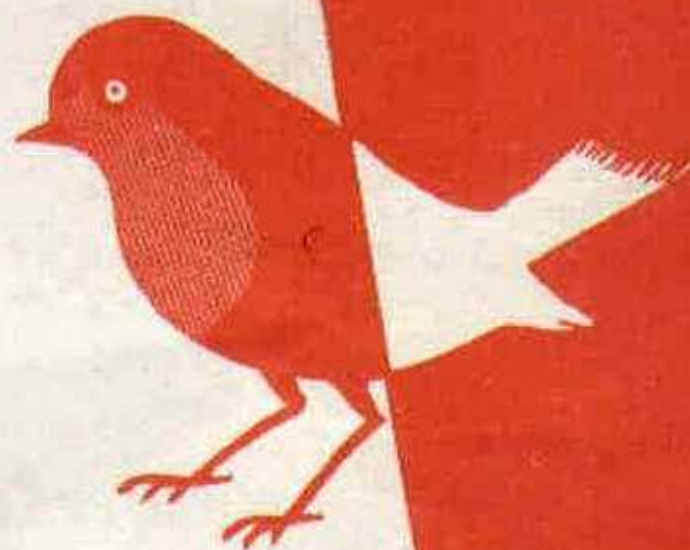


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CLUB NOTES

Since the last programme the football world has been very active with the transfer of players. Although we ourselves were vitally concerned a fortnight ago, one wonders if all these transactions are really good for the game and just what the ultimate end will be.

Professional football is, of course, big business, and good revenue is very essential for the running of a league club. However, when a player travels with a team and, by means of a quick transfer, plays for whom originally were his opponents, somehow it doesn't seem to make sense. Football is a **team** game, and much depends on the spirit of the team and the loyalty of the players. Even today the best footballers are those who really enjoy playing, and who are not looking at the game as merely a job of work.

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CLUB NOTES—CONTINUED

There is much talk of a super-league, something we have always been against. People want to see their own team in action. Swindon people enjoy watching Swindon, and we sincerely hope the desire and ambition of every schoolboy in the town is to play for his own home club.

With the present "set-up" it does appear that the wealthy clubs will acquire all the best players, to form what could be almost an "unbeatable" side. Competition would lessen, because of the weakness of the opposition and eventually some clubs would fall by the way.

One thing is certain: with the removal of the maximum wage limit, some clubs will almost certainly close, while many others will undoubtedly operate with very small staffs.

The wage demands do not at present in the main seem to help the great majority of the players. It could easily lead to the glorification of the few stars and much less football.

Would we in Swindon want to travel to, say, London or Bristol to support a team, even if it contained players of international class? Surely not. Our club is Swindon Town. Watching them means more to us than all the so-called stars. The same applies to Reading, Bristol, Plymouth and all other league clubs.

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Certainly the suggested five leagues, composed of twenty clubs, with promotion for the top four and relegation for the bottom four, would create tremendous interest. A club near the top, in the running for promotion, could easily lose three successive games, and be in danger of relegation or vice-versa. In addition, Divisions 2, 3 and 4 would have eight different clubs each season, and Divisions 1 and 5, four. Certainly there would be variety, and it should really be easier for progressive clubs to climb to higher leagues.

That re-organisation of the league may yet come into being.

However, back to the present. Today we entertain completely new visitors to the County Ground. We cannot remember ever having met them in Cup or League. It is therefore with great pleasure we welcome Middlesbrough. When the teams met on 9th November, 1963 the result was a draw 1-1, and the game was an excellent one. We trust that fact will be repeated today.

The only connection we seem to have ever had with Middlesbrough was the transfer of the famous 'Jock' Walker from Swindon to that club. That was just before World War I. Incidentally, he still lives in Swindon, and although well over eighty years of age, is still very active in his business in Manchester Road. Until this season he was a regular visitor to the County Ground, being one of our oldest season-ticket holders.

OUR VISITORS

It is our pleasure to welcome the Directors, Officials and Players of Middlesbrough Football Club to the County Ground for this afternoon's game.

Details of the players from whom today's team will be selected are as follows:—

IAN GIBSON (Inside Forward)

5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 7lbs. Born Newton Stewart. Although only 20 years of age, has played in League football for 5 years, as an amateur with Accrington and pro. with Bradford (P.A.). Signed from them in March 1962, for a large fee. Tipped to gain representative honours in near future.

