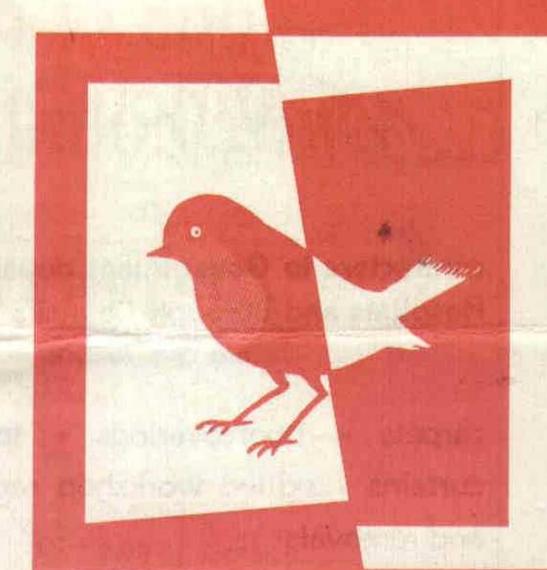
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CLUB NOTES

We begin these notes by appealing to all our supporters to be real sportsmen. On Saturday last, when Sunderland took the field, there was mild applause but also considerable "booing". Surely, ladies and gentlemen, that is not the way to greet our visitors.

This is our first season in Division 2. Let us, please, do all we can to give our opponents a good impression of Swindon. One of the outstanding features of professional football is the hospitality provided by the home club. Surely we must not fail.

We are proud of the tremendous support now being accorded to our team, but above all—not too partisan. Our run of undefeated games has now been extended to nine, and we are proudly installed at the top of the table. This magnificent start has brought great publicity in all national papers. In many cases we feel this is being overdone, and often becoming farcical. We are getting a little tired of being referred to as "country cousins, the team with the wooden huts", and now "the little club perched on the top of the world—Swingin! Swindon." Let us, whatever we do, look at this in the right perspective.

Here we feel we must say "Thank-you" to our local press, who have faithfully and truly reported us throughout the lean and hungry years, and now the tide has turned (which must

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surely help them), have as always given, where due, praise and encouragement without being flamboyant. The "Swindon Advertiser" certainly does not produce the sensational head-

lines of some national papers.

Then to the actual report of the game. (This is usually one man's opinion, but unfortunately it often influences thousands of readers). One wonders how much some reporters see of a game, and how much they rely on hearsay. One report in a London paper stated "Smith scored the only goal with a neat header after Hunt had made the opening." A leading Sunday paper produced this statement: "One expects the Wanderers (whoever that might be) to run out, all knee breeches and moustaches, and even the modern floodlight towers—Swindon got them second hand from Brentford—cannot quite dispel the illusion." We willingly leave our friend of the Supporters' Club to reply. One well-known reporter stated it was the first time he had visited Swindon, but we were able to remind him of the fact that he came in 1952 on the occasion of the Stoke cup-tie.

We were also honoured with an article by Mr. D. Blanchflower. First he feels Reading might be a better bet for progress

instead of Swindon. Why??

We would mention that Swindon is quite twice as big as when he knew it just after World War II. Yes, many of us still remember him as a frail, slim youth, with a shock of fair hair playing on the County Ground while he was stationed at a nearby aerodrome. Although he was known in Irish football, we feel Swindon helped in his football career, and, more especially, our ex-Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. S. Davies, who often "put him up" for the night.

Later in his article he suggests the club must still have a Third Division outlook. He could compare our attendance of 25,800 with that of at least six First Division clubs on Saturday PANKHURST The Palace - Gorse Hill - Swindon MOTOR CYCLES - VANS -CARS SCOOTER AND THREE-WHEELER SPECIALISTS Phone 5466 Open Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Suppliers to the Town — Swindon Sports Centre SUPPORTERS' SCARVES - RATTLES - Etc. Tel. 4270 114 COMMERCIAL ROAD B. J. MARTIN & SONS LTD. Butcher 10 HIGH STREET 126 VICTORIA ROAD SWINDON MARLBOROUGH Phone 4860 Phone 212 **ESTABLISHED 1923** DOBELLSHEARMAN & Co. Ltd. TYPEWRITERS from Also full selection new standard and portable typewriters OFFICE EQUIPMENT 26 High Street & 33 Faringdon Road, Swindon.

