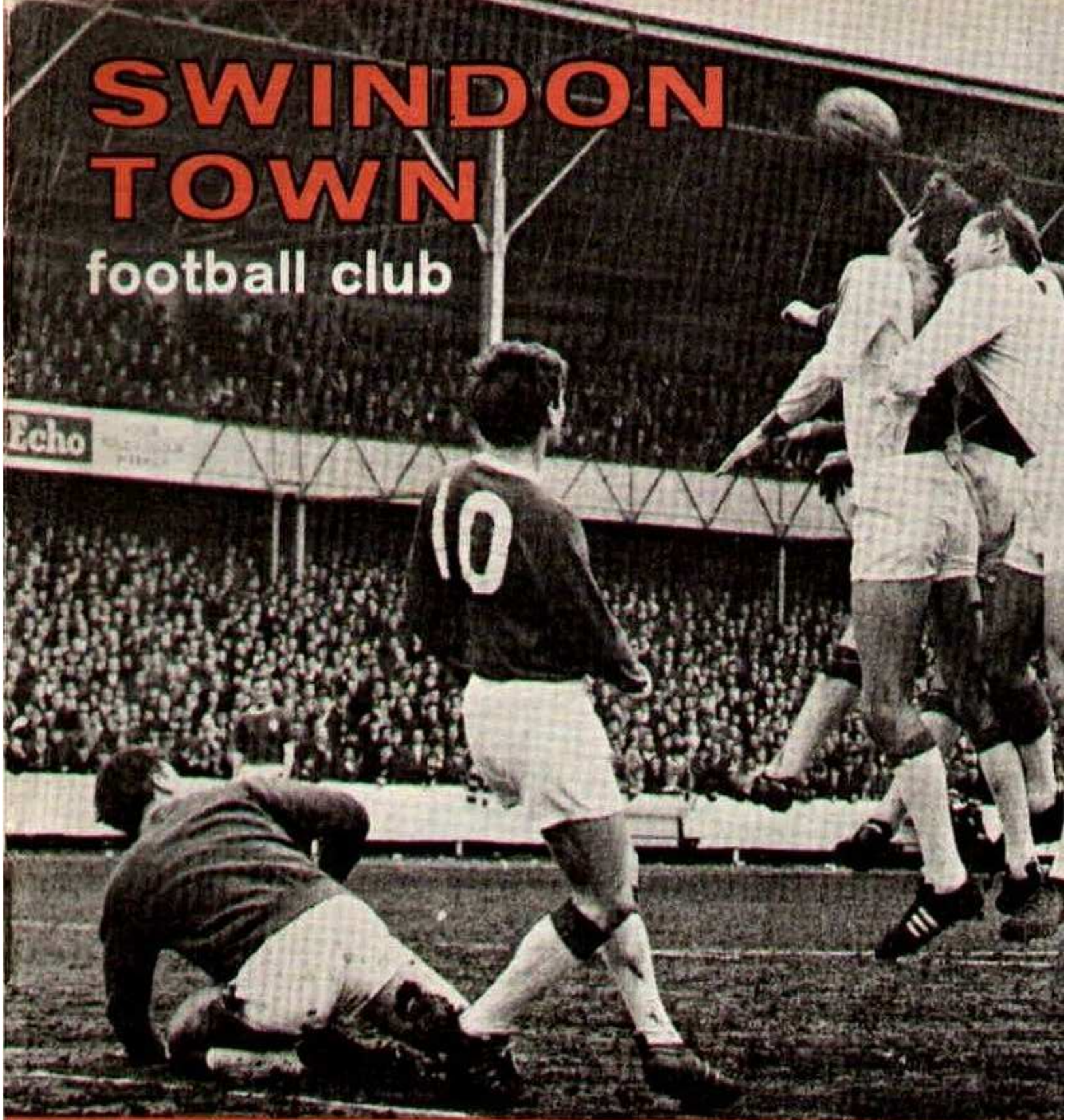


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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

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NEWS and VIEWS

There seems little need to mention the fact that we have not made a very good beginning in our league programme.

