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Scorers: K. Williams 15; Rowley 14; Eglington 12; McDonnell 6; Mulkerrin 7; Finney 6; Barnett 5; Jones 3; Charlton 3; Farrell 1; Harrop 1, Bracewell 1.

#### RESERVES.

A. Harris 22; K. Bracewell 19; D. Evans 33; C. Eason 29; J. Heydon 23; D. Jones 30; R. Williams 24; K. McDevitt 27; A. Griffiths 15; J. Dodd 19; J. Kidd 24; Lancaster 24; C. McDonnell 11; D. Moss 2; P. Finlay 6; D. Tunley 2; P. Redmond 2; J. Stoddart 21; K. Williams 4; B. Gourlay 9; G. Clayton 12; W. McDevitt 4; J. Mulkerrin 7; J. Hood 14; H. Bell 10; W. Charlton 3; D. Beaumont 2.

Scorers:— Dodd 7; Griffiths 7; Lancaster 7; R. Williams 5; Kidd 6; McDonnell 4; Stoddart 5; Gourlay 5; K. Williams 4; J. Hood 5; McDevitt 1; Mulkerrin 3; Evans 1; Jones 1; Harrop 1.

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#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

We made the comment here last Saturday that in the closing stages of the grim battle for Third Division safety, Rovers were no longer masters of their fate. Whatever they achieved by their own efforts could only become effective through the omissions of others. And that fact was somewhat bleakly underlined last Saturday evening when the results came through. With the exception of Southend and Accrington (already doomed) the teams in the bottom six gained full points, Wrexham and Mansfield most surprisingly. So some of the gilt of our victory over Barnsley was rubbed off. But the important thing was that we picked up those two vital points and kept ourselves in with a chance, while York City, on the other hand, slipped to within grasping distance and could yet find themselves destined for a second spell in the Fourth Division.

But what an unholy business relegation becomes when we find ourselves almost gloating over the non-success of other northern teams with whom we have always been on the friendliest terms of rivalry. Yet selfpreservation is the only thing that matters in the cut-throat business of League football to-day.

Our victory over Barnsley was achieved by a bold team-switch late in the game when player-manager Peter Farrell drafted Ken Bracewell into the attack and pulled Derek Jones to full-back. Within minutes the game took a dramatic turn. Ken making the opening goal for Barnett, who thus registered his fifth in six outings. But there was even greater drama of the story-book kind to come when the full-back-cum-centre-forward whipped in a goal on his own account to send the spectators home in a happier frame of mind than they have been for some weeks.

Nothing could have been more successful than the switch-over and there were a lot of people recalling on Saturday night how they had spotted Bracewell's potential as a centre-forward as long ago as the practice matches last August. Perhaps so, but we feel that the player himself

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would be the first to admit that there is a vast difference between full-back play and the skilful leadership of a forward line for in addition to acting as spearhead, the centre-forward has the job of holding the front line together and co-ordinating its efforts. We have no doubt that Peter Farrell will be ready to exploit Ken's attacking prowess, speed and strength to the full, but we do ask our supporters to be fair to the player by not expecting too much from him. Meanwhile, we earnestly hope that he will go on making and taking goals.

It was a bad blow to us when Tommy Eglington was injured early in the second half for "Flash" had been showing a big improvement on his recent form and the injured tendons are likely to keep him out of the game

over the Easter holiday period at least.

This week-end with its three games in four days could prove decisive in the final analysis and Rovers are faced with a very tough programme, having the forceful Swindon side here to-day, a visit to Shrewsbury Town tomorrow and the long journey to Swindon on Monday. Anything more than two points out of that programme would be a good effort and a pointer to League safety.

With the Reserve side idle to-day, Peter Farrell will have quite a strong force of fresh material to draw on should he need replacements for

tomorrow's match or again for Monday.

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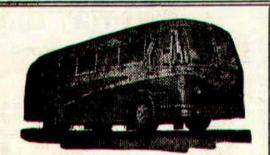


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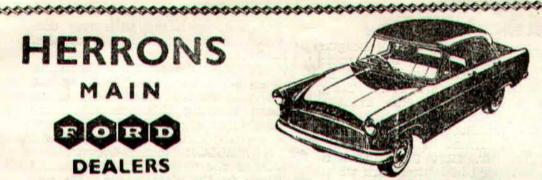
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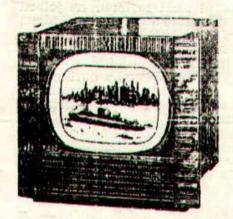
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#### OUR VISITORS.

Like so many other Football League teams, Swindon Town have their origin in a church side, founded in 1881 by the Rev. W. Pitt. They became a professional club in 1894 when they joined the Southern League where they remained until the Third Division was formed in 1920.

Manager, Mr. Bert Head, was a frequent visitor to Prenton Park when he was assistant chief at Bury. A former Swindon manager was the late Mr. Louis Page, whose home was a stone's-throw from this ground.

Here are pen-pictures of our visitors:—

SAM BURTON (goalkeeper). — A product of local football, he joined Swindon in 1945 and is acknowledged one of the best keepers in the Division.