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last. Then he wonders if the directors will be big enough in scope and vision to borrow the large amounts of money needed

to keep step.

The Swindon Board is one of the most stable in the country. Almost everyone has given at least 10 years' service, and four or five much more. They have experienced all the vicissitudes of running a professional club. Had they not had such a sense of duty and determination, Swindon Town F.C. might not have existed today. They will progress at the right time and in the right way. They want to make money available, not have to borrow and perhaps put a loadstone round their necks and that of their successors. With the long, hard years behind them the directors, with the help of a most co-operative Town Council, will surely progress. The Borough Expansion Scheme is going ahead rapidly and is the envy and admiration of many cities and boroughs—may the football also be in that position.

Meantime, let us get down to the hard work of maintaining our position without being sidetracked by the glamour. We are

on top of the world. It is hard to remain there.

To do so calls for an all-out effort by everyone. We have a

great side, with a great spirit-long will that continue.

Just one last word to spectators who occupy the ring seats. Please remain until the final whistle. Last Saturday, the game, as a spectacle, was spoilt for 25,000 people because of supporters walking around the playing pitch long before the end of the game.

All our supporters—old and new—will be sorry to hear that the Treasurer (Mr. B. T. Hamilton) is in hospital. "Tom", as he is affectionately known, has been a director of the club for something like 30 years, and has given untold help throughout

that period.

We are sure you will join with us in wishing him well and a quick and full return to good health.

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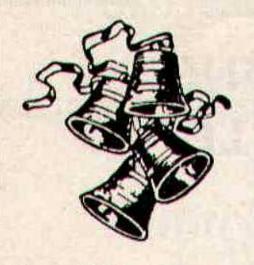
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August 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(H)	3-0
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	(A)	2-1
31	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	4-1
September 3	GRIMS3Y TOWN	(H)	2-1
7	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(H)	3-1
10	MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	3-0
2. 14	LEEDS UNITED	(A)	0-0
18	MANCHESTER CITY	(A)	0-0
21	SUNDERLAND	(H)	1-0
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)	***************************************
October 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)	***************************************
5	BURY	(H)	***************************************
12	PRESTON NORTH END	SAL	
19	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)	
26	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)	***************************************
November 2	SOUTHAMPTON	(H) (A)	*****************
9	MIDDLESBROUGH	(H)	***************************************
16 23	(1) NEWCASTLE UNITED	(A)	***************************************
23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(H)	
30	DERBY COUNTY	(A)	***************************************
December 7	(2) SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	Harrison course
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21	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	
26	NORWICH CITY	(H)	******************
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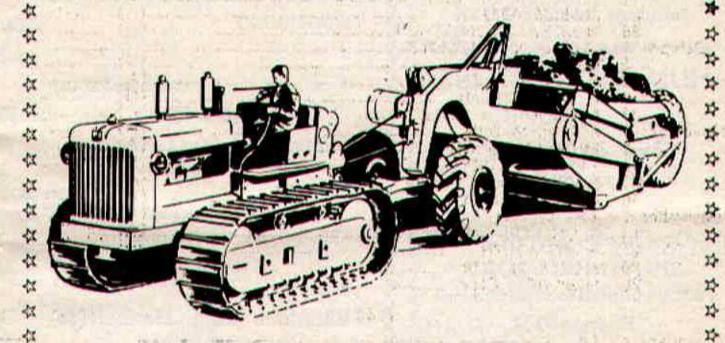
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Supporters of Sunderland (rather aggressive in their remarks before the match) were, nevertheless, generous after. One said that he thought this might have been his team's promotion season but that Swindon should go up as well!

It seems likely, too, that many Sunderland "exile" supporters, living in Swindon, will be making their way to the County Ground regularly in future. We can assure them that they will

be very welcome.

We have recently seen newspapers from Leeds and Manchester in which, particularly the latter, generous tributes were paid to the Swindon players.

