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#### Club Notes

Despite the fact we gained a valuable point at Torquay, we lost valuable ground in the League Table because all our nearest rivals won their games.

However, hopes still exist that we may yet reach the top because many of the Clubs holding high positions have yet to play one another. For instance, today, Reading visit Southampton and, of course, Brentford visit Swindon.

Swindon made a great start at Torquay, leading by 2 goals to nil after only a quarter of an hour. Apparently the forwards cleverly lead by newcomer Kelly excelled themselves and made the Torquay defence look poor indeed.

Gradually our opponents came back to their form of the past weeks, and scored before half-time and equalised soon afterwards. Supporters were probably disappointed with a draw when they had learned the early score. Nevertheless, a draw away from home against a team fighting desperately to get away from the bottom of the table was no mean performance. It was very pleasing to read the remarks in the London press regarding the superb fitness of the Swindon team.

The 2,500 spectators at the County Ground saw a most entertaining game against Leyton Orient Reserves. Undoubtedly our lads deserved to win, and would have done so but for the display of goalkeeping by Groom-

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bridge. He gave a dazzling performance of the art of goalkeeping aided by that "little bit of luck" so necessary.

We thought the sportsmanship of our supporters splendid by the way they applauded his efforts, even though they robbed us of victory. The applause was most noticeable after the two penalty saves, although many spectators thought he moved even more on the second occasion. Well done supporters, please keep up the good work. No doubt you will have much to applaud today, as Brentford always give excellent displays at the County Ground. No one, I'm sure, can forget the game against Brentford at the beginning of last season.

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The collection at the match on 22nd February on behalf of the Manchester United Relief Fund, produced £102. In view of the fact that the gate on that day was 10,300—rather below average—this amount may be regarded as very satisfactory, particularly as the necessary permission was not received in time for any preliminary advertisements or notices to be issued.

One of the ladies of our Committee, at present in Canada, has sent us a list of people there whom she has enrolled as members of the Club. This "missionary spirit" has much to commend it, and we hope that our supporters nearer home will do all possible to introduce newcomers to Swindon to the County Ground.

We know that this is by no means easy, having tried to bring people along to matches. Some have said quite frankly that they would prefer to go to London for the day and watch the team which they have habitually supported. This attitude can readily be understood. Others have said that, having supported one of the bigger London clubs, they do not relish the

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idea of watching a Division III team. However, on occasions, we have been successful in bringing newcomers to the County Ground, and a number of them have acquired the habit of attending regularly.

One of the London papers last week-end referred to Swindon players as "a magnificently trained team, lacking, near goal, some of the killer-instinct necessary to a promotion team." On behalf of all supporters we wish the forwards "good hunting" today, in order to recover some of the ground which has been lost during the last few weeks. We hope that J. Kelly's stay with Swindon will be happy and successful.

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C	_	Blackpool	v.	Nottingham Forest
D	_	Bolton W.	}- v.	Birmingham
E		Leeds U.	v.	Tottenham Hotspur
F	_	Leicester C.	v.	Portsmouth
G	-	Luton Town	v.	Manchester City
Н	_	Manchester Utd.	v.	West Brom. A.
1	_	Wolverhampton W.	v.	Newcastle United
J	-	Blackburn R.	v.	Grimsby
K	_	Bristol Rovers	v. v.	Liverpool
L		Derby County	v.	Middlesbrough
M	_	Fulham	v.	Charlton A.
N	_	Ipswich	V.	Stoke City
0		Lincoln City	v.	Cardiff City
P	_	Notts County	V.	Bristol City
Q	_	Sheffield United	v.	Huddersfield
R	-	Aldershot	v.	Torquay
S	_	Queen's Park R.	v.	Walsall
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