



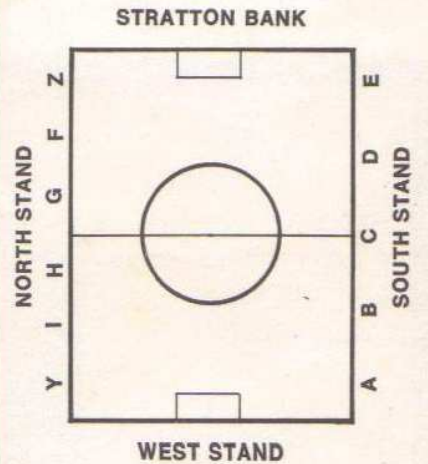
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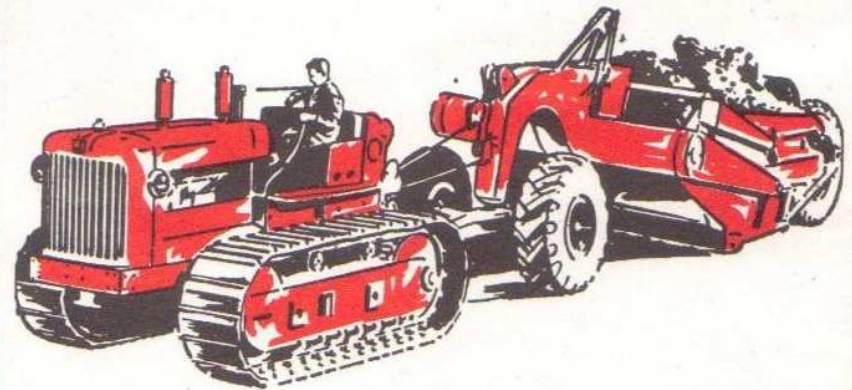


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SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1968

DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

V.

TORQUAY UNITED

Kick-off 3 p.m.

REFEREE:

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NEWS and VIEWS

Well, here we are in fourth position, following two away wins. We have won four successive League games plus a victory in the League Cup Round 3. That surely is good enough form to be considered as strong candidates for promotion.

Granted we have not scored many goals. There is an old saying in football, "You must have that little luck, and also the run of the ball". There is something in this adage, which we ourselves discovered in season 1963.

To date the ball has not run too kindly for us. Those of our supporters who saw the game at Reading will agree, luck was not with us on that occasion. We could easily have scored four goals by half-time. Remember the incident in the Reading goal in the first minute? A chance in a hundred that that goal would be prevented.

Granted we won, but we did so on our merits. Such was the case at Brighton, we won deservedly, but this time we did get the breaks. We certainly created goal scoring opportunities, but the first two goals were a little fortunate. However, a fine victory, and may this winning vein continue.

These Notes must obviously be produced before the match at Coventry. This will be a hard game, but whatever the result, today's game is much more important in every respect.

Our visitors are once again heading for promotion. At present they occupy second position in the League table with the following record: Played 14; won 8; drew 2; lost 4; goals for 24, against 14; points 18.

Swindon are in fourth position: Played 12; won 7; drew 3; lost 2; goals for 14, against 5; points 17.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

The teams have already met this season in the Football League Cup Competition. This was the first game of the season, played on Tuesday, 13th August, 1968.

It was a keen, hard fought game, with Torquay United leading at half-time by the only goal scored.

Roger Smart made the scores equal in sixty minutes, and Don Rogers scored the winner in sixty-eight minutes.

The game attracted an attendance of 14,702.

Receipts: £3,660 2s. 6d.

Shall we reach that figure this afternoon?

Last season the club's met over the Christmas Holidays, when Torquay United was in second place in the League table.

On Boxing Day we drew 1—1 at Torquay. The scorer for Swindon was Joe Butler. The return match was played on Saturday, 30th December, 1968. It was a very even, keen game. We won by one goal to nil, the goal being scored by Don Rogers in the twenty-seventh minute. The teams on that occasion were:

Swindon Town: Downsborough; Trollope, Thomas; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Torquay United: Donnelly; Bond, Kitchener; Baxter, Smith (A), Dunn; Clarke, Smith (J), Stubbs, Welsh, Benson.

Attendance: 18,161.

Receipts: £3,563 17s. 0d.

Referee: Mr. R. Capey.

No doubt supporters will notice the inside right (J. Smith). By strange coincidence, he will have played against two of his previous clubs in one week, namely Torquay United today, and Coventry City on Wednesday last.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

It seems likely our Rod Thomas will gain another full Welsh Cap in the near future — in the European Nations Cup against Italy. We hope he will be successful, he is certainly playing well enough for international honours.