We know that most supporters are interested only in the games themselves, but there may be some who would like some information on the work behind the scenes, as reported at our Annual General Meeting held on 18th September.

Our Honorary Secretary was pleased to be able to state that donations made to the Football Club during the past season had enabled the debt on the Floodlight installation (originally £15,000) finally to be cleared.

Many more supporters are now taking advantage of the facilities whereby they may purchase season tickets through this Club, on an instalment system.

The amount now involved is £1,000 as compared with about £600 in previous years.

Donations to the Football Club last season amounted to £17,560, of which £12,500 went to General Funds and £5,060 to the Floodlighting Fund.

Membership subscriptions last season were somewhat lower than for several years, owing to the fact that it was unnecessary last season to become a member of the Club in order to participate in our Competition, but modifications to the rules of

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the latter now involve prior membership of the Club.

It is therefore certain that revenue from this source will this season return to the normal level.

Since 1956, when the present types of Competition were inaugurated, a total sum of £96,800 has been paid to the Football Club.

This, reduced to terms of sales of one shilling tickets weekly, represents a tremendous amount of work carried out by our Competition Secretaries and their Agents, and provides an illustration of the loyalty of the general public of Swindon and the surrounding areas.

This season's Competition has made a most encouraging start, but we can still accommodate more patrons to reach the maximum permitted sales of 15,000 tickets weekly.

Newly elected Committee Members were: Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, Mr. J. A. Smith, Mr. G. L. Beard, Mr. C. J. Wheeler, Mr. Bamford and Mr. W. Pinder, the last-named having been a Committee Member of Burnley F.C. Supporters' Club.

We hope that they will enjoy their work with us.

All former Officials of the Club were re-elected, and we all look forward to another successful season. With the continued support of the general public, this should be assured.

We take this opportunity to issue a final reminder regarding the Gala Performance of Bertram Mills' Circus for which this Club is responsible. Remember Monday, 30th September, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at our Club Offices tomorrow (Thursday) and on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Details of the Chelsea players are as follows:

(Excerpt from "Who's Who at Stamford Bridge")

GOALKEEPERS

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BONETTI, PETER

Signed professional in April, 1959 after one full season with our Juniors. Made League debut against Manchester City in April, 1960 and has been regular first-choice since. Has played seven times for England Under-23's, including five last season. League appearances 114. 5ft. 10 ins., 10st. 9lb. Born Wandsworth.

COWEN, JOHN

Another goalkeeper-product of our Youth Scheme, he became a professional last October. Was in England's team that won the 16-nations International Youth Tournament at Wembley in April without conceding a goal in the competition. 5ft. 10ins., 11st. 2lb. Born Lewisham.

DUNN, JOHN

Ex-Junior who signed professional in January, 1962, he made three League appearances last season. 5ft. 10½ins., 12st. 3lb. Born Barking.

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McNALLY, ERROL

Joined us from Irish League club Portadown in December, 1961. His eight League appearances so far were all made at the end of season 1961-62, when Bonetti was out with an injured hand. 5ft. 102 ins., 11st. Born Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

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FULL-BACKS

HARRIS, ALAN

Turned professional in May, 1960 after two seasons as left-back in our Junior team. A former England Youth cap he made his League debut at Preston in October, 1960 and his 59 League appearances have been spread over the past three seasons. Brother of our wing-half, Ron Harris. 5ft. 8ins., 10st. 6lb. Born Northampton.

McCREADIE, EDDIE

Was transferred from Scottish Second Division club East Stirling in April, 1962 and quickly established himself here last season (32 League appearances) as a dynamic full-back with a flair for attack. Was originally a wing-half. 5ft. 10ins., 11st. 3lb. Born Glasgow.

SHELLITO, KEN

One of the boldest fastest full-backs in the game, he burst upon the International scene last season, playing for England's Under-23 team against Yugoslavia at Old Trafford and taking over in the full England side on the summer tour against Czechoslovakia when Armfield was unfit. Another of our Junior products, he played for Essex and London Schoolboys before coming to Stamford Bridge and signed professional in April, 1957. League debut away to Nottingham Forest in April, 1959, when captain of Chelsea Youth. League appearances: 67. 5ft. 9\frac{1}{2}\text{ins.}, 12st. 12lb. Born East Ham.

