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We have news of two additional matches at Ayresome Park which will be of interest to our supporters. First, negotiations are almost complete for a visit by S. C. CAMBUUR (Leeuwarden) to play a return match with the Boro on Monday 20th October, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

We met S.C. Cambuur in Holland during our short European Tour in May 1968, and on that occasion were victors by 2-0. They are an attractive side and this should prove to be an interesting game.

We are pleased to announce that at long last Gordon Jones has been able to fix the date for his Testimonial Match. This will take place at Ayresome Park on Tuesday, 11th November. Gordon is at present finalising the teams which will include many of the big names in present day soccer. We will keep you informed of progress.

Two former Boro' players were welcome visitors to Ayresome Park for the Aston Villa match, Both were wingers, Arthur Kaye — "working as a joiner these days' made a social call. He is living in his native Barnsley but has no association with football these days, Arthur joined us from Blackpool in 1960 when he was understudy to Stanley Matthews, He was extremely popular with all Boro fans and played nearly 200 games for us before being transferred to Colchester in June 1965 where he ended his playing career.

The other player — Ray Henderson — "looking around" who is coach with Reading and enjoying his new role in the game. Ray, a Wallsend lad, was signed from Ashington F.C. in May 1957 after a spell with H.M. Forces came back to Middlesbrough and was subsequently transferred to Hull City.

Another former Boro player is visiting Ayresome Park tonight — we refer, of course, to Arthur Horsfield who signed as an Apprentice Professional with the Boro and became a full-time professional in July 1963. After his short spell with Newcastle he is now a popular member of Swindon's team.

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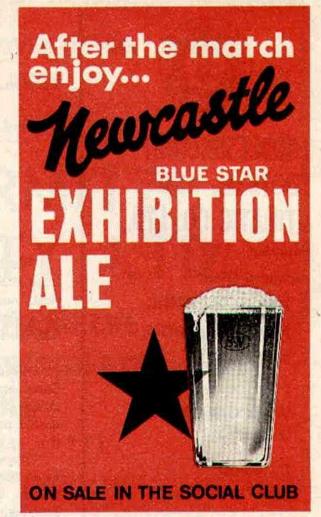
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4-George SMITH

5-Bill GATES

6—Frank SPRAGGON

7—Ray LUGG

8-Eric McMORDIE

9-Stan WEBB

10—John HICKTON

11—Derrick DOWNING

Substitute:-

SWINDON TOWN

Colours:

1—Peter DOWNSBOROUGH

2—Rod THOMAS

3—John TROLLOPE

4—Roger SMART

5—Stan HARLAND

6—Joe BUTLER

7—Don HEATH

8—Arthur HORSFIELD

9—John SMITH

10—Peter NOBLE

11—Don ROGERS

Substitute:-

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Referee:-

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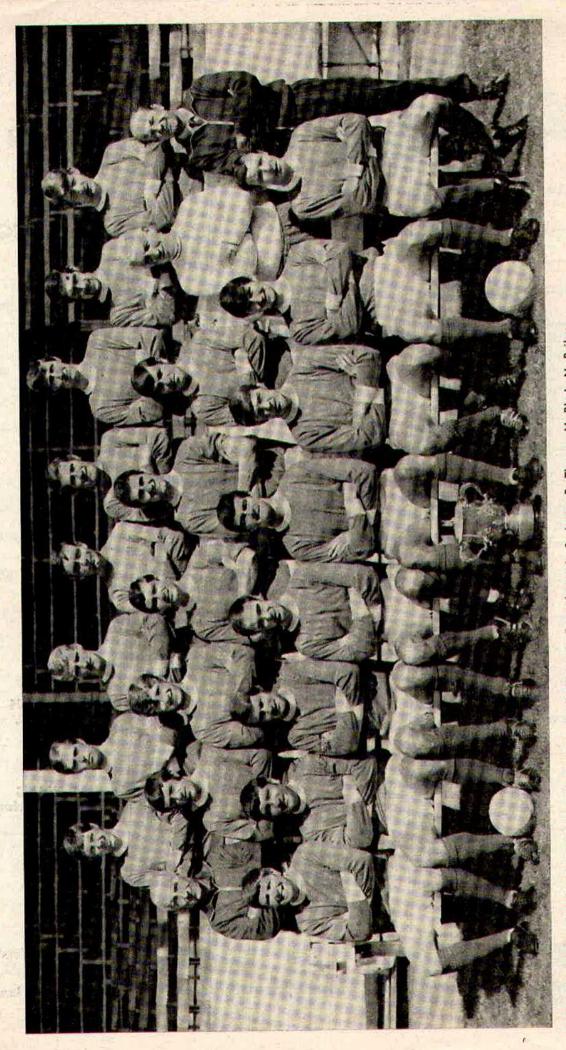
15th OCTOBER, 1966

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SWINDON TOWN: Hicks, Butler, Trollope, Morgan, Nurse, Harland, Penman, Brown, Lawton, Smart, Rogers.

SWINDON TOWN A.F.C.



Back Row (left to right): D. Dangerfield, O. Dawson, N. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Jones, R. Thomas, M. Black, N. Bailey.
Middle Row (left to right): H. Cousins (Youth Manager), R. Hardwick, R. Desmevles, R. Smart, F. Burrows, D. Rogers, F. Ford (Team Manager), M. Owen (Trainer).
Front Row (left to right): J. Butler, J. Smith, D. Heath, P. Noble, S. Harland, C. Jones, A. Horsfield, W. Penman.

Featuring SWINDON TOWN

by Tony Pullein

Memories of Swindon's sensational Wembley League Cup final victory over Arsenal last season will remain indelibly inscribed in the minds of all who saw it for many years. Of even more importance to the club itself, was their feat in regaining the Second Division status they lost in 1965. Intent on consolidating their position, Swindon made a good start, picking up eight points from seven games. Away from home they have beaten Aston Villa (2-0), drawn at Cardiff (2-2), and lost at Blackburn (0-2) and Blackpool (2-3).

