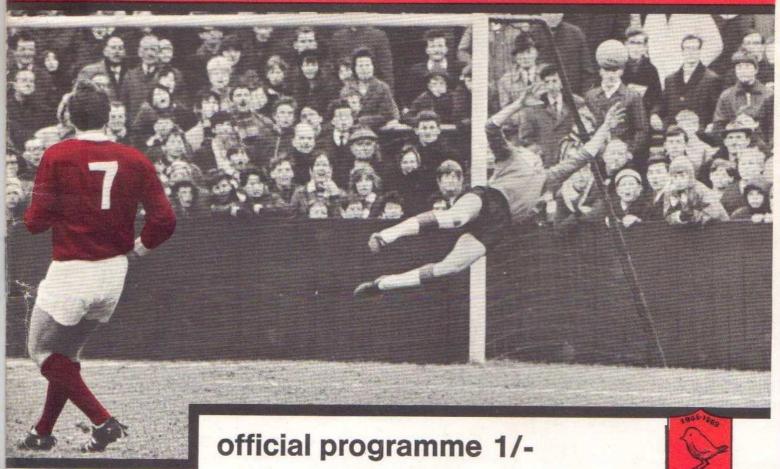
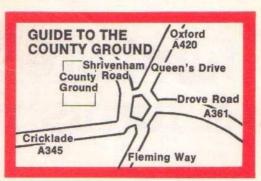
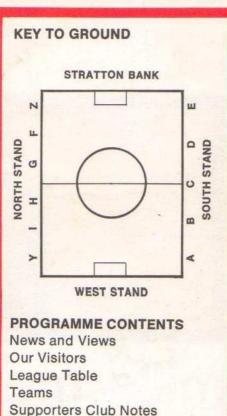


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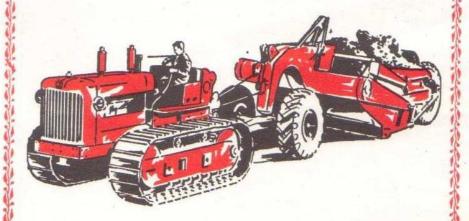
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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

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OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

REFEREE:

MR. G. W. HILL (Leicester)

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觀NEWS and VIEWS與

Today we begin to catch up on the backlog of games due to the League Cup programme and also, unfortunately, postponements. We were due to play Oldham Athletic on 28th December, 1968, but the match was cancelled by the referee due to the frost-bound nature of the ground.

This was a great disappointment to many as the Swindon supporters had been starved of football over the whole of the Christmas holidays. Our last home League match had been against Brighton & Hove Albion on 14th December, 1968. This, however, was followed by the now epic game at West Bromwich, when Swindon had a great band of followers.

We now embark on a period of two matches per week, right up to the Wembley Final. This is being played on Saturday, 15th March, 1969, and on the Tuesday prior to this game — namely 11th March — we entertain Barnsley. So we shall all be able to see our team in action only four days before the Final.

All these matches are of the utmost importance, as naturally all supporters, despite the great honour of the Wembley Final, dearly want promotion. It is vital we collect every point possible from the ensuing games. We have seven matches during February — five home and two away. If we can obtain say twelve points during the month our ambition will be much nearer to fruition. We also play seven League games during the month of March. We still need points and goals.

Our opponents today are unfortunately experiencing a very lean spell (this comes to all clubs in turn). A few seasons ago

they promised great things, but this has not turned out as expected.

By virtue of their geographical position, they face tremendous competition from all those senior clubs in Lancashire. One wonders how so many manage to exist in that hotbed of soccer.

Last season we won at Oldham on 2nd December, 1967, by two goals to nil; Terry and Rogers being the scorers.

The return fixture played on 27th April, 1968, was our last home game of the season.

As supporters will remember, the season ended with a series of disappointing home draws. This proved to be one of them. The ground was very hard and dry, and there was a strong wind blowing. Consequently it was a poor, scrappy game. Swindon missed many goal-scoring opportunities, and the result was another draw, no goals being scored.

