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CLUB NOTES

Unfortunately these notes have to be written before the game at Wrexham. We trust the result will be a good one.

Mention has been made regarding the in and out form of the senior side. Such was the case in the home game with Wrexham (our last home game). In the first half Swindon was completely on top, and gained a three goals lead. In the second half by reason of good football our visitors dominated the game, without being dangerous. Swindon came back in the last quarter of an hour, and finished worthy winners by four goals to one. We have frequently appealed to spectators to appreciate good play by either side. Can we once again ask supporters to show real sportsmanship. Applaud the play of our opponents by all means, we hope you always will, but please do not jeer, or discourage either side. Remember a team can only play as well as its opponents allow.

In the second half Wrexham played excellent football, moving the ball quickly from man to man. Consequently our own lads could not get to grips with the game. For one short period we had something which brings discredit to any club. Slow hand-clapping and discouragement. Such behaviour helps no one.

Incidentally last week in just eight days, Swindon played three games, winning all three, and scoring eight goals for two against. Such form is surely excellent. We only hope the good work has continued at Wrexham, but the home club will be out for revenge, and their strength and ability was shown in their defeat of Grimsby (the best team seen on the County Ground this season) on Saturday last.

Plans are being formulated to increase the present Programme. It is hoped to increase the information regarding the club, and its many teams. Other factors will also be included to interest supporters. A larger Programme will unfortunately increase costs. It is our earnest wish not to increase the purchase price to 4d., but we may be forced to do so. We are sure all spectators will support us in this venture. Our real purpose is to increase the number of programmes sold. We

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This afternoon we welcome once again old rivals Newport County. They have made a good start to the season, and since 1946, have found the County Ground a happy hunting ground. We trust such will not be the case this afternoon. Older supporters will remember the wet day some years before the war, when Newport was defeated by 8 goals to 1, with the outstanding player for Swindon, Jimmy Murphy, now assistant manager to Manchester United and manager of Wales' International team.

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Newport County was formed in 1912 and entered the Second Division of the old Southern League. They joined the First Division of the Southern League in 1919 and were absorbed in to the new Division III of the Football League when it was founded in 1920. The club won promotion to Division II in the 1938-39 season, and was relegated at the end of season 1946-47.

Record gate for Somerton Park was against Cardiff City on 16th October, 1937, when a crowd of 24,268 attended. The best Cup run enjoyed by the Club was during 1948-49 season, this ended when they were defeated 3-2 at Portsmouth after extra time in the Fifth Round.

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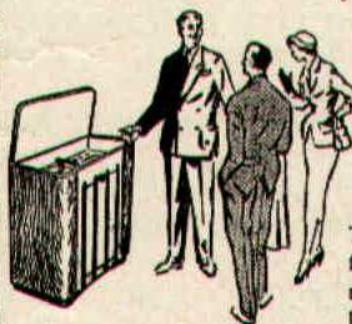
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We have no doubt that there is a wide variety of opinion between Directors, Management, Supporters and Players, regarding certain items of expenditure, from time to time, but we are all of one mind when the question of bonus money is paid. The larger this item becomes, the more we are all pleased.

So often it happens, however, (not only with Swindon) that, after a gratifying run of away performances, there is a larger attendance than usual at the next home match, and then—to the disappointment of all—something goes wrong. May it not be so today, but, if there happen to be present, some who may not usually attend, may we ask for continued support and attendance at the County Ground?

May we just clarify one point regarding membership of our Club, on which there seems to be some misunderstanding? Those who have paid the initial membership fee, and who also belong to the competition, are members of the Club. It is impossible to belong to the Competition, without first joining the Club, and no further action is

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