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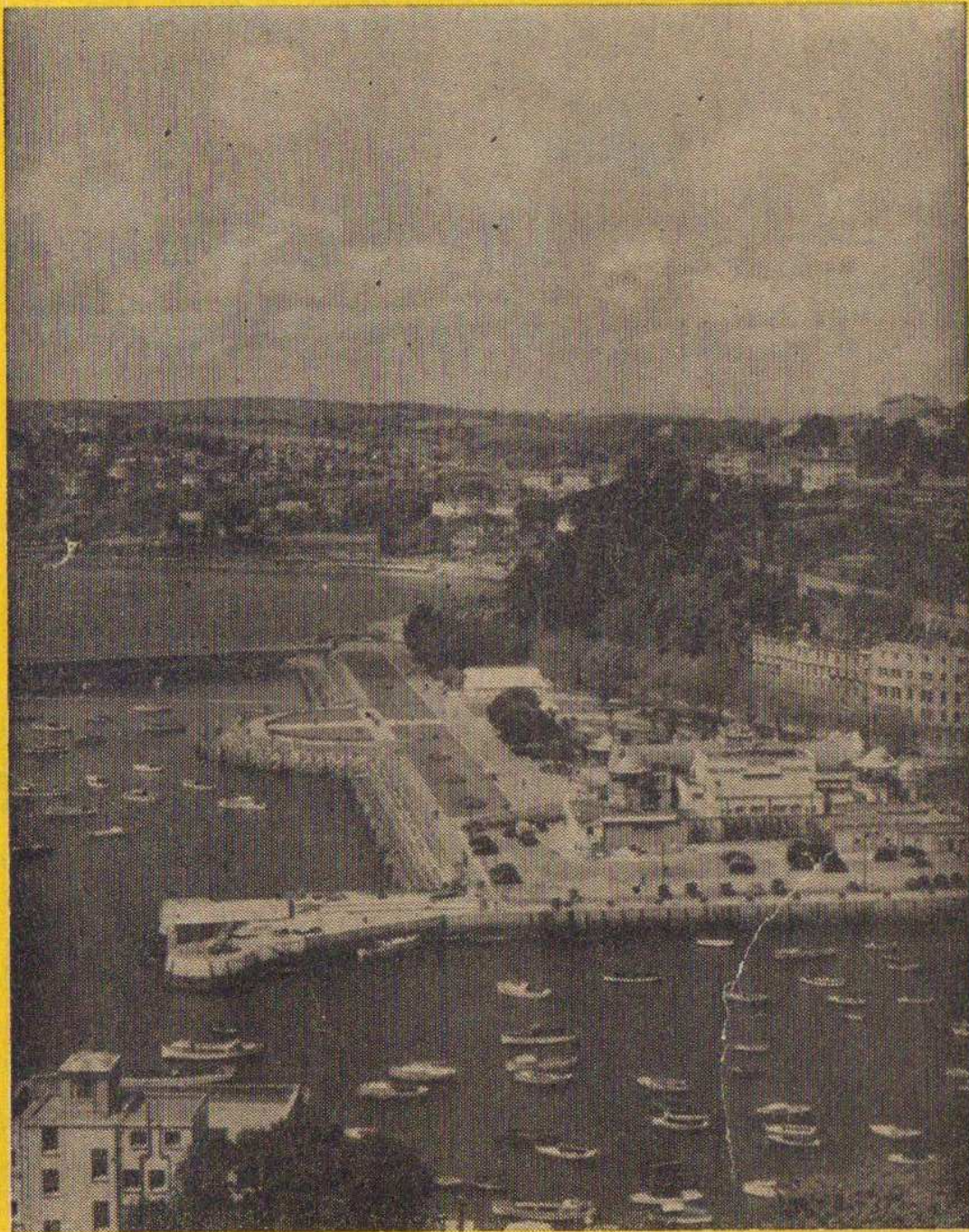


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BY THE TREKKER

Three points from two successive away games. That has been Torquay United's score on leadenly heavy pitches over the past fortnight and it has kept the lads in Gold and Blue well in the running for promotion.

After last Saturday's draw at Gillingham the League table looked good to Torquay supporters. There were the United in second place, only two points behind Colchester and with a home game in hand. Losing at home to Queen's Park Rangers, Southampton were three points behind Torquay and five adrift of Colchester.

True, Southampton have three games in hand on Colchester but two of those are away from home.

So Torquay's position looks good enough to shake out of apathy some of our local die-hards who persist in pessimism about United's promotion bid.

