



GILLINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION III

Sat., November 12th, 1966

v.

SWINDON

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 6d.

EDITORIAL

Today's encounter with the Railwaymen from Swindon is our second meeting in the new Division III. Ralph Miller was the only successful marksman in our home victory over the visitors on New Year's Day. Swindon finished the season in 7th place, one place and one point behind us.

We met on all possible occasions in Division III (South) during the periods 1920-38 and 1950-58, when Swindon left with the "top-twelve" for Division II. In June, 1963, they were promoted to Division II with Northampton, but they stayed only two seasons.

This term they made a bad start,

but recent results have improved the situation considerably, and they now stand clear of the danger zone.

F.A. CUP—1st Round Proper
November 26th v. Tamworth
K.O. 3 p.m.

Tickets will be available from next Thursday, November 17th, price 8s., for the Main Stand only.

Season Ticket holders are asked to apply for their tickets before Wednesday, November 23rd.

Seats will be held for season-ticket holders in Gordon Road Stand. No applications are necessary.

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. III
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th
BRISTOL ROVERS

K.O. 7.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION
DIV. I
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
WEST HAM

K.O. 3 p.m.

F.A. CUP—1st ROUND PROPER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th
TAMWORTH

K.O. 3 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON PRIESTFIELD



We are honoured to be the second club favoured by Southern Television. This is a Sunday feature, screened during the afternoon, and today's game can be re-lived tomorrow at 2.45 p.m. For too long the "big boys" have been the subject of programmes like "Match of the Day", etc., and now by courtesy of Southern Television we shall play our part along with Southampton, Portsmouth, Southend, Bournemouth and Brighton.

BEAT THE CLOCK (Q.P.R.) 29th OCTOBER, 1966

1st Prize—£20—14 mins. 50 secs. Mr. Skiecs, 61 Upper Road, Maidstone.
2nd Prize—£10—14 mins. 49 secs. Mr. Skinner, Knox Bridge, Staplehurst.
3rd Prize—£5—14 mins. 51 secs. Unclaimed.

"BLUE AND WHITES"

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY

Another well deserved point at Vicarage Road amply repaid the many who made the journey. Having conceded only one goal at home, prior to our visit, Watford's 4-2-4 formation proved as unattractive as the set-up suggests. Nevertheless a piece of quick thinking by Billy Brown pierced the barrier, and resulted in our equaliser.

It appears that away support is pretty consistent, and again we stress the importance of this. The team are grateful for the vocal encouragement and the behaviour of our supporters on foreign soil is above the national average. Well done!

GUEST OF THE DAY

Our guest today is Mr. Bob Cork, of 22 Edinburgh Road, Chatham. Aged 17½, Bob has supported the club for 5 years and his favourites are

John Simpson and Charlie Rackstraw. Thinks Mr. Hayward's type of football is much better to watch. Bob is an active player in local Sunday soccer and represented Medway boys in his earlier days.

TEAM MASCOT

Another first appearance for Colin Papworth, of 3 The Mount, Chatham. Colin rapidly qualified by obtaining the necessary 20 new members and is quite proud of his kit in Club colours. Well done, Colin!

GIFT VOUCHER WINNER

Our winner today is Mr. R. F. Carey, of 12 Davenport Avenue, Gillingham.

AWAY TRAVEL

Our next away journey is to Reading. Please come along and book early. The date—Saturday, November 19th.

TODAY'S VISITORS

Peter DOWNSBOROUGH (goal-keeper)—Signed from his hometown, Halifax.

Rodney THOMAS (right-back)—Signed from Gloucester City.

Norman TROLLOPE (left-back)—Ever present last season, a Swindon lad.

Roger SMART (wing-half)—A product of local soccer.

Mel NURSE (centre-half)—Swansea lad, holder of 7 full international caps for Wales, played for Swansea and Middlesbrough.

Stan HARLAND (wing-half)—Liverpool born, played with Everton, Bradford City and Carlisle.

Don ROGERS (winger) — West Country lad, first senior club. Another ever-present last season.

Dennis BROWN (inside-forward)—Reading boy, signed from Chelsea.

Willie PENMAN (inside-forward)—Born in Fifeshire, played for Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle Utd.

Joe BUTLER (utility defender)—Hails from Newcastle.

Bruce WALKER (left-winger)—Signed from nearby Newbury.

Keith EAST (centre-forward) — Southampton born, came from Portsmouth, had a good season last term.

SUPPORTERS' NOTES

We welcome Swindon Football Club and their Supporters today and do hope to see a first-class performance, particularly as the match is being screened on Southern Television tomorrow.

