



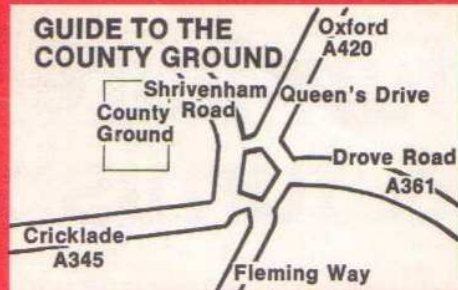
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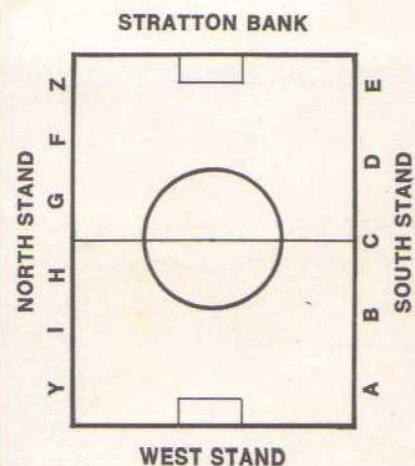
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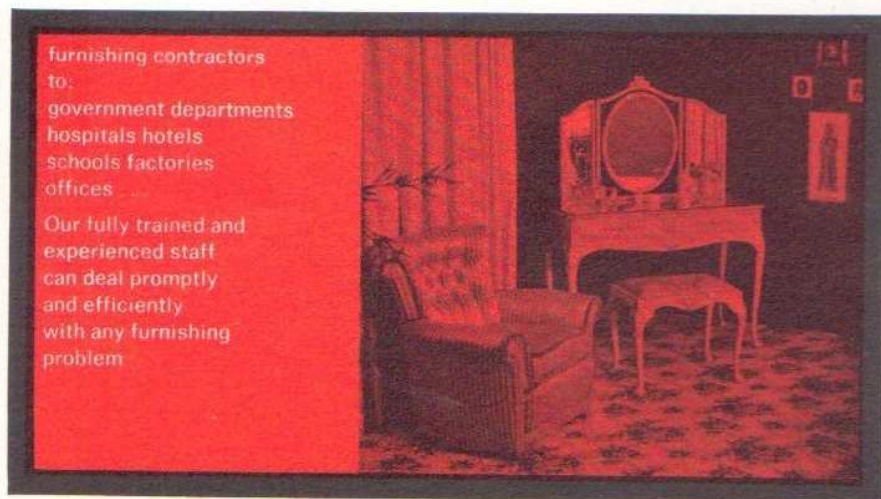


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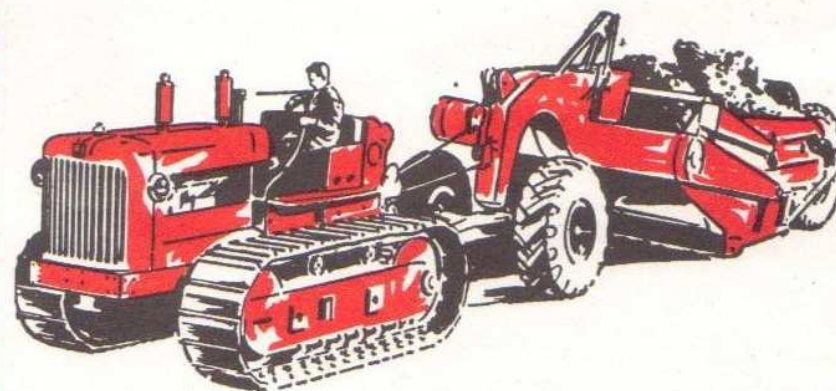
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Kick-off 3 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

No doubt memories will come flooding into the minds of some officials with today's game against Rotherham United. To Mr. Williams, our Manager, this club was his life, and how well he served them for so long, first as player (a hard, tough Yorkshireman, bred and born in pits), then as coach, and later as a most successful Manager. One who produced his own home-spun players, many of whom have reached the top in the football world, as we shall see when we analyse the team that last played at Swindon in April, 1965, in Division II.

Up to last season, Rotherham United enjoyed quite a run of success in Division II, but even the introduction of the one and only Tommy Docherty failed to save them from relegation. They finished in twenty-first position with the following record:

Goals						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	
42	10	11	21	42	76	31

Plymouth Argyle occupied last position with a total of 27 points.

