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CLUB NOTES

Swindon v. Reading, a match eagerly anticipated by many supporters. We trust our team will return to form for this important fixture. What "ups and downs" occur in football. After winning five games in a row, we unfortunately lost three in succession, 0-1, 1-5, 1-3. The chief factor was of course the injuries. The team had settled down into a well knit unit, playing good football, when it lost Edwards and Hoskins from the forward line. Much of the rhythm disappeared from the play. Whilst the effort and determination were there, the balance had gone. No doubt many Swindon followers were disappointed with the showing at Southampton, and yet in the last quarter of an hour we might easily have scored three more goals. Changes were made in the forward line for the return game at Accrington, but the team failed to regain its previous methodical play.

All connected with the two clubs playing today will regret the death of Mr. Louis Page. Some of our older supporters of the early 1920's will remember him playing on the County Ground at outside left for Northampton, with a grand player on the other wing, Billy Pease. Both were soon transferred to First Division Clubs, and Louis Page soon established himself as Burnley's outside-left. In fact he became one of the outstanding left-wingers in the country, and was capped seven times in all for England. He also played for Manchester United, and Port Vale. At the conclusion of his playing career Mr. Page remained in Football as a manager, having a short spell with Yeovil Town. It was with Swindon Town, however, that he made his name. He took over in 1946, when football restarted on the County Ground after the war. The post war period was a prosperous one for the club. The team enjoyed several successful seasons, and the ground became one of the finest and neatest in the South of England. Mr. Page finally left Swindon in 1953 after seven years as manager-secretary, to take

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charge at Chester. For the past few years he has been chief scout at Leicester City.

Born in Liverpool, Louis Page could quite easily have been a professional boxer, had he not chosen football instead.

Swindon Town Football Club extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Page, and all the family.

The club has also lost by death, the services of a devoted and loyal supporter, Mrs. Hawkins. She joined the Supporters Club at its inception and worked extremely hard as a member of the committee. In fact she worked for Swindon Town F.C. almost to the day of her death. We tender our sincere sympathy to her family in the loss of such a great worker and friend.

Finally, may we give a welcome to our friends from Reading. Great games have resulted from our past encounters. So, can today's game be the finest ever?

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Wootton Bassett	5	3	2	0	20	11	8
Westbury United	5	4	0	1	18	10	8
Purton	6	4	0	2	17	11	8
Chippenham Tn. Res.	8	3	1	4	25	21	7
Warminster Town	4	3	0	1	19	12	6
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Melksham Town	5	2	1	2	15	10	5
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HELLENIC LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Abingdon Town	8	8	0	0	36	5	16
Swindon Town	11	7	1	3	31	17	15
Thatcham	8	6	1	1	26	13	13
Luton Town	8	6	1	1	34	17	13
Hungerford Town	9	4	2	3	26	27	10
Thame United	9	4	1	4	23	20	9
Bicester Town	9	4	1	4	20	22	9
Witney Town	8	2	4	2	23	18	8
Stockenchurch	9	4	0	5	22	18	8
Headington United	9	3	2	4	27	24	8
Amersham Town	9	3	1	5	19	23	7
Wallingford Town	7	3	1	3	13	17	7
Newbury Town	10	3	1	6	18	32	7
Kidlington	8	3	0	5	16	28	6
Pressed Steel (Cowley)	9	3	0	6	17	33	6
Chipping Norton Town	9	2	1	6	17	27	5
Wantage Town	8	0	1	7	5	34	1

LEAGUE—DIVISION III

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Halifax Town	15	9	4	2	25	14	22
Bury	16	10	1	5	22	11	21
Queen's Park Rangers	16	8	4	4	28	15	20
Southampton	16	8	4	4	42	31	20
Coventry City	16	7	5	4	27	16	19
Norwich City	15	8	3	4	30	19	19
Shrewsbury Town	15	8	3	4	41	27	19
Bournemouth	16	9	1	6	31	28	19
Swindon Town	16	8	2	6	27	27	18
Grimsby Town	16	6	5	5	35	26	17
Newport County	15	7	3	5	25	27	17
Barnsley	16	6	4	6	22	20	16
Brentford	16	6	4	6	28	26	16
Colchester United	16	7	2	7	32	33	16
York City	16	5	6	5	21	22	16
Port Vale	15	7	1	7	22	30	15
Tranmere Rovers	16	5	3	8	27	22	13
Bradford City	16	5	3	8	29	34	13
Southend United	15	5	2	8	19	31	12
Accrington Stanley	16	4	3	9	18	38	11
Reading	16	3	4	9	32	35	10
Wrexham	15	3	3	9	22	37	9
Chesterfield	14	4	0	10	23	37	8
Mansfield Town	15	2	4	9	22	44	8

