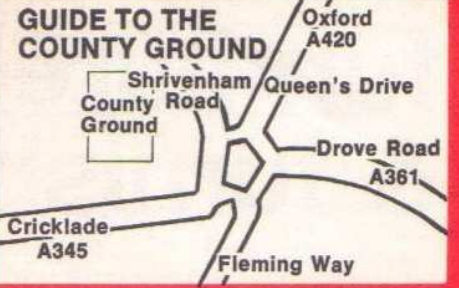


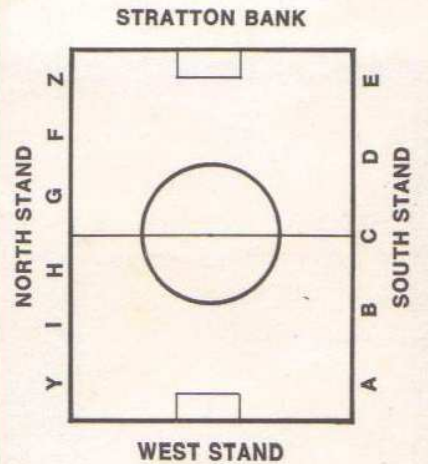


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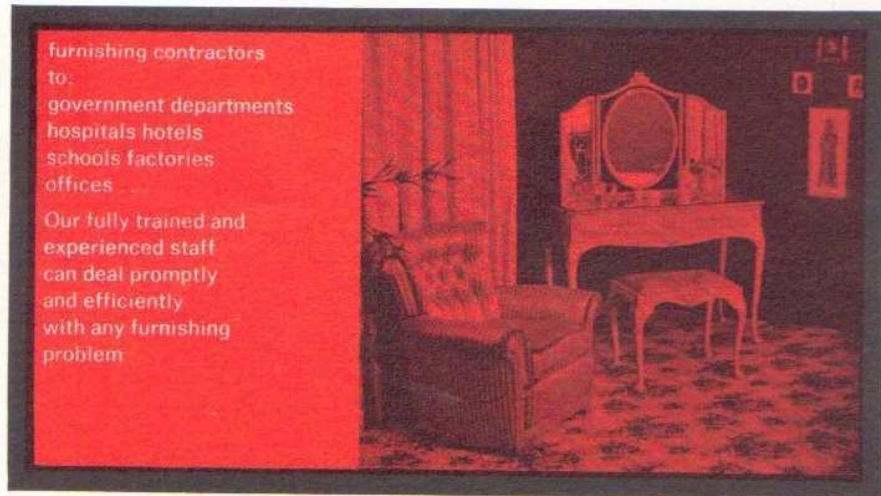
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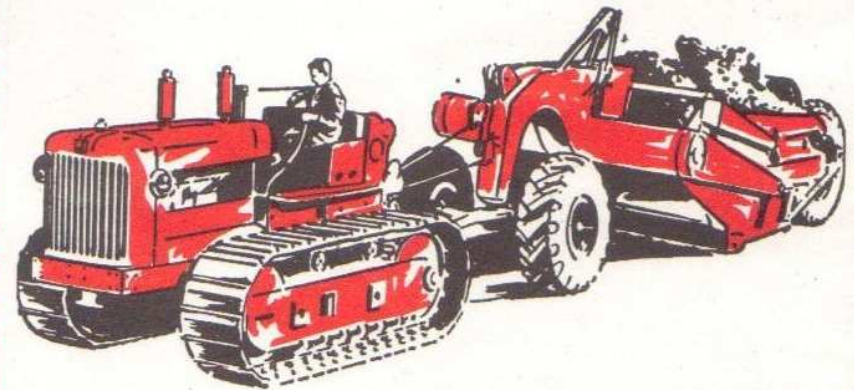


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Kick-off 3 p.m.

REFEREE:

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NEWS and VIEWS

Today we welcome another of our long-standing friends from Southern League days, Northampton Town (the "Cobblers"). For many years a model train was displayed in the Board Room, depicting all the teams in the League in their positions. Swindon, as winners, occupied the first compartment. It was a unique, and most appropriate memento, presented to us by our visitors of today.

