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# NEWS and VIEWS

A great game, and a grand fight back, but unfortunately no points. In the last programme we mentioned the fact that it would be a hard match at Walsall. It was certainly that, but also by far the best seen on that ground this season. We hope the improved form will continue, but it seems we may have acquired another injury.

The Reserve game at the County Ground was a very bright affair; our young lads played well but unfortunately lost by the only goal, and that a penalty.

Last week saw great activity in the transfer market. To judge by what one hears or reads vast sums were involved, yet we frequently hear of clubs in financial difficulties.

A Commission recently considered the present set-up in football. Not only did it recommend the return to Division 3 North and South to save expenses, but also stated many clubs were in a much more precarious position than the general public realised.

On Saturday last the highest gate in Division 3 was 9,132, and that was at our game against Walsall.

How do the two tie-up? Sums in the region of £100,000 and gates of £600!

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## NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

This afternoon we entertain Gillingham. Like ourselves, not a rich concern, but one which has kept football going. In fact the Club was founded in 1893 as "New Brompton". Some of our older supporters may remember the name in the Southern League days. When League Division 3 was formed Gillingham became one of the original members, and have remained in this League except for two short spells. In 1938 they failed to gain re-election, but were re-elected in 1950. When Division 4 was formed they were allocated to that League, by virtue of their position in Division 3 (South). They gained promotion in 1965, and have often proved one of our "bogey" teams, with usually a battle of defences.

Last season we lost at Gillingham by the only goal scored (a penalty) when we were enjoying a good run. The week previously we had defeated Leyton Orient 5—1.

The return game at Swindon, played 8th April, resulted in a win, 2—0. Willie Penman scored in the first half and Bruce Walker scored in the eightieth minute.

Swindon (2): Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Walker.

Gillingham (0): Simpson; Weston, Hunt; Riddick, Miller, Bailey; Crickmore, Gibbs, Yeo, Brown, Meredith.

Half-time: 1—0. Referee: Mr. D. H. Counsell (Blagdon).

Gillingham has had several well known managers. The longest serving being Mr. Archie Clark (1938-57). Their present one is Mr. Basil Hayward, well known centre-half and centre-forward for Port Vale and Portsmouth. He was signed for Pompey by Mr. Freddy Cox, later to become Manager of Gillingham, and now at Bournemouth.

Mr. Hayward was for some time Manager of Yeovil Town (when we won 2—0 in the F.A. Cup in 1962) and was a frequent visitor to Swindon.



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One of our ex-players was well in the news on Saturday. Michael Summerbee played centre-forward for Manchester City against Arsenal — Match of the Day on B.B.C.1.

He was frequently mentioned by the commentator, Kenneth Wolstenholme. He was much in the game and appeared to play in the same style as at Swindon. He had a great nuisance value but, from what we could see on television, we are not quite sure how far he got, or what he contributed. He certainly gave ninety minutes of effort, as always, but many moves broke down.

Few changes in the Laws of the game have puzzled the public as much as the recent instruction regarding the number of steps taken by the goalkeeper.

What has happened is that a goalkeeper cannot take more than four steps before releasing the ball to another player, although he may bounce it if he wishes. In addition, he can be penalised if the referee thinks his tactics are holding up the game or giving his team an unfair advantage. The penalty for each infringement is an indirect free kick taken from where this offence occurred.

The purpose of these changes is to improve efficiency and increase entertainment value by cutting out the irksome and growing practice of time-wasting by goalkeepers. Both variations were long overdue.

The changes were unheralded and hardly noticed, until one or two goalkeepers protested about the difficulty of clearing comfortably within the four steps, and asking what to do when caught in a quandary. We think the law a good one, and helps to keep the game going.



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**SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1967**

**DIVISION III**

**BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

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**TUESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1967**

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### **TONY WESTON**

Born in London. Signed from Maidstone local amateur football in July 1963.

### **DENNIS HUNT**

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### **RALPH MILLER**

Born in Slough. Signed from Charlton Athletic in July 1965.

### **BOB RYDER**

Born in Bolton, signed from Nantwich in January 1965.

### **JOHN FURIE**

Born in London. Signed from Watford F.C. in June 1967.

### **GORDON RIDDICK**

Born in Watford. Signed just before the dead-line in March 1967 from Luton Town, where he was in his seventh season. Skipper of the side.

### **BOB MOFFAT**

Born at Portsmouth. Signed in July 1965 when the Portsmouth Youth scheme broke up.

### **JOHN ARNOTT**

Born at Sydenham, London. Signed from Bournemouth & B.A. in July 1962. Previously with West Ham and Shrewsbury.

### **RAY BAILEY**

Born at St. Neots. Signed from Bedford Town in May 1966. Professional cricketer with Northants.

