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## Jimmy Hills Page

What a wonderful sight it was to see nearly 23,000 people watching a match at Highfield Road to start the season. This was the fourteenth highest gate in the whole country and I am sure the enthusiasm and encouragement shown by everyone had a lot to do with our new players settling down so quickly. The team played positive and progressive football and altogether made 31 attempts at the Notts. County goal, far more than I expected with so many new players trying desperately hard, perhaps too hard, to blend together. On Tuesday night at Swindon, we came down to earth with a jolt. Two defensive lapses put the young Swindon side into top gear and John Sillett did not see the third goal, because he had been lying unconscious for 20 seconds or more before it was scored. In some ways this defeat was good for all of us, for it served to remind us that getting promotion from this division is going to be tough and nerve racking for our supporters, our players and the management. There are 43 matches to go and each one will have to be fought out on its own merits irrespective of the result of the match before. On Saturday the boys digested the lesson of Swindon and came out determined not to give their opponents a thing. Back came the rhythm but not the goals. It is possible that we shall see this pattern for a few weeks. Blending together in midfield is not easy but it is less difficult than creating and taking of goal chances in a crowded penalty area. Goals are generally made by split second intuitive moves among forwards who know their colleagues patterns of play instinctively.

We are creating more chances than I really expected in these early days, but we have lacked the killer instinct to ram them home. Our task over the next few weeks is to snatch every possible point while our new look team has time to settle to Third Division match conditions. If we can keep in the race during these early weeks I shall be more than satisfied. It's going to be a long hard battle, but our pleasure will be that much greater if we win it.

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# Talking Football

The resignation of Mr. Walter Winterbottom as Director of Coaching at the Football Association and England team-manager is a blow which soccer could have well done without at the present moment.

Coming only weeks after the departure of Sir Stanley Rous, the F.A. Secretary, Mr. Winterbottom's move to the Central Council of Physical Recreation leaves the game desperately short of enlightened legislators.

Mr. Winterbottom was more than a coach or manager. As an administrator, he was Sir Stanley's right-hand man who was responsible for many of the enlightened memoranda issued from Lancaster Gate in recent years.

It is a major tribute to his industry and ability that the F.A., in advertising for a successor, have found it necessary to seek two men—a Director of Coaching and a team manager.

Despite the fierce spotlight which must inevitably shine on the man who guides England's football fortunes, Mr. Winterbottom survived with distinction for nearly 17 years—sharing with Mr. Matt Busby the title of longest-serving manager.

He made many controversial decisions. Severe criticism, for example, was directed at him because Bobby Charlton was not picked for any of England's World Cup games in Sweden in 1958.

His faith in Derek Kevan, the West Bromwich forward, did not please everyone. Some even did not see eye to eye with Mr. Winterbottom's insistence that England's attack should be built around Johnny Haynes.

But his record in those 17 years speaks for itself. They were not all vintage years by a long way—sometimes in fact we lacked players of the world calibre—and politics frequently played far too great a part in selection and preparation of the teams.

But still Mr. Winterbottom's teams won nearly three games for every one which was lost. It was certainly not his fault if England's football did not progress as quickly as some other countries in the post-war years—and it is to his credit, that we certainly did not stand still.

Perhaps Mr. Winterbottom has one regret—that England did not reach the final of any of the four World Cup series in which he was manager. The excursion to Chile this summer, when England reached the quarter-finals, was not the failure which some like to call it.

Only once did the World Cup year coincide with a great English team. That was in 1958 when the Munich disaster, just three months before the competition, destroyed a magnificent club and international side.

Mr. Winterbottom, who appeared to have all the qualifications, was the defeated candidate in the election of a new secretary of the Football Association. Soccer's loss will be the gain of the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

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# Today's Spotlight



Although still a comparatively young man, today's spot-lighted personality, Frank Austin, can claim, apart from Peter Hill, to have the longest service record with the Club. He was saturated in the Coventry City tradition from the time he joined the club in December, 1948, when he was a member of the successful Modern Machines Junior side and he worked as a member of the ground staff until signing professional forms in July, 1950.

A native of Stoke-on-Trent, Frank has spent many happy years in Coventry and he is comfortably settled in a club house and has a young son and a daughter.