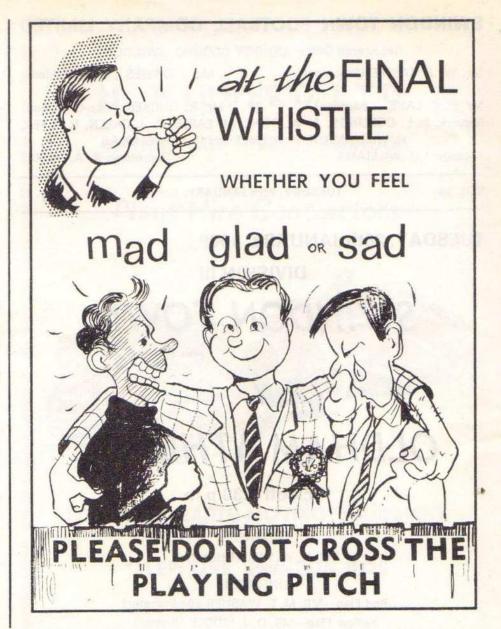
Swindon Town: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Giles, Harland; Dawson, Heath, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Substitute: Nurse.

Oldham Athletic: Best; Blair, Wood; Bowrie, Lawson, Frizzell; Blore, Chapman, Towers, Johnston, Bebbington. Substitute: Philpott.

Attendance: 9,717.

Receipts: £1,510.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Dimond.



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J. MAKIN

5ft. 10ins. 12st. 3lbs. Drafted into the side towards the end of the season 1966/67. Shows great promise. 17 years old.

W. JOYCE

5ft. 10ins. 11½st. Signed from Blackburn Rovers season 1967/68. A utility player, strong in the tackle. Previously played many games with Burnley.

J. BOWIE

6ft. 1in. 12st. 3lbs. Signed from a Scottish Junior club in August 1962. He has given great service to Oldham Athletic and can play half back or inside forward positions.

A. DOYLE

5ft. 9ins. 10st. 5lbs. Graduated from the Oldham Athletic Youth team. Hails from Northern Ireland. Age 19.

J. COOK (Apprentice)

5ft. 6ins. 10st. Comes from Manchester. Signed amateur forms in April 1967. Shows great promise at full back.

S. HOOLICKIN (Apprentice)

5ft. 8ins. 10st. Hails from Manchester. Signed April 1967, straight from school. He has a brother who is an apprentice for Manchester City.



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OUR VISITORS—continued

R. BLAIR

5ft. 10ins. 11st. 3lbs. 18 years of age. An Irish boy who was signed from Coleraine in 1966. Made quite a name for himself since joining Oldham Athletic and is now an experienced first team player.

A. HUNTER

6ft. 1in. 13st. A young signing from Coleraine in December 1966. Made centre half his own position. Strong in tackle and an Irish Amateur International. He was also chosen to represent Northern Ireland last season but had to drop out owing to injury.

J. FRIZZELL

5ft. 8ins. 11½st. Oldham Athletic's longest serving player. He was signed from Morton in May 1960 and has played in all positions.

A. LAWSON

5ft. 10ins. 11½st. Was signed from Glasgow Celtic in May 1964. He was born in Lennoxtown, Stirlingshire. A utility player. He came into the side when Allan Hunter was injured last season and coincided with a winning run.

I. WOOD

5ft. 10ins. 11st. Local amateur previously with Radcliffe Borough. Played centre forward and half back but seems to have found his true position at full back.

A. PHILPOTT

5ft. 10ins. 10st. 8lbs. Recently signed from Stoke City at a consider. able fee. He is a utility player.

K. CRUMBLEHULME (Apprentice)

5ft. 8ins. 10st. A local boy. He signed apprentice forms in August 1967. He joined Oldham Athletic straight from school.

I. ROBINS (Apprentice)

5ft. 7ins. 10st. Comes from Bury. Signed apprentice forms in August 1967. He also joined Oldham Athletic straight from school.

OUR VISITORS—continued

W. AITKEN

5ft. 5ins. 9½st. Signed as an apprentice at 15 years and signed full-time forms last season. Born in Peterlee, Co. Durham.

