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CLUB NOTES

After the spell of two away victories, we have lost ground by two defeats—0—3 v. Southampton at home, and 0—3 against Reading away.

Quite a large contingent of our supporters journeyed to Reading and were sadly disappointed. Hopes were high at half-time, as we had enjoyed the better part of the play, although we must admit, Reading certainly lacked keenness and fire.

Soon after the interval Swindon gave away the penalty, and from then onwards Reading gradually got on top. Our lads seemed to lose all their determination and fight and the Reading goalkeeper had little to trouble him apart from two headers.

The game as a whole was disappointing as a spectacle, probably due to the quick change in the state of the ground, from wet clinging mud to a dry ground in one week. We can only hope by today, the players will have got used to the faster grounds.

The Reserves managed to defeat Crystal Palace by the only goal scored by Jackson.

Unfortunately Wiltshire Youth Team, composed of ten Swindon F.C. lads lost to Middlesex at Enfield Stadium by 5 goals to nil. The score flattered Middlesex, as Wiltshire played quite well, especially in the second half. Defensive errors unfortunately cost Wiltshire several goals against.

It is pleasing indeed, to again see a Swindon schoolboy picked for England. We look forward to him joining many of his friends and colleagues among our ground staff lads in a few months' time.

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Club Notes (continued)

The game today should prove fast and interesting. To date Shrewsbury Town F.C. have enjoyed one of their best seasons since joining the league. During the past two months their form has lapsed a little, and they have lost several matches, including last Saturday's 2—5 at home against Chesterfield. Earlier in the season Shrewsbury seemed to be well in the running for promotion, and they will be anxious to regain their earlier form now the matches are again being played on firm dry grounds.

The game will, therefore, be most important to both teams. Shrewsbury still with a very slight chance of honours. As for Swindon, two points this afternoon are most essential to keep us in a reasonable position away from the bottom four places. May we get that long looked for return to form, and a goal scoring forward line.

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Swindon Town	22	15	1	6	74	34	31
Luton Town	24	14	2	8	73	57	30
Thatcham	21	13	3	5	71	43	29
Bicester Town ...	...	...	21	12	2	7	57	45	26
Hungerford Town ...	...	...	22	11	4	7	63	63	26
Witney Town ...	...	...	19	8	6	5	54	39	22
Wallingford Town ...	...	...	22	10	2	10	50	58	22
Headington United ...	...	...	21	8	5	8	67	54	21
Thame United ...	...	...	22	9	3	10	58	51	21
Stokenchurch ...	...	...	20	10	0	10	54	54	20
Kidlington ...	...	...	21	8	3	10	44	60	19
Amersham Town ...	...	...	23	8	1	14	46	69	17
Pressed Steel (Cowley) ...	...	...	22	7	3	12	42	77	17
Newbury Town ...	...	...	22	6	2	14	42	68	14
Wantage Town ...	...	...	22	3	2	17	36	83	8
Chipping Norton Tn. ...	...	...	22	2	3	17	32	71	7

WILTSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Westbury Utd. ...	...	...	22	18	1	3	86	29	37
Swindon Tn. 'A' ...	...	...	22	13	4	5	84	50	30
Swindon B.R. ...	...	...	20	12	2	6	65	27	26
Chippenham Tn. R. ...	...	...	23	11	3	9	64	51	25
Warminster Tn. ...	...	...	19	11	3	5	49	41	25
Melksham Town ...	...	...	20	10	4	6	64	33	24
Devizes Tn. ...	...	...	18	9	5	4	56	29	23
Pinehurst ...	...	...	19	10	2	7	52	31	22
Wootton Bass. ...	...	...	16	8	5	3	48	32	21
Purton ...	...	...	22	9	1	12	62	53	19
Calne & Harris U. ...	...	...	18	8	2	8	49	51	18
Frome Tn. Res. ...	...	...	23	8	2	13	55	79	18
Chipp. Utd. Res. ...	...	...	21	4	1	16	29	74	9
Bulford Utd. ...	...	...	20	3	2	15	37	114	8
Spencer Moulton ...	...	...	23	0	1	22	24	130	1

