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#### **CLUB NOTES**

Truly a great beginning to the season — our first in Division

II of the Football League.

After the convincing win against Scunthorpe, we made the long and tedious journey to Grimsby. This meant two overnight sessions, and three days away from home. However, going on results it was well worth while. Although almost 200 miles from Swindon, we were pleased to welcome a handful of our supporters who met us outside the ground. We wonder what their feelings were at half-time with Swindon one goal down, and having taken a real hammering from the home team. We were certainly over-run by a strong, big, enthusiastic team who made good use of the long ball down the middle of the field, which was most frequent and always looked dangerous. However, Grimsby scored only one goal, although the inside-left, Tees, headed against the crossbar with Turner out of goal and on another occasion when McLean was right through our defence John Trollope miraculously appeared from "nowhere", and cleared off the penalty spot.

Whatever happened at half-time quickly brought results. Swindon took control of the game, and completely dictated the play. Not so much the long ball, but our own style of play, with everyone fighting hard for the ball and using it to good

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effect. Although well on top, a goal didn't seem to come our way, although there were several "near misses", then in the 70th minute, the ball "broke" just right on the edge of the penalty area for Roger Smart, who promptly turned and shot into the bottom right-hand corner of the net. So we were on terms, the most we hoped for at half-time. However, two minutes later Ernie Hunt brought the ball through the middle of the field, and when everyone was expecting a pass to the right winger, shot from fully 40 yards into the bottom left-hand corner, with the opposing goalkeeper diving much too late to save. From then onwards Swindon was well on top.

The team arrived back in Swindon late on Thursday afternoon, thus allowing one day home, before setting off again

for Portsmouth on the Saturday.

The trip down was rather worrying as the coach carrying the team encountered a two-mile "traffic jam" at Andover. It took just an hour to get through. Thus the lunch at Winchester was a very hurried one, to set off early to avoid further traffic congestion at Portsmouth. However, as everyone knows, everything turned out for the best with a great victory of 4—1, even if we did have a couple of lucky "let-offs" in the first half.

Now a word to our supporters: what a great following, and such marvellous support. It was as good as a home game to Swindon. The encouragement was tremendous, and undoubtedly helped the team to give such an outstanding display. Visiting clubs always remark on our enthusiastic supporters, and how they help the team, and now here it is away from home. We can assure you all that the players were delighted they were able to put on such a show for you who travelled 140 miles for the game. The result not only made their day, but they hoped it had made yours as well. They realised how you had helped, and hoped they had provided some recompense for your efforts.

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We have certainly made a wonderful start, which is bound to give confidence to the team, but don't let us lose our sense of proportion. One week of the season has passed, and there is a long, long way to go. We are on the crest of the wave; we hope we stay there, but let's not talk about Division I football yet! The time to do that is next April when we are top of the League with a lead of ten points.

We frequently receive letters asking us to produce more programmes, as late comers find them sold out. For the Scunthorpe game 8,000 were printed, and almost 1,000 remained

unsold.

Despite that, to comply with the wishes of our Supporters, even more have been printed for this evening's game, so we trust you will please purchase your programme, and also from

the "Official Seller" in the "White Mackintosh".

The gate for this evening's match is expected to be very big, so may we make a special appeal to everyone to pack as tightly as possible, and use only one step of the terracing. We want no-one left outside the ground, and people causing a disturbance when gates are closed.

To the spectators occupying the seats around the playing area, you must remain in your seats throughout the game,

otherwise you cause interruptions.

One final appeal to everyone. Thank you for your enthusiastic support, but please do not cross the playing pitch after

the game.

We are indebted for the ball this evening to Mrs. J. Bennett of Sea View Camp, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. Mrs. Bennett, who formerly lived in Swindon with her husband, moved to Weymouth when her husband retired from the Army. She played a big part in making our boys welcome at the Sea View Camp when they held the pre-season training camp.

#### **OUR VISITORS**

For the second of our home games of our Division II programme we are pleased to welcome our friends of the Grimsby Town Club. Our meeting at Blundell Park last week was a fruitful one from our point of view and we are hopeful that tonight's game will produce a similar result.

Pen pictures of the players from whom tonight's team will be selected are given below.

#### DONOVAN, DON (Right Back)

The veteran of the team but still quick enough to give most wingers a run for their money. Signed from Everton for a substantial fee. Won caps for Eire.

#### KEEBLE, BRIAN (Left Back)

A young player who after 'demob' from the Services made a rapid progress from the club's junior teams and when pressed into the senior side at centre half in an emergency, showed enough to earn very quickly a regular place in defence.

#### COCKERILL, RON (Right Half)

Tall, long-striding Yorkshireman. Signed from Huddersfield four seasons ago. Was one of several players signed when Grimsby last won promotion. Though signed as a centre half, prefers wing half. A constructive player he packs a powerful wallop in his right foot.

#### JOBLING, KEITH (Centre Half)

A lean built but sturdy pivot who graduated through the Club's nursery sides. A local boy and one Club man. Popular choice captain.

#### KNIGHTS, TONY (Left Half)

Another product of local football. Tony has played in most positions but is recognised as a half back.

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#### OUR VISITORS-CONTINUED

#### PORTWOOD, CLIFF (Centre Forward)

A nippy ball player whose role is that of schemer though he can score goals. Got 24 for Port Vale three seasons ago and 14 for Town 1961/62 Season and 10 1962/63. Has played on the wing and inside forward.

#### WRIGHT, CHARLIE (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Workington last February. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. Played major role in helping Grimsby to escape relegation with some fearless, brilliant "keeping".

#### THOMPSON, JIMMY (Right Back)

Product of St. Mary's Boys' Club, Gateshead. Aged 20 made rapid progress through Juniors and kept place in League after making debut last March. Fast hard-tackling player.