Rotherham United last visited Swindon on Good Friday, 16th April, 1965. We were fighting desperately to escape relegation. Prior to the game the last four League positions were as follows:

					Goals			
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leyton Orient	...	37	12	8	17	48	66	32
Swindon	...	38	13	4	21	57	74	30
Portsmouth	...	38	10	9	19	49	73	29
Swansea	...	38	8	10	20	53	77	26

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OUR VISITORS



ROTHERHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED Pen Pictures Season 1968/69

ALAN HILL (Goalkeeper)

5ft. 11½ins. 13st. 7lbs. Alan was signed from local club, Barnsley F.C., in season 1966 for a fee of £12,000 and has been a regular First Team choice ever since.

ROY TUNKS (Goalkeeper)

6ft. 12st. Roy, who hails from Sussex, was signed as apprentice professional in November, 1966, and Manager Docherty, realising his tremendous potential, signed him full-time professional at the age of 17 years. Roy has been a regular member of the Reserve side for the past 12 months and looks to have First Team potential.

TREVOR SWIFT (Full-back)

5ft. 11ins. 12st. 3lbs. As an amateur Trevor joined Rotherham United in October, 1964, and signed full-time professional 6 months later. Trevor, who is 19 years of age, is one of the many youngsters in Rotherham United's First Team pool. A resolute tackler and who appears never to have been beaten.

NEIL HAGUE (Full-back)

6ft. 0¼in. 12st. 11lbs. Neil signed apprentice professional forms in 1966, having first signed schoolboy forms two years previous. Five months later Neil signed as full-time professional and his obvious potential manifested itself in his being selected for the England Under-23 International teams in Dublin and Portsmouth against the Irish Under-23 team.

MICK HARRITY (Full-back)

5ft. 10ins. 11st. 5lbs. Mick signed as an amateur and subsequently joined the full-time professional staff in 1963. Mick played frequently in the First Team last season.

JOHN QUINN (Wing-half)

5ft. 6½ins. 10st. 10lbs. John was Manager Docherty's first professional signing from Sheffield Wednesday in November, 1967, for a fee of £28,000 and his considerable League experience is proving valuable to the present First Team youngsters.

OUR VISITORS—continued

DAVID BENTLEY (Forward)

5ft. 8½ins. 10st. 8lbs. David signed professional in July, 1967, after a 12 months' probationary period with the ground staff. Like his team-mate, Neil Hague, he travelled with the International Under-23 team to play Ireland in Dublin and Portsmouth. David matured tremendously whilst playing in the First Team squad last term.

ALAN GILLIVER (Forward)

6ft. 1in. 13st. 7lbs. Alan featured in a straight swap deal from Blackburn Rovers with player Les Chappell in May, 1968. He has not had the opportunity to show his capabilities in League football, but played in all pre-season practice matches and should add obvious talent and weight to the forward line.

STEVEN DOWNES (Forward)

5ft. 10ins. 11st. 7lbs. Steven graduated from the amateur ranks in January, 1967, and 4 months later signed full-time professional forms. Steven is another of Rotherham United's First Team pool and has readily adapted himself to First Team requirements having played very frequently in the First eleven last term, including the Cup-ties with Aston Villa and Leicester City.

JOHN HASELDEN (Wing-half)

5ft. 11ins. 12st. John joined Rotherham United from local non-league club, Denaby United, for a small fee and graduated through the Reserve team to the Senior eleven in season 1963/64. John, whilst never staking his claim to a regular First Team position, is nonetheless a member of the First Team squad and has totalled-up 98 First Team appearances during the past 3 years.

GRAHAM LEGGATT (Forward)

5ft. 8ins. 10st. 3lbs. Graham, needless to say, requires no introduction having played consistently for Fulham F.C. for over 10 years and latterly with Birmingham City F.C., who released him at the end of last season and was readily snapped-up by Manager Docherty to give a balance of youth and experience in his First eleven.

JAMES STORRIE (Forward)

5ft. 8½ins. 11st. 12lbs. Jim was the second of Manager Docherty's signings for a fee of £9,000 from Aberdeen in December, 1967, and, like his team-mate John Quinn, was one of the bargain buys of the season. Jim is the sort of player always likely to pop-up when least expected.

