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The Ball today is the kind gift of Mr. R. D. Bromley of R. D. Bromley, Ltd., Corn Merchants of Mardol, Shrewsbury. We thank Mr. Bromley very warmly for his kind gift and hope that the antics of the particular ball will bring forth more corn to the Gay Meadow mill.

Are you buying your Programme. Well, if you continue to support this worthy effort you too will have a chance of seeing the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, for each week at 1st and Reserve team matches the winning number entitles the holder of that number to claim his right to his Wembley ticket. The winner is announced at half-time over the loudspeaker. Don't share a programme, get one yourself and go to Wembley.

Walsall match Stand tickets. To those of you, and there were many, who bought Stand tickets in advance for Boxing Day we ask you to retain your tickets until an announcement is made regarding same, after instructions have been issued by the Customs and Excise, and the Directors have been able to devise the best method of dealing with the tickets.

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PROGRAMME

We have now pleasure in extending to you a belated but no less sincere good wish for the festive season to all Supporters and well wishers. Whilst our football was curtailed, our lads brought welcome Xmas gifts from Gillingham and Walsall, in the shape of a point from each ground. The story of Boxing Day we all know and we were not alone, for all Midland Clubs suffered with us. The results

over the weekend were good for the 1st had two draws, we repeat 1—1 at both Gillingham and Walsall, with O'Donnell and Russell scoring at the respective places; the Reserves continued their revival with a grand  $\delta$ —1 win over Rugby Town, with Shields 2, Webb 1, C. Jones 1, Edgley 1 scoring, whilst the "A" team ran riot with a 10—1 win over Pontesbury, with E. Williams and Harley having three

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each, Rees 2, N. Williams 1 and J. Jones 1. So in two weeks our Junior sides have beaten Pontesbury with 18 goals for and 3 against.

Today our games, if played, are 1st team at home to Swindon Town; Reserves are due at Halesowen Town, and the Colts go to Hinkshay United. The "A" team match versus Hanwood having been cancelled.

Next Saturday we have Oldham Athletic as visitors. In reply to many queries we cannot gef one of League games fitted in as opponents we have still to meet are already committed. We hope a good crowd will rally round next week to see Oldham, and see again a very good tussle which will give an idea of the strength, this time of a Club in the top half of the Northern section. The Reserves visit Tamworth; the Colts entertain Wrockwardine United at the Racecourse, and the "A" side go to Chatwood.

**Financial.** Everyone will realise that despite our team's success, that various interventions, the weather and the like, have decreased the gates, and the biggest blow was, of course, the postponement of the Walsall game at home, which promised to bring the best gate for several seasons. This and the inclement weather attending recent matches has meant a tightening of the belts, but we hope we do not appeal in vain for better and increased support for our remaining home games. Our aim for promotion is a real one, even the severest of our critics have realised that we are well amongst the leaders. To achieve that aim the Players need the maximum of encouragement from large crowds, and the Board and Management need the bigger crowds to have the necessary wherewithal to bring that dream of promotion to reality and establish ourselves for the future. Everyone will realise that the fall in gates has not been altogether the Club's fault, and our recent form and goalgetting does confirm the Managers view that this is his best ever team.

In an early edition, we propose to show you how gate receipts are split up and how little there is left for the Club at the end to pay various commitments, this will have an emphasis on Entertainment Duty, a burden which all interested parties will agree, should be lightened in respect of Professional Football Clubs.

So a warm Appeal to you. Support your Club and play your part in our progress. Yes, your progress too.

We welcome today Swindon Town to the Gay Meadow, a team who started the season badly, but who have improved so much since Bert Head, former Torquay captain and centrehalf and latterly Assistant Manager at Bury, took over the team. Swindon





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will provide stern opposition and be worthy opponents. Early in the season we won 2—1 at Swindon, with O'Donnell and Whitaker, both at wing-forward, scoring the goals. A repeat win would do us good and keep us in a challenging position and give us our first double of the season.

Now some Club notes and jottings, word of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace on the birth of young Martin William, note Joe, he is eligible for England, not Scotland. So this year each of the occupants of Club Flats at Belmont Bank, Jimmy Bannister, Colin Whitaker and now Joe, have had additions to the family, best wishes to all three families. Now to Norman Hobson who joins Miss June Walker in holy matrimony in the summer, we wish them both well. Happier news of injuries, Ron Walker has recovered from his accident and was fit for duty today, apart from Willie O'Donnell, doubtful for today, we have a clean bill of health.

The boys received a very nice letter of thanks from the Dr. Barnardo's homes, the recipients of Xmas gifts as per the usual custom that our players follow at Xmas time.

Now a last word of sympathy to Jimmy Bannister, the cancellation of the Walsall match robbed Jimmy of a good collection for his Benefit, but may we remind you that donations will be gratefully received for this fund, and that other efforts and another collection will be made at dates to be announced later.

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