WATSON, IAN

Made his first-team debut at right-back in last season's F.A. Cup replay against Tranmere and played at Swansea in the following League game. A real "local" he was discovered for our Youth section by scout Wilf Chitty, the pre-war Chelsea winger. Holds London County soccer honours and signed professional in February, 1962. 5ft. 11ins., 11st. olb. Born Fulham.

HALF-BACKS

HARRIS, RON

Had a great 1962-63 season, captaining England's Youth team when they won the International Tournament at Wembley and then clinching a place in our promotion-winning League side. Another ex-Junior—and younger brother of Alan Harris—he became a professional in November, 1961. Made three League appearances in 1961-62 and seven more last season. 5ft. 7\frac{3}{4}ins., 11st. Born Hackney.

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HOLLINS, JOHN

Brother of Dave Hollins, Newcastle United's Welsh International goalkeeper, John is a close-season professional signing, moving up from junior ranks in July. Skippered Chelsea Youth last season when Ron Harris was playing elsewhere. 5ft. 7ins., 10st. 7lb. Born Guildford.

MORTIMORE, JOHN

Ever-present at centre-half in last season's promotion side, he has made 180 League appearances, a total beaten only by Frank Blunstone among our present players. Former England Youth and Amateur International—and schoolmaster—he played three League games (when with Woking) before signing professional in August, 1957. 5ft. 11\frac{1}{2}ins., 11st. 13lb. Born Farnborough.

SORRELL, DENNIS

Joined Chelsea from Leyton Orient in March, 1962 and made one First Division appearance (against Birmingham City) three days later. Topped last season's list of appearances (30) for our reserves, who won the Football Combination Midweek Section. 5ft. 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)ins., 10st. 7lb. Born London.

UPTON, FRANK

Began his career with Northampton Town, then joined Derby County, for whom he played 233 League games before transferring to Chelsea in August, 1961. Has added 47 League appearances in our colours, 37 of them last season, which he finished as emergency centre-forward. Still lives at Derby. 5ft. 113ins,, 13st. 4lb. Born Nuneaton.

VENABLES, TERRY

Has played for England at Schoolboy, Youth, Amateur and Under-23 level—will it be full honours in 1963-64? His Under-23 cap came against Greece and he went on the Intermediate tour in May, but did not play because of indisposition. Joined our Juniors in the 1958 summer, made League debut in February, 1960 away to West Ham and became a professional in the following August. Like Mortimore played every match last season and starts 1963-64 with a total of 91 League appearances. Is also a talented "pop" singer. 5ft. 8½ins., 11st. 6lb. Born Dagenham.

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YOUNG, ALAN

Followed Manager Tommy Docherty from Highbury to Stamford Bridge in November, 1961 and played six times for our League eleven in 1961-62 season. Signed professional for Arsenal in April, 1959 after two years in their juniors. 6ft. olins., 12st. 8lb. Born London.

FORWARDS

BLUNSTONE, FRANK

Signed from Crewe Alexandra in February, 1953, he is now our longest-serving player, taking a testimonial to mark ten years' fine and courageous service. Was in our League Championship team of 1955 and gained five England caps at outside-left—against Wales, Scotland, France, Portugal and Yugoslavia—in seasons 1954-55, 1956-57. Broke a leg in fourth round F.A. Cup-tie at Tottenham in January, 1957—and broke it again the following August in pre-season practice match against Ajax in Amsterdam. Missed whole of 1957-58, but made a great comeback the next season. His League appearances for Chelsea total 276 (41 goals). 5ft. 64ins., 11st. 1lb. Born Crewe.

BRIDGES, BARRY

Was a Chelsea junior with numerous England Youth honours when signing professional in May, 1958. A centre-forward, he has played in most other forward positions and, with 36 games last season, raised his League appearances total to 73 (36 goals). 5ft. 9½ ins., 12st. 1lb. Born Horsford, near Norwich.