JOHN HIGGENS (right-back) — Was signed from Hibernians during last close season and was previously with St. Mirren. Is a native of Kilmarnock.

WALTER BINGLEY (left-back). — Sheffield-born, he left Sheffield Wednesday to join the 'Robins' early in 1958. Was once on Bolton's books. Is a husky six-footer who weighs 12st.

KEITH MORGAN (right-half). — A teenager who stepped up from Wiltshire Junior football and played a dozen League games last season. Stands 6ft. 1in. in height and weights 12½st.

PETER CHAMBERLAIN (centre-half).

—Another six-footer and is really back on home territory since he was born in Bootle although he made his way to Swindon by way of Leicester City.

REX TILLEY (left-half).—A Swindon lad but he didn't join his hometown team until he had done six years service with Plymouth Argyle. Completes a half-back line of six footers.

A. SUMMERBEE (outside-right). — Came into the side this season and

has been operating with very considerable success alongside another newcomer.

W. HUNT (inside-right). — Who has been given the job of fetching and carrying for a forward line that has been thriving this season on the sharp-shooting of 'Bronco' Lane and the goal-snatching of Jimmy Gauld.

KEN MELLOR (centre-forward). —
Joined the 'Robins' from Mansfield
Town in the close-season. He was
converted into a centre-half while at
Field Mill, but is now deputising as
leader of the attack while 'Bronco'
Lane is out of action.

JIMMY GAULD (inside-left). — A much-travelled player who was last here just over a year ago with Plymouth Argyle. Is well remembered on Merseyside for his appearances with Everton.

ARNOLD DARCY (outside-left). — A Lancastrian—from Blackburn—and was with Wigan before moving to Swindon. Played as an amateur for Accrington Stanley.

#### LEAGUE TABLE-Division 3

	P	W	I	DI	F	A	Pts
Southampton	40	22	9	9	93	68	53
Norwich City	41	21	9	11	71	50	51
Coventry	40	20	9	11	74	53	49
Bury				13	58	40	47
Shrewsbury		17		12	91	70	45
Grimsby		15	13		76	65	43
Brentford	40	18			68	57	43
Colchester		16	11	14	73		43
Bournemouth	40	16	11	13	67	59	43
Queens Pk Rgrs				14	64	49	42
Bradford City				13	62	57	40
Halifax	39	16	9	14	62	62	41
Barnsley		14	12	15	58	61	40
Swindon Town			6		60	65	40
Newport County	41	17	5	19	72	74	39
Port Vale	40				63	67	39
Reading		15	8	17	77	73	38
Southend			8			66	36
York City		12		17	51	64	36
Chesterfield	40	15	5	20	62	78	
Tranmere Roys.		12		18	65	71	34
Wrexbam		13		21	62	90	32
Mansfield	40	13	5	22	71	103	31
Accrington		10	4	27	52	107	24

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#### WITH OUR JUNIORS.

For their last appearance at Arrowe Park this season, the 'A' side entertained Pyke Cup finalists Newton, and although the result was a 2-2 draw, a fair reflection of the game would have been a win for the young Rovers.

A contributory factor to our players having to be content with a half share of the points was a harsh penalty decision against centre-half Tunley which resulted in the visitors' gaining an early 1-0 lead.

The equaliser came after the teams had changed ends with an excellent cross shot from right-half

Beaumont, Dave's first goal for the Club.

Deservedly, soon afterwards we went in front with a good goal headed into the net by Stoddart, and when it looked as if the Newton side would receive one of their infrequent defeats they were able to draw level when Moss was beaten easily through the rest of the rearguard standing still in anticipation of an offside decision.

A very dull and uninteresting match took place at Bromborough Pool, where our 'B' side were the losing team for the fourth consecutive time, being defeated by the locals 3-1.

Both teams served up scrappy end of the season play, the 'Pools goals coming from a trio of errors,

while their goalkeeper had a quiet afternoon.

Our youngsters were trailing 0-1 at the interval which was increased to 0-3 before team Captain Ken Price left the nome goalkeeper helpless with a drive right on time.

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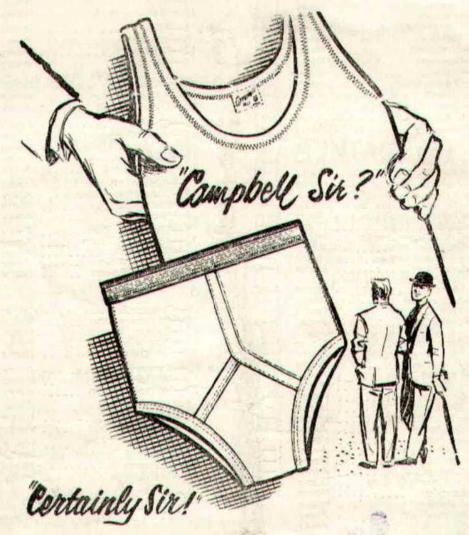
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31—Norwich Hom		27 Stalybridge C Home 1—0
Sept. 5-Port Vale Hom	-	Sept. 3—Rhyl Away 1—2
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12—Wrexham Hom		12—Wrexham Away 2—3
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