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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

SHREWSBURY TOWN

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

Such are the vagaries of football. Last Saturday, after the most unfortunate defeat by Doncaster, Swindon occupied the bottom place in the league table. Nine games played, with four points obtained. In top position was Bournemouth, nine games played, with fourteen points. Ten more than Swindon. Both teams had scored eleven goals apiece, but whereas our goals against column showed sixteen, that of Bournemouth was just five.

In our second game of the season (League Cup, Round 1) Swindon deservedly defeated the seashiders by two goals to one. Comments on the game by the Bournemouth "Evening Echo" were printed in an earlier programme. They are worth repeating. "The match was full of pace and interest, and enabled one to put into prospective the relative Third Division merits of the two teams. From the evidence it seems highly likely that both Boscombe and Swindon will be concerned in the **chase for the top**. Only time will provide the answer. Bournemouth moved with more method and accuracy, Swindon with **greater** speed and individuality. The home team, worthy winners, looked a useful side."

Yet on 1st October, just five weeks after that game, Bournemouth **top**; Swindon **bottom**. What has gone wrong? Nothing that a couple of wins will not put right. While we seem to have lost all our zip, speed and football, the main thing is confidence. The team is now playing under severe tension and strain, and are very downhearted. Until the wheel turns in our direction, we must struggle on. This is not the time for recrimination and criticism, but when everyone must pull together, to help the Club get back on the road to success.

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The Doncaster party was pleased with the victory, but admitted they were very fortunate. They also stated they had much more of the game at Oxford (where they lost 1—6 on Wednesday) than at Swindon. In fact they really only attacked our goal twice in the second half, and scored on one of those occasions.

Swindon created many opportunities and, while we may have been unfortunate not to score, when such chances are missed we shall pay the penalty. We know the ball is not running for us, but goals **must** be taken, and taken properly, when the openings occur. Slap-dash, half-hearted efforts, are not good enough.

Perhaps there is some consolation in being bottom of the league table at this moment. We have ample time to pull ourselves together, and move up the list.

The season we were relegated, we occupied the last but one position only on the last Saturday. For the whole of the season other clubs were in twenty-first position. We were unfortunate enough to find ourselves in that place on the day when it counted most.

We were pleased to hear news of one of our ex-players — Andy Micklewright. Typical of the man, he was playing in a charity match to provide funds to help physically-handicapped people. Andy was a grand club man, and a great character — bright, cheerful and most entertaining company. He was always most helpful, and this charity no doubt appealed to him as he had a rather delicate child.

Well done, Andy. Glad to know you are fit and well and still able to enjoy a game of football, as you always did at Swindon, whether playing in the first team, reserves, or the "A" team.

The match, incidentally, attracted a gate of 10,000, so the fund will derive great benefit.

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This afternoon we entertain our real "bogey" team. It is time our luck changed, and it would be the most appropriate date of all. Since gaining promotion to Division III (South) in Season 1951, Shrewsbury has always done well at Swindon. The very first time they played at the County Ground they gained an unexpected victory, and in Season 1960-61 they were the real villains of the peace. In the League Cup we played them three times before losing at home 0—2. To add insult to injury, Shrewsbury came to Swindon in the First Round of the F.A. Cup and again won, although on that occasion we missed a penalty. Both league games that season resulted in a draw, 2—2 at Swindon and 1—1 at Shrewsbury. Last season both league games again resulted in a draw, 0—0 at Swindon played on the 26th April, and 1—1 at Shrewsbury on the 18th May. The Swindon team was Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Hallett, Nurse, Shergold; Weaver, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers. The gate was 11,190.

Their manager, Mr. Arthur Rowley, is one of the longest serving men in the game. He joined the Club in Season 1958, as player-manager, and will be remembered for his outstanding goal-scoring feats. He was leading goal-scorer for many seasons. He is now solely manager, and has rendered excellent service to his Club. Other managers of Shrewsbury Town were Mr. S. Crooks (England outside-right) and Mr. H. Potts. They play on a delightful little ground, rightly named Gay Meadow, which adjoins the Town Station.

Much has appeared in the Press regarding crowd behaviour and hooliganism at football matches. The current issue of the F.A. News Bulletin tends to blame players for incensing crowds. This may be so when we get such gamesmanship as wasting time, standing on the ball, or kicking it away and crowd-baiting. Nevertheless, many really stupid habits have come into the game of late. The running on the pitch by

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spectators, especially when a goal is scored, and the senseless business of throwing toilet rolls. When or where that began we just do not know, but we do appeal to **all** our spectators not to indulge in this sort of act. Unfortunately on some grounds, missiles which could cause harm to people have been thrown. If this sort of conduct continues stern, strict measures must be enforced by the F.A. and clubs alike. We applaud the decision of the Brentford F.C. for banning for life spectators who caused a disturbance. May all clubs follow suit.