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OUR VISITORS—continued

DAVID WATSON (Wing-half)

5ft. 11½ins. 11st. 7lbs. David featured in an exchange deal with Notts County for Welsh International K. Pring, and, since making his debut in January, 1968, has established himself as a regular First Team pivot.

DENNIS LEIGH (Full-back)

5ft. 8½ins. 11st. 3lbs. Dennis joined Rotherham United in February, 1968, featuring in an exchange deal with his club colleague, G. Watson, for players Clish, Wilcockson, and Rabjohn, and is now a regular member of United's First Team pool. Dennis is a play-anywhere sort of player and is completely at home whatever his position may be.

GRAHAM WATSON (Forward)

5ft. 8¾ins. 10st. 12lbs. Graham, like his team-mate Dennis Leigh, joined the Club in February, 1968, and, whilst he has not established himself as a regular member of the First Team squad, has sufficient potential to warrant his membership of the First Team pool.

JOHN SHEPHERD (Forward)

5ft. 8¼ins. 10st. 5lbs. John is another local-born player who joined Rotherham United in May, 1966, and last season was a regular member of the First Team after Manager Docherty taking over the Managerial chair in 1967. John is an exceptionally adept ball player and has a flair for doing the unorthodox.



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The result of the match was three goals to two in our favour, after a very exciting game. The following day, Easter Saturday, we entertained Preston North End, and drew two goals each. We still remember with sorrow, and some dismay, what proved to be a tragic incident in that game. On Easter Monday we travelled to Rotherham. Result: 0—1, and almost despair. Oh! Danny, what might have been if only you would have let us have just one point that day. Supporters will no doubt remember the last game, with all its disappointments and doubts, at Southampton and — dread of dread — relegation. Yet after the home game with Rotherham United everything in the garden looked lovely.

It is most interesting to recall the two teams which played on Friday, 16th April, 1965.

Swindon: Hicks; Dawson, Trollope; Shergold, McPherson, Atherton; Summerbee, Morgan, Brown, Smart, Rogers.

Rotherham United: Morritt; Carter, Clish; Lambert, Hazelden, Hardy; Lyons, Bennett, Galley, Casper, Pring.

Also included in the visitors party was Madden (centre-half) and Tiler, recently transferred to Aston Villa for £30,000. Supporters will recognise Lyons, outside-right, now with Nottingham Forest (he played against Swindon in the epic Cup struggles); Bennett, inside-right, now with Newcastle United; Galley, goal-scoring centre-forward, now with Bristol City; and Casper, centre-forward, played for Burnley in our three semi-final ties. All found and produced by our present Manager, Mr. Williams. Remember, too, Rotherham United played in the second League Cup Final, which was then played on a home and away basis.

The weather conditions still present great difficulties, for not only the playing of football itself, but also the administrative

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NEWS & VIEWS—continued

side, and arrangement of fixtures. Not to mention programmes. We have had five sets of programmes really wasted because of cancellation, something over 20,000 copies to be exact.

Even if grounds can be made fit for play, the cold is most uninviting for the spectators, although we have been most fortunate here at Swindon, with our last four games attended by 19,000 spectators per match.

We have twice been awarded the John White Prize (nothing to do with the player late of Tottenham Hotspur — but the shoe company), but at times, one wonders why. Granted we get little or no hooliganism, or fighting on the terraces, but unfortunately a small section of the crowd delight in singing rather disgusting songs. Can we please appeal to all concerned to stop this unpleasant practice. It is the only “fly in the ointment” at present, and one on which we have received much correspondence.

We have also had many special requests for certain records to be played. We will certainly comply with these, but match cancellations have not helped even in this respect.

