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SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, 1957

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

LAYER ROAD GROUND, COLCHESTER

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Colchester United v. Swindon Town

Club Notes . .

To offer any criticism regarding the game at Gillingham would be out of order because the playing surface being concrete hard, plus a sea of bumps, made good football out of the question, and an accurate first time pass almost impossible. Nevertheless, the game never lacked the ingredients necessary to increase the pulse rate, because at no time during the ninety minutes could either side relax.

Once again a large contingent of Colchester supporters made the journey, making their presence felt visibly and verbally ; yes indeed, it's grand to hear "Up the U's" especially away from home. They like ourselves, must have welcomed the referee's final whistle which can best be described as a "Beautiful Buckle Blast."

The two points gained were valuable indeed in view of the delicate position in the first few places ; however, I can assure you they were well earned, because to recover from a one goal deficit away from home can only be classed as a commendable performance.

The Reserves continue to serve up the brand of football we all like to see, and their 8-1 win over Lowestoft in the Eastern Counties League Cup last Saturday, is the stuff to encourage the ever increasing support they are receiving. It was not without its drawback, however, because Derek Parker sustained a knee injury which, whilst not of a serious nature, coming at a time like this, magnifies the issue.

There are still eight games to the end of the season, and like to-day's clash with Swindon, they are all going to be tough and will be treated likewise. I feel we have the material for the job, and providing we can continue to play as well as we are capable, there is every chance we shall achieve our aims.

Our next game at Layer Road, on Saturday, 6th April, is the semi-final of the Eastern Counties League Cup versus Spalding United, kick-off 3.15 p.m., so until then, cheerio for now.

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In other words, tickets cannot be sent by post, nor can we advise the lucky persons of their good fortune.

The collection taken on behalf of Ronnie Hunt amounted to £45 14s. 9d. Our thanks to all those who contributed.

Arrangements have now been made to run coaches to Brentford. The match is on April 6th, and the return fare is 10s. 6d., children being carried at half this fare. We had four coaches for Gillingham, and should like six for Brentford. You can book at the Supporters' Club Offices on the Ground to-day, so please do so if you intend coming along.

We are trying to get sufficient supporters for Easter Monday to travel to Walsall. The fare will be 20s. 3d., let us know early if you are interested.

A. E. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Gd. F.A.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Gd. F.A.</i>
Aug. 18	Southend U.	H 3-2	Dec. 22	Northampton T.	H 5-1
Aug. 22	Crystal Palace	A 4-2	Dec. 25	Norwich City	H 1-1
Aug. 25	Northampton T.	A 0-1	Dec. 26	Norwich City	A 2-1
Aug. 27	Crystal Palace	H 3-3	Dec. 29	Queen's Park R.	A 1-1
Sept. 1	Queen's Park R.	H 1-1	Jan. 5	Coventry City	H 3-2
Sept. 5	Southampton	A 1-2	Jan. 12	Plymouth Argyle	H 2-1
Sept. 8	Plymouth Argyle	A 2-2	Jan. 19	Reading	A 3-0
Sept. 10	Southampton	H 3-1	Jan. 26	Coventry City	A 4-2
Sept. 15	Reading	H 3-2	Feb. 2	Newport County	H 1-0
Sept. 19	Exeter City	A 2-0	Feb. 9	Shrewsbury T.	A 3-1
Sept. 22	Newport County	A 0-1	Feb. 16	Ipswich T.	H 0-0
Sept. 24	Exeter City	H 4-0	Feb. 23	Bournemouth	A 1-1
Sept. 29	Shrewsbury T.	H 6-0	Mar. 2	Torquay U.	H 2-1
Oct. 6	Ipswich T.	A 1-3	Mar. 9	Watford	A 0-0
Oct. 13	Bournemouth	H 3-0	Mar. 16	Brighton	H 0-0
Oct. 20	Torquay U.	A 2-4	Mar. 23	Gillingham	A 2-1
Oct. 27	Millwall	H 2-1	Mar. 30	Swindon	H
Nov. 3	Brighton	A 0-0	April 6	Brentford	A
Nov. 10	Gillingham	H 0-0	April 13	Aldershot	H
Nov. 17	F.A. Cup Southend	H 1-4	April 19	Walsall	H
Nov. 24	Brentford	H 1-0	April 20	Millwall	A
Dec. 1	Aldershot	A 1-2	April 22	Walsall	A
Dec. 8	Radnicki	H 2-6	April 27	Swindon	A
Dec. 15	Southend U.	A 2-3	April 29	Watford	H