We hope we shall see both Dennis Brown and Eric Weaver playing. They will be assured of a great welcome, as both of them were whole-hearted players, always giving one hundred per cent effort. We still remember Dennis's scoring efforts, especially at Leyton Orient (three goals) and Bournemouth (four goals). At one time we feared his career to be ended by an unfortunate car accident, but we are pleased to know he has made a complete recovery, and coming right back to peak form. (We hope he doesn't have a spate of goal scoring today.)

We have already played at Northampton this season — Tuesday, 26th November, 1968. Result: 6—2.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Blick, Harland; Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Rogers (2), Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble.

Last season Northampton Town visited the County Ground (incidentally, the name of their ground) on 16th September, 1967. That was the first game for which increased prices were charged, and it was also the first appearance of Don Heath, transferred on the Friday previous from Norwich City. Swindon were in great form, and enjoyed most of the play. Result: 4—0.

NEWS & VIEWS—continued

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

Northampton Town: Harvey; Mackin, Faulkes; Kurila, Flowers, Kiernan; Carr, Martin, Large, Hall, Lines.

Scorers: Swindon — Rogers (2), Terry, Penman.

Attendance: 13,280. Gate Receipts: £2,423.

Referee: Mr. K. Harkham.

In the return game at Northampton on Saturday, 22nd January, 1968, Swindon lost 0—2. There were two changes in the composition of the team, namely Dawson at inside-right in place of Penman, and Downsborough for Jones.

It will be interesting to see how the attendance at today's match compares with that of Saturday last — 23,500. Those present today are surely our real supporters. We hope they all obtained a voucher to purchase the type of ticket they wanted. No doubt some of our supporters have not got quite what they wanted, but whatever system is evolved someone is bound to be dissatisfied. We do feel sure everyone who really wanted a ticket has obtained a voucher.

With these high gates, and Cup-ties, people tend to think of high bank balances, but I hasten to assure you that is not the case. As I pointed out last week, outgoings are increasing every week. A query has been raised regarding my remark last week, as to the number of professionals in English football becoming less each season. I quote the official figures.

1st January 1954 number of professionals registered with the League: 3,234 (average 35 per club).

1st January 1960: 2,866 (average 30 per club).

NEWS & VIEWS—continued

1st January 1966: 2,397 (average 26 per club).

Certainly food for thought.

It has been estimated that out of every £1 taken in gate money, 17/- goes in wages. We would put the latter figure even higher. In fact we know some clubs where money taken through the turnstiles simply does not cover the wage-bill.

The inclement weather, and loss of income, has created great difficulties for many clubs. Even such a famous club as West Ham United, with its new stand and great resources, has stated it is in danger of being in financial difficulties. It certainly pays to try to be prepared for such eventualities. It is impossible to legislate for success in football, but it is certainly wise to try to be ready for lack of success. Crowds follow a winning team, but the real supporters are those who stand by the club when it is in difficulties. However good an organisation or club, bad spells are bound to happen, instance at present — Nottingham Forest, even Tottenham Hotspurs and Manchester United.

Today is the last of our series of home games. Now we face four away matches and, of course, the League Cup Final at Wembley. All our supporters will wish the team every success on this occasion. It is indeed a great honour, and we hope the Final will be one to be remembered. In the meantime — League points to be won, and those away from home. The next time the team play on the County Ground is Tuesday, 25th March against Barnsley, followed by an evening game on Saturday, 29th March (Grand National Day), kick-off 7.30 p.m. when Watford will be the visitors. It is a vital game against our chief rivals for promotion.

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GORDON MORRITT (Goalkeeper)

Height 6ft. 3ins. Weight 13st. 9lbs. Born Rotherham. Signed for the "Cobblers" on 14th August 1968 from Doncaster Rovers. He is thought to be the tallest 'keeper in the Football League. Before signing for Doncaster Rovers he played for a South African team.

