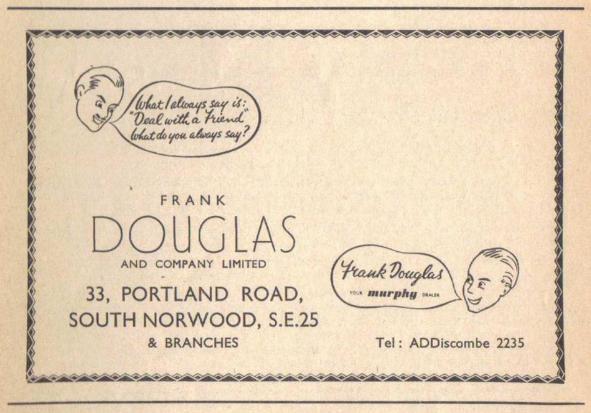


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No. 8

Saturday, 13th October, 1956

# SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

It was with great pleasure and pride that your Chairman (Mr. Pratt) and the organiser of the Million-Penny-Fund (Mr. Reg. Scoggins) handed to the Board a few days ago the first cheque for £50 from this Fund for this Season, with the hopes of quite a few more to follow. It was also with sincere and grateful thanks that Mr. Spiers, the Manager, accepted it, and the thanks and appreciation of the Board have been received.

Now please keep it up and roll out those Pennies! Mr. Reg. Scoggins could do with just two or three more helpers—ladies or gentlemen.

Five coaches of joyful supporters went to Southend and, having seen the brightness of our lads, stayed behind and saw the brightness of the illuminations which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thanks, all you Supporters and friends who had a bash at the Gate Forecast Competition on the visit of Northampton Town to Selhurst Park. No one gave the correct attendance; the official figure was 13,904. Mr. D. Saunders, 10, Oliver Grove, South Norwood, S.E.25, gave the nearest with 13,891. Our congratulations to Mr. Saunders. Just a reminder: the next Gate Forecast Competition will be for Christmas Day, when Q.P.R. will be our visitors. This will give you a chance to keep a watch on the attendances.

Talking of Northampton: If they did not take two points from us they did take the "Oliver' Cup for darts which is competed for yearly. They won by 2—1. Did we lose because two or three wished for an outting next year away?

Our membership is steadily growing, and at the moment our figure is 1,308—very good but not quite good enough. Now what about you! The lads are certainly deserving of your full support, and how better than joining the Supporters' Club—only a bob—what about it?

Christmas is coming. How about a smashing black-and-white Club Tie? Real good value—only 5s. 3d. each (a few left). Do not forget your Club badge, a really nice coat badge—only 1s. 6d.

Cheerio, everyone and the best of luck. Keep up that Cheer!

# Our Visitors To-day . . .

Swindon Town have had several notable Cup victories against First Division opponents but their League career has not been very illuminating.

They became members of the Football League in 1920-21 and, like the Palace, this was their best season, for they finished with the highest number of points—52—they have gained in any one season since, finishing fourth in the League.

In Season 1924-25 they finished in the fourth position with 51 points and again in 1948-49 with the same number of points.

So far as the League is concerned those have been their best Seasons. Our own record is very similar, apart from the first Season when we gained promotion.

Swindon have produced many famous players, the prince of them all being the late Harold Flemming, a player whose name was a household word in Swindon and his fame world-wide. Freddie Morris is another who caused a stir in the football world when he topped the goal-scoring list, and of course they still have Maurice Owen, who has rendered the Club yeoman service and was also a much-sought-after player in his earlier days.



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# CLUB NOTES by Cyril Spiers

Some of you may have wondered why it was that Mike Deakin did not play at

Gillingham on Saturday last, and especially as he was with the team.

Unfortunately for us, Mike was taken ill with severe pains in the side and back on the way to Gillingham, and after medical examination and advice upon arrival, it was decided not to run any risk of complications by playing him. In consequence, Arthur Proudler, who was the only player available, had to turn out at centre-forward.

Arthur is quite a versatile player, but I am sure he would be the first to admit that he is not a centre-forward, the result being that our forward line was a thing of bits and pieces or, in other words, individual units. There was not the cohesion and understanding which we had shown in our last ten games, apart from three very good efforts by George Cooper, one of which gave him our goal and one by Peter Berry, we never really looked like scoring.

I can well understand the reason for the upset in form, for Mike does hold the forward line together well and has quite a good understanding with the rest of the forwards. Without pre-match practice one could hardly expect a player to fit into

an unaccustomed position smoothly.

