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**No. 3**

**Friday, 24th September, 1965**

**SOUTHEND UNITED**

**v**

**SWINDON TOWN**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III**

**KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.**

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## **Future Attractions at Roots Hall**

**SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1965**

**KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.**

**CAMBRIDGE UNITED**

**(Mercia League Cup)**

**WEDNESDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 1965**

**KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.**

**UTRECHTESCHE SPORTVERENIG ELINKWIJK**

**(Return Friendly Match)**

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# FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

AND a warm and sincere welcome to the officials, players and staff of Swindon Town Football Club, who are our guests to-night.

In view of the disappointing start to the Season, the only encouraging factor is that only Walsall have beaten us decisively; the other defeats being by the odd goal.

To have such a poor start is disappointing for the staff and players who have worked so hard in the pre-season period.

I did not expect the job to be easy when I took over, as we cannot change the damage done in past years in a few weeks or even in a few months. This is not an excuse, but an expression of facts. The injury to Peter Watson was a blow to the Club, and with limited finances it was impossible to acquire a replacement, plus the fact that I always find that when a position wants filling badly and other clubs get to know they tend to hold a pistol to your head regarding a fee. Personally I would prefer to lose than pay exorbitant prices for players no better than the ones already on the staff. This evening against Swindon we hope to see a change for the better, against a side who, under Manager Danny Williams, will I am sure, have the correct approach to the game.

On the 29th September next we play a friendly match versus UTRECHTESCHE SPORTVERENIGING ELINKWIJK, at Roots Hall, Kick-off 7.30 p.m. This is one of the most attractive sides we played in Holland during the close season, and in particular they have an exceptionally good goalkeeper, and the retreating defence employed by Utrecht is most interesting. I urge all Supporters to see this match and judge for themselves how the standards in Holland have improved over the past few years.

In an endeavour to help Supporters from now on I shall be arranging a Private Coach for Supporters to travel to away games within reasonable travelling distance of Southend. Should any Supporters be interested, perhaps they will 'phone the Football Club at Southend 40707 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., stating their requirements. Having had many requests for such a service I hope that the demand will be sufficient.

Congratulations to the Supporters Club Officials for their excellent work during the past few months, and the building of a Supporters Club Bar under the Main Stand. I trust that the

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Although of small stature Frank is quickly developing into a tenacious right back, so successfully that Mr. Williams had no hesitation in putting him in the first team, when hit by injury.

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"Shrimpers Club" will be a huge success, and look to them for further improvements in the future.

Good News — Peter Watson is now in training, and hopes to be playing again in the next 10-14 days.

Once more may I ask for your vocal encouragement,

"UP THE BLUES"

ALVAN WILLIAMS

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## SWINDON TOWN PEN PICTURES

**JOHN TROLLOPE.** A local boy who joined Swindon ground staff from school. Became a First XI player when only 16 years old. Maximum appearances in the League side during 1962/3/4/5.

**GORDON ATHERTON.** Gordon, a strong relentless half-back, joined Swindon from Bury in 1964 for a substantial fee.

**KEITH MORGAN.** A strong attacking wing-half who joined Swindon as a youth player from Westbury. Made maximum appearances during 1962/3/4. Born Trowbridge.

**ROGER SMART.** Another local born player who joined the Club direct from Swindon Schoolboys' team.

**DONALD ROGERS.** A much sought after player. An England Youth player who, it seems, is destined for further honours.

**KEITH EAST.** Joined Swindon from Portsmouth during 1964. A strong forceful player who scored 20 goals in 26 appearances for Swindon Reserve Team last season. Born Southampton.

**DENNIS BROWN.** Swindon paid Chelsea a substantial fee for this fast raiding inside-forward. Born Reading.

**ERIC WEAVER.** Played as an amateur with Swindon and also Trowbridge Town in the Southern League. Signed professional in August 1965. A useful player in most positions in the forward line.

**PETER DOWNSBOROUGH.** Signed at the commencement of the season from Halifax Town, where he was a product of local football. A fearless, agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence.

**MEL NURSE.** A recent signing from Middlesbrough; he needs little introduction to football followers. He has many Welsh International caps to his credit. A strong, forceful player whose ability and experience has done much to strengthen the Town's defence.

**KEN SKEEN.** Originally an amateur with Swindon before joining Trowbridge Town. Re-joined Swindon as a professional in September 1964. Born Cheltenham.



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# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

(Up to and including 18th September, 1965)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	7	5	1	1	11	3	11
Swindon	8	3	4	1	7	2	10
Walsall	7	4	2	1	11	4	10
Grimsby	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
Watford	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
Hull City	7	4	1	2	11	12	9
Bristol Rovers	7	3	2	2	13	9	8
Mansfield	7	4	0	3	11	8	8
Brentford	7	3	1	3	15	8	7
Shrewsbury	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Gillingham	7	2	3	2	11	10	7
Oxford	7	2	3	2	8	8	7
Q. P. R.	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Reading	7	2	3	2	9	9	7
Peterborough	7	2	3	2	10	11	7
York City	7	3	1	3	11	15	7
Exeter City	7	2	2	3	10	9	6
Bournemouth	7	1	4	2	5	7	6
Workington	6	1	3	2	10	10	5
Oldham	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Scunthorpe	7	1	2	4	8	13	4
Brighton	7	1	2	4	8	15	4
<b>SOUTHEND</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
Swansea	7	1	1	5	4	18	3

# FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION II

(Up to and including 18th September, 1965)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Q. P. R.	7	5	1	1	17	9	11
Bristol Rovers	6	3	2	1	13	9	8
Gillingham	4	3	1	0	8	1	7
Charlton	5	3	1	1	11	2	7
Oxford United	6	3	1	2	9	4	7
Leyton Orient	5	3	1	1	9	7	7
<b>SOUTHEND</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>
Birmingham	5	3	0	2	12	8	6
Bristol City	5	2	2	1	13	10	6
Bournemouth	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Aldershot	5	3	0	2	6	8	6
Reading	4	2	1	1	8	3	5
Brighton	5	2	1	2	12	10	5
Watford	6	1	3	2	7	6	5
Luton Town	6	2	0	4	12	13	4
Notts County	6	0	4	2	9	15	4
Colchester	4	1	1	2	3	10	3
Mansfield Town	5	0	2	3	2	13	2
Millwall	5	0	1	4	4	12	1
Brentford	6	0	1	5	4	17	1

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# FIXTURES 1965-66

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

1965	Opponents	Gd.	F. A.	Gate	Goal Scorers
Aug. 21	<b>Swansea Town</b>	H	2—0	11,141	McKinven, Smith.
25	Oxford United	A	2—3	10,992	Slater, Firmani (Penalty)
28	Walsall	A	0—3	8,450	
Sept. 11	Bournemouth	A	0—0	5,586	
13	<b>York City</b>	H	2—3	10,530	Firmani, Slater
17	Oldham	A	0—1		
24	<b>Swindon</b>	H			
Oct. 1	Shrewsbury	A			
4	York City	A			
8	<b>Millwall</b>	H			
16	Peterborough	A			
23	<b>Exeter</b>	H			
30	Reading	A			
Nov. 6	<b>Hull City</b>	H			
13	1st Round F.A. Cup				
20	<b>Q.P.R.</b>	H			
22	<b>Oxford United</b>	H			
27	Brighton	A			
Dec. 4	2nd Round F.A. Cup				
11	Watford	A			
18	<b>Peterborough</b>	H			
27	<b>Brentford</b>	H			
28	Brentford	A			
1966					
Jan. 1	Millwall	A			
8	<b>Mansfield</b>	H			
15	Exeter	A			
22	3rd Round F.A. Cup				
29	Swansea	A			
Feb. 5	<b>Walsall</b>	H			
12	(4) <b>Bristol R.</b>	H			
19	Workington	A			
26	<b>Bournemouth</b>	H			
Mar. 5	(5) <b>Bristol R.</b>	A			
11	<b>Oldham</b>	H			
19	Swindon	A			
25	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	H			
Apr. 2	Hull City	A			
8	<b>Gillingham</b>	H			
9	<b>Scunthorpe</b>	H			
11	Gillingham	A			
16	Q.P.R.	A			
22	<b>Brighton</b>	H			
25	<b>Grimsby</b>	H			
30	Scunthorpe	A			
May 6	<b>Watford</b>	H			
9	Mansfield	A			
17	Grimsby	A			
27	<b>Reading</b>	H			



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# FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1965	Opponent	Gd.	F.	A.
Aug. 21	Bristol R.	..	A	3—3
23	Bournemouth	..	H	3—2
28	Charlton	..	H	0—0
Sept. 4	Aldershot	..	A	2—4
9	Luton	..	A	3—4
11	Oxford	..	H	2—1
18	Bournemouth	..	A	2—2
Oct. 2	Luton	..	H	
9	Brighton	..	A	
16	Q.P.R.	..	H	
23	Mansfield	..	A	
30	Bristol C.	..	H	
Nov. 6	Notts County	..	A	
13	Millwall	..	H	
17	Reading	..	A	
27	Gillingham	..	H	
Dec. 4	Colchester	..	A	
11	Brighton	..	H	
18	Q.P.R.	..	A	
27	Birmingham	..	A	
28	Birmingham	..	H	
1966				
Jan. 1	Mansfield	..	H	
8	Bristol C.	..	A	
15	Notts County	..	H	

22	Watford	..	H
29	Bristol R.	..	H
Feb. 5	Charlton	..	A
12	Brentford	..	A
19	Aldershot	..	H
26	Oxford	..	A
Mar. 5	Brentford	..	H
19	Watford	..	A
Apr. 2	Reading	..	H
9	Millwall	..	A
11	Leyton O.	..	H
16	Colchester	..	H
23	Gillingham	..	A
27	Leyton O.	..	A

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			D.	L.	F.	A.			W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Cambridge C.	3	1	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	11
Ipswich Town	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	11	2	11
Cambridge U.	3	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	10
<b>SOUTHEND</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	
Colchester	4	2	0	1	11	7	0	0	1	1	5	6	
Stevenage T.	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	4	6	
Chelmsford C.	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	10	4	
Romford	4	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	1	5	4	4	
Bedford T.	3	0	0	2	3	7	0	0	1	1	5	0	
Hitchin T.	5	0	0	2	2	13	0	0	3	2	13	0	

**4 points AWAY win; 3 points HOME win;  
2 points AWAY draw; 1 point HOME draw.**

**Goal scorers: Football Combination** — Gilfillan 6, Wright 3, King 2, J. Russell 2, Woodley 1. **Mercia League Cup:** Hymas 5, R. Clark 3, D. Wilkin 2, A. Brown 2, Mellish 1, Shires 1.



## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES**

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It is important to note that no application for membership can be accepted until his or her name has been posted on the Official Notice Board for TWO days.

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