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CLUB NOTES

Another point gained away from home, and a very valuable one following the two fine home victories. Unfortunately, whilst Swindon built up many attacks and created openings, the old trouble of not making the most of our opportunities was present. However, another point to improve our most encouraging away total, now much superior to that of last season.

So to this afternoon's game. Previously it was mentioned that we gained consolation from losing Division II status by the real pleasure received in renewing acquaintance with old friends. Today is certainly one of those occasions. It is indeed a privilege to welcome once again to the County Ground our near neighbours and real friends — Reading Town Football Club. For many years now there has existed a feeling of real comradeship between the two clubs. May it long continue.

In our promotion year (1962-63) we met at home twice within the space of a fortnight — 20th October, League Division 3; result: Swindon 1, Reading 1. Teams — Swindon: Turner; Wollen, Trollope; Morgan, Owen, Woodruff; Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Jackson, Darcy. Reading: Wilkie; Walker, High; Petts, Spiers, Evans; Palethorpe, Wheeler, Tindall, Norton, Allen.

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TWO MINUTES FROM GROUND

CLUB NOTES—continued

In the Swindon team Macpherson replaced Owen, and in the Reading team Wheeler played at outside-right and Maughan inside-right. In the return game at Reading, played in March, Swindon won by two goals to one.

We trust we shall enjoy an afternoon's entertainment with the meeting of old rivals, **but** friends.

Reading the sports columns of the National Press, one wonders just where football is going. It is certain that when the maximum wage was removed, neither the Players' Union nor the Football Association visualized the demands to be made for a signing-on fee. We hear of a player demanding a fee of £7,500 plus a weekly wage of £75. Supposing the player gives five years' good service (that can be doubtful) we reckon with bonuses, etc. he will be paid something like £7,000 per year. Surely we have our sense of values all wrong. Many of the best brains in the country — eminent surgeons, and even responsible men in the Cabinet — do not receive anything like that figure.

Just how can it be justified? Certainly not by the attendance at matches. The number of spectators get smaller every year. Last Saturday's figures showed that in Division 3 two games were played before less than 4,000, and only three games in the Division produced over 10,000 spectators.

The way things are going, some hard thinking and talking will have to take place, otherwise many of the smaller clubs will close down and we shall be left with a nucleus in the large centres of population. It is certainly a sign of the times when a well-known manager of quite a prosperous club stated categorically: "Should the Small Lotteries Act suddenly be brought to an end, 75% of the clubs would go out of football."

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Surely it is a sorry state of affairs that the sale of Bingo tickets is necessary to keep the game going.

The Football Association, the Football League and the clubs are aware of the situation, and something will be done. One solution would be for all clubs in membership to agree **not** to pay a signing-on fee, or at most a nominal one.

Now two special requests to our spectators. Please refrain from the stupid habit that has grown up on some grounds of throwing toilet rolls on to the pitch. Many referees stop play until the ground is clear of all paper.

Secondly, we hope you have "let off" all your fireworks. The throwing of lighted fireworks in a public place is highly dangerous, and an offence which could call for police action. We feel we can rely on the good sense and sportsmanship of our spectators to comply with these requests. Thank you!

On Saturday next we entertain Merthyr in the F.A. Cup Competition. May we ask Season Ticket holders to purchase their tickets for this game not later than Wednesday, 10th November. Applications to be made at the Club Offices (facing the Car Park).

Supporters were no doubt sorry to hear of further tragedy for David Layne. At the week-end he was seriously injured in a car-crash, and his wife killed. Whilst at Swindon he was a cheerful, happy-go-lucky lad, popular with players and spectators. We send to him our deepest sympathy and also best wishes for a speedy recovery. Unfortunately, he has lost his wife, a real friend who stood by him when he was in trouble. This is a case where football, or one of its benevolent funds, could help — real charity.

OUR VISITORS

READING FOOTBALL CLUB

Pen Pictures of Players 1965/66

DENIS ALLEN (Centre or Wing Forward)

Born: Dagenham. Joined the Club on June 9th, 1961, when he was transferred from Charlton Athletic F.C., his only other professional club.

RON BAYLIS (Wing Half Back)

Born: Belfast, N. Ireland. Joined the Club as an amateur in September, 1963. Signed as a professional player on 1st February, 1965.

MAURICE COOK (Inside Forward)

Born: Hemel Hempstead. Joined the Club on 4th May, 1965, when he was transferred from Fulham F.C., for whom he played for seven seasons. Previously assisted Watford F.C.

MICHAEL DIXON (Goalkeeper)

Born: Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff in season 1959-60. Signed as a professional player on August 9th, 1961. Gained an English Schools F.A. International Cap versus Germany at Wembley April, 1959. Reserve for England F.A. Youth XI in same season.