Leading scorer is Peter Noble who recently bagged hat-tricks in successive games against Charlton (League) and Swansea (League Cup). A native of the North-East, Peter started with Newcastle and cost Swindon £10,000 in January 1968. There's a decidedly North-East flavour about this Swindon side generally for Joe Butler also kicked-off with Newcastle, his home town club. Originally a full-back, he made his League debut in 1963-64, moved to Swindon in 1965 and has now

developed into a very fine wing-half.

Arthur Horsfield knows just about every blade on this Ayresome Park pitch where he served us so well over several years. We spotted Arthur in Newcastle junior soccer and he continued his scoring ways in our reserve teams until given his chance in the League team in 1963/64. All-told he scored 51 goals in 107 full League games for us — including 22 in 1966/67 — before he moved to Newcastle last January.

Swindon signed him in May.

Hero of Swindon's Wembley victory was 2-goal Don Rogers, an England under-23 international left-winger who has been a regular for six seasons and top scorer for the past three campaigns. First Division clubs have tried to tempt him away with fabulous offers but so far he prefers to stay put. Another international to emerge from the Swindon nursery is right-back Rod Thomas, the only man in post-war soccer to win his first seven full international caps while playing in the Third Division. Swindon picked Rod up from Gloucester City, put him in the senior side in 1965/66 and now he is a regular choice for Wales.

A broken arm probably cost left-back John Trollope a fabulous League record. His injury, at Hartlepool last season, ended a run of 360 consecutive League appearances for the club — only 41 short of the League record which he would most certainly have cracked. Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was a bargain £3,000 buy from Halifax in 1965. Joining Halifax from school, Downsborough made the first-team before signing professional in 1960. He has turned in many outstanding per-

formances for Swindon - none better than at Wembley.

Skipper Stan Harland was a Burnley amateur but turned pro, at New Brighton. He moved to Everton but didn't make the League grade until signing for Bradford City in 1961. He put in two seasons at Carlisle before joining Swindon three years ago. Centre-half Frank Burrows, a Scot who began his career with Raith Rovers, cost Swindon £12,000 when they persuaded Scunthorpe to part with him last season.

Inside-forward Roger Smart is a product of Swindon schools football who got his first taste of League football in 1961-62. He helped Swindon into the Second Division for the first time in 1963 when he really began to establish himself as a

regular and now looks back on over 200 League games for them.

Perhaps the most experienced member of the side is former England youth and under-23 cap John Smith who kicked off with West Ham as a wing-half. After holding a regular place for four years, he moved to Tottenham in 1960. But it was a bad move for John rarely got a League game with Spurs. Consequently, he shifted to Coventry, then had short spells with Orient and Torquay before linking up with Swindon last year.

Our League record against Swindon is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	3	2	1	0	9	2	5
Away	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
	6	3	1	2	11	8	7



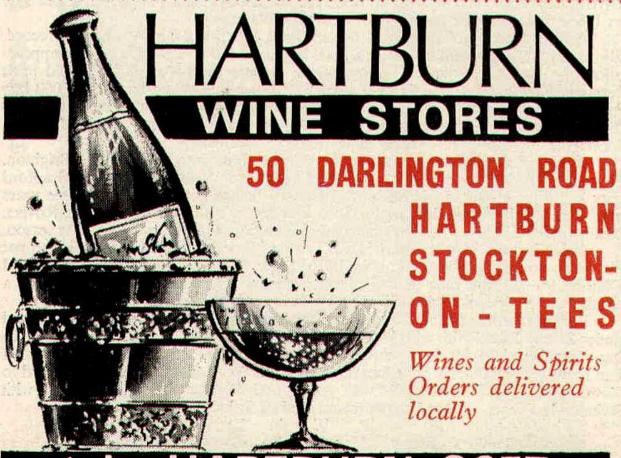
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WELCOME BACK TO OLD TRAFFORD

A happy, smiling greeting from George Best to his schoolboy pal, Eric McMordie. They posed for this photograph before the Manchester-United-Middlesbrough Football League Cup-Tie. If there had been more time one or the other would have been tempted to ask—"Remember the last time we were here together?"

Best is a business tycoon, a world famous footballer, a leader of soccer's international jet set. McMordie is making rapid strides in the game and has joined his

Belfast pal in the current Northern Ireland international team.

Yet it was a different story eight years ago. As starry-eyed youngsters they went to Old Trafford on trial. They played in a seven-a-side match, then left before they hardly had time to shake hands. The reason? The boys were homesick! Belfast beckoned and they were on the next boat back. Matt Busby asked both to return. Best said "Yes". McMordie said "No".

McMordie stuck out until he was 18. Then on the recommendation of Irish scout Matt Willis, he came to Ayresome Park. We are grateful for his change of mind. For Eric has emerged as a ball-playing forward of skill and determination. This season, through his success in the British International Championship, he has found himself the focus of more attention. We feel he has the ability to master the situation, to help the Boro' get success, and Norhern Ireland to win a ticket to Mexico.

Best is one of his admirers. After the Old Trafford battle he named McMordie as Middlesbrough's star man and paid this glowing tribute . . . "If Eric had returned with me to England at 15, instead of spending three years in Irish Football, I think he would already be one of the post-war greats of British soccer".



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NEXT HOME GAMES

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RESERVES v BRADFORD CITY (CUP)

SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Northern Intermediate League

MIDDLESBROUGH v HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

at Hatton Road Ground

SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

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	18	(5)	Huddersfield T.	Away					
	25	(5)	Watford	Home					
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