ALAN PEACOCK (Centre Forward)

Ht. 6ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Wt. 11st. 7lbs. Born Middlesbrough. Signed professional in 1954. For three seasons played at inside forward, but when switched to centre forward was so successful he was chosen for World Cup team 1962; capped against Bulgaria, Argentina. Last term 'capped' v. Ireland and Wales.

WILLIAM HORNER (Wing Half)

Ht. 5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 12lbs. Born Cassop. Signed on ground staff in 1957 and became professional in September 1959. Has made quite a number of appearances for the First Team. A good solid defender who possesses a brilliant shot.

ARTHUR LIGHTENING (Goalkeeper)

Born Durban, South Africa. Ht. 6ft. 1in. Wt. 12st. 7lbs. Previously with Notts Forest—signed from Coventry City on 30th August, 1962. Injured in his first match against Newcastle, but later hit top form.

WILLIAM HARRIS (Right Half)

Ht. 5ft. 11in. Wt. 11st. 10lbs. Born Swansea. Played for Llanelly before moving to Hull where he made his debut in 1949. Signed for Borough in 1954. Has played for Wales on six occasions. Although signed as a wing half, has given sterling service at inside forward.

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MICHAEL McNEIL (Left Back)

Ht. 5ft. 11in. Wt. 12st. 2lbs. Born Middlesbrough. A local boy who graduated through the Junior Team and played in the Senior Team at 17. Has represented England in full internationals on twelve occasions, and also captained the Under 23 Team.

ROBERT BRAITHWAITE (Outside Left)

Born Belfast. Ht. 5ft. 9in. Wt. 10st. 12lbs. Recent signing from Linfield. Has appeared at all levels of football for his country—schools, youth, amateur and holds three full caps.

ROBERT BRASS (Wing Half)

Ht. 5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 10lbs. Born Middlesbrough. A signing from the Junior team, is serving an apprenticeship at the moment, and is a part-time professional in his second season.

BRYAN ORRITT (Inside Forward)

Ht. 5ft. 10½in. Wt. 10st. 10lbs. Born Cwm-Y Clo. Signed from Birmingham City for a large fee in March 1962; had already gained Under 23 Cap for Wales with that club. A strong, forceful player at home in any of the inside forward positions. Has also played at wing half.

ARTHUR KAYE (Outside Right)

Ht. 5ft. 3½in. Wt. 9st. 8lbs. Born Barnsley. Previously with Barnsley and Blackpool before joining Middlesbrough in November 1960. Former Under 23 International. Although primarily a winger, has appeared in several positions in the forward line.

PETER BRYAN (Wing Half)

Ht. 5ft. 11in. Wt. 10st. 9lbs. Born Middlesbrough. Graduated through the juniors and played regularly in the reserve team last season in his second season as a full-time professional.

CLIFFORD WRIGHT (Inside Forward)

Born Lingdale. Ht. 5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 7lbs. Former Yorkshire Schools player—apprentice professional, signed full professional in October 1962. Had many appearances in Reserve Team last season.

ARTHUR HORSFIELD (Centre Forward)

Born Newcastle. Ht. 5ft. 10in. Wt. 11st. Played for Northumberland Boys Club XI and when only 16 appeared many times in Reserve team last season. Is now a full professional. A prolific goalscorer in Junior football.

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CYRIL KNOWLES (Full Back)

Born Fitzwilliam. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 11st. 7lbs. Signed as a professional in October 1962, made his First Team debut against Derby County at Easter 1963, kept his place to the end of season, and had many fine games.

FRANK SPRAGGON (Wing Half)

Born Newcastle. Height 5ft. 9in. Wt. 11st. 10lbs. A former apprentice professional, signed full time in November 1962. Strong forceful player.

DONALD HEATH (Outside Right)

Born Stockton. Ht. 5ft. 10in. Wt. 11st. 10lbs. A product of Stockton Schools football, apprentice professional—signed full professional in December 1962.

GORDON JONES (Left Back)

Ht. 5ft. 7½in. Wt. 10st. 10lbs. Born Sedgefield. Signed as ground staff boy in 1958, and was soon recognised by selectors. Chosen for the England Youth Team in Switzerland in 1960. The following season made four appearances for the England Under 23 Eleven. Almost ever present in the team last year.

RICHARD NEAL (Wing Half)

Ht. 6ft. 1in. Wt. 12st. 7lbs. Born Dinnington. A former Under 23 International, who has seen service with Lincoln City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Birmingham City. Signed from the latter in 1961, for a large fee. Has not had the best of fortune with injuries, but now fully fit.