It has been suggested he may fill the position of "link" man. We should be sorry to see him moved from what is his natural position. Many of us remember Rodney when he came to us from Gloucester City. In those days he was a centre forward. He also played at inside left and left half back, but it was not until he filled the full back position, that he produced his real ability.

On Monday a player named Eoin Hand signed for Portsmouth at a fee reported to be in the region of £5,000. He played centre half for the Irish club, Drumcondra.

I wonder how many remember him, as Owen Hand, who often showed promise as an outside right in the Combination team in 1962-63.

Eoin still writes to his friends in Swindon, and has returned to visit them on several occasions. He left us at the end of the above season, but Swindon played a match at Drumcondra that year.

We wish him every success with his new club, and his second entry into English football. He may find conditions rather difficult, as Portsmouth do not run a Reserve team, so any games in which he participates will be in the Second Division.

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3. Have only had to apply for re-election once—end of first season 1927-28.
4. Highest final position in the Football League—Division III (Southern Section)—was equal first with Ipswich Town 1956-57 but second on goal average.
5. Relegated to the Fourth Division on formation of that Division season 1958-59.
6. Gained promotion to Third Division of Football League 1959-60 by finishing in third place (first four promoted) but relegated again at end of 1961-62 season having finished 21st in the Third Division.
7. Regained promotion to Third Division 1965-66 (third at end of season; first four promoted).
8. Longest run in the F.A. Cup is to the 4th round twice; in 1948-49 and 1954-55.
9. Heaviest defeats were 2—10 against Fulham on 7th September, 1931 and against Luton Town on 2nd September, 1933.
10. Biggest win is 9—0 against Swindon Town on 8th March, 1952.
11. Record gates are 16,388 for a Football League match (Plymouth Argyle on 7th October, 1950) and 21,736 for a F.A. Cup Tie (Huddersfield Town on 29th January, 1955).
12. The reserve team played in the Western League until the first team obtained admission to the Football League in 1927 when the reserves took over the Southern League fixtures for the 1927-28 season.
13. Reserves remained members of the Southern League until joining the newly formed South Western Football League for season 1951-52.



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14. Reserves were champions of South Western League 1951-52 and 1952-53.
16. Reserves resigned from South Western League at end of 1954-55 season and joined the Western Football League.
17. Reserves winners of Division II of Western Football League 1955-56.
18. Reserves winners of Western League Division 1 and Western League Professional Cup 1959-60.
19. Club won Devon Senior Cup 1921-22; 1946-47; 1959-60 and 1963-64; the first time by the first team, the second time by the reserves and other two occasions by the "A" team.
20. Club won Devon Professional Championship 1946-47; 1947-48; 1948-49; 1957-58 and held it jointly with Exeter City 1954-55.
21. Team won all Cup competitions open to viz; Devon Senior Cup, Herald Cup, Championship Cup Premier Division South Devon League 1963-64 without losing a single match.

PEN PICTURES

BOBBY BAXTER

Left back. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 7lbs. Born in Redcar. Signed from Brighton & Hove Albion in June 1967, where he played over 250 league and cup games following his transfer from Darlington in 1961. Originally an inside forward at Darlington, where he was leading goal scorer for 2 seasons, he was converted to wing half and full back at Brighton.

TONY SCOTT

Wing forward. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 8lbs. Born in St. Neots. Signed from Aston Villa September 1967. He joined West Ham United from school; was capped for England Youth 11 times. Was transferred to Aston Villa for £18,000.

JIMMY DUNNE

Wing half. 5ft. 8½ins. 10st. 11lbs. Born in Dublin. Signed from Millwall in June 1967. to where he was transferred from Shelborne in 1966. Was capped for F.A. of Ireland Youth v. Germany.

OUR VISITORS—continued

JOHN BENSON

Right half. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lbs. Born in Arbroath. Signed from Manchester City, June 1964, his only other league club.

MICHAEL CAVE

Centre forward. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 13lbs. Born in Weymouth. Transferred from Weymouth Football Club 1968.

ANDY DONNELLY

Goalkeeper. 5ft. 8½ins. 12st. 2lbs. Born in Lanark. Signed from Weymouth 1967. Previously played with Millwall and Clyde.

BILL KITCHENER

Full back. 6ft. 1in. 12st. 5 lbs. Born in Arlesey (Beds.) Joined West Ham United from school and signed professional at 17. Joined Torquay United on temporary transfer September 1966 and played 25 games before being recalled to West Ham United in March 1967. Returned to Torquay United December 1967 for a fee which has topped the previous highest fee paid by the club for Robin Stubbs.