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Watford	11	8	1	2	28	14	17
Norwich City	11	7	2	2	33	17	16
Northampton Town	9	6	1	2	17	13	13
Fulham	9	6	0	3	28	15	12
Reading	10	5	2	3	24	20	12
Swindon Town	10	5	1	4	28	18	11
Plymouth Argyle	10	4	3	3	25	20	11
Cardiff City	9	5	1	3	17	14	11
Bristol Rovers	9	5	1	3	16	14	11
Queen's Park Rangers	9	5	0	4	15	12	10
Shrewsbury Town	12	4	2	6	23	28	10
Notts County	9	4	1	4	17	18	9
Brentford	10	3	3	4	14	25	9
Mansfield Town	11	2	4	5	15	22	8
Crystal Palace	12	3	2	7	17	28	8
Colchester United	11	3	1	7	31	31	7
Coventry City	9	2	3	4	13	20	7
Millwall	8	3	0	5	16	17	6
Aldershot	9	2	2	5	9	20	6
Gillingham	10	1	2	7	12	32	4

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Born: Oxford. Transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C., on August 10th, 1954, upon his release from the Royal Air Force. Selected as a Reserve for England Under 23 XI, versus Italy, in January, 1955.

BERNARD GOODALL (Right Back)

Born: London. An amateur player with the Club from September, 1953 to November, 1954. Signed as a professional player on July 4th, 1959, upon his release from H.M. Forces.

RAY REEVES (Left Full Back)

Born: Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff in August, 1947, and signed as a professional player on May 17th, 1949, and today is the senior professional. As a Youth Player, played for the F.A. Youth XI, in this country and in Holland in season 1948-49. Has made over 200 first team appearances.

JOHN WALKER (Right Half-back)

Born: Glasgow. An experienced player who was transferred from Southampton F.C. on December 12th, 1957. He assisted Southampton F.C. for five seasons and was previously with Wolverhampton Wanderers for a similar period.

GORDON NEATE (Centre Half)

Born: Reading. Joined the Club's ground staff upon leaving school in April, 1956, and has graduated through the Club's Minor and Youth teams. Signed as a professional player, on March 17th, 1958. Made his first team debut on April 20th, 1959, versus Colchester United F.C.

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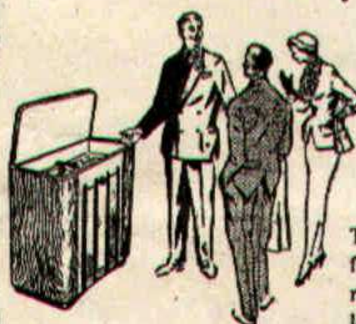
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OUR VISITORS—continued

MAURICE EVANS (Left Half-back)

Born: Didcot. Now in his eighth season with our Club, Maurice joined the Club's ground staff in September, 1952, and signed as a professional player in September the following year. During his period of National Service, played in many representative games for the Royal Air Force.

JOHN McILVENNY (Outside Right)

Born: Barnstaple. Transferred from Bristol Rovers F.C. on June 6th, 1959. Prior to joining the Bristol Club in 1952, whom he assisted for seven years, John played for West Bromwich Albion F.C. from 1949-51.

JIMMY WHEELER (Inside Right)

Born: Reading. Another of our local born players, Jimmy joined the Club as an amateur player in May, 1952. He signed as a professional player in August of the same year. The Club's leading goalscorer last season with 23 goals.

WILLIAM LACEY (Centre Forward)

Born: Tynemouth. Joined the Club on July 24th, 1959, when he was transferred from Aldershot F.C., for whom he played for six seasons. Prior to joining the Hampshire Club, assisted Middlesbrough F.C.

PETER SHREEVES (Inside Left)

Born: Neath. Recommended to the Club whilst assisting the Finchley F.C. Signed as an amateur player on May 6th, 1958, and as a professional on January 19th, 1959. Made his first team debut on February 21st, 1959, versus Southampton and scored the opening goal.

GEORGE McLUCKIE (Outside Left)

Born: Falkirk. Joined our Club on June 12th, 1958 from Ipswich Town F.C. Prior to assisting the East Anglia Club, played for Blackburn Rovers F.C.

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SATURDAY SUMMARY — OCTOBER 10th

First Team v. Southampton—

Burton; Chamberlain, Bingley; Morgan, Mellor, Woodruff; Corbett, Richards, Layne, Gauld, Darcy.

Result: Lost 5-1. Scorer: Gauld.

Reserve Team v. Colchester United—

Medlock; Higgins, Thompson; Fountain, Hudson, Tilley; Stephens, Hunt, Summerbee, Woolford, Jackson.

Result: Won 3-1. Scorers: Woolford (2), Summerbee.

Premier League Team v. British Railways—

Chandler; Marks, Puffett; Reeves, Hawkins, Morris; Shergold, Bates, Davies, Atkins, Wall.

Result: Lost 3-2. Scorers: Davies, Atkins.

Hellenic League Team v. Bicester Town—

Ayres; Wollen, Trollope; Wyatt, Ford, Robinson; Kilby, Smart, Skull, Holder, Gardiner.

Result: Lost 4-0.

'B' Team v. Ferndale—

Grey; Newman, Miles; Newton, Findlay, Westlake; Skeen, Wall, Cousins, Hughes, Pflieger.