However, do not let us be too downhearted. We certainly hope matters will improve. Remember also we have played five away games and only three at home, and there is some consolation in that we now have two home games in succession, with a League Cup game at Doncaster (rather interesting) in between.

Mention of that competition reminds us also that we gained two resounding wins, and two excellent games against Bournemouth and Portsmouth. All told we have done quite well at home. The only exception being the defeat by Watford.

Our last two away games have been lost only by the odd goal in three and that, in both cases, after we had taken an early lead. Our large contingent of supporters at Reading saw us lose, rather unexpectedly, the winning goal coming in the last few minutes, when everything pointed to a draw.

The following Monday we played at Colchester. Unfortunately this match was staged in the evening, and very few of our supporters were able to travel that long distance in mid-week. More is the pity, because this was our best display of the season.

The match attracted the biggest gate at Colchester for several years, and those present witnessed a great game. The United are a fine side, and they played open, fast football, but our lads responded nobly and fought all the way. A few minutes before half-time we scored a splendid goal, one of the best we have seen this season. Keith East outpaced the centre-half from a low through pass, and then centred to Willie Penman, who had come into the inside-right position. He killed the ball beautifully, turned inside to beat the left-back

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and then came square in front of goal, picked his spot carefully, and hit the ball into the top corner of the net.

In the second half Colchester scored twice (both goals headed in). The first one early after a scramble in our goal mouth, in which we were rather unlucky not to get the ball away. The second goal came from a long pass from the left wing. Here again we were rather unfortunate, because our 'keeper, Peter Downsborough, had taken a bad knock on the thigh, and was unable to leap as quickly and high as usual, and could only just touch the ball and deflect it onto the upright. Had he been a hundred per cent fit, we are sure he would have turned this header over the bar.

There is an old saying that when a team gets into a "bad run" it is difficult to get out of it, and everything goes against you. That "little bit" of luck always goes the wrong way. Whilst we are not in any ways making excuses, such was the case at Colchester. One particular incident cost us a point. There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of all of us present, including the home club Directors.

Another pleasing factor about this game was the way in which our team was fighting right at the very end. With at least three impeded slightly by leg bruises, our lads gave everything, and there were several near misses in the Colchester goalmouth, and some splendid saves by their young goal-keeper. The spectators, with many whistling for the final whistle, certainly breathed a sigh of relief when the referee called time. As their chairman stated, the best thing of the match for him was when the referee blew to end the game.

This afternoon, we welcome back to the County Ground old friends in Doncaster Rovers. The last time we played them was in Season 1958-59, when they were unfortunately relegated to Division IV by finishing in twenty-second position.

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The two matches were played during the Easter Holiday. The first, on Good Friday, resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to nil, and the return fixture played the following day was a draw, no goals being scored. We believe we are right in saying that it was in the first game that Maurice Owen sustained a broken leg.

Maurice cannot speak too highly of the wonderful treatment and kindness given to him by the whole of Doncaster — officials, public and doctors. When they visited Swindon the next day, they equipped their bus with a special bed, and brought him down with their team, who were grand travelling companions. Doncaster is a most hospitable club, and this was just one example. We trust we shall all witness a splendid game, and our spectators show them what Swindon entertainment is like.

Our visitors make a very thorough job of their "Youth Policy". They have a special Youth Committee, with a director, Mr. Frank Wilson, in charge. The other members are Mr. Rees, Chairman of the Schools Association; Mr. E. Beaglehole, chief youth coach; Mr. Les Horner (ex-referee); Mr. Ron Massarella, Chairman of Doncaster Rovers; and finally a newcomer this year, Mr. Ernie Crawford, the World Cup referee. Also helping is Mr. Jackie Bestall, now chief scout. With such a committee, youth football is obviously organised on a very sound basis. The youngsters train four nights a week on the Belle Vue ground, two devoted to developing skills, and two to physical fitness. One most pleasing fact is that one man takes on the job of telling all those who have no chance of success in professional soccer as soon as it becomes evident. This is surely so essential for the boys. They may be disappointed when told at first, but it certainly enables them to devote all their attention to another career. No wasted years — hoping to make the grade.