MAURICE EVANS (Left Full Back)

Born: Didcot. Now in his fourteenth season with the Club. Maurice joined the Club's ground staff in September, 1952 and signed as a professional player in September the following year. During his period of National Service, played many representative matches for the Royal Air Force.

MICHAEL FAIRCHILD (Outside Right)

Born: Northampton. Joined the Club on 1st July 1964 when he was transferred from Luton Town F.C., his only other professional club, whom he assisted for five seasons.

BRIAN FAULKES (Full Back)

Born: Abingdon. Joined the Club as an amateur and has graduated through the Club's Minor and Youth Teams. Made his first team debut versus Crewe Alexandra on 30th March, 1964.

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BRIAN KNIGHT (Inside Forward)

Born: High Wycombe. Signed as an amateur player in June, 1962 and as an apprentice professional on 1st July, 1963. Registered as a full time professional player on 14th November, 1964 and made his first team debut versus Brentford on 17th April, 1965.

PETER KNIGHT (Outside Right)

Born: Ilford. Joined the Club on 16th November, 1964, when he was transferred from Oxford United F.C. His previous clubs include Southend United and Nottingham Forest.

TERRY McDONALD (Outside Left)

Born: Stepney. Transferred from Leyton Orient F.C. on 18th May, 1965, for whom he played for six seasons. Previously assisted West Ham United F.C.

COLIN MELDRUM (Left Full Back)

Born: Glasgow. Joined the Club on April 4th, 1963, when he was transferred from Watford F.C. Prior to joining the Hertfordshire club, Colin assisted Arsenal F.C. for two seasons.

GORDON NEATE (Full Back)

Born: Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff upon leaving school in April, 1956, and has graduated through the Club's Minor and Youth Teams. Made his first team debut on April 20th, 1959 versus Colchester United F.C.

RALPH NORTON (Wing Half Back)

Born: Aylesham, Kent. Joined the Club's ground staff on August 23rd, 1958, and has also graduated through the Minor and Youth Teams. Signed as a professional player on October 12th, 1959.

ALAN SCARRETT (Outside Right)

Born: Malmesbury, Wilts. Joined the Club from Chippenham Town F.C. on 20th April, 1965. His previous clubs include West Bromwich Albion F.C. and Bristol Rovers F.C.

PETER SHREEVES (Inside Forward)

Born: Neath. Recommended to the Club whilst assisting the Finchley F.C. Signed as an amateur player on May 6th, 1958 and as a professional player on January 19th, 1959. Made his first team debut on February 21st, 1959 versus Southampton F.C.

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RICHARD SPIERS (Half Back)

Born: Benson, Oxon. Recommended to the Club as an amateur player in season 1954-55. Signed as a professional player on October 3rd, 1955. During his period of National Service, played for the Army F.A. XI on numerous occasions.

PAT TERRY (Centre Forward)

Born: Lambeth. A very experienced player who joined the Club on 21st August, 1964, when he was transferred from Millwall F.C.

RODNEY THORNHILL (Wing Half Back)

Born: Reading. A local born player who assisted the Club as an amateur player from August 20th, 1960 until he signed as a professional player on May 27th, 1963.

MICHAEL TRAVERS (Wing Half Back)

Born: Blackwater. Joined the Club's ground staff as an amateur player on January 7th, 1958. Signed as a professional player on October 26th, 1959.

DOUGLAS WEBB (Inside Forward)

Born: Stokenchurch. Recommended to the Club as an amateur player and signed as a professional player on November 26th, 1956. During his period of National Service with the Royal Air Force, played in many representative games.

JIMMY WHEELER (Inside Forward)

Born: Reading. Another of the local born players. Jimmy joined the Club as an amateur player in May, 1952. He signed as a professional player in August of the same year and is today the Club's longest serving player.

ARTHUR WILKIE (Goalkeeper)

Born: Woolwich S.E. Joined the Club's ground staff on November 11th, 1958 as an amateur player and signed as a professional player on October 8th, 1959. Reserve for England F.A. Youth XI that toured Germany in January, 1959.