Result: Won 2-0. Scorers: Cousins, Findlay.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

First Team v. Accrington Stanley—

Burton; Chamberlain, Bingley; Morgan, Mellor, Woodruff; Stephens, Hunt, Marshall, Gauld, Darcy.

Result: Lost 3-1. Scorer: Gauld.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS TO DATE

DIVISION III

Aug.	22	Q.P.R.	(a)	0-2
	26	Barnsley	(h)	1-1
	29	Bradford C.	(h)	5-3
Sept.	3	Barnsley	(a)	3-0
	5	Coventry C.	(a)	1-3
	9	Grimsby T.	(h)	3-2
	12	York C.	(h)	1-1
	15	Grimsby T.	(a)	0-3
	19	Bury	(h)	1-0
	23	Wrexham	(h)	4-1
	26	Chesterfield	(a)	3-1
	30	Wrexham	(a)	2-1
Oct.	3	Newport C.	(h)	1-0
	7	Accrington S.	(h)	0-1
	10	Southampton	(a)	5-1
	12	Accrington S.	(a)	1-3
	17	Reading	(h)	
	24	Shrewsbury T.	(a)	
	31	Halifax T.	(h)	
Nov.	7	Norwich C.	(a)	
	14			
	21	Colchester U.	(a)	
	28	Southend U.	(h)	
Dec.	12	Port Vale	(h)	
	19	Q.P.R.	(h)	
	26	Bournemouth	(a)	
	28	Bournemouth	(h)	

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Jan.	2	Bradford C.	(a)	
	9	Brentford	(h)	
	16	Coventry C.	(h)	
	23	York C.	(a)	
	30	Mansfield T.	(a)	
Feb.	6	Bury	(a)	
	13	Chesterfield	(h)	
	20	Newport C.	(a)	
	27	Southampton	(h)	
Mar.	5	Reading	(a)	
	12	Shrewsbury T.	(h)	
	19	Southend U.	(a)	
	26	Norwich C.	(h)	
Apr.	2	Brentford	(a)	
	9	Colchester U.	(h)	
	15	Tranmere R.	(a)	
	16	Halifax T.	(a)	
	18	Tranmere R.	(h)	
	23	Mansfield T.	(h)	
	30	Port Vale	(a)	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

		Northampton T.	(h)	3-0
		Gillingham	(a)	1-2
		Shrewsbury T.	(a)	1-1
		Coventry C.	(h)	4-0
		Q.P.R.	(a)	2-4
		Gillingham	(h)	7-2
		Fulham	(a)	2-5
		Bristol R.	(a)	2-3
		Aldershot	(a)	3-0
		Colchester	(h)	3-1
		Brentford	(a)	
		Mansfield T.	(h)	
		Crystal P.	(a)	
		Norwich C.	(h)	
		Plymouth A.	(a)	
		Notts County	(h)	
		Reading	(a)	
Dec. 5		Cardiff C.	(h)	
		Colchester U.	(a)	
		Millwall	(h)	
		Millwall	(a)	
		Shrewsbury T.	(h)	
		Watford	(a)	
		Coventry C.	(a)	
		Watford	(h)	
		Q.P.R.	(h)	
		Fulham	(h)	
		Aldershot	(h)	
		Mansfield T.	(a)	
		Crystal P.	(h)	
		Norwich C.	(a)	
		Plymouth A.	(h)	
		Notts C.	(a)	
		Reading	(h)	
		Cardiff C.	(a)	
		Bristol R.	(h)	
		Brentford	(h)	
		Northampton T.	(a)	

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Two of Swindon's older supporters have died this week. The late Mr. J. Curtis was in his usual seat at the County Ground until the most recent matches. He could talk most entertainingly of players and matches of the past. Of recent years he had developed more than an average interest in the 'A' team, by reason of the fact that one of his grandsons (who was a member of one of the very successful schoolboys' teams to have represented Swindon lately), had become a regular member of the team.

The memories of the late Mr. W. H. Hall, also extended over a long period; he was very interested in the work of our Club, and regularly patronised our various activities.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends of these two gentlemen.

We shall be pleased to meet any officials of the Reading F.C. Supporters' Club, if they care to visit our Office near the Car Park.

Our Club was formed just a little later than the Reading Club, and some officials of the Reading and Southampton Supporters' Clubs gave us valuable advice in March 1931, on the inception of our Club.

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D—Blackpool v. Leeds
E—Bolton v. West Brom. A.
F—Everton v. West Ham
G—Fulham v. Newcastle
H—Luton v. Chelsea
I—Manchester C. v. Leicester
J—Notts F. v. Birmingham
K—Sheffield W. v. Tottenham
L—Wolves v. Manchester Utd.
M—A. Villa v. Middlesbrough
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O—Huddersfield v. Cardiff
P—Ipswich v. Rotherham
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R—Portsmouth v. Plymouth
S—Sunderland v. Derby
T—Accrington v. Norwich

Second Section

Bournemouth v. Brentford
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