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DAWSON, ROBERT (Goal)

Local boy who joined Rovers as an amateur, becoming full-time professional 1965-66 season. 7 appearances last season.

KELLY, BRIAN (Right back)

Transferred from Bradford City during 1964-65 season. Has been a regular choice for the first team since joining the Club. 45 appearances last season.

WATTON, JIMMY (Left back)

Signed in July 1964 from Port Vale. Another regular choice for the first team.

LINDSEY, KEITH (Right back)

Signed during the close season from Scunthorpe United.

FLOWERS, JOHN (Wing half)

Transferred from Stoke City for a five figure fee in July 1966.

FERGUSON, MARTIN (Right half)

Another close season signing, previously with Barnsley. Can also fill the inside forward position.

WYLIE, JOHN (Right half)

Transferred from Stockport County in 1964, has made 100 appearances during the last two seasons. Previously with Preston North End.

RICKETTS, GRAHAM (Left half)

(Also known as Dan.) Signed from Stockport County at the same time as Wylie. Another player who has made 100 appearances during the last two seasons. Previous club, Bristol City.



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GILFILLAN, BOB (Outside right)

Previous clubs Raith Rovers and Southend United, from whom he was transferred last season. 29 appearances last season.

WEBBER, KEITH (Centre forward)

Transferred from Wrexham during close season. Scored 23 goals last season for Wrexham. Previous clubs Brighton and Everton.

JEFFREY, ALICK (Inside right)

Under 23 International. Regular member of the team since returning from Australia in 1963. 38 appearances last season.

SHEFFIELD, LAURIE (Centre forward)

Transferred from Newport County in 1965. Leading goal scorer last season with 28 goals. 43 appearances last season.

OGDEN, TREVOR (Centre forward)

Signed in July 1965 from Manchester City, now in his second season with the Club. 11 appearances last season.

COLEMAN, TONY (Inside left)

Transferred from non-League club Bangor City last season. Made 32 appearances. Previous clubs Tranmere Rovers and Preston North End.

FINNEY, ALAN (Outside right)

A local lad who was transferred from Sheffield Wednesday last season after ten years service. Made 14 appearances for Rovers.

DURRANT, PAUL (Outside left)

Previously with Bury, from whom he was transferred in 1965. 11 appearances last season.

STANFORD, TERRY (Outside left)

Transferred from Bangor City 1965-66. Signed full-time professional.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP LEAGUE

Table of results to Tuesday, 27th September, 1966 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Plymouth Argyle	5	5	0	0	22	7	10
Swindon Town	6	3	1	2	9	9	7
Cardiff City	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
Swansea Town	6	0	2	4	9	19	2

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SUPPORTERS *CLUB* NOTES

It is pleasing to report that during this warming-up period since the opening of the Social Clubroom, there has been a steady flow of applications for membership. Our books are still open, and we hope that more of our supporters and friends will join. Membership forms are available at all times in the Club.

The Committee has been giving consideration to a programme of events for all tastes, and giving priority to Saturday evenings, a start was made with the engagement of the Swindon Music Centre Trio on Saturday, 24th September. All those who were present on that evening acknowledged a jolly good "family evening" of old and modern dancing, light music and sing-song. On the next two Saturdays (1st and 8th October) we have engaged the Peter Lowe Trio with Dennis Hunt, and there are hopes of an early return visit of the Music Centre Trio. All of these future attractions will be notified in the local press, on our publicity posters and in the programme notes.

A number of our members are interested in the formation of darts teams. Those interested should signify on the list on the notice boards in the Club entrance. For the time-being, and until entry into league competitions, the offer of friendly matches would be appreciated.

As part of our endeavour to cover all aspects of Club life we have opened a Christmas Club for those wishing to save for their seasonal "wallop". Friday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. is the time for payment of subscriptions. We shall re-commence this feature in the New Year.

The provision of sandwiches, pies and snacks is currently being investigated, and we hope to report on this very soon.