E. MAGEE

5ft. 8ins. 11st. Signed from Glenavon in June 1967, for £5,000. Has made continued progress but received an injury towards the end of last season which necessitated him coming out of the side.

I. TOWERS

5ft. 6ins. 11st. Signed from Burnley in January 1966. Leading goal scorer season 1966/67 with 27 goals. Played in all five forward positions.

K. BEBBINGTON

5ft. 6ins. 11st. Signed from Stoke City in September 1966. Plays on either wing.

L. CHAPMAN

5ft. 9ins. 11½st. Local born. Signed February 1967. A young player with great promise. 19 years old. Won a place in the first team towards the end of last season.

R. BLORE

5ft. 8ins. 11st. Signed from Blackburn Rovers in December 1965, for £8,000. Played in all five forward positions. Welsh International.

W. JOHNSTON

5ft. 10ins. 12st. 3lbs. Signed from Glenavon in June 1966. Only played a few times before breaking his leg, which kept him out of action until recently. A very clever ball player and a Northern Ireland International.

R. SMITH

5ft. 6ins. 10st. An apprentice player who signed professional forms last season. Only 17 years of age. This boy has a brilliant future. He joined Oldham Athletic along with Billy Johnston from Glenavon.

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Headmaster. Born in Bolton, Lancashire and is married with two sons.

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The Board of Directors have decided upon the method of distribution of tickets for the Football League Cup Final on March 15th and, throughout their deliberations, their concern has been for our regular Division III supporters. It is for this reason that the plan of distribution is not being disclosed but regular supporters may be assured that this is being done for their benefit and to prevent exploitation by ticket touts.

Our Chairman says "I realise this arrangement may cause a certain amount of frustration among our supporters but I would ask them to be patient and at this stage nothing can be gained by contacting the Club's Office for details", so please — NO ENQUIRIES.

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Date	Opponents 1968	Ground 14,702(H)	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 Arayle	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 Replay)	12,214(H)	4—3								
14	Walsall	10,593(H)	1—0								
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	11,920(A)	1—2								
21	Bristol Rovers	10,364(A)	1—0								
24	Blackburn Rovers (League Cup)	15,402(H) 12,087(H)	3—0								
28	Shrewsbury Town	40 450 (11)	1_0								
October 5	Orient	12,450(A) 17,450(A) 7,547(A) 23,810(A)	1-0								
9	Reading	7 547 (A)	3-1								
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	23 810 (A)	2—2								
16	Coventry City (League Cup)	15 152 (H)	2-1								
19 21	Torquay United Coventry City (League Cup Replay)	23 828 (H)	3-0								
26	Oldham Athletic	4 238(A)	3—2								
30	Derby County (League Cup)	35.104(A)	0—0								
November 2	Southport	18.910(H)	5—1								
5	Derby County (League Cup Replay)	26,449(H)	1-0								
9	Luton Town	17,250(A)	0-2								
16	(1) F.A. Cup Canterbury	(A)	1—0								
20	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	(A)	2-1								
23	Mansfield Town	(A)									
26	Northampton Town	6,827(A)	1_2								
December 4	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	23,810 (A) 15,152 (H) 23,828 (H) 4,238 (A) 35,104 (A) 18,910 (H) 26,449 (H) 17,250 (A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B) (B	2_0								
7	(2) F.A. Cup Grantham	10 007 (H)	1-0								
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	20,000 (A)	3—2								
21	Torquey United	8 327 (A)	1—6								
26	Orient	7.101(A)	0—1								
January 4	Brighton & Hove Albion Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final) Torquay United Orient (3) F.A. Cup Southend United. Southport	(H)	0—2								
11	Southport Luton Town	5,232(A)	11-1								
18	Luton Town	18.903(H)									
24	Tranmere Rovers	(A)	5—								
28	Oldham Athletic	(H)									
February 1	Barnsley	(A)									
8	Oldham Athletic Barnsley (5) Mansfield Town Barrow Rotherham United	(H)									
15	Barrow	\A\									
March 1	Rothernam United	\\\\\\									
March 1	(6) Northampton Town	\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	Rotherham United (6) Northampton Town Gillingham Stockport County Barnsley Hartlepool Rotherham United (S.F.) Plymouth Argyle Watford Crewe Alexandra	(A)									
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		Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Watford	*****	25	14	7	4	36	13	35
Bournemouth & B.	A.	27	15	4	8	44	26	34
Swindon Town		24	14	5	5	38	20	33
Stockport County		27	12	9	6	48	35	33
Tranmere Rovers		27	14	3	10	43	40	31
Luton Town		25	13	4	8	38	23	30
Torquay United	*****	27	12	6	9	36	27	30
Plymouth Argyle		27	11	7	9	32	29	29
Reading		26	10	7	9	40	33	27
Barrow		25	11	5	9	39	40	27
Rotherham United	******	27	9	8	10	31	29	26
Southport		27	11	4	12	45	43	26
Northampton Town		27	9	8	10	29	32	26
Barnsley		26	9	8	9	32	36	26
Bristol Rovers		25	9	6	10	39	42	24
Brighton & H. A.		29	8	8	13	38	45	24
Walsall		26	7	9	10	28	27	23
Mansfield Town		25	8	7	10	32	31	23
Orient		25	7	9	9	40	37	23
Crewe Alexandra		26	8	6	12	34	45	22
Hartlepools United		27	6	10	11	23	46	22
		26	8	5	13	34	45	21
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Oldham Athletic		26	4	5	17	19	51	13