The bottle throwing incident at our last home game was very stupid and extremely dangerous; as you are no doubt aware the bottle smashed into many, many pieces on the steel goal post and scattered broken glass over a very large area. The mind boggles at the terrible injuries—possibly permanent—a player could so easily sustain. The Football Association will not tolerate this type of behaviour. With this in mind we do appeal to you to please report the culprit to either the Police, a Club

Official or Supporters' Association member, when appropriate action can be taken.

We did quite well at Watford last week, it was wonderful to see so many of our own supporters in attendance, and would point out we will gladly run coaches to any away games providing contact is made to the Supporters Hut, Gordon Road, in good time to enable the coaches to be booked.

I must remind you again of our excellent Christmas Draw. For 1/- there is a chance of winning the first prize of £100, second prize £35, and over fifty other prizes all of really good value, and as there are only a few books left please call at the Supporters Hut today.

TEAMS AND RESULTS

Football League—5.11.66 (away)
Watford drew 1-1. Simpson; Weston, Hunt; Bailey, Arnott, Machin; Rackstraw, Gibbs, Yeo, Brown, Meredith.
Goalscorer—Brown.

Football Combination — 5.11.66 (home) Ipswich lost 1-6. Bellotti; R. Harrison, Ryder; Grace, Gilham, Quirke; Osborn, Ridley, O'Mara, Folds, Gilbert. Sub: Crickmore. Goalscorer—Ridley (pen).

FIXTURES 1966-67

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

1966			F.	A.
August				
Sat. 20	Scunthorpe		2	1
Wed. 24	Southend (F.L. Cup)		0	0
Sat. 27	WORKINGTON		1	1
Wed. 31	SOUTHEND (F.L. Cup)		2	0
September				
Sat. 3	WALSALL		0	0
Mon. 5	Peterborough		0	2
Fri. 9	Leyton O.		1	0
Tues. 13	Arsenal (F.L. Cup)		1	1
Sat. 17	BOURNEMOUTH		0	0
Wed. 21	ARSENAL (F.L. Cup)		1	1
Sat. 24	Swansea		1	1
Wed. 28	Arsenal (F.L. Cup 2nd Replay)		0	5
October				
Sat. 1	MIDDLESBROUGH		5	1
Wed. 5	PETERBOROUGH		2	2
Sat. 8	Torquay		1	4
Tue. 11	Walsall		0	3
Sat. 15	BRIGHTON		2	0
Tue. 18	Bristol R.		1	4
Sat. 22	Darlington		1	1
Sat. 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS		2	2
November				
Sat. 5	Watford		1	1
Sat. 12	SWINDON			
Wed. 16	BRISTOL R.			
Sat. 19	Reading			
Sat. 26	(1) TAMWORTH (F.A. Cup)			
December				
Sat. 3	Mansfield			
Sat. 10	GRIMSBY			
Sat. 17	SCUNTHORPE			
Sat. 24				
Mon. 26	Oxford			
Tue. 27	OXFORD			
Sat. 31	Workington			
1967				
January				
Sat. 7	(2)			
Sat. 14	LEYTON O.			
Sat. 21	Bournemouth			
Sat. 28	(3)			
February				
Sat. 4	SWANSEA			
Sat. 11	Middlesbrough			
Sat. 18	(4) COLCHESTER			
Sat. 25	TORQUAY			
March				
Sat. 4	Brighton			
Sat. 11	(5) Colchester			
Sat. 18	DARLINGTON			
Sat. 25	Queens Park Rangers			
Mon. 27	OLDHAM			
Wed. 29	Oldham			
April				
Sat. 1	WATFORD			
Sat. 8	(6) Swindon			
Wed. 12	Shrewsbury			
Sat. 15	READING			
Fri. 21	Doncaster			
Wed. 26	SHREWSBURY			
Sat. 29	(SF) MANSFIELD			
May				
Sat. 6	Grimsby			
Sat. 13				
Sat. 20	Final			
Sat. 27				
DONCASTER (Home) To be arranged				

FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION I

August 1966			F.	A.
Sat. 20	TOTTENHAM (C)		4	4
Sat. 27	Tottenham (C)		0	4
September				
Sat. 10	READING		1	1
Tue. 20	Crystal Palace (C)		3	2
Sat. 24	CRYSTAL PALACE (C)		1	1
October				
Sat. 8	CHELSEA		2	2
Tue. 11	Plymouth		2	4
Sat. 15	Leicester		3	8
Sat. 22	SWINDON		2	3
Sat. 29	Arsenal		3	2
November				
Sat. 5	IPSWICH		1	6
Sat. 12	Southampton			
Sat. 19	WEST HAM			
Sat. 26	Peterborough			
December				
Sat. 3	LEICESTER			
Sat. 10	Chelsea			
Sat. 17	Fulham			
Mon. 26	NOTTS F.			
Sat. 31	CRYSTAL P.			
January 1967				
Sat. 7	NORTHAMPTON			
Sat. 28	Tottenham			
February				
Wed. 1	Reading			
Sat. 11	TOTTENHAM			
Tue. 21	Coventry			
Sat. 25	Swindon			
March				
Sat. 4	ARSENAL			
Sat. 11	COVENTRY			
Sat. 18	Ipswich			
Sat. 25	SOUTHAMPTON			
Tue. 28	Notts F.			
April				
Sat. 1	West Ham			
Sat. 8	PETERBOROUGH			
Wed. 19	Crystal P.			
Sat. 22	FULHAM			
Tue. 25	Northampton			
May				
Sat. 6	PLYMOUTH			

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION III

Appearances and Goalscorers

	Appearances	Sub.	Goals
Arnott	9	—	—
Bailey	16	—	1
Bellotti	8	—	—
Brown	14	—	2
Crickmore	14	—	3
Gibbs	16	—	3
Hunt	16	—	—
Machin	16	—	4
Meredith	16	—	1
Miller	15	—	—
Rackstraw	6	1	1
Ridley	1	2	—
Simpson	8	—	—
Weston	16	—	—
Yeo	5	—	4
Opp O.G.			1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Goalscorers:

Brown 1, Crickmore 2, Rackstraw 1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIV. I

Appearances and Goalscorers

	Appearances	Sub.	Goals
Bellotti	6	—	—
Crickmore	—	1	—
Folds, R.	2	—	—
Gilbert	7	—	1
Gilham	7	—	—
Grace	7	—	—
Harrison, R.	7	—	—
Moffat	5	—	—
Newman	4	—	—
O'Mara	3	—	2
Osborn	7	—	—
Quirke	5	—	1
Rackstraw	3	—	3
Ridley	2	—	2
Ryder	7	—	—
Simpson	2	—	—
Yeo	3	—	3
Opp. O.G.			2

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Goalscorers:

R. Harrison 2; Ridley 2; Yeo 2;
O'Mara 1; Grace 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIV. I

Up to Tuesday, 8th November, 1966
(Not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon T. Res.	6	5	0	1	16	10	10
Tottenham H. Res.	6	4	1	1	19	10	9
Leicester C. Res.	7	4	1	2	19	13	9
Arsenal Res.	5	4	0	1	15	10	8
Plymouth A. Res.	6	3	1	2	18	10	7
Notts F. Res.	6	3	1	2	17	15	7
Peterboro' U. Res.	5	3	0	2	12	13	6
Fulham Res.	7	3	0	4	15	15	6
Ipswich T. Res.	9	3	0	6	14	20	6
Crystal P. Res.	5	3	0	2	9	13	6
West Ham U. Res.	5	2	1	2	16	10	5
Southampton Res.	9	2	1	6	19	21	5
Chelsea Res.	7	2	1	4	11	18	5
Reading Res.	6	2	1	3	9	15	5
Gillingham Res.	7	1	2	4	14	26	4
Northants. T. Res.	4	1	1	2	8	10	3
Coventry C. Res.	4	1	1	2	6	8	3

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Up to and inc. Tuesday, 8th Nov., 1966

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers ...	18	10	5	3	39	30	25
Q.P.R.	15	9	5	1	49	18	23
Oldham	16	9	1	6	43	21	19
Mansfield	16	7	5	4	27	25	19
Shrewsbury	16	7	4	5	27	25	18
Watford	15	6	6	3	18	12	18
Colchester	15	7	3	5	30	22	17
Peterborough ...	15	5	7	3	25	19	17
Grimsby	15	7	3	5	25	20	17
Walsall	16	7	3	6	23	27	17
Bournemouth ...	15	7	3	5	17	20	17
Torquay	17	6	4	7	25	25	16
Gillingham	16	4	8	4	20	23	16
Middlesbrough ...	15	6	3	6	28	30	15
Darlington	17	6	3	8	17	27	15
Doncaster	15	6	3	6	19	35	15
Brighton	15	5	4	6	20	18	14
Swindon	15	4	4	7	27	25	12
Oxford	15	4	4	7	20	20	12
Workington	14	5	2	7	23	25	12
Reading	16	4	4	8	16	24	12
Scunthorpe	16	4	3	9	17	29	11
Leyton Orient ...	15	2	5	8	14	26	9
Swansea	16	2	4	10	23	39	8

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