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In other spheres of the Club, we have to report the success of the Football Section, with a 5—1 win over the Fire Service last week. With two teams now available, there is a shortage of fixtures for the Second team. May we appeal for additional matches? All offers for Sunday games to the Football Secretary, Ivor Hayward, 19 Beechcroft Road, who will be delighted to hear from you.

On the Competitions front, the Weekly Lotteries are running at a slightly lower level than was anticipated. The Comp. Secretary, Phil Hart, will be only too pleased to give details to anyone wishing to undertake an Agency. Tickets will soon be available for our 1966 Christmas Draw, in which we offer Cash and Hamper for each of the first four prizes, and wines and spirits etc., for the 100 other prizes.

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League Tables including Saturday, 24th September, 1966

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Banbury United	9	8	0	1	26	11	16
Witney Town	8	6	1	1	39	6	13
Wallingford Town	9	6	1	2	23	12	13
Thame United	8	6	0	2	23	14	12
Hazells (Aylesbury)	8	5	1	2	16	15	11
Didcot Town	7	4	1	2	15	8	9
Swindon Town "A"	9	4	1	4	24	13	9
Morris Motors	8	4	0	4	16	15	8
Newbury Town	7	4	0	3	13	13	8
P. Risborough Town	8	2	3	3	17	13	7
Amersham Town	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Lambourn	8	2	2	4	21	32	6
Chipping Norton T.....	9	3	0	6	19	31	6
Bicester Town	9	2	2	5	10	25	6
Marston United	9	1	3	5	15	24	5
Thatcham	9	2	1	6	16	25	5
Waddesdon	8	2	0	6	7	25	4
Oxford United "A"	8	1	1	6	14	29	3

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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
1966				
August 20	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	10,102	(A)	2—2
24	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A. (League Cup)	7,769	(H)	2—1
27	DARLINGTON	10,855	(H)	4—0
September 3	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	7,900	(A)	1—3
6	COLCHESTER UNITED	11,600	(H)	1—1
10	WATFORD	9,999	(H)	1—2
13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784	(H)	4—1
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	(A)	0—3
24	READING		(A)	1—2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED		(A)	1—2
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS		(H)	
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(H)	
15	MIDDLESBROUGH		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(A)	
22	SWANSEA TOWN		(H)	
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(A)	
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT		(H)	
12	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
19	WORKINGTON		(H)	
26	(1)		()	
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(H)	
10	OXFORD UNITED		(A)	
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		(H)	
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
31	DARLINGTON		(A)	
1967				
January 7	(2)		()	
14	WATFORD		(A)	
21	BRISTOL ROVERS		(H)	
28	(3)		()	
February 4	READING		(H)	
11	DONCASTER ROVERS		(A)	
18	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN		(H)	
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(A)	
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH		(H)	
11	(5) GRIMSBY TOWN		(A)	
18	SWANSEA TOWN		(A)	
25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(H)	
27	TORQUAY UNITED		(A)	
28	TORQUAY UNITED		(H)	
April 1	LEYTON ORIENT		(A)	
8	(6) GILLINGHAM		(H)	
11	MANSFIELD TOWN		(H)	
15	WORKINGTON		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(H)	
22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(H)	
24	MANSFIELD TOWN		(A)	
29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(A)	
May 6	OXFORD UNITED		(H)	
12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(A)	