NINE AT HOME

Of the remaining 16 games of the season nine are at home. These, of course, include the fixture with Aldershot, postponed due to F.A. Cup commitments, which has yet to be re-arranged but will probably take place in April, giving Torquay five home games in that month. Excitement may be running high by then.

With a little more luck Torquay might have had even better results at Aldershot and Gillingham. The Hampshire club was beaten by the only goal of the game, scored by Don Mills in the first half, but Torquay were so much the better side they could have won by five clear goals had excellent approach work been driven home with more effect.

It was Mills who scored the equalising goal at Gillingham, only seconds before the interval. It was a cracking shot, placed with care and propelled by that dynamite left foot that had goalkeeper Kingshott beaten all the way.

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Gillingham lost centre-forward Ernie Morgan in the second half after a collision with Torquay goalkeeper Mervyn Gill. Morgan was carried off on a stretcher, returned later but stayed on the field for only a minute before giving up for good. Gillingham fought hard to the end but, in my view were lucky to escape so lightly.

Today we welcome Swindon Town, whom Torquay beat by the odd goal in three at Swindon on September 29th. Since then our old friend Bert Head has taken over the managership and Swindon registered one of the surprises on Saturday when they defeated Bournemouth—Cup tie conquerors of Wolverhampton Wanderers and therefore one of our League's glamour sides—by a 2-1 score.

BERT

For the sake of those supporters who have joined our ranks at Plainmoor in more recent years, Bert Head was one of the club's great stalwarts in the days of Manager John McNeil, skippering the famous £500 side which challenged for promotion. He followed Mr. McNeil to Bury.

We all greatly respected Bert as a player and wish him all the very best in his managerial career.

Another favourite with Plainmoor fans, Gordon Pembury, is on the books of Swindon as a player. Pembury, of course, left Torquay for Charlton and had a chance to return here when transfer listed at the end of last season.

THE LAST TIME

Torquay United v. Swindon, September 17th, 1955.

Considering their superiority over Swindon, United's 4-0 win was not such an impressive result. The margin could have been much larger. After an unsettled early period Torquay produced some fine approach work that had the Swindon defence reeling. Don Mills opened the scoring with a superb drive when he met a Shaw cross-pass and four minutes later Sam Collins scored from the penalty spot. Tony Collins notched the third goal with a brilliant 25-yard shot. United eased off after the interval and the standard of play deteriorated. But Torquay never lost command and two minutes from the end full-back Hilton put through his own goal for Torquay's fourth.

LEAGUE DIVISION 3 (South) APPEARANCES—

Collins, A., Lewis, Mills, Norman, Smith, J. V., 30; Collins, R., 29; Shaw, 28; Calland, Smith, H., 25; James, 23; Gill, 17; Wakeham, 12; Dobbie, Northcott, 5; Clarke, Smith, J. T., 3; Lloyd, 2; Anderton, Langstreth, Milton, 1.

LEAGUE DIVISION 3 (South) GOALSCORERS—

Collins, R., 17; Calland, 12; Mills, 10; Collins, A., 5; Shaw, 2; Anderton, Ferrier (Exeter City) own goal, James, Whitfield (Brighton) own goal, 1.

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From the Manager's Chair



Good afternoon to you all,

The team is at home again today for only the second time this year, having had to play four out of the last five games on our opponents' grounds; of these we had to concede defeats at New Brighton and Millwall but have gained three very valuable points out of the games at Aldershot and Gillingham.

Our visitors today are managed by Bert Head who took over at the beginning of October and who many of you will remember gave excellent service to Torquay as a player before going to Bury as a coach, and subsequently becoming assistant Manager at that club, before taking up his present appointment. I know your many Torquay friends will wish you every success Bert—after today!

The weather is not being at all kind to footballers these days, torrential rain over a sustained period has reduced the grounds to a quagmire, with the possible

exception of Millwall, which was comparatively firm, our lads have had to slog through heavy mud in every match since Boxing Day—a test of stamina for all concerned—and at the time of writing it looks as though today's conditions will be no better, and probably worse.

The Western League side continues its winning way from match to match, and it is very gratifying to me personally, and the Club as a whole, to know that so many of our lads are showing such excellent form. They have a very important game today at Poole, who have the same points as our lads, but have two games in hand—a win today will make a great difference.

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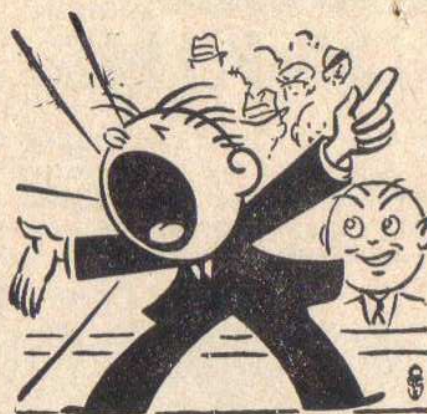


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This afternoon we welcome Swindon Town and the return of the United to Plainmoor, this being the United's second home match in six weeks. Lets hope for a fine afternoon and dare we hope for a 10,000 gate.