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Aug. 18	Bury Town	A 4-3	Dec. 25	Chelmsford	A 2-0
Aug. 23	Harwich and P.	H 5-1	Dec. 26	Chelmsford	H 4-2
Aug. 25	Biggleswade	H 3-2	Dec. 29	March	H 3-2
Aug. 29	Harwich and P.	A 4-0	Jan. 5	Eynesbury	A 4-1
Sept. 1	Eynesbury (CUP)	A 7-0	Jan. 12	Biggleswade	A 1-0
Sept. 6	Clacton Town	H 2-3	Jan. 19	Eynesbury	H 9-1
Sept. 8	Tottenham "A"	H 6-8	Jan. 26	Yarmouth	H 5-2
Sept. 15	Sudbury	A 1-3	Feb. 2	Clacton Town	A 1-0
Sept. 22	Holbeach	H 7-2	Feb. 9	Gorleston	H 10-0
Sept. 29	Norwich "A"	A 6-0	Feb. 16	Gorleston	A 4-0
Oct. 6	Peterborough	H 4-0	Feb. 23	Lowestoft	H 4-2
Oct. 13	Peterborough	A 0-1	Mar. 2	Spalding	A 1-1
Oct. 20	Stowmarket	H 6-0	Mar. 9	Harwich and P.	H 3-0
Oct. 27	March	A 5-3	Mar. 14	Crittalls (E.A.C.)	H 4-1
Nov. 3	Cambridge	H 4-0	Mar. 23	Lowestoft (CUP)	H 8-1
Nov. 10	Stowmarket	A 1-0	Mar. 30	Yarmouth	A
Nov. 17	Lowestoft	A 5-0	April 3	Clacton (E.A.C.)	A
Nov. 24	Cambridge	A 2-3	April 6	Spalding (CUP)	H
Dec. 1	Harwich and P.	H 5-0	April 20	Tottenham "A"	H
Dec. 15	Spalding	H 2-1	April 22	Norwich "A"	H
Dec. 22	Holbeach	A 0-3	April 25	Bury Town	H
			April 30	Sudbury	H

Our Visitors . .

WE have much pleasure in extending a sincere and hearty welcome to our visitors, Swindon Town. Popularly known as the "Railwaymen," Swindon have certainly not had the best of luck in the past couple of seasons, but great possibilities were shown in the side during the Cup Competition last year. The fine display against Charlton in the fourth round most certainly belied their League position.

Previously, and coinciding with the arrival of Geoffrey Cox—appointed manager and coach—they had gone through six successive League games without defeat.



Third Division (South)

		Goals						Pts.
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	
COLCHESTER U.	..	38	20	11	7	74	43	51
Torquay	..	38	19	10	9	76	60	48
Ipswich	..	37	19	7	11	82	42	45
Southampton	..	36	17	8	11	61	40	42
Brighton	..	38	16	10	12	67	55	42
Bournemouth..	..	37	15	11	11	69	49	41
Q.P.R...	..	37	16	9	12	52	47	41
Walsall	..	38	14	12	12	71	58	40
Brentford	..	38	14	12	12	68	66	40
Reading	..	38	16	7	15	70	66	39
Shrewsbury	..	36	12	15	9	59	61	39
Northampton..	..	37	15	8	14	58	54	38
Millwall	..	37	14	9	14	54	73	37
Newport	..	34	12	12	10	48	43	36
Aldershot	..	37	13	9	15	69	77	35
Gillingham	..	38	12	11	15	52	64	35
Watford	..	37	13	9	15	60	61	35
Southend	..	37	12	9	16	53	60	33
Plymouth	..	37	12	8	17	54	62	32
Crystal Palace	..	37	9	13	15	46	60	31
Exeter	..	38	9	12	17	48	66	30
Coventry	..	37	10	10	17	52	72	30
Norwich	..	38	7	12	19	53	82	26
Swindon	..	37	11	4	22	55	90	26

Next Home Game

SATURDAY, 6th APRIL, 1957

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Semi-Final

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A Aston Villa v. Preston	O West Ham v. Middlesbrough
B Blackpool v. Portsmouth	P Coventry v. Aldershot
C Bolton v. Arsenal	Q Crystal Palace v. Walsall
D Charlton v. Birmingham	R Exeter v. Shrewsbury
E Everton v. Newcastle	S Newport v. Gillingham
F Leeds v. Manchester U.	T Northampton v. Bournemouth
G Luton v. Chelsea	U Norwich v. Brentford
H Manchester C. v. West Brom.	V Plymouth v. Millwall
J Sunderland v. Cardiff	W Q.P.R. v. Torquay
K Tottenham v. Sheffield W.	X Reading v. Brighton
L Wolves v. Burnley	Y Southampton v. Watford
M Fulham v. Bristol R.	Z Southend v. Ipswich
N Rotherham v. Leyton Orient	

GOAL SCORERS

Football League, Third Division : Plant 22, Smith 12, McCurley 8, P. Wright 7, Hill, R. 6, Fenton 5, Williams 3, Dale, Fisher and McLeod 2, Barrell, Fowler, Milligan and M. King 1, own goal 1.

Eastern Counties League : Springett 25, Dobson 17, McCurley 11, Barrell 10, King and McLeod 8, Williams 7, Hunt and Blake 6, Miller 4, Hill, B. 3, Hammond 2, Cadman, Fowler, Smith and Hill, R. 1, own goal 2.

Eastern Counties League Cup : Dobson 5, Hammond 3, Blake and Parker 2, Harris, French and Springett 1.

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