His quickness and strong tackling have earned him the respect of countless wingers over the years and we delight in the fact that such a loyal servant has decided to stay such a long time with the club of his adoption.

## With the Juniors

### MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

"A" Team away to Walsall. Lost 0-2. Teams:- Coventry City—Bott, Saunders, Crump, Blackwell, Sheppard, James, Denton, Gould, Holmes, Machin, Neal. Walsall — Tennant, Roper, Partridge, Doughty, Eden, Rawlings, Smith, Pearson, Newton, Mason, Wiggins. Goal-scorer, Pearson 2.

### COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

The match scheduled against Wyken Working Men's Club had to be postponed as, due to the fact that cricket matches were still being played, no ground was available.

### COVENTRY INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

There are no matches to report this week in this Competition as their season does not begin until next month.



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# TODAY'S MATCH

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

Teams for today's match, Tue

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**ARTHUR LIGHTEN**

GOALKEEPER

**2—JOHN SILLETT**

RIGHT BACK

**4—BRIAN HILL**

RIGHT HALF

**7—WILLIE HUMPHRIES**

OUTSIDE RIGHT

**8—HUGH BARR**

INSIDE RIGHT

**5—GEORGE CURRIE**

CENTRE HALF

**9—TERRY BLYTH**

CENTRE FORWARD

Referee:

Mr. N. A. S. Matthews

of Bicester



**11—CLIFF JACKSON**

OUTSIDE LEFT

**10—BILL ATKINS**

INSIDE LEFT

**6—BOB WOODRUFF**

LEFT HALF

**9—JACK SMITH**

CENTRE FORWARD

**5—MAURICE OWEN**

CENTRE HALF

**3—JOHN TROLLOPE**

LEFT BACK

**MICHAEL O'HARA**

GOALKEEPER

LEFT

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Alterations to the above teams and announcements will

|          |               |                         |          |             |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| <b>A</b> | BURNLEY       |                         | <b>L</b> | DONCASTER   |
| <b>B</b> | BOLTON        |                         | <b>M</b> | CHESTER FLD |
| <b>C</b> | IPSWICH       | <b>HALF TIME SCORES</b> | <b>N</b> | WORKINGTON  |
| <b>D</b> | BLACKPOOL     |                         | <b>O</b> | TRANMERE    |
| <b>E</b> | NOTTS. FOREST | <b>H</b>                | <b>P</b> |             |
| <b>F</b> | BLACKBURN     | <b>I</b>                | <b>Q</b> |             |
| <b>G</b> | CHARLTON      | <b>J</b>                | <b>R</b> |             |
|          | SUNDERLAND    | <b>K</b>                |          |             |
|          | PRESTON       |                         |          |             |
|          | PLYMOUTH      |                         |          |             |
|          | ROTHERHAM     |                         |          |             |
|          | LEEDS         |                         |          |             |
|          | SCUNTHORPE    |                         |          |             |
|          | CHELSEA       |                         |          |             |



# Y'S MATCH

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

y's match, Tuesday, August 28th

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GOALKEEPER

GEORGE CURTIS

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TERRY BLY

CENTRE FORWARD

9—JACK SMITH

CENTRE FORWARD

MAURICE OWEN

CENTRE HALF

MICHAEL O'HARA

GOALKEEPER

WINDON TOWN

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3—FRANK AUSTIN

LEFT BACK

6—MICK KEARNS

LEFT HALF

10—JIMMY WHITEHOUSE

INSIDE LEFT

11—BOBBY LAVERICK

OUTSIDE LEFT

Linesmen:

Mr. W. G. Soames

(Yellow Flag)

Mr. C. S. Allatt

(Red Flag)

8—ERNIE HUNT

INSIDE RIGHT

7—ARNOLD DARCY

OUTSIDE RIGHT

4—KEITH MORGAN

RIGHT HALF

2—TERRY WOLLEN

RIGHT BACK

LEFT

RIGHT

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Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 12th, 1962

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.