LEAGUE—DIVISION III

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Southampton	33	21	6	6	86	54	48
Bury	34	19	6	10	52	33	44
Norwich City	34	18	6	10	64	45	42
Coventry City	33	16	7	10	60	44	39
Colchester Utd.	35	15	9	11	62	52	39
Grimsby Tn.	35	13	12	10	68	56	38
Port Vale	34	16	5	13	60	56	37
Bournemouth	34	13	11	11	56	54	37
Shrewsbury Tn.	33	14	8	11	75	59	36
Bradford City	33	13	10	10	57	48	36
Queen's Pk. R.	33	13	7	12	56	42	35
Barnsley	35	12	11	12	51	55	35
Brentford	34	13	7	14	55	51	33
Newport County	34	15	3	16	59	63	33
Halifax Tn.	33	13	7	13	49	55	33
York City	34	11	11	12	44	51	33
SWINDON	34	13	6	15	46	55	32
Southend Utd.	34	12	7	15	53	58	31
Reading	33	11	7	15	67	66	29
Tranmere Rovers	35	10	8	17	59	65	28
Chesterfield	33	12	4	17	52	66	28
Mansfield Tn.	32	9	5	18	58	86	23
Wrexham	34	9	5	20	53	82	23
Accrington	34	8	4	22	43	89	20

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Watford	28	18	5	5	83	46	41
Fulham	28	17	2	9	81	52	36
Cardiff City	28	16	4	8	68	46	36
Norwich City	26	16	3	7	67	46	35
Reading	28	14	6	8	58	54	34
Plymouth Argyle	26	13	6	7	71	47	32
Bristol Rovers	26	14	3	9	71	51	31
Colchester Utd.	29	13	5	11	74	59	31
Swindon Town	29	12	6	11	68	51	30
Northampton Tn.	27	13	4	10	50	53	30
Notts County	29	11	5	13	61	61	27
Shrewsbury Tn.	31	10	7	14	71	76	27
Crystal Palace	30	11	4	15	57	62	26
Coventry City	31	9	8	14	48	75	26
Queen's Pk. R.	29	11	3	15	50	66	25
Aldershot	30	9	8	13	53	80	25
Millwall	30	9	5	16	61	70	23
Mansfield Tn.	24	7	8	9	43	53	22
Brentford	29	7	7	15	44	70	21
Gillingham	30	2	6	22	34	95	10

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ALAN HUMPHREYS (Goalkeeper). A Chester born lad, was previously on the ground staff. A capable goalkeeper.

RUSSELL CROSSLEY (Goalkeeper). This capable goalkeeper joined Shrewsbury in January 1954, from Liverpool. Has made many first team appearances. His hobby in his spare time is farming.

NORMAN HOBSON (Right Back). A local lad who joined the Club in October 1954. Had previously been with Oswestry Town and Bolton before joining Shrewsbury. This boy is a hard tackler and is very fast on recovery.

GORDON SKEECH (Left Back). Joined the Club from Runcorn, the Cheshire League Club in November 1954. Has now made left back his own after spending a long time in the reserves.

JOE WALLACE (Right Half). A Scottish lad who was found whilst playing at a nearby army camp and who signed professional after being demobbed. Is a very fine ball player.

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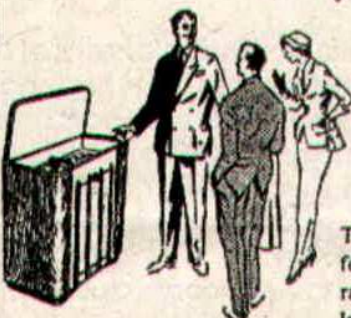
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

We were reminded of school days this week when we encountered an old friend whom we had not seen for many years, at present visiting England. He reminded us of an incident, long since forgotten by us, when we were instructed by an English Master to imagine ourselves to be Rip Van Winkle and to contemplate what the world might be like on our reawakening in fifty years' time. About thirty-five of those years have now passed, and quite a number of our scientific predictions have become accomplished facts.

Some of us, at least a dozen, we remember, also wrote that "Swindon would still be in the Third Division," among them your present correspondent, who it will be gathered, is rather bereft of ungraceful not to mention them.

We do not usually comment in this space on matches, but we have heard so many tributes paid by Swindon Supporters to the Southampton team which visited us a fortnight ago, that it would be ungrateful not to mention them.