#### CLIFTON, BRIAN (Wing Half)

Joined Grimsby Town from Southampton last October; had bad luck to suffer cartilage injury in club debut. Returned to make left half spot his own with sound, all-round displays.

#### WELBOURNE, DUNCAN (Wing Half)

Product of Scunthorpe junior football. Joined Grimsby six years ago and made League debut in September, 1957. Tireless, courageous performer.

#### BOGIE, MALCOLME (Utility Forward)

Club's other close-season signing from Hibernian, for whom he made occasional Scottish Division I appearances.

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#### PENNINGTON, JIM (Outside Right)

Formerly with Manchester City, Grimsby signed him from Crewe in April after he had lost place in their League side. Held place with his speedy, never-say-die style.

#### FOSTER, RONNIE (Inside Forward)

Grimsby's most expensive purchase when signed from Leyton Orient last December. Made debut 4½ hours after completing transfer. Experienced ball-playing man who acts as link man in attack.

#### McLEAN, GEORGE (Centre Forward)

Signed from Norwich City in September, 1962 for small fee. Formerly with Rangers he settled down after a shaky start to emerge as one of Division's most dangerous leaders. Big and strong, he has fierce shot in either foot.

#### YOUNG, DICK (Centre Forward)

Joined Grimsby after month's trial. Formerly played for South Shields and Newcastle United. League debut at Walsall in September, 1962 and two weeks later got hat-trick against Derby County.

#### HILL, BRIAN (Outside Left)

Signed in July, 1960 from Ollerton Colliery. Formerly played for Mansfield Boys. League debut against Torquay in April, 1961. Last season introduced into first team and rapidly made name as promising raiding winger.

#### TEES, MATT (Centre or Inside Forward)

Close season signing from Airdrie for whom he played 43 games in two seasons. Replacement for former goal-getter Ron Rafferty and like him is good with his head.

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21	PORTSMOUTH	(H).		
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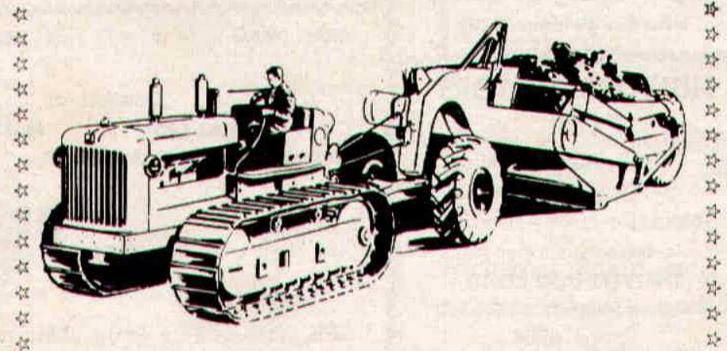
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We are very grateful to the writer of the Official Notes for his kind remarks in the 24th August issue, and assure him of our co-operation throughout the season in his efforts to make the Match Programmes as attractive and interesting as possible.

It was pleasing too, to read his testimonial to Mr. Leslie Newman, of the Borough Press Ltd., for his constant assistance. Mr. Newman has been known to the writer since our schoolboy days, as an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the Town.

We both commenced our supporting activities in season 1919/20, when football was resumed after the war. That was the final season before the formation of Division III of the Football League in 1920/21.

We mention this as a matter of interest, as Grimsby Town, our visitors this evening, were also pioneers of Division III, and, during that season, a rather unusual event occurred in one of our matches with that Club.

Owing to a very high wind, a Grimsby defender found difficulty in taking a free kick, and the referee permitted Harold Fleming, the Town's captain, to stand less than the prescribed distance, so as to place a finger on the ball, to keep it "dead" for his opponent to take the kick.

In later seasons, Grimsby Town soared to Division I status, during which we met them in a memorable Cup tie, which resulted in a win for Swindon in the replay here, following a draw at Grimsby.

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#### SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES-CONTINUED

May we please ask our members—mostly Juniors—not to cross the playing pitch at the end of the game? We shall appreciate the co-operation of all in this. Thank you.

Our Competition has made a healthy start. Any who may experience difficulty in obtaining tickets are invited to get in touch with us at our Office.

As we get further organised, we shall know better which areas may not be fully covered by our Agents, and, as previously mentioned, we shall be pleased to hear of supporters willing to assist in this respect.

We also commend to supporters the Development Fund Competition, tickets for which are on sale before each match.

The name of the promoter (on behalf of the Town F.C. Board), appearing on the tickets, is well known and greatly respected in Swindon football circles, and all will wish to assist him in his efforts to make a success of the venture. We refer, of course, to our own Maurice Owen.

It is good to know that he is still with us, and have no doubt that his work behind the scenes will be carried out with the conscientiousness and efficiency which characterised his performances on the field.

This is the first of three sets of notes to be written within a week, and, consequently, we do not propose tonight to enter into detail regarding other activities.

At this juncture we will rest content with issuing a reminder regarding the "Gala" Circus performance on 30th September, an appeal for supporters who may not be members of the Competition to renew their membership of our Club, and a final note, in reply to many enquiries, that we hope to have the new Handbooks available in the near future.

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31	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	(H) 2-1
Sept. 11	SOUTHAMPTON	(A)
14	SOUTHEND UNITED	(A)
24	CHELSEA	(H)
28	ALDERSHOT	(A)
October 8	WATFORD	(H)
12	BRENTFORD	(H)
19	BIRMINGHAM CITY	(A)
26	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	(H)
November 6	COVENTRY CITY	(A)
9	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)
19	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(A)
23	FULHAM	(H)
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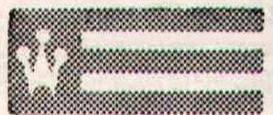
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