DIVISION III

(up to, and including, Wednesday, October 5th, 1966)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bristol Rovers	10	7	1	2	19	13	15
Bournemouth & B.A.	9	6	2	1	11	5	14
Queen's Park Rangers	9	5	3	1	31	10	13
Oldham Athletic	10	6	1	3	23	13	13
Workington	8	5	1	2	20	11	11
Grimsby Town	9	5	1	3	20	12	11
Gillingham	9	3	5	1	12	8	11
Mansfield Town	9	4	3	2	11	15	11
Watford	9	4	2	3	7	6	10
Colchester United	9	4	2	3	16	15	10
Shrewsbury Town	9	4	2	3	14	15	10
Reading	10	4	2	4	12	13	10
Peterborough United	9	2	5	2	13	14	9
Doncaster Rovers	9	3	3	3	9	21	9
Torquay United	10	3	2	5	14	12	8
Walsall	9	3	2	4	10	16	8
Darlington	11	3	2	6	9	16	8
Oxford United	9	2	3	4	13	12	7
Leyton Orient	9	2	3	4	8	11	7
Scunthorpe United	9	3	1	5	13	20	7
Middlesbrough	9	2	2	5	13	23	6
Brighton & H.A.	9	1	3	5	11	16	5
Swansea Town	10	1	3	6	12	19	5
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ALAN BOSWELL (Goalkeeper)

Joined Shrewsbury from Walsall in August 1963, and has been first choice ever since. Spent five seasons at Walsall, three of them as a professional, and is a native of West Bromwich. A good golfer.

LES ASTON (Goalkeeper)

Part-time goalkeeper who played as an amateur in the Football Combination last season. Is a native of Ellesmere Port, and played for Ellesmere Port in the Cheshire League. Only 19, and is well over 6 foot. A good prospect.

TONY GREGORY (Full Back)

A Shropshire boy and product of schoolboy football and former apprentice player. Only 19, he made about a dozen League appearances last season. Very fast on recovery.

GEOFF FELLOWS (Full Back)

Signed from Aston Villa in June 1965, having six years at the Villa, three as a professional. Regular member of the first team last year. Native of West Bromwich. Is a small but deft player.

PAT WRIGHT (Full Back)

Joined Shrewsbury from Birmingham City in September 1962. Native of Oldbury. Had five seasons at Birmingham, three as a professional. Former skipper of the side. Has made over 200 first team appearances.

TED HEMSLEY (Wing Half)

Hails from Highley and has had seven seasons at Shrewsbury, five as a professional. Born at Stoke-on-Trent. Former Wolves amateur, he is also a Worcestershire County cricketer.

ERIC BRODIE (Wing Half)

This versatile Scot from Perth joined the Club from Dundee in June 1963, and is a regular member of the side. Played at inside forward and centre forward with equal success. Formerly with Forfar and Dundee United. Scottish Junior International and Forfar County cricketer.

TONY HARRIS (Wing Half or Centre Half)

Another Shropshire ex-schoolboy and former apprentice who has had five seasons with the Club and is still not yet 21. A versatile player he has a good record of first team appearances.

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PETER DOLBY (Centre Half or Wing Half)

Tall, lanky player who has played in every department of the team. Has spent over six years at Shrewsbury, joining them from Henor Town in 1960, and is a native of Derby.

ALF WOOD (Centre Half)

A new signing from Manchester City in the closed season. He is a native of Macclesfield, and was at City five years, including apprentice service. Just 21, is a big, fine lad and former youth international.

GORDON LEE (Player/Coach and Full back)

A closed season capture from Aston Villa, where he spent eleven seasons. Regarded as an important addition to the staff, mainly to play and tutor the younger players of the Club. Native of Hendesford.

TREVOR MEREDITH (Outside Right)

Diminutive winger. Native of Bridgnorth, Salop. He joined from Burnley and has had two successful seasons with a good goal scoring record. Scored the important goal which gave Burnley a League championship some years ago.

ALAN TURNER (Inside Forward)

Another closed season capture. 23 years of age. Can also play wing half. Regarded as an important addition to the staff, he is a native of Hull and gained many school and youth honours.

GEORGE BOARDMAN (Inside Forward)

Glasgow born and former Scottish Amateur International. Came from the Queen's Park Amateur Club in 1963. He is a terrific worker and packs a strong shot.

PETER BROADBENT (Inside Forward)

The former Wolves and England player who came to Shrewsbury in 1964/65 season. A native of Dover and probably the leading footballing golfer. A great schemer with terrific ball skill and football brain.

FRANK CLARKE (Centre Forward)

Been with the Club six years, nearly five as a professional. A native of Wolverhampton and a product of Walsall junior football. He has a brother with Fulham — centre forward, Alan. A centre forward with a goalscoring flare, but with very good ball skill.

LEWIS THOM (Outside Left)

Signed from Dundee United last September and had experience with Aberdeen. Had experience in the Scottish Youth Team and is a native of Stornaway. Only 22, he has still to show his full potential. Is also a good golfer.