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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 Replay)	12,214	(H)	4-3
14	Walsall	10,593	(H)	1-0
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	11,920	(A)	0-2
21	Bristol Rovers	10,364	(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	7,547	(A)	3-1
16	Coventry City (League Cup)	23,810	(A)	2-2
19	Torquay United	15,152	(H)	2-1
21	Coventry City (League Cup Replay)	23,828	(H)	3-0
28	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
8	Luton Town	17,250	(A)	0-2
16	(1) F.A. Cup Canterbury	14,387	(A)	1-0
20	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	25,755	(A)	2-1
23	Mansfield Town	5,380	(A)	0-2
26	Northampton Town	6,827	(A)	6-2
December 4	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	28,000	(H)	1-2
7	(2) F.A. Cup Grantham		(A)	2-0
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	10,907	(H)	1-0
18	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	20,000	(A)	3-2
21	Torquay United	8,327	(A)	1-0
26	Orient	7,101	(A)	0-1
January 4	(3) F.A. Cup Southend United	18,528	(H)	0-2
11	Southport	5,232	(A)	1-1
18	Luton Town	18,903	(H)	0-0
24	Tranmere Rovers	8,181	(A)	5-3
28	Oldham Athletic	21,316	(H)	5-1
February 1	Barnsley	13,983	(A)	1-1
4	Hartlepool United	18,921	(H)	1-1
15	Barrow	3,470	(A)	3-0
18	Tranmere Rovers	19,714	(H)	1-0
22	Rotherham United		(H)	
25	Gillingham		(H)	
March 1	Northampton Town		(H)	
5	Gillingham		(A)	
8	Stockport County		(A)	
15	Arsenal (Wembley)		(A)	
18	Rotherham United		(A)	
22	Plymouth Argyle		(A)	
25	Barnsley		(H)	
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)	
22	Mansfield Town		(H)	
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Watford	28	16	7	5	45	16	39
Bournemouth & B.A.	29	16	4	9	46	28	36
Plymouth Argyle	30	14	7	9	36	30	35
Luton Town	28	15	4	9	42	26	34
Stockport County	28	12	10	6	48	35	34
Torquay United	30	13	6	11	38	30	32
Tranmere Rovers	29	13	3	12	43	44	31
Reading	29	11	8	10	45	38	30
Northampton Town	28	10	8	10	33	32	28
Brighton & H. A.	31	10	8	13	44	45	28
Bristol Rovers	27	11	6	10	44	44	28
Barnsley	29	9	9	11	37	44	27
Barrow	28	11	5	12	39	49	27
Southport	27	11	4	12	45	43	26
Walsall	29	8	10	11	30	30	26
Rotherham United	29	9	8	12	32	35	26
Mansfield Town	26	8	8	10	32	31	24
Orient	27	7	10	10	31	39	24
Crewe Alexandra	28	9	6	13	36	48	24
Hartlepool United	29	6	12	11	26	49	24
Gillingham	28	8	6	14	37	49	22
Shrewsbury Town	27	7	6	14	23	39	20
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On Saturday, 8th February last, a cheque for £40 was presented to Mrs. I. L. Elms, this being a gift from our Social Club members to the children of the Junior Training Centre Amenity Fund, Upham Road School, Swindon. This was raised, on Boxing Day morning, by way of a football match between the Social Club football team and "The 'Asbins", a team of "young" veteran members — mostly over 40 years of age and no upper age limit. Mrs. Elms told the assembled members how much the cheque was appreciated and that it was intended to be used to supply amenities quite outside the funds made available by the Wilts County Council. Tribute was paid to the Social Club members mainly concerned with organising the event — Mrs. Barbara Ranger and Mr. Brian Hayward — by our Chairman, who presented the cheque.

Two of our longest-serving Committee members are, at the moment, away ill. Mrs. Rosie Warminger is recovering from an operation in the Princess Margaret Hospital, and Mr. George Rouse is at home. The best wishes of all Committee members, and Supporters' Club members who have met them over the years, go out to them, with hope that they will both manage to get to Wembley for the League Cup Final.

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I—West Bromwich Albion v. Ipswich Town
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N—Crystal Palace v. Hull City
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DIVISION III

Tuesday, 4th February, 1969.

Drew with HARTLEPOOLS UNITED (Home) 1—1.

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

Scorer: Noble.

Attendance: 18,921.

Referee: Mr. T. E. Lockett (Worcester).

Saturday, 15th February, 1969.

Beat BARROW (Away) 3—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Smart, Jones, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Smart, Jones, Noble.

Attendance: 3,470.

Referee: Mr. V. J. Batty (Cheshire).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday, 12th February, 1969.

Lost to READING (Away) 1—0.

Team: Jones; Desmeules, Allen; Handrick, Blick, Hubbard; Mascia, Bailey,
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Referee: Mr. C. G. Chester.



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