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

On behalf of the Toc H Broadcasting organisation, I have been asked to say "Thank You", loud and clear, to those of you who contributed to the collection at the Luton Town match. A total collection of just over £117 was made, the highest since the first collection of £129 in the 1953/4 season. It is a great comfort to the organisers to know that their efforts are appreciated.

Reading through the programme for the Luton Town match, I noted, with interest, that in "News and Views", my opposite number, as it were, expressed some disappointment in the lack of response to the request for ideas from supporters. We have experienced the same apparent lack of enthusiasm on our part. A few seasons ago, when the Supporters' Club ran a request programme of pre-match music, the number of requests were very few indeed, compared to the number of records played.

Numerous requests for ideas to improve the entertainment at the Social Club met with the same rather stone-wall attitude. Plenty of complaints, according to individual tastes, but more or less a complete blank when it comes to constructive suggestions. I can do no better than to quote from the current Supporters' Club Handbook:

"Finally, to the Public, or as you like to call yourselves, the Supporters, one would say you have the right to criticise, whether the management or the players, individually or as a team, but having at heart the best interests of the Club, for

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

heaven's sake see that your criticisms are constructive and not destructive."

Who wrote that? Harold Fleming, for so long the idol of Swindon Town supporters, in our 1948/49 Handbook. Incidentally, how many of you have bought this year's Handbook?

Members of the Supporters' Club Committee sell programmes at the County Ground. Many are the complaints when programmes are sold out. Obviously, you, the supporters, want programmes. Why be satisfied with just reading it? Why not take a hand in producing it by writing in either to the Supporters' Club or the Football Club, with your ideas, grouses, complaints, or what have you? In News and Views last week, reference was made to the projected new stand. There will be no point in complaining about the amenities provided after the thing is up. It will be too late then to alter it. So, write in now, during the planning stage, with your ideas and suggestions. I doubt whether all could be incorporated, but I would be very much surprised if, out of the chaff, quite a number of grains of corn cannot be winnowed to the benefit of all of you.

Supporters' attention is drawn to the locally produced Wembley rosette that has been produced especially for the supporters, through the Supporters' Club. These were on sale at the Luton Town game for the first time, at the Club shop, attached to the Social Club. Arrangements are being made for another selling point to be established at the Stratton Bank end. They are made of plastic, and should last for very many years as a reminder of the first occasion that Swindon Town reached Wembley. Get yours today — then you can prove to your grandchildren that "You were there".

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- 7. Betting and the use of radio sets is not permitted in any part of the ground.
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Attendance: 18,903.

Referee: Mr. R. B. Kirkpatrick (Leicester).

HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 18th January, 1969.

Beat ABINGDON (Away) 4-2.

Team: Grzadkowski; Allen, Fry; Stroud, Bailey, Hubbard; Mascia, Eeles,

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