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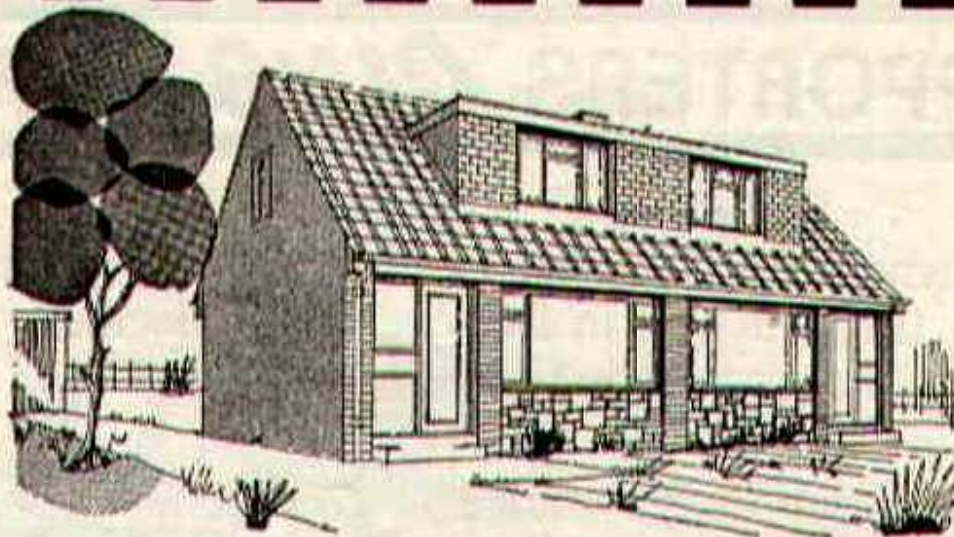


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Southport	8	4	1	3	15	11	9
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Stockport County	8	3	2	3	10	10	8
Bournemouth & B.A.	8	3	2	3	10	13	8
Shrewsbury Town	8	2	4	2	9	12	8
Watford	8	3	1	4	14	12	7
Tranmere Rovers	8	3	1	4	11	12	7
Mansfield Town	8	2	3	3	13	15	7
Gillingham	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Scunthorpe United	8	2	3	3	11	15	7
Bristol Rovers	8	2	2	4	9	16	6
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# SUPPORTERS *CLUB* NOTES

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Despite what must have been a most vigorous counter attack at Walsall, the odd goal in five eventually decided what must have been a most attractive match from the supporters' point of view.

Those of us who were unable to go to Walsall but came to the County Ground to watch the Reserves also, I think, saw quite an entertaining match, with the youngsters losing out by the odd penalty goal — a decision which could have been though to have been unduly harsh.

I say youngsters deliberately, as our Reserves must be one of the youngest teams in the Combination competition. This has been, to a degree, forced by injuries to a point, but one sees quite some good football which, because of lack of experience and a leavening of more experienced players, is not, at the moment, meeting with much success. Supporters must play their part by giving this young team every encouragement — they will, I am sure, play their way higher up the table in due course.

The match against Barrow, on Tuesday evening last, produced one of the finest exhibitions of goalkeeping seen at the County Ground for a long time. It is very much to the credit of Swindon supporters that the Barrow 'keeper was clapped on his way out for the second half and given a standing ovation at the end. This is spectator sportsmanship of a very high order.

Next Wednesday, 4th October, will see the annual trek from Swindon to Reading for the first of the local derby games. Last season Reading took all four points from us. This season we must reverse the results, as Reading are strong contenders



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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

for promotion already with several new signings. On our part Pat Terry will no doubt be going full out for us, and with his inside knowledge, as it were, might well tip the scales in our favour.

The Supporters Club handbook is now with the printers, and we are looking forward to seeing the proofs back for vetting in due course. These will be on sale in both of our shops, we hope, in time for Christmas.

Social Club affairs progress. The office extension is now almost complete, and we can then rearrange our affairs behind the bar to speed up service. Our stock room will be increased in size, and change over of keg beers will not take so long. For those members of the Supporters' Club who have not yet joined the Social Club, some of the amenities are listed. The catering side, in particular, should attract out of town members, as a very reasonable cooked meal can be obtained after every Saturday match, which fills in the time nicely before the evening Party Night gets under way. How about this for a menu to choose from:

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## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued**

Everything is cooked freshly in our kitchen, and the selection is always under review.

Last Monday week saw a meeting of football referees in the Club, under the general organisation of Mr. Wallace, one of the officials at last season's Cup Final. As well as a general discussion, a film on fouls taken during the World Cup series (a German production) was shown and analysed. Mr. Wallace has indicated that the facilities we gave were so good that repeat meetings will be held, and he encourages members to attend. It is good that supporters can be enabled to see the referees' side of the game, and to learn some of the finer points of the rules of the game.

The Supporters' Club football team lost last Sunday's Sunday League match, and their unbeaten record. The Social Club team also fell by the wayside, but the goals against showed an improvement. The Social Club darts team has now started competition matches. The first match, last Monday, resulted in an away win — a good start.

A cricket section has been authorised for the Social Club, under the leadership of Mr. Ernie Carter. Anyone interested is asked to contact him direct or through the Hon. Gen. Secretary. The idea is to provide a sporting interest during the football close season, and should provide quite an attractive outlet for energy. The Club facilities will, no doubt, prove equally attractive to visiting cricket teams.