We must congratulate the United, three points out of four in their last two away matches, now all we want is just a few more goals—well done, United, for never before have they remained in the top three as long as this Season.

The date of the Supporters' Annual Dinner and Dance is Thursday, March 7th, and it will be held at the Trecarn Hotel, Babbacombe. Tickets 10s. 6d. which may be obtained from Committee members, don't miss it, get your tickets now.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs this year will be held in Torquay; the date is not yet fixed, but it will be in June. We look upon this as a great honour for the vote in favour of Torquay, against all other places in the South Western Area.

Don't forget to book your seats for the Excursion Train on Easter Monday, April 22nd as soon as we let you know the final arrangements, for what may be the vital match, Southampton v. Torquay United.

Your Club Ties are still available at the Supporters' Club Room, price 5s. 11d. each.

Remember, Tuesday night is Whist Drive night at the British Legion Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, at 7.45 p.m. Admission 1s. 6d.

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WESTERN LEAGUE DIVISION I APPEARANCES—

Horswell, 22; Bond, Janes, Langstreth, 20; Lloyd, 18; Clarke, Northcott, Pym, Smith, A., 17; Smith, J. T., 15; Dobbie, 14; Milton, Wakeham, 9; Blackley, 7; Callicott, 5; Anstey, Mayne, 4; Calland, Palmer, 3; Awford, Bastow, Bater, Mitchell, 2; Knapman, Gill, James, 1.

WESTERN LEAGUE DIVISION I GOALSCORERS—

Dobbie, 19; Pym, 10; Smith, J. T., 8; Horswell, Lloyd, 5; Calland, 4; Bond, Clarke, Smith, A., 2; Awford, Bater, Jenkins (Chippenham United) own goal, Langstreth, Nelson (Wells City) own goal, Janes, 1 Street (Bristol Rovers) own goal, 1.

WESTERN LEAGUE CUP APPEARANCES—

Bond, Clarke, Janes, Langstreth, Lloyd, Smith, A., 3; Horswell, Milton, Pym, Smith, J. T., 2; Carter, Dobbie, Knapman, Northcott, Smith, H., Wakeham, 1.

WESTERN LEAGUE CUP GOALSCORERS—Smith, J. T., 4; Smith, A., 1.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Colchester Utd.	31	17	7	7	66	39	41
Torquay United	30	15	9	6	50	48	39
Southampton	28	15	6	7	48	28	36
Ipswich Town	30	14	6	10	66	39	34
Shrewsbury Town	29	10	13	6	43	46	33
Northampton Town	31	12	8	11	48	43	32
Reading	29	13	6	10	53	48	32
Bournemouth	29	11	9	9	54	38	31
Q.P.R.	29	11	9	9	37	37	31
Walsall	31	10	10	11	56	47	30
Brighton	31	11	8	12	53	52	30
Brentford	29	10	9	10	48	51	29
Newport County	26	9	10	7	34	27	28
Watford	29	12	4	13	51	49	28
Millwall	28	11	6	11	47	58	28
Southend	29	10	7	12	45	47	27
Crystal Palace	29	8	11	10	42	48	27
Aldershot	30	10	7	13	56	64	27
Gillingham	31	8	11	12	42	56	27
Exeter City	30	8	10	12	37	45	26
Plymouth Argyle	29	9	6	14	40	49	24
Coventry City	29	8	8	13	41	57	24
Swindon Town	30	10	3	17	49	71	23
Norwich City	31	5	11	15	41	61	21