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Another bright, cheerful evening's entertainment last Saturday with the Peter Lowe Trio, with Dennis Hunt. We are fortunate in having them again this evening to provide music for all tastes. Come along and sing, dance, or just listen in pleasant surroundings.

We are pleased to announce that refreshments are now available every evening, and at midday on Saturdays. At the moment they are confined to sandwiches, rolls, pies, etc., but we are considering the purchase of equipment to provide hot refreshments (pies, sausage rolls, etc.).

An encouraging response to the call for darts players. Teams are being selected this week. Why not a Ladies' section? One or two have demonstrated their skill and are prepared to play regularly. There is a list on the notice board for the ladies to sign.

Table Football has its devotees, and we have a competent team. Any challengers?

One of the matters which has been occupying the attention of the Committee is the allocation of regular evenings for specific activities. A start has been made with the "family evening" on Saturdays. Now we wish to announce that every Friday will be Bingo Night. The first of these will be on Friday, 14th October, at 8.0 p.m. Come and have a go!

We have other ideas for making each evening an attraction, and as arrangements are completed we shall notify all the details as widely as possible.

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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
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	9,064	(A)	1—2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	(A)	1—2
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	(H)	0—1
4	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	9,190	(A)	1—1
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(H)	
11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)		(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)	
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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- H—Sheffield Wednesday v. Stoke City
- I—Southampton v. Sheffield United
- J—Sunderland v. West Bromwich Albion
- K—West Ham United v. Everton
- L—Blackburn Rovers v. Bury
- M—Bolton Wanderers v. Preston North End
- N—Bristol City v. Norwich City
- O—Cardiff City v. Hull City
- P—Charlton Athletic v. Rotherham United
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- R—Derby County v. Millwall
- S—Huddersfield Town v. Plymouth Argyle
- T—Ipswich Town v. Birmingham City

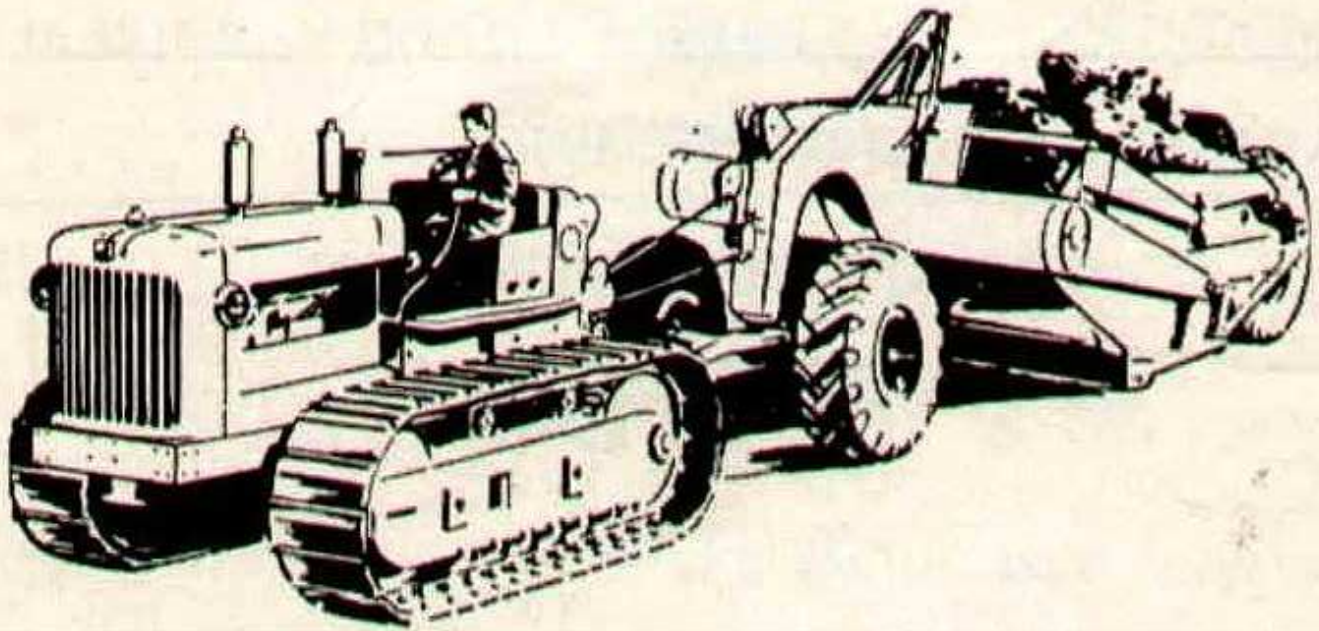
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- B—Brighton & Hove Albion v. Leyton Orient
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September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)	1,833	(H)	2—0
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	0—3
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	2—1
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	2—1
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)	1,286	(H)	1—1
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	2—3
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)	
29	IPSWICH TOWN		(A)	
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