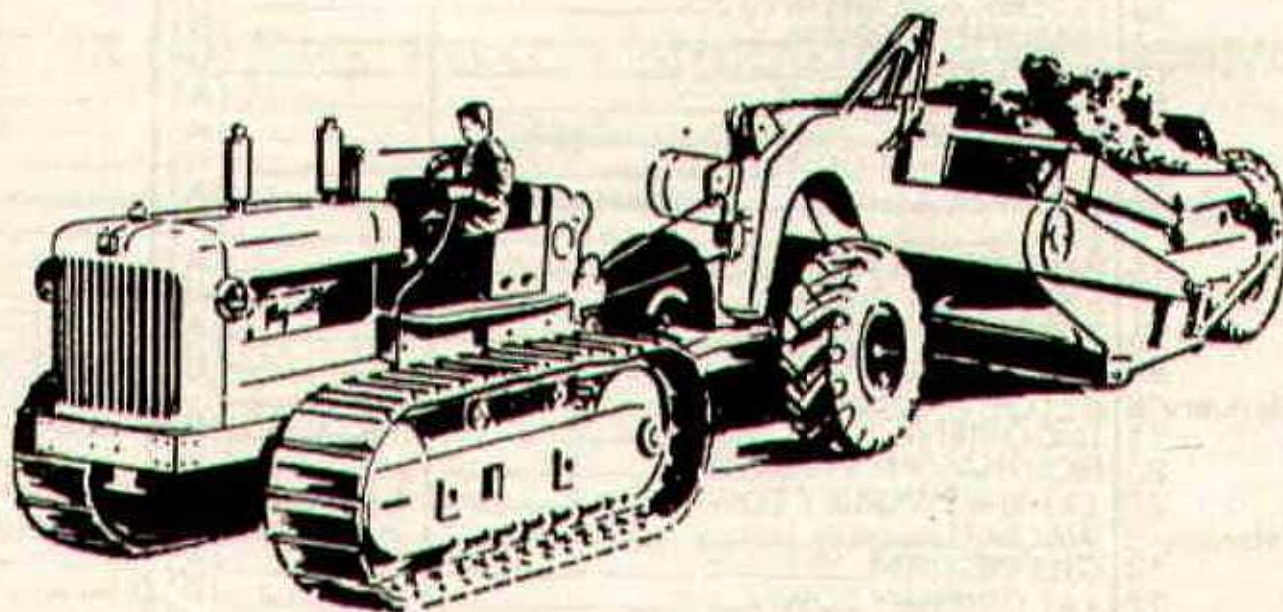
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	Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August	19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	15,790 (H)	2—1
	22	NEWPORT COUNTY (League Cup).....	10,870 (H)	1—1
	25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
	29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	6,537 (A)	0—2
September	2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	12,152 (H)	3—1
	4	BARROW.....	7,352 (A)	1—1
	9	THE ORIENT.....	4,722 (A)	0—0
	16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	13,280 (H)	4—0
	23	WALSALL.....	9,132 (A)	2—3
	26	BARROW.....	13,507 (H)	0—1
	30	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	
October	4	READING.....	(A)	
	7	BURY.....	(A)	
	14	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(H)	
	21	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(A)	
	24	READING.....	(H)	
	28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	
November	4	MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(A)	
	11	WATFORD.....	(H)	
	13	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	(A)	
	18	SOUTHPORT.....	(A)	
	25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(H)	
December	2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(A)	
	9	(1).....	( )	
	16	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	(A)	
	19	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	(H)	
	26	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(A)	
	30	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(H)	
January	6	(2).....	( )	
	13	THE ORIENT.....	(H)	
	20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
	27	(3) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(H)	
February	3	WALSALL.....	(H)	
	10	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	
	17	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(H)	
	24	BURY.....	(H)	
March	2	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(A)	
	9	(5) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(A)	
	16	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(H)	
	23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
	30	(6) MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(H)	
April	6	WATFORD.....	(A)	
	12	OXFORD UNITED.....	(A)	
	13	SOUTHPORT.....	(H)	
	16	OXFORD UNITED.....	(H)	
	19	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(A)	
	23	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(H)	
	27	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(H)	
May	4	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(A)	
	11	GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(A)	
	18	(Final)		



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	1960-1	1961-2	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5	1965-6	1966-7	
J. Trollope	44	46	46	42	42	46	46	312
K. Morgan	46	44	46	42	36	42	25	281
D. Rogers	—	—	7	36	42	46	46	177
R. Smart	—	3	10	31	32	40	42	158
O. Dawson	—	—	13	36	36	39	13	137
M. Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	41	43	84
P. Downsborough	—	—	—	—	—	43	27	70
S. Harland	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	46
W. Penman	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	39
R. Thomas	—	—	—	—	—	2	35	37
J. Butler	—	—	—	—	—	9	23	32
B. Walker	—	—	—	—	—	2	22	24
P. Terry	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
J. Giles	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
R. Desmeules	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1

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