PATRICK MORRISSEY

Inside forward or wing half. 5ft. 9½ins. 11st. 2lbs. Born in Eire. Eire Youth and Under 23 International. Transferred from Coventry City July 1968.

JOHN ROWLANDS

Centre forward. 6ft. 0½in. 12st. 12lbs. Born in Liverpool. Signed from Mansfield Town June 1968.

ROBIN STUBBS

Centre forward. 6ft. 0ins. 12st. 7lbs. Born in Birmingham. Signed from Birmingham City August 1963 for highest fee ever paid by Torquay United.

RON BARNES

Wing forward or inside forward. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. Born in Bolton. Signed from Peterborough United January, 1966. Previously with Norwich City, Wrexham, Rochdale and Blackpool.

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FRED BINNEY

Inside forward. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 7lbs. Born in Plymouth. Signed professionally November 1966, his first league club, having had one season with Torquay United as an amateur. As an amateur played for Launceston in the South Western League.

JOHN BOND

Right half. 6ft. 2ins. 14st. Born in Colchester. Signed from West Ham United January 1966, his only other league club. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964. Played for Football League against Scottish League 1959 and Irish League 1958. Member of F.A. South Africa Touring side 1956.

KEN BROWN

Centre half. 6ft. 13st. 7lbs. Born in Dagenham. Signed from West Ham United in May, 1967. Regular first team player for West Ham for over 10 seasons. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964 v. Preston North End and European Cup Winners' Medal 1965 v. Munich. Capped for England v. Ireland 1960.

ALAN SMITH

Inside forward. 5ft. 10½ins. 11st. 7lbs. Born in Birkenhead. Signed from Port Sunlight, a Liverpool Amateur Club, in 1955.

ALAN WELSH

Inside forward. 5ft. 8ins. 11st. Born in Edinburgh. Signed from Millwall November 1967. With Millwall since 1965 and previously with Bury and Adina (one year), Bonnyrigg Rose (2 years).

FRANK MATHEWS

Full back. 5ft. 7ins. 9st. 7lbs. Born in London. Signed from Southend United June 1968.

DIVISION III

Date	Opponents	1968	Ground	Result
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)		14,702 (H)	2-1
17	Stockport County		13,350 (H)	1-0
24	Hartlepool		5,732 (A)	0-0
27	Reading		16,765 (H)	0-0
31	Plymouth Argyle		12,302 (H)	3-0
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)		7,806 (A)	1-1
7	Watford		8,709 (A)	0-0
10	Bradford City (League Cup)		12,214 (H)	4-3
14	Walsall		10,593 (H)	1-0
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic		(A)	0-2
21	Bristol Rovers		(A)	1-2
24	Blackburn Rovers (League Cup)		15,402 (H)	1-0
28	Shrewsbury Town		12,087 (H)	3-0
October 5	Orient		12,450 (H)	1-0
9	Reading		17,450 (A)	1-0
12	Brighton & Hove Albion		(A)	3-1
19	Torquay Un.ted		(H)	
22	Northampton Town		(A)	
26	Oldham Athletic		(A)	
November 2	Southport		(H)	
5	Tranmere Rovers		(H)	
9	Luton Town		(A)	
16	(1) F.A. Cup			
23	Mansfield Town		(A)	
30	Barrow		(H)	
December 7	(2) F.A. Cup			
14	Brighton & Hove Albion		(H)	
18	Torquay United		(A)	
26	Orient		(A)	
28	Oldham Athletic		(H)	
1969				
January 4	(3) Gillingham		(H)	
11	Southport		(A)	
18	Luton Town		(H)	
24	Tranmere Rovers		(A)	
25	(4)			
February 1	Barnsley		(A)	
8	(5) Mansfield Town		(H)	
15	Barrow		(A)	
22	Rotherham United		(H)	
March 1	(6) Northampton Town		(H)	
5	Gillingham		(A)	
8	Stockport County		(A)	
11	Barnsley		(H)	
15	Hartlepool		(H)	
18	Rotherham United		(A)	
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle		(A)	
29	Watford		(H)	
April 4	Crewe Alexandra		(A)	
5	Shrewsbury Town		(A)	
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic		(H)	
12	Bristol Rovers		(H)	
15	Crewe Alexandra		(H)	
19	Walsall		(A)	