For the first twenty-five minutes we were far and away the better side, and it was during this period that we ought to have made the game safe. As it was, Gillingham scored a very good goal with almost their first attack after half-an-hour's play. They scored again five minutes later and were now much more in the game. George Cooper pegged one back with the best move of the match. The ball had travelled from man to man until it reached Bernard Harrison; Bernard cut in past two defenders and slipped a peach of a pass for George to gather and walk round the goalkeeper into the empty net.

In the second half we had much less of the game and Gillingham added two

more goals without reply.

The Second Team had a very good win against a strong Portsmouth Reserve

side which included Uprichard, Mansell and Dale, all Internationals.

I am told that this was a real cracking game and that our boys were full value for their three-goals-to-nil victory. Our scorers were Barry Pierce (two) and Jim Murray (one)

Young Bill Denton made his first appearance on the left wing, following his brilliant game for the Juniors in Wednesday's F.A. Youth Cup game. His display was most encouraging, and you can expect to see and hear more about Bill.

Johnnie Byrne came in at centre-forward and gave an excellent display of intelligent football. Johnnie at seventeen is almost a veteran now, for he has been in the public eye for the last twelve months and his promotion could not have come as any surprise to those of our supporters who have watched his progress with the Juniors.

It is very pleasing for me to see our Reserve and Junior teams doing so well and -what is more pleasing-they are playing really first-class football, which proves that we have the right material to work on. Our progress may have seemed slow to many of you but it is not really, for we now have three excellent young sides all on the upgrade. We can never rest content, however, for to do so would only bring back apathy. We are continually working and looking for something better: our recruiting campaign goes on-even now we are training and coaching ex-schoolboys, preparing them for next season's Junior Team.

I must say that it gives me a great deal of pleasure to watch these youngsters blossom forth and I am sure that those of you who watch them must feel the same. Like the gardener who, having planted the seed, goes every day to water it and watch the seedling gradually become the sturdy plant, then the expectation and the blossom

that follows.

Now don't forget Monday evening-we have a floodlight game against our old friends from Leyton. The Orient are finding the Second Division tough going, but I am sure they will adjust themselves and pull clear of the danger zone. We know they are a good side and we can be sure of an excellent test for our boys on Monday. If the game is anything like last Monday's against the Army then we are in for a real treat.

Teams fielded last week:

At Gillingham.—Potter, Edwards, Greenwood, Belcher, Choules, Long,

Harrison, Berry, Proudler, Cooper, Morris. Scorer: Cooper.

At Selhurst v. Portsmouth Reserves.—Rouse, Philpott, McDonald, Brown, Saunders, Sanders, Moyse, Murray, Byrne, Pierce, Denton. Scorers: Pierce 2;

At Selhurst: Juniors v. Lion Works.—Smith, W., Smith T., Wood C., Spurdens D., Steed E., Mackie D., Spriggs C., Easton H., Byrne J. Ramsay T., Denton W.

Scorers: Byrne 4; Easton 4; Spriggs 1.

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Referee :

E. J. Jennings (Worcs)

p.m.

Kick-Off 3.15 p.m.

11 Williams

10 McShane

6 Pembery

3 Fox

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### SWINDON



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### HALF TIME

A	Charlton v.	Arsenal
В	Evertonv.	Chelsea
C	Spursv.	Cardiff
D	Blackburnv.	Leyton
E	Fulhamv.	Grimsby

F W. Ham .....v. Huddersfield

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H Coventry v. Millwall

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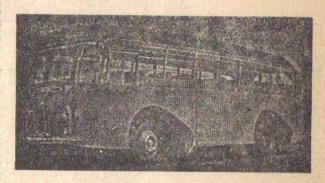
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Newport	14	5	7	2	22	14	17		17 15
Colchester	14	7	3	4	33	20	17		14
Gillingham	14	7	3	4	28	21	17	Leyton O. 10 6 1 3 26 16	13
Brentford	14	8	1	5	34	30	17	Sthmpton 13 4 5 4 27 33	13
Reading	14	6	4	4	21	19	16		11 10
Watford		7	2	5	26	18	16		10
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MONDAY 15th OCTOBER

FLOODLIGHT

### CRYSTAL PALACE V. LEYTON ORIENT

First Teams

KICK-OFF 7.30

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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Monday, 15th October Monday, 29th October LEYTON ORIENT MANAGERS' XI

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### **JUNIORS**

Monday, 22nd October

F.A YOUTH CUP v. Bexleyheath.

