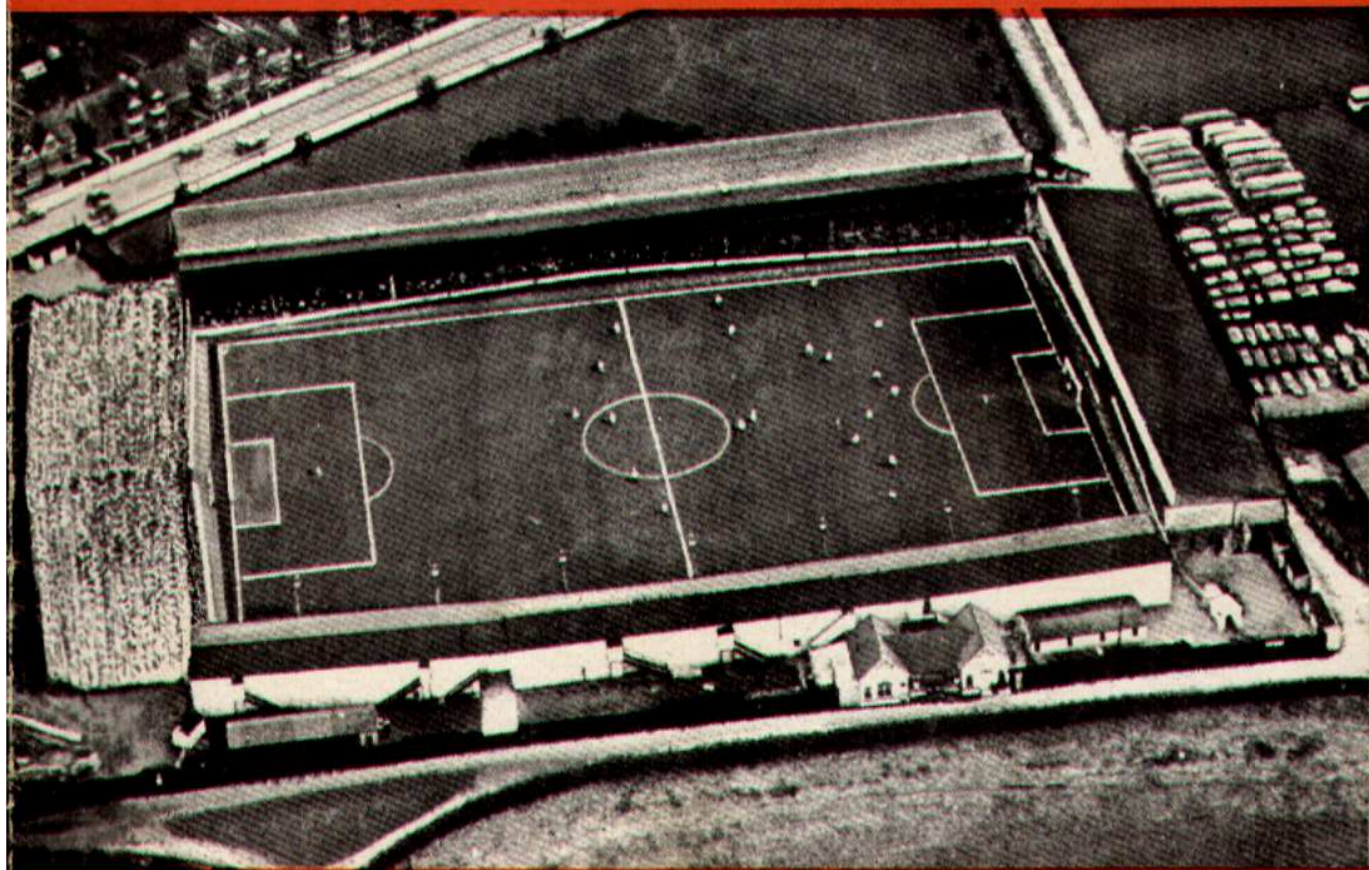




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CLUB NOTES

This evening we entertain newcomers to Division 3, Grimsby Town. Last season they were relegated by the narrowest of margins. In fact many thought them unlucky not to retain Division 2 status.

However, they have made an excellent start to the season having played five games, winning four, and drawing one with a goal average of 17 goals to 4. A very fine record indeed, and one which places them deservedly at the top of the League table.

To date they are undefeated, and so today's game will be an important one, and no doubt a hard match.

Swindon's form has been in and out, with some excellent displays, and some quite indifferent. After the defeat of Bradford City on the Saturday, the result at Barnsley, 3 to nil in our favour, was most encouraging.

A large contingent made the trip to Coventry, in high hopes after the scoring spree by the forwards. However, it was not to be, Swindon unfortunately struck one of their bad spells. Nothing would go right, and we were somewhat fortunate to come away, with only 3 goals against.

May we return to form tonight, and a real rousing game will result, as undoubtedly Grimsby will be out to preserve their unbeaten record.