BROWN, DENNIS

Signed professional in June, 1962 after one season at centre-forward with the Juniors. Was a "regular" in our successful Football Combination side last season, when playing mostly at outside-right. 5ft. 8\frac{1}{2}\text{ins.}, 10st. 7lb. Born Reading.

BURTON, JOHN

One of this summer's newcomers to Stamford Bridge—signed in July—he is an England Youth inside-forward and played last season for Southampton. 5ft. 8ins., 11st. Born Dagenham.

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FASCIONE, JOE

This Scottish Junior "cap" joined us from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy last September and played inside and outside-right for both Junior and Combination teams in 1962-63. 5ft. 7½ ins., 10st. 8lb. Born Coatbridge.

HARMER, TOMMY

Made his reputation as an artistic little inside-forward with Spurs through the 1950's. Then moved to Watford, from whom he was signed by Manager Tommy Docherty last September. Came principally to help bring on our young reserves, but finished the season with a remarkable first team record—five games, all won. And his only League goal for us made him a real promotion hero; it was the winner at Sunderland in the vital last-but-one-fixture. 5ft. 6ins., 9st. 7lb. Born London.

HOUSEMAN, PETER

Joined our Youth Scheme at the start of last season, and signed as a professional in December. Plays inside or outside-left. 5ft. 10ins,, 10st. 2lb. Born Clapham.

KNOX, TOMMY

Scottish outside-left, signed from East Stirling in June, 1962 while still on Army service. Made six League appearances last season. 5ft. 9ins., 11st. Born Glasgow.

MOORE, GRAHAM

Was transferred from Cardiff City in December, 1961 at the then record Chelsea fee. Made his debut for Cardiff in season 1958-59 and was capped by Wales the following season, since when he has played frequently in their full and Under-23 teams. Favours the deep-lying forward role and in two seasons has made a total of 53 League appearances (10 goals) for Chelsea. 5ft. 11½ins., 13st. 11lb. Born Hengoed, Radnorshire.

MULHOLLAND, JIMMY

Was a colleague at East Stirling of Eddie McCreadie and Tommy Knox, following them to Chelsea in October, 1962. Made his League debut at outside-left at Newcastle in November and in the course of four Second Division appearances last season also played at centre-forward and inside-right. 5ft. 8½ins., 10st. 10lb. Born Knightswood.

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MURRAY, ALBERT

Filled the right-wing position in 39 out of last season's 42 League fixtures after 18 the previous season. Signed professional in May, 1961, having been three years with the Juniors. 5ft. 7\frac{1}{4}ins., 10st. 2lb. Born Shoreditch.

O'ROURKE, JOHN

Was an Arsenal junior when Tommy Docherty was at Highbury, and joined Chelsea as a professional in April, 1962. Top scorer from centre-forward for our Football Combination side last season, when still eligible for the Junior team. 5ft. 8‡ins., 10st. 3lb. Born London.

SHAW, COLIN

High-scoring Junior inside-forward who signed professional in May, 1961. One League appearance—against West Ham, February 1962. 5ft. 6½ ins., 10st. 6lb. Born St. Albans.

SOMERS, MICK

Smallest player on the books, but packs a tremendous shot. Played outside-left for our Junior and Combination teams last season, signing as a professional in November. 5ft. 3ins., 9st. 4lb. Born Nottingham.

TAMBLING, BOBBY

At 21 became one of the youngest-ever Football League club captains last season—and subsequently the youngest player to lead a promotion-winning side. This distinction climaxed a great season for Bobby, who made his full England debut against Wales at Wembley in November—a surprise selection at outside-left when O'Gradv (Huddersfield) with-drew on the morning of the match. Gained another full cap—and scored—against France in Paris in February and made Under-23 appearances against Belgium, Greece and Yugoslavia. Like Jimmy Greaves before him, was a prolific scorer as a Chelsea Junior and signed professional in September, 1958. Scored on League debut v. West Ham in February, 1959. His League record reads 103 appearances (66 goals), and last season was his best as a marksman—his 35 League goals have only once been beaten for Chelsea (Greaves 41 in 1960-61). Twice scored four in a match, at Charlton and v. Portsmouth. 5ft. 8ins., 11st. 7lb. Born Storrington, Sussex.

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