k.o. 7.30

Wednesday, 31st October

(2nd Round)
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

v. West Ham. k.o. 7.30

# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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M.,	99	27	Colchester	A.	D 3-3
S.,	Sept.	1	S'thampton	A.	L 0-3
W.,			Reading	Ĥ.	D 1-1
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W.,	99	12		A.	W 2-1
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W.,	,,	19	Newport	H.	W 2-1
S.,		22	Southend	A.	D 1-1
Th.		27		A.	D 2-2
S.,	99		N'thampton		
6.,	02	6	Cillingham	H.	D 1-1
S.,	Oct.	6		A.	L 1-4
S.,	22	13	Swindon	H.	
S.,	55	20	Brentford	A.	
S.,	,,,	27	Aldershot	H.	
S.,	Nov.	3	Watford	A.	
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S.,	>>		Coventry	A.	
T.,	27				
Tu.,	22		Q.P.R.	H.	
W.,	27		Q.P.R.	A.	
S.,	,,,	29	S'thampton	H.	
S.,	Jan.	5	(3) Plymouth	A.	
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S.,		19	Millwall	A.	
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S.,	T-1-		(4) Plymouth		
S.,	Feb.		Southend	H.	
S.,	22	9	N'thampton	A.	
S.,	"	16	(5) Gill'ham	H.	
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S.,	99	30	Walsall	H.	
S.,	Apr.	6	Ipswich	A.	
S.,		13	Bournemouth		
F.,	99	19	Brighton	H.	
6.,	22				
S.,	99	20	Aldershot	A.	
M.,	39	22	Brighton	A.	
S.,	,,,	27	Walsall	A.	
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### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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S.,	Sept.	1	Luton	H.	L	0-2
S.,		8	S'thampton	A.	D	1-1
S.,	31		Bristol City	A.	D	1-1
S.,	22	22	Plymouth	H.	W	3-0
S.,	>> >>	29	Tottenham	A.	Ľ	1-5
S.,	Oct.	6	Portsmouth	H.	W	3-0
S.,	>5	13	Ipswich	A.		
S.,	"		Bristol R.	H.		
S.,	55	27	Brighton	A.		
S.,	Nov.	3	Brentford	H.		
S.,	97		Luton	A.		
S.,	27	17	Birmingham	H.		
S.,	19	24	Leicester	A.		
		1				
S.,	Dec.	100	Aldershot	H.		
S., S.,	33	8 15	Swindon	A.		
S.,	22		Norwich Southend	A.		
Tu.,	22	25	Fulham	H.		
W.,		26	Fulham	A.		
S.,	>>	29	Luton	H.		
	19	2	Luton	A.		
S.,	Jan.	5	Bournemouth	H.		
S.,	,,	12		H.		
S.,	>>	19	<b>Bristol City</b>	H.		
S.,	77	26	Bournemouth	A.		
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S.,	"		Brentford	A.		
S.,	23	20	Leyton	H.		
S.,	- 23		Birmingham	A.		
S.,	Apr.	6	Leicester	H.		
S.,	37	13	Aldershot	A.		
F.,	,,	19	West Ham	A.		
S.,	>>	20	Swindon	H.		
M.,	22	22	West Ham	H.		
S.,	99	27	Cardiff	A.		
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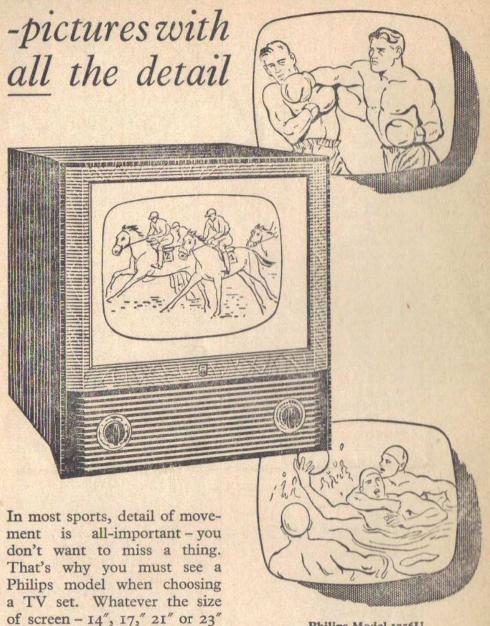
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### MID-WEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES

			Opponents		Result	1	Date		Opponents		Result
M.,	Oct.	15	West Ham	A		W.,	Dec.	12	Chelsea	A.	
			Portsmouth						Arsenal	A.	
W.,	•••	31	Charlton	A.		W.,		13	Tottenham	H.	
			Charlton						Chelsea	H.	
W.,	•	14	Portsmouth	A.		W.,	Mar.	13	West Ham	H.	
W.,	23	28	Arsenal	H.		Th.	25	28	Tottenham	A.	

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