Many older supporters will remember with pride the two games against Grimsby Town in the splendid Cup run of Season 1937-38.

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The famous Tweedy was in goal for Grimsby, and the goal scorers for Swindon were Hetherington (outside left) and Alan Fowler (a dapper inside right, who unfortunately was killed in the war). Also included in the Swindon team were Lucas, Morton, and a great stalwart of the club at that period, our own Harry Cousins, still a great servant as 1st Team Trainer.

To our visitors we say "Welcome, once more to the County Ground. Thanks for the happy memories. May we see a grand game of football, and the better team win."

We trust we shall have the honour of entertaining tonight Mr. Arthur Drewry, for many years a Director of Grimsby, and for six years 1949-55, President of the Football League.

On Saturday yet another Club from the North, York City, will play at the County Ground. Last season their experience was exactly the reverse of Grimsby Town. York won promotion from Division 4, and this will probably be their first ever visit to Swindon. They also will bring with them a colourful personality in football, namely, Manager Sam Bartram, for many years a great goalkeeper for Charlton.

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Result—Lost 3-1. Scorer: Layne.

Reserve Team v. Coventry City

Medlock; Marks, Chamberlain; Reeves, Hudson, Woodruff; Corbett,
Hunt, Marshall, Summerbee, Hoskins.

Result—Won 4-0. Scorers: Woodruff, Corbett, Marshall, Hudson.

Team v. Devizes Town

Chandler; Woollen, Puffett; Newton, Hawkins, Morris; Bates,
Woolford, Davies, Hobbs, Wall.

Result—Lost 3-0.

Team v. Chipping Norton

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Result—Draw 2-2. Scorer: Atkins (2).

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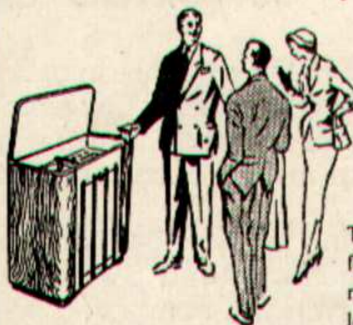
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As a result of the expansion of Swindon during the past few years, thousands of new residents have moved into the town, some of whom must be "football-minded", but the gates at the County Ground have not increased as might reasonably have been expected.

After making allowances for the large numbers who attend from surrounding districts (and Swindon Town F.C. may be regarded as particularly fortunate, compared with some clubs, so far as country support is concerned) an analysis which we have made recently shows that the proportion of townspeople attending matches is rather low, having regard to some Division III Clubs such as Norwich, Southampton and Newport, for example.

May we, therefore, appeal to regular supporters living in the Town, to do all in their power to bring friends and neighbours to the County Ground (including, if possible newcomers to the Town), and

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OUR VISITORS

BARNETT (Alan). One of three players on the books with links with Portsmouth. Barnett was signed from Pompey in December, 1958. He was spotted playing at a holiday camp in 1954 when Jack Mansell, Pompey full back, was coaching there. Born in Croydon. Age 24, he married a typist in the Portsmouth club offices in 1958.

RICHARDSON (David). Was a wing half when signed from Leicester City in the summer of 1955. He figured in the Northern Section championship side of 1955-56 in that position but lost his place at Easter. He was then converted into a full back and has been a regular defender ever since.

DONOVAN (Don). Purchased from Everton in the summer of 1958. A Republic of Ireland international, Don made 177 League appearances for Everton before joining Grimsby. A versatile player, he has played in all defence positions—including wing half—and also figured at inside forward.

JOBLING (Keith). Another product of Grimsby football, he joined the Mariners as a wing half in 1953 and after completing his National Service settled down at centre half and never missed a League match in the 1958-59 season.

WELBOURNE (Duncan). Comes from neighbouring Scunthorpe and, in fact, was an amateur with Scunthorpe United before signing professional terms for Grimsby in the 1957-58 Season. He is 18.

BIRBECK (Joe). Aged 26 he was signed from Middlesbrough in the summer of 1959. He was a regular member of the Borough's side until they signed Ernie Walley from Spurs. He then lost his place, asked for a move and joined the Mariners.

SCOTT (John). Outside right, a former Manchester United winger, Scott has twice played for Northern Ireland in World Cup matches. He has also been in Ireland's "B" team in a match against Rumania "B". A clever ball player with a particularly accurate centre.

CULLEN (Mick). Inside or outside right: made more than 100 appearances for Luton before signing for Grimsby in June, 1958. Capped on left wing for Scotland against Austria in 1956.

HUNT (Ralph). Centre Forward: signed from Derby in the summer of 1959. He had one season with Derby, having been secured from Norwich City for whom he scored 75 goals in three seasons. Previously he was with Bournemouth and an amateur with Portsmouth.

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FELL (Jimmy). Outside left: another local, Fell joined the club as a teenager and graduated through the junior teams. Now 23, he, too, has been noted by the scouts for a punishing left foot shot and his speed. Like Barnett, Jimmy's was a club romance, for he also married the girl in the secretary's office.

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