JOHN KINNAIRD (Inside Forward)

Born Airdrie. Ht. 5ft. 10in. Wt. 11st. Another close season signing from Scotland—previously played with Clarkston Amateurs.

HARRY KIRK (Outside Left)

Born Saltcoats. Ht. 5ft. 9in. Wt. 10st. 9lbs. Recent signing from Scottish Junior Club Ardeer Athletic.

ALAN RODGERSON (Inside Right)

Ht. 5ft. 6in. Wt. 10st. 10lbs. Born Potters Bar. Has recently completed his National Service with the Royal Signals. Had the misfortune last year to break his ankle in an Army match. Is making his comeback this season.

OUR VISITORS—CONTINUED

WILLIAM GATES (Centre Half)

Ht. 5ft. 9½in. Wt. 11st. 2lbs. Born Ferryhill. Represented England Youth Team on many occasions, and is now in his third year as full-time professional. Joined from Spennymoor in 1959. Also appeared at full back.

ROBERT APPLEBY (Goalkeeper)

Ht. 5ft. 9½in. Wt. 11st. Born Warkworth. Signed as an amateur at 15 on the ground staff. Has played over 80 games in first team.

NEVILLE CHAPMAN (Right Back)

Ht. 5ft. 10in. Wt. 11st. 4lbs. Born Cockfield. Professional for just over 4 years. Had a knee injury last term which limited his appearances in first team.

ALEXANDER SMITH (Centre Half)

Ht. 5ft. 10in. Wt. 11st. 1lb. Born Middlesbrough. Signed from Port Clarence and joined the Junior side as part-time professional—is only in his second season.

RAMON YEOMAN (Right Half)

Ht. 5ft. 8in. Wt. 12st. 6lbs. Born Perth. Signed from Northampton Town in 1958—a strong hard working player almost ever present since joining the Club.

MELVYN NURSE (Centre Half)

Born Swansea. Ht. 6ft. 1in. Wt. 13st. Signed from Swansea Town in September 1962, for large fee. Has played for Wales as schoolboy, Youth, Under 23, and has ten full caps.

WILLIAM POVEY (Inside Right)

Ht. 5ft. 8in. Wt. 10st. Born Billingham. A local boy who is in his fourth season as a professional. Made his first team debut against Norwich City and had 6 games with Senior team last season.

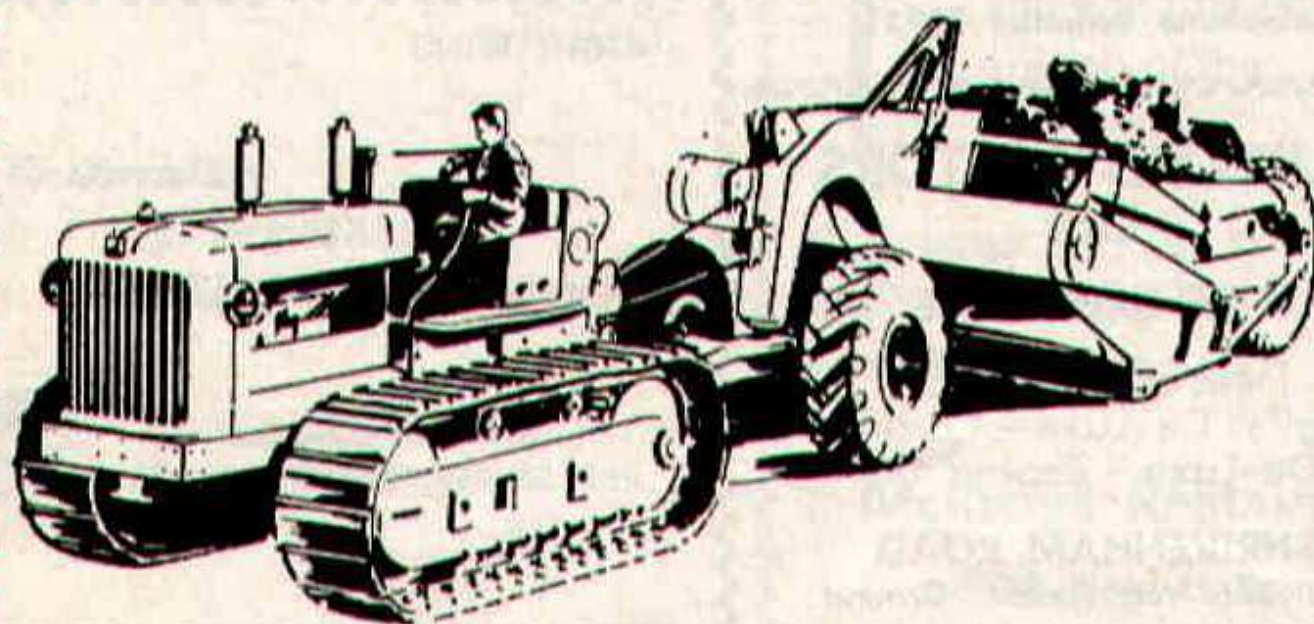
JEFFREY WRIGHT (Goalkeeper)