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Date	1956	Opponents	Grd.	Result	Result	1955/6
Aug.	18	Ipswich Town	h	4-1	2-2	
	23	Walsall	a	1-0	4-1	
	25	Bournemouth	a	0-0	0-2	
	29	Walsall	h	2-0	3-2	
Sept.	1	Exeter City	a	1-1	0-0	
	4	Watford	a	1-4	1-2	
	8	Millwall	h	7-2	3-0	
	12	Watford	h	3-0	4-1	
	15	Brighton & Hove	a	0-6	2-3	
	17	Shrewsbury T.	a	1-1	2-1	
	22	Gillingham	h	3-3	1-1	
	26	Shrewsbury T.	h	1-1	5-0	
	29	Swindon Town	a	2-1	1-2	
Oct.	6	Coventry City	h	3-1	0-0	
	13	Norwich City	a	2-1	0-0	
	20	Colchester Utd.	h	4-2	1-2	
	27	Newport County	a	0-3	1-2	
Nov.	3	Reading	h	3-1	0-0	
	10	Plymouth Argyle	a	0-0	—	
	17	(1) Ely City	a	6-2	—	
	24	Northampton T.	a	0-3	0-2	
Dec.	1	Southend Utd.	h	3-3	2-2	
	8	(2) Plymouth A.	h	1-0	—	
	15	Ipswich Town	a	0-6	2-0	
	22	Bournemouth	h	1-0	0-0	
	25	Brentford	a	0-0	3-1	
	26	Brentford	h	2-0	3-1	
	29	Exeter City	h	1-0	3-1	
Jan., 57	5	(3) New Brighton	a	1-2	—	
	12	Millwall	a	2-7	2-3	
	19	Brighton & Hove	h	1-0	0-0	
	26	Aldershot	a	2-1	2-1	
Feb.	2	Gillingham	a	1-1	3-1	
	9	Swindon Town	h	—	4-0	
	16	Coventry City	a	—	2-1	
	23	Norwich City	h	—	1-1	
Mar.	2	Colchester U.	h	—	2-3	
	9	Crystal Palace	h	—	1-1	
	16	Reading	a	—	3-0	
	23	Plymouth A.	h	—	—	
	30	Queen's Park R.	a	—	1-3	
April	6	Northampton T.	h	—	3-1	
	13	Southend United	a	—	3-2	
	20	Newport County	h	—	1-1	
	22	Southampton	a	—	2-6	
	27	Queen's Park R.	h	—	2-0	
May	1	Crystal Palace	a	—	0-3	

Numbers in brackets denote F.A. Cup Rounds
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WESTERN LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Trowbridge Town	22	14	4	4	55	25	32
Poole Town	21	14	3	4	71	28	31
Torquay United	23	12	7	4	64	30	31
Bridgwater Town	22	11	5	6	37	31	27
Barnstaple Town	24	11	3	10	57	41	25
Yeovil Town	22	12	1	9	51	42	25
Salisbury	22	11	3	8	58	48	25
Portland United	19	9	6	4	48	30	24
Taunton	23	8	8	7	40	34	24
Dorchester Town	21	9	4	8	45	38	22
Weymouth	20	10	1	9	60	53	21
Bristol Rovers	23	8	5	10	41	58	21
Bideford	20	7	5	8	37	41	19
Chippenham United	23	7	4	12	45	65	18
Chippenham Town	19	6	4	9	29	37	16
Frome Town	21	6	2	13	27	55	14
Bristol City	22	6	1	15	30	55	13
Glastonbury	20	5	1	14	36	76	11
Wells City	21	4	1	16	31	75	9

WESTERN LEAGUE (DIVISION I.)

Date	1956	Opponents	Grd.	Result
Aug.	18	Chippenham Utd.	a	2-2
	22	*Bideford	h	3-1
	25	Wells City	h	2-0
	29	*Bideford	a	1-4
Sept.	1	Glastonbury	h	9-1
	8	Bristol Rovers	a	5-2
	15	Portland United	h	0-0
	19	Barnstaple T.	a	2-2
	22	Bristol City	a	2-0
	29	Taunton	h	4-0
Oct.	6	Weymouth	a	1-2
	13	Yeovil Town	h	3-4
	20	Frome Town	a	3-6
	27	Dorchester Town	h	2-0
Nov.	3	Portland United	a	0-1
	10	Chippenham Utd.	h	4-1
	17	Taunton	a	1-1
	24	Bridgwater Town	h	2-1
Dec.	1	Trowbridge Town	a	1-1
	8			—
	15	Poole Town	h	3-2
	22	Bideford	a	0-0
	29	*Dorchester Town	a	1-0
1957				
Jan.	5	P. & D. League (friendly)	h	Cancelled
	12	Barnstaple Town	h	6-0
	19	Salisbury	a	2-2
	26	Bideford	h	5-1
Feb.	2	Frome Town	h	5-1
	9	Poole Town	a	—
	16	Chippenham T.	h	—
	23	Yeovil Town	a	—
Mar.	2	*Poole Town	h	—
	9	Bridgwater Town	a	—
	16	Salisbury	h	—
	23	Dorchester Town	a	—
	30	Bristol Rovers	h	—
April	6	Chippenham T.	a	—
	13	Trowbridge Town	h	—
	20	Wells City	a	—
	22	Bristol City	h	—
	27	Glastonbury	a	—
May	1	Weymouth	h	—

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