ROGER BARRON (Goalkeeper)

Height 6ft. Weight 11st. Served the "Cobblers" as an apprentice player before becoming a full professional in July 1965. Son of the "Cobblers" former full-back, Bill Barron.

BRIAN FAULKES (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born Abingdon. An attacking full-back who joined the "Cobblers" from Reading in the close season of 1967-68.

CLIVE WALKER (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 10st. 12lbs. Born Leicester. Joined the "Cobblers" from Leicester City in November 1966. An ex-schoolboy International.

RAY FAIRFAX (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 8lbs. Born Smethwick. Signed from West Bromwich Albion — his only other previous club — on a free transfer during the close season.

JOHN CLARKE (Half-back)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born Northampton. Played for England Youth and signed professional forms for the "Cobblers" in June 1965.

JOE KIERNAN (Half-back)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st. 4lbs. Born Coatbridge, Scotland. Joined the "Cobblers" from Sunderland in 1963. Plays either wing-half or inside-forward.



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RON FLOWERS (Half-back)

Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 10lbs. Born Edlington. Won 48 England Caps whilst playing for Wolverhampton Wanderers, and was included in the squad of 40 for the World Cup. Joined the "Cobblers" on 1st September 1967 and was appointed captain of the side. At the commencement of the 1968-69 season, he was appointed player-manager.

JOHN MACKIN (Half-back)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 7lbs. Born Bells Hill, Scotland. Formerly an amateur and part-time professional player with the "Cobblers" before becoming a full-time professional four seasons ago. A very versatile player having played in every position except centre-half.

JOHN ROBERTS (Half-back)

Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 5lbs. Born Abercynon, Wales. Joined Northampton Town from Swansea Town on 23rd November 1967. Plays either centre-half or centre-forward and has won Welsh Under-23 honours in both positions.

DENNIS BROWN (Forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs. Born Reading. Joined the "Cobblers" from Swindon Town in February 1967. He made his comeback on 2nd March 1968 after a very serious car accident from which he had to have his knee cap removed.

JOHN BYRNE (Forward)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 10st. Born Glasgow. Transferred from Peterborough United on 29th December 1967 in an exchange deal for Jim Hall. Plays either inside-forward or half-back.

ALAN CHATWIN (Forward)

Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 2lbs. Born Birmingham. Signed professional forms on his 17th birthday on 29th July 1968 from a Birmingham local club, after having a trial with the "Cobblers". Plays at inside-forward.

OUR VISITORS—continued

FRANK RANKMORE (Half-back)

Height 6ft. 1in. Weight 13st. 12lbs. Born Cardiff. Was transferred from Peterborough United in May 1968. He has been appointed the "Cobblers" new captain.

JOHN FAIRBROTHER (Forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs. Transferred from Peterborough United on 16th February 1968. Made 16 appearances scoring 5 goals during the 1967-68 season.

GRAHAM FELTON (Forward)

Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born Cambridge. Joined Northampton Town from Cambridge City in the 1966-67 season and has had several games in the First Team. Won Youth International honours on several occasions.

TOMMY KNOX (Forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 4lbs. Born Glasgow. Signed for Northampton Town from Mansfield Town on 22nd December 1967 and made 16 appearances for the Club in 1967-68 season.

BARRY LINES (Forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st. Born Bletchley. This fast and direct winger signed for the "Cobblers" in 1960.

ERIC WEAVER (Forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs. Born Rhymney. Transferred from Notts County on 23rd December 1967. Made 23 appearances, scoring 5 goals since joining the Club.

BOB HATTON (Forward)

This 21-year-old player signed for the "Cobblers" on 9th October 1968, from Bolton Wanderers. Previously with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

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Hobbies: Ballroom Dancing and Coarse Fishing.

He took up refereeing in November, 1951 to fulfil a childhood ambition and progressed through various local leagues until he eventually became an official on both the Isthmian and Athenian Leagues.

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Barrow	29	11	6	12	40	50	28
Barnsley	29	9	9	11	37	44	27
Walsall	31	8	11	12	31	33	27
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Orient	30	9	8	13	32	36	26
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