Born Middlesbrough. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 12st. Is a part-time professional. At present serving an apprenticeship in a local shipyard. Made a few appearances with Reserve Team last season.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Quite a number of things have happened since we last wrote our notes. First there were transfers to Swindon of N. Oakley and F. Large, whom we hope will settle happily at the County Ground.

Then came the transfer to Wolverhampton Wanderers of Bobby Woodruff, to whom all will offer good wishes for a successful career. It was another break-away from the Promotion Family Team—Cliff Jackson and Jack Smith having previously departed.

We heard from some of our visitors from Plymouth, at the last match, that Cliff is being converted quite successfully into a right-half, and, after a number of very good games in the Combination side, seems likely to gain a first team place in the near future.

We have recently transferred £7,000 of our profits for the current season to the Football Club, leaving a final payment to be made at the end of the season.

At our recent Committee Meeting it was provisionally decided that there will not be a Weekly Competition during the close season, but it is hoped that there will be a Derby Draw.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

As a matter of interest it was reported that the proceeds of sales of programmes, on the occasion of the Cup-tie with West Ham United, exceeded the amounts of the "gates" at several of the Fourth Division matches on that day.

Most Swindon Supporters feel that West Ham will be worthy finalists. They have been responsible for our exit from two Cup Competitions this season.

Although we no longer take collections at every match, we have on several occasions this season had bumper returns when special appeals have been made—notably for the benefits of Keith Morgan and Bobby Woodruff, and for the Toc H Hospital Broadcast Fund.

We now give preliminary notice that two special collections will be made in the near future. First, on Good Friday, when Cardiff City will be the visitors, on behalf of the Swindon Schools Football Association.

Secondly, on 4th April, when Huddersfield Town visit the County Ground, supporters will be invited to contribute to a collection to assist the Funds of the Swindon Cricket Club.

Suitable reminders will be issued on the appropriate dates. We feel sure that there will be many supporters who will desire to contribute. Just the odd copper from each supporter is all we ask—it would enable us to make a substantial payment to each of the organisations mentioned.

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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1963			
August 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(H)	3-0
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	(A)	2-1
31	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	4-1
September 3	GRIMSBY TOWN	(H)	2-1
7	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(H)	3-1
10	MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	3-0
14	LEEDS UNITED	(A)	0-0
18	MANCHESTER CITY	(A)	0-0
21	SUNDERLAND	(H)	1-0
25	CHELSEA (League Cup)	(H)	3-0
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)	0-4
October 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)	2-2
5	BURY	(H)	2-1
12	PRESTON NORTH END	(A)	0-1
16	SOUTHEND (League Cup)	(H)	3-0
19	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)	5-0
26	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)	4-2
November 2	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)	1-2
9	MIDDLESBROUGH	(A)	1-1
16	(1) NEWCASTLE UNITED	(H)	0-0
19	WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup)	(H)	3-3
23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(A)	0-2
25	WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup)	(A)	1-4
30	DERBY COUNTY	(H)	0-0
December 7	(2) SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	0-3
14	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(A)	0-3
21	PORTSMOUTH	(H)	2-0
26	NORWICH CITY	(A)	2-3
28	NORWICH CITY	(H)	2-2
1964			
January 4	(3) MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	2-1
11	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(A)	0-0
18	LEEDS UNITED	(H)	2-2
25	(4) ALDERSHOT	(A)	2-1
February 1	SUNDERLAND	(A)	0-6
8	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(H)	2-3
15	(5) WEST HAM	(H)	1-3
18	BURY	(A)	0-1
22	PRESTON NORTH END	(H)	1-4
29	(6) NEWCASTLE UNITED	(A)	1-4
March 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(H)	2-1
14	(S.F.) CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(A)	2-2
21	MIDDLESBROUGH	(H)	
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