug. 23 beat **Reading** (away)  
2—1.

**Team :** Slack ; Eagles, Williams ;  
Cockell, Rutter, R. Walker ; Barber,  
Collins, Francis, Bottoms, Hobbs.

**Scorers :** Francis, Barber.

Half-time : Losing 0—1.

### SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday, Aug. 26 lost to **West Ham**  
(home), 1—2.

**Team :** Wicks ; Carr, Munde ; Smith,  
Taylor, Grace ; Tsintas, Cosgrove, Hobbs,  
Turner, McGarry.

**Scorer :** Cosgrove. Half-time 1—1.

### F.A. YOUTH CUP—Preliminary Round

Tuesday, August 29 beat **Hounslow West**  
**Y.C.** (home), 12—2.

**Team :** B. Wicks ; P. Carr, R. Russell ;  
W. Smith, B. Taylor, B. Morgan ; B.  
Tsintas, C. Cosgrove, Hobbs, R. Turner,  
A. McGarry.

**Scorers :** Tsintas 4, Hobbs 4, Turner  
2, Smith, Cosgrove.

Half-time : 8—1.

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# FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION III

(Up to and including August 30th, 1961)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Peterborough ..	4	4	0	0	11	7	8
Halifax .....	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Crystal Palace ..	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
Bournemouth ..	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
Reading .....	4	3	0	1	12	6	6
Grimsby .....	4	3	0	1	9	5	6
Portsmouth ....	4	2	2	0	7	4	6
Shrewsbury ....	4	2	2	0	5	4	6
<b>Q.P.R.</b> .....	4	3	0	1	12	8	6
Coventry .....	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
Bradford .....	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Bristol City ...	4	2	0	2	2	2	4
Barnsley .....	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Southend .....	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
Lincoln City ...	4	1	1	2	6	9	3
Port Vale .....	3	1	0	2	6	5	2
Watford .....	4	0	2	2	8	10	2
Torquay .....	4	1	0	3	6	9	2
Notts County ..	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Hull City .....	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Swindon .....	4	0	1	3	6	11	1
Newport .....	4	0	1	3	1	8	1
Northampton ..	4	0	1	3	0	3	1
Brentford .....	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

# DIVISION III FIXTURES 1961 - 62

			F.	A.
Aug. 19	<b>BRENTFORD</b>	<b>HOME</b>	3	0
.. 21	<b>READING</b>	<b>HOME</b>	3	6
.. 26	Barnsley	Away	4	2
.. 30	Reading	Away	2	0
Sept. 2	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	<b>HOME</b>	0	1
.. 4	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 9	Crystal Palace	Away		
.. 16	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 18	Halifax Town	Away		
.. 23	Watford	Away		
.. 25	<b>HALIFAX TOWN</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 30	<b>HULL CITY</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
Oct. 4	Lincoln City	Away		
.. 7	Newport County	Away		
.. 9	<b>LINCOLN CITY</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 14	<b>SOUTHEND U.</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 17	Swindon Town	Away		
.. 21	Grimsby Town	Away		
.. 28	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
Nov. 4	(1)			
.. 11	<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 18	Bristol City	Away		
.. 25	(2)			
Dec. 2	Notts County	Away		
.. 9	<b>SHREWSBURY T.</b>	<b>HOME</b>		
.. 16	Brentford	Away		
.. 26	Torquay United	Away		
.. 30	<b>TORQUAY U.</b>	<b>HOME</b>		

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