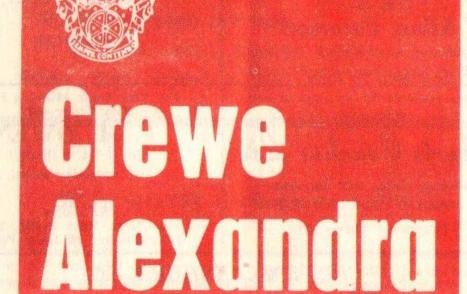
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THIRD DIVISION

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CLUB NOTES AND COMMENTS

To-day we welcome to Gresty Road for their first ever visit, Swindon Town, the pride of Wiltshire who are this year's winners of the League Cup and when the present season ends could also achieve promotion to the Second Division.

To their officials, players and supporters we extend a very sincere welcome and trust they will take back with them many pleasant memories. The supporters of Swindon Town are well known for their standard of behaviour and have been amongst the winners of the John White award this season.

Behaviour of supporters has received a great deal of publicity this season, mainly due to the many outbreaks of vandalism and hooliganism by various bands of so-called supporters.

Luckily we have been reasonably free from such incidents but on the occasion of the visit of Stockport County last Saturday there were various incidents which resulted in evictions from the ground and subsequent police action. It was not just the supporters who came in for rough handling for one of the programme sellers was struck in the face, two others were kicked and a number of programmes stolen. Due to prompt action by the police there were no further incidents in this respect.

The welcome point gained in the Stockport game was marred by the injury to Tommy Lowry early on and at the time of writing it would appear that he will have to miss the exacting Easter programme, let us hope that his recovery will be quicker than anticipated.

Good news is that Gordon Wallace has at last been able to do some light training and is keen to get back into action at the earliest opportunity. Neil Turner and Eric Barnes are also due to have a run out in the Northern Floodlit Cup game at Carlisle this week after recovering from injuries.

The Easter holiday programme is without doubt a very stiff one for after today's game we face away games at Watford and Reading. Points are vital and the lads will be striving to get as many as possible, you gave them great encouragement last Saturday, keep up the good work this afternoon. The team which was on duty last Saturday:

v. STOCK PORT COUNTY - Home

Mailey, Lowry, Leigh, Stott, Foster, Gater, Curley, McHale, Inglis, Tarbuck, Ratcliffe.

Gannon substituted for Lowry.

Half-time 1-0

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Scorer - Curley.

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This event is being run in conjunction with the Willie Mailey Testimonial Fund and has attracted 24 entrants.

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Among the Judges will be "Miss Great Britain", Yvonne Ormes of Nantwich, the six competing in the first heat are Miss G. Reay, Miss B. M. Smith, Miss M. J. Mullock, Miss J. Price, Miss P. Rutter and Miss J. Shufflebotham.

Details of the other heats will be given in later issues.

Forthcoming Games at Gresty Road

Saturday, 5th April. Lancs. League v. MORECAMBE RES. Kick-off 3-00 p.m. Monday, 7th April. Floodlit League v. CHESTER. Kick-off 3-00 p.m. Friday, 11th April. Third Division v. WALSALL. Kick-off 7-30 p.m. Monday, 21st April. Third Division v. SOUTHPORT. Kick off 7-30 p.m.

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THIRD DIVISION MARKSMEN

- 22 Rogers (Swindon)
- 19 Andrews (Southport) Atkins (Stockport)
- Mulvaney (Barrow) Yeo (Gillingham) Lewis (Luton)
- Napier (Brighton) 16 - Endean (Watford) Noble (Swindon)
- 15 Collins (Reading) Dawson (Brighton)

CREWE ALEX. MARKSMEN

League: Curley 7, Regan 5, Wallace 5, Stott 5, Tarbuck 5, McHale 3, Hollett 3, Inglis 2, Turner 1, Leigh 1, Emmerson 1, Bradshaw 1, Gater 1, Opponents 2.

League Cup: Regan 2, McHale 1. F.A. Cup: Hollett 2, Emmerson 1.

Lancashire League: Emmerson 9, Inglis 7, Marley 6, Newton 5, Spencer 3, Arnold 2, Norton 2, Smith 1, Jones G.R. 1, Tarbuck 1, Lockett 1, Curley 1, Naggs 1, Matthews 1.

Floodlit League: Inglis 8, Emmarson 3, Spencer 3, Turner 1, Curran 1, Arnold 1.

Floodlit Cup: Inglis 6, Hollett 1.

Friendlies: Emmerson 3, Regan 2, Wallace 2, Curley 1, Inglis 1, Tarbuck 1.

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Today's Visitors

Goalkeeper, PETER DOWNSBOROUGH. Born Halifax. Was signed in August, 1965 from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football. A fearless agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence.

Right Back, ROD THOMAS. Born Glyncorrwg. A former youth player with the club. He was signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964. Took over the full back position last season when Owen Dawson was injured and maintained his position throughout the season. Has gained Welsh Under 23 Caps and Full Welsh Caps.

Left Back, JOHN TROLLOPE. Born Swindon. A local player who joined Swindon Ground staff from school. He was selected for the first team at the beginning of the 1960/61 season when he was 16 years old and was ever present during that season. Last season his run of 322 consecutive League appearances for the club was broken when he sustained a broken arm.

Right Half, JOE BUTLER. Born Newcastle. He joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August, 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches.

Centre Half, FRANK BURROWS. Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in Third Division football. Left Half, STAN HARLAND. Born Liverpool. Was signed from Carlisle United in July, 1966 and was formerly with Everton and Bradford City. He has been a regular choice at left half since making his debut at the beginning of the 1966/67 season. A forceful player who likes to go forward to back up the attack.