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First Team v. Reading (Away)—

Burton; Higgins, Bingley; Fountain, Chamberlain, Morgan; Corbett, Marshall, Layne, Gauld, Darcy.

Result: Lost 3—0.

Reserve Team v. Crystal Palace (Home)—

Chandler; Lyons, Thompson; Owen, Mellor, Woodruff; Bates, Jackson, Davies, Woolford, Gardiner.

Result: Won 1—0. Scorer: Jackson.

Wilts. Premier Team v. Calne & Harris Utd. (Home)—

Saysom; Marks, Puffett; Morris, Reeves, Prosser; Kilby, Cousins, Skull, Findlay, Wall.

Result: Lost 5—2. Scorers: Cousins, Skull.

OUR VISITORS—continued

JOE MALONEY (Centre Half). An ever present last season, this very fine centre half has made over 230 appearances for the Club. Came from Liverpool the same time as Russ Crossley.

GEORGE WALTERS (Left Half). A Wolverhampton lad, joined the Club in February 1957 from a Wolverhampton works side.

JEFF IRELAND (Outside Right). A close season signing from Tottenham, is a fast and nippy winger.

RAY RUSSELL (Inside Right). Got well over 20 goals to his credit last season. Has had previous experience with Burton and Walsall.

BRIAN EDGLEY (Centre Forward). A local lad, is a fine footballer, recently came out of the Forces and is now a full-time professional.

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)	1-5
12	Accrington S.	(a)	1-3
17	Reading	(h)	0-4
24	Shrewsbury T.	(a)	0-3
31	Halifax T.	(h)	1-1
Nov. 7	Norwich C.	(a)	2-3
14	Walsall	(h)	2-3
21	Colchester U.	(a)	0-0
28	Southend U.	(h)	2-0
Dec. 12	Port Vale	(h)	2-3
19	Q.P.R.	(h)	2-1
26	Bournemouth	(a)	1-3
28	Bournemouth	(h)	2-0

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Jan. 2	Bradford C.	(a)	0-1
9	Brentford	(h)	0-0
16	Coventry C.	(h) Postp'd	
23	York C.	(a)	0-1
30	Mansfield T.	(a) Postp'd	
Feb. 6	Bury	(a)	3-0
13	Chesterfield	(h)	1-1
20	Newport C.	(a)	3-1
27	Southampton	(h)	0-3
Mar. 5	Reading	(a)	0-3
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)	
May 4	Coventry C.	(h)	

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)	2-0
Mansfield T.	(h)	3-0
Crystal P.	(a)	3-1
Norwich C.	(h)	1-2
Plymouth A.	(a)	2-1
Notts County	(h)	3-2
Reading	(a)	1-2
Dec. 5 Cardiff C.	(h)	3-3
Colchester U.	(a)	2-2
Millwall	(h)	1-1
Millwall	(a)	2-3
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	3-5
Watford	(a) Postp'd	
Coventry C.	(a)	1-1
Watford	(h)	0-1
Q.P.R.	(h)	0-3
Fulham	(h)	2-3
Aldershot	(h)	8-1
Mansfield T.	(a)	2-2
Crystal P.	(h)	1-0
Norwich C.	(a)	
Plymouth A.	(h)	
Notts C.	(a)	
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES (continued)

They certainly delighted us all with a fine display of attacking football, and demonstrated Billy Wareing's favourite maxim, that "a pass to a forward was worth two to a full back."

It may yet be that the youthful "Rip Van Winkles," mentioned earlier, will prove to be wrong during the next fifteen years—we certainly hope so, but if we could see football each week, as played by Southampton, whether from our own team or the opponents, we would be content with the Third Division.

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E—Blackpool v. West Ham
F—Bolton v. Newcastle
G—Everton v. Chelsea
H—Luton v. West Brom. A.
I—Notts. F. v. Tottenham
J—Bristol R. v. Rotherham
K—Huddersfield v. Hull C.
L—Ipswich v. Cardiff
M—Lincoln v. Middlesbrough
N—Portsmouth v. Liverpool
O—Sunderland v. Plymouth
P—Bournemouth v. Colchester
Q—Bradford C. v. Barnsley
R—Chesterfield v. Port Vale
S—Coventry v. Southampton
T—Newport v. Norwich

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Aldershot v. Bradford
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