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Torquay United	14	8	2	4	24	14	18
Barrow	13	8	2	3	22	15	18
Swindon Town	12	7	3	2	14	5	17
Bournemouth & B.A.	13	8	1	4	21	10	17
Watford	13	6	4	3	13	8	16
Rotherham United	13	6	4	3	19	15	16
Tranmere Rovers	14	7	2	5	19	19	16
Stockport County	13	5	5	3	19	15	15
Plymouth Argyle	14	6	3	5	18	16	15
Reading	13	5	4	4	24	18	14
Mansfield Town	13	5	3	5	21	19	13
Northampton Town	11	4	4	3	11	10	12
Barnsley	14	3	6	5	17	20	12
Brighton & H. A.	13	4	4	5	19	23	12
Walsall	14	2	7	5	13	15	11
Southport	13	5	1	7	18	24	11
Bristol Rovers	13	4	3	6	19	26	11
Orient	11	2	6	3	14	16	10
Shrewsbury Town	13	3	4	6	12	19	10
Gillingham	13	3	3	7	17	20	9
Hartlepool United	13	1	7	5	6	20	9
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A warm welcome to the players and supporters of Torquay United. We saw a number of supporters in the Social Club at the League Cup match on 13th August, and look forward to seeing some today. Despite the extension activities, the inside will be functioning 100%, so do come in.

Having been away for some weeks, and maybe not having seen all the letters in the press recently, I will apologise if any supporter can contradict me. In fact, I shall be pleased for anyone to do so. But I feel obliged to remark on the fact that, this season, I have seen quite a number of letters in the press criticising the Football Company generally — and sometimes individually — for not doing this, that or the other, in particular for not spending £X000s for this position or that. I have not seen one praising the team or management, particularly on the results in the last few weeks. So, to be fair, I take this opportunity to do just that — not, of course, that I encourage anyone to be complacent. There is a long way to go yet.

Incidentally, these Notes are being written before the away match with Coventry City, where, I note in the press, some £400,000 worth of talent will be in opposition. Coventry City are well aware that money does not buy success — or Leicester City either, come to that, with £150,000 invested in one forward.

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Place:

Supporters' Social Club, County Ground, Swindon

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Admission: strictly by current Supporters' Club membership
card only

(including Social Club members)

Mr. J. E. SUTTON, President, will preside

The Club will be opened at 6.30 p.m.

Special note: The door will be closed at 7.30 p.m.,
and will remain closed until the Meeting ends
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SWINDON TOWN F.C. SUPPORTERS' SOCIAL CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 30th October, 1968, at 7.30 p.m. sharp

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The bar will be closed for the duration of the Meeting
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Nomination forms, for election of the Management Committee
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Interest from clubs, fans and civic personalities in the scheme has been tremendous. Crystal Palace, winners of the Second Division crowd award made the presentation of the £100 cheque to a representative from the Sir Phillip Game Boys' Club, Croydon, before their home game last Saturday.

Coventry City, winners of the First Division award, have set up a three-man committee to select their local Youth Club. The committee consists of Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, Lord Bishop of Coventry and President of the club, Chairman Mr. Derrick Robins and Public Relations Officer Ian Willars.

The cheque will be handed over to a local Youth Club by comedian Ken Dodd before the home game on October 19th.

Walsall and Rochdale, award winners from the Third and Fourth Divisions, hope to make their final selections soon. The Mayor of Walsall, Alderman F. Watkins, has been invited to make the final choice of a Youth Club for the Third Division Club.

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FORTHCOMING MATCHES

SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1968

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

GILLINGHAM

Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, 1968

DIVISION III

SOUTHPORT

Kick-off 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1968

DIVISION III

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LAST WEEKS MATCHES

DIVISION III

Saturday, 5th October, 1968.

Beat ORIENT (Home) 1—0.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath, Noble, Jones, Smith, Rogers.

Scorer: 1 own goal.

Attendance: 12,450.

Referee: Mr. J. H. Yates (Redditch).

Wednesday, 9th October, 1968.

Beat READING (Away) 1—0.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Sub. Jones.

Scorer: Smart.

Attendance: 17,450.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Dawes (Norwich).

Saturday, 12th October, 1968.

Beat BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (Away) 3—1.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Rogers, Smart, Jones, Noble, Smith. Sub. Penman.

Scorers: Smith, Rogers, Butler.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. J. R. Osborne (Ipswich).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 5th October, 1968.

Lost to ARSENAL (Away) 3—0.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Morgan, Blick, Hubbard; Lowes, Desmeules, Dangerfield, Penman, Mascia. Sub. Wetson.

Saturday, 12th October, 1968.

Lost to CARDIFF CITY (Home) 2—1.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Morgan; Mascia, Sikorski, Matchwick, Hubbard, Dangerfield. Sub. Wetson.

Scorer: Dangerfield.



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