Outside Right, DON HEATH. Born Stockton. Signed from Norwich in September, 1967. Was formerly with Middlesbrough where he served as an apprentice professional. A hard working winger who can also play in the inside forward position.

Inside Right, ROGER SMART. Another local born player who joined the club direct from Swindon Schoolboys Team. At 17 he was appearing regularly at centre forward in the Reserve Team but he excels as a deep lying inside forward. A versatile player who is able to play at wing half.

Centre Forward, JOHN SMITH. Born London. Was signed from Torquay United in June, 1968 and previously played for Leyton Orient, West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry. Former England Under 23 International. Inside Left, PETER NOBLE. Born Sunderland. Joined the club from Newcastle in

Inside Left, PETER NOBLE. Born Sunderland. Joined the club from Newcastle in January, 1968 for whom he played for four years. Prefers to play an attacking role.

Outside Left, DON ROGERS. Born Paulton. Probably the most sought after player in the team. Was signed by Swindon when only 15 and quickly came to the fore. Has gained England Youth International Caps and played in the England Under 23 Team. Was the club's top goal scorer last season with 28 goals.

Substitute, CHRIS JONES. Born Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City for which club he played in their touring team in America.

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SUPPORTERS' JOTTINGS

Having gone three successive games without scoring a goal, we at last broke that spell last Saturday when Tommy Curley headed home a Don Ratcliffe cross. That goal was Tommy's seventh league goal of the season and ends for him a spell without notching a goal for his last one was in the away game at Mansfield on December 21st last.

Just to set the records straight, Winston Foster has been signed on loan from Birmingham City until the end of the season and the reference to a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Stockport County should have read in 1954/55 and not 1964/65.

We now turn our attention to this afternoon's visitors, Swindon Town, who are also known as the Robins and have the same affinity of being connected with the Railway Industry.

They have been acclaimed as being one of the most attractive sides to be seen in the Third Division and, through the coverage given both in the press and on the television, the players names are known throughout the country.

For them it has been a tremendous season of success having won the League Cup and are also making great efforts to achieve promotion. This success has seen the crowds flocking to their ground and gates of over 20,000 are a regular feature, a far cry from our own average of around the 5,000 mark.

At present they occupy third position in the table having been edged out of second place by Luton Town, though with a game in hand. At home they have only conceded 5 goals in 18 games but away from home they have conceded 25 in 19 games, overall it is still less than a goal a game.

It could well be said that a 1-0 victory is their favourite score for on no fewer than twelve occasions this has been the result. Their highest scores this season have been 6-2 away at Northampton, 5-1 at home to Southport and Oldham and 5-3 away at Tranmere. The visit of Watford to their ground last Saturday saw the end of their unbeaten run, going down 1-0. In Don Rogers, they have the League's leading scorer and his best tally in a game was 4 in the home game against Southport.

By the time the Easter programmes have been completed, promotion and relegation struggles could, to a large extent, be settled. What then are the key games over this period? At the top of the table, Watford have home games against ourselves and Hartlepool, Swindon are with us to-day and at Shrewsbury tomorrow, Luton are away to Torquay and Mansfield. At the other end of the

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table, Oldham have a home game with Gillingham and an away game at Tranmere, Hartlepool have other games against Walsall at home and Stockport away, and Shrewsbury a further home fixture with Stockport County.

As will be seen, it is a most interesting batch of matches that could well produce some shock results. How have we fared on the grounds of our away fixtures? At Watford we have won 1 and lost 2, and at Reading in our only previous visit in 1963/64, which was also in the Easter period, we drew 2-2.

Had you realised that we have no further Saturday league games at Crewe this season? Our remaining home games are all on a weeknight. We receive Walsall next Friday evening, Southport on Monday, 21st April, and Gillingham on Wednesday, 30th April.

Correspondence continues to arrive from all over the country and it is interesting to note how many schools seem to be undertaking projects concerning football for this has been a recurring feature. Some letters are quite humorous, some outrageous in their requests, such as one received recently which asked for all the results, scorers and attendances over the past ten seasons without even a s.a.e. for reply. As far as possible, everything is done within reason. It often takes quite a time to check some obscure detail requested, but above all a stamp addressed envelope is essential.

I am sure this afternoon's game will be one of the best seen at Gresty Road this season, it deserves a good attendance.

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In addition, the presentation will be made to the Personality of the Year, voted for by the members. The three members of the playing staff who have received the most votes this year are Gordon Wallace, Keith Stott and Alan Tarbuck, just which one has won you will have to wait until next week to see.

A Sports Forum panel has been arranged. Freddie Pye, former Manager of Altrincham and now a Director of the club, and Geoff Hill, the League referee from Macclesfield have definitely accepted our invitation and we now await confirmation from a well-known sportswriter.

All being well, a party from Macclesfield, who are in the process of starting a Junior Section, will be with us. In the press last weekend it was noticed that Sandbach Ramblers are also thinking about starting a Junior Section based on our own lines, quite a compliment. Anyone connected with that club would also be welcome.

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Leicester City, deep in the relegation zone, surprised F.A. Cup holders West Bromwich Albion with a goal in the last five minutes by Clarke, there £150,000 signing from Fulham, and a minute later the hero was taken off on a stretcher, such is the cruel luck in football. Queens Park Rangers defeated at home by Liverpool are now certain to return to the Second Division next season, it is one thing to go up but another to stay up.

The home defeat of Swindon Town last Saturday sees the number of teams without a home defeat reduced to three, Leeds United, Middlesbrough and Luton Town. Still awaiting their first away win of the season are Bradford in the Fourth Division with only a single point from 18 games and four teams in the First Division, Stoke City, Sunderland, Leicester City and Queens Park Rangers.

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