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First Section

- A—Arsenal v. Sheffield Utd.
- B—Burnley v. West Ham Utd.
- C—Chelsea v. Leeds Utd.
- D—Everton v. Leicester City
- E—Manchester Utd. v. Blackburn Rovers
- F—Newcastle Utd. v. Blackpool
- G—Northampton Town v. Aston Villa
- H—Nottingham Forest v. Tottenham Hotspur
- I—Sheffield Wednesday v. Liverpool
- J—West Bromwich Albion v. Fulham
- K—Bolton Wanderers v. Coventry City
- L—Charlton Athletic v. Rotherham Utd.
- M—Crystal Palace v. Norwich City
- N—Huddersfield Town v. Bury
- O—Ipswich Town v. Carlisle Utd.
- P—Leyton Orient v. Derby County
- Q—Middlesbrough v. Southampton
- R—Portsmouth v. Bristol City
- S—Preston North End v. Wolverhampton W.
- T—Bournemouth & B.A. v. Mansfield Town

Second Section

- A—Bristol Rovers v. Gillingham
- B—Grimsby Town v. Peterborough Utd.
- C—Oxford Utd. v. Watford
- D—Shrewsbury Town v. Exeter City
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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
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23	YORK CITY	(A)	2—0
28	SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	1—1
September 1	HULL CITY	(A)	0—1
4	WALSALL	(H)	0—0
7	BRISTOL ROVERS	(A)	1—0
11	WORKINGTON	(A)	3—0
18	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	(H)	0—0
24	SOUTHEND UNITED	(A)	2—4
October 2	WATFORD	(A)	0—2
5	BRISTOL ROVERS	(H)	4—3
9	GILLINGHAM	(H)	0—1
16	MILLWALL	(A)	0—1
19	YORK CITY	(H)	6—0
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(H)	3—0
30	EXETER CITY	(A)	1—1
November 6	READING	(H)	
13	(1) MERTHYR TYDFIL	(H)	
20	MANSFIELD TOWN	(H)	
27	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	(A)	
December 4	(2)	()	
11	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(A)	
18	MILLWALL	(H)	
27	GRIMSBY TOWN	(A)	
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	(H)	
1966			
January 1	GILLINGHAM	(A)	
8	HULL CITY	(H)	
15	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(A)	
22	(3)	()	
29	OXFORD UNITED	(A)	
February 5	SWANSEA TOWN	(H)	
12	(4) BRENTFORD	(H)	
19	WALSALL	(A)	
26	WORKINGTON	(H)	
March 5	(5) BRENTFORD	(A)	
12	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	(A)	
19	SOUTHEND UNITED	(H)	
26	(6) WATFORD	(H)	
April 1	READING	(A)	
9	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	(H)	
11	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(H)	
12	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(A)	
16	MANSFIELD TOWN	(A)	
23	(S.F.) QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	(H)	
26	SHREWSBURY TOWN	(H)	
30	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	(A)	
May 7	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(H)	
14	(FINAL)	()	
18	SHREWSBURY TOWN	(A)	
28	EXETER CITY	(H)	

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	Football League		Football Combination	
	Appearances	Goals	Appearances	Goals
Downsborough	16			
Dawson	11		2	
Trollope	16	1		
Morgan	16			
Hallett	3		7	1
Atherton	11		1	
Weaver	15	1		
Hunt	5		1	2
Keyworth	5		3	
Brown	15	6		
Rogers	16	8	1	1
Nurse	13			
Smart	12	3	1	
Butler	6		5	
East	4	1	8	
Lawton	7	2		
Skeen	1	1	11	5
Shergold	5		7	
Oakley			5	
Griffin			11	1
Thomas			10	
Giles			9	
Sproates			6	1
Tabor			10	1
Lloyd			7	1
Walker			8	3
Hicks			6	
Jeffrey			1	
Lewis			2	
Spackman			1	
Corbett			3	
Perry			3	
Desmeules			3	

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Millwall	15	10	3	2	25	13	23
Oxford United	14	8	4	2	24	14	20
Grimsby Town	14	8	3	3	26	15	19
Hull City	15	8	3	4	33	28	19
Workington	14	7	4	3	31	15	18
Watford	14	6	6	2	26	16	18
Shrewsbury Town	15	8	2	5	24	19	18
Swindon Town	16	6	5	5	23	14	17
Peterborough United	14	7	3	4	28	22	17
Walsall	14	6	3	5	21	17	15
Gillingham	13	6	3	4	18	16	15
Bristol Rovers	17	5	5	7	27	26	15
Queen's Park Rangers	14	6	2	6	23	26	14
Mansfield Town	14	5	2	7	20	20	12
Brentford	14	3	5	6	17	13	11
Southend United	14	5	1	8	20	25	11
Reading	13	3	5	5	16	20	11
Scunthorpe United	13	4	2	7	16	18	10
Bournemouth & B.A.	14	3	4	7	13	20	10
Brighton & H.A.	14	2	6	6	16	24	10
Exeter City	14	3	4	7	17	26	10
York City	14	4	2	8	22	37	10
Swansea Town	14	4	2	8	17	38	10
Oldham Athletic	15	3	3	9	18	39	9

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