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Bournemouth & B.A.	8	5	2	1	10	5	12
Queen's Park Rangers	8	4	3	1	26	9	11
Grimsby Town	8	5	1	2	19	7	11
Workington Town	8	5	1	2	20	11	11
Oldham Athletic	9	5	1	3	20	13	11
Watford	8	4	2	2	7	5	10
Colchester United	8	4	2	2	15	12	10
Shrewsbury Town	9	4	2	3	14	15	10
Mansfield Town	8	3	3	2	10	15	9
Peterborough United	7	2	4	1	9	7	8
Torquay United	9	3	2	4	14	11	8
Gillingham	7	2	4	1	5	5	8
Darlington	9	3	2	4	9	12	8
Reading	9	3	2	4	9	12	8
Oxford United	8	2	3	3	12	9	7
Doncaster Rovers	8	2	3	3	8	21	7
Middlesbrough	8	2	2	4	12	20	6
Walsall	8	2	2	4	9	16	6
Swansea Town	9	1	3	5	12	18	5
Leyton Orient	8	1	3	4	7	11	5
Scunthorpe United	8	2	1	5	10	19	5
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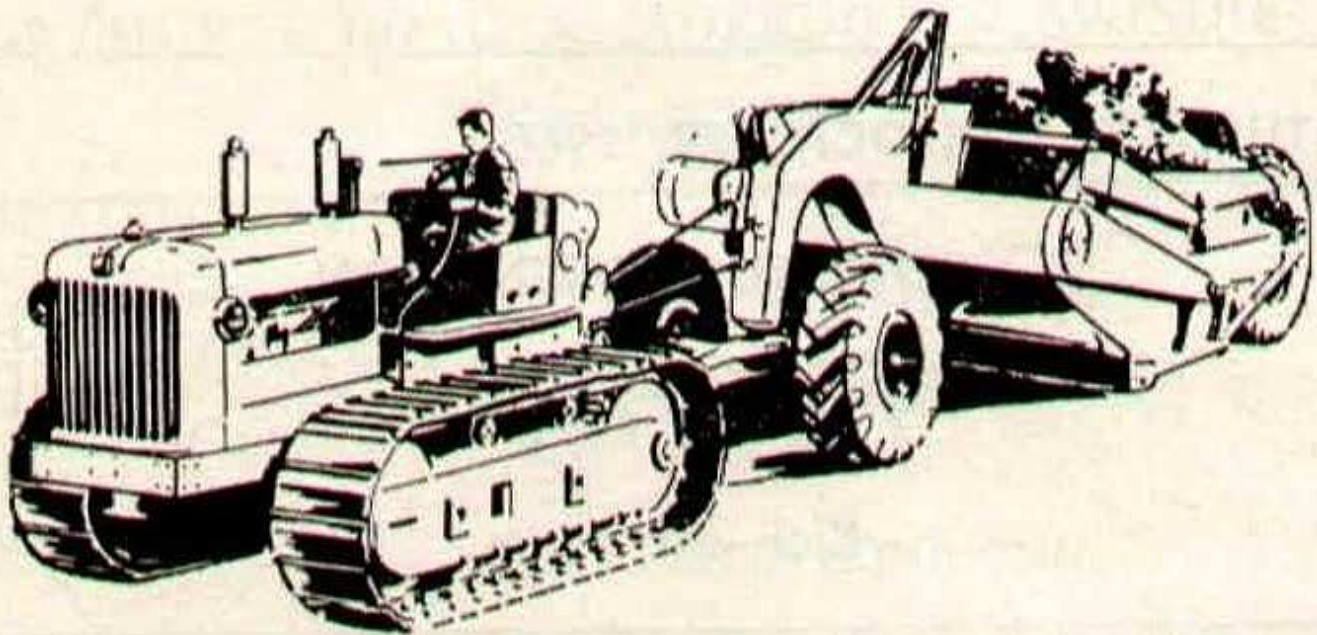
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August 20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)	1,434	(H)	2—3
September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)	1,833	(H)	2—0
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	0—3
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	2—1
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	2—1
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)	1,286	(H)	1—1
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(A)	
15	FULHAM		(H)	
22	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(H)	
November 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(A)	
23	READING		(A)	
26	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(H)	
December 3	FULHAM		(A)	
10	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(H)	
17	WEST HAM UNITED		(A)	
24	LEICESTER CITY		(H)	
31	SOUTHAMPTON		(H)	
1967				
January 7	IPSWICH TOWN		(H)	
14	ARSENAL		(H)	
24	COVENTRY CITY		(A)	
28	CHELSEA		(A)	
February 4	LEICESTER CITY		(A)	
11	CHELSEA		(H)	
18	CRYSTAL PALACE		(A)	
25	GILLINGHAM		(H)	
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(A)	
March 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		(H)	
18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(H)	
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
April 1	READING		(H)	
4	COVENTRY CITY		(H)	
8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(A)	
15	WEST HAM UNITED		(H)	
19	SOUTHAMPTON		(A)	
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