# Our Visitors today

SWINDON TOWN, this evenings's visitors, have built quite a reputation during the past two seasons as one of the youngest sides in the League. They have pursued a bold policy of playing young players to the exclusion of the more experienced ones, and have enjoyed quite a measure of success. After a shaky start to last season, they finished in the respectable position of ninth in the Table with the following record:- 17 won, 14 lost, 15 drawn, 78 goals for, 71 against, 49 points. The 4-1 defeat on their ground last week was a painful reminder that they seem to have a habit of inflicting shock results on Coventry City. Many of our supporters will well remember that we played them at Coventry in the first home game of the season following our relegation to the Third Division in 1952 and how they defeated us 2-1. We are sure our players will not allow history to repeat itself tonight, but whatever the result may be, we know that we are due for a good ninety minutes entertainment, and we welcome our Visitors to Highfield Road.

## **Mr. BERT HEAD — Manager of Swindon Town**

Manager Mr. Bert Head commenced his football days with Welton Rovers in the Western League. He joined Torquay United in 1936 and within one month was promoted to the first team. He was the Torquay Captain and Centre-half until 1951-52 season.

During the war, whilst a member of the Army, he played as a guest for Watford, Norwich and Distillery of Ireland and also represented the Combined Services.

After his career with Torquay, he was transferred to Bury and subsequently became Assistant Manager to David Russell at that club.

He was appointed Manager of Swindon in 1957 and was entrusted with implementing the Youth Policy which has proved so successful with the Club and has gained a nation-wide reputation for his shrewd transfer deals.

The Swindon Club no doubt consider themselves fortunate in possessing the services of such an outstanding personality.

## **PEN PICTURES OF THE PLAYERS**

**MIKE O'HARA** (Goalkeeper) Joined Swindon from Luton Town last season and was a regular first-team keeper until he was injured at the end of last season. Just 18 he is also available for the Youth team.

**TERRY WOLLEN** (Right back) A local boy who made his debut for the first team when 16 years old. He played the majority of first team games during season 1960-61 and last season.

**JOHN TROLLOPE** (Left back) Another local boy who joined Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the first team at the beginning of the 1960-61 season when he was 16 and was ever present during that season and last season.

**KEITH MORGAN** (Right half) A strong, attacking wing-half, who joined Swindon as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every first team game during 1960-61 and missed only three games last year through injury.

**MAURICE OWEN** (Centre-half) The team captain and oldest member of the team. Formerly a centre-forward, he has had a long and outstanding period of service with the club. Has played in several representative games.

**BOB WOODRUFF** (Left-half) Another local born player who came to the town direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. Has played at centre-forward and inside-forward in the senior side and his performances have made him a target for several transfer offers.

**ARNOLD DARCY** (Outside-left) Joined the club in November, 1956, from Wigan Athletic. In spite of his lack of inches, he is a strong, forceful winger, with a powerful shot.

**ERNIE HUNT** (Inside-right) Joined the club's ground staff from school. He was a schoolboy international and made his debut in Swindon's first team at the age of 17. Has a very powerful shot.

**JACK SMITH** (Centre-forward) Joined the 'Robins' from Watford during the 1960-61 close season. He was formerly with Hartlepool United. A strong, forceful player with the ability to get the unexpected goal.

**BILL ATKINS** (Inside left) Joined Swindon from Aston Villa at the end of the 1958-59 season. A strong ball playing forward. He played several representative matches while in the Army. Was demobbed mid-way through last season and quickly made the inside-left position his own.

**CLIFF JACKSON** (Outside-left) Swindon born, he joined the club direct from school. He was a schoolboy international and made his debut in the first team at the age of 17. Has a very powerful shot.



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## LOTTERY CHATTER

It would appear that the majority of our Members enjoyed the Cricket Competition which we ran during the close season, but with all respects to "King Willow" it is grand to be back again on football results. The Cricket Scheme was an excellent alternative for the summer months, but the increasing activity of the Lottery Office reminds one of a creature awakening from his winter sleep—necessarily in reverse order of course—although we are not going to admit that the Lottery has been asleep during the off season. Things are really beginning to "buzz", and the prize money which we were able to pay last week of £172 was a very healthy start. Two of our punters won £50 each, in Pool 1—two more in Pool 2 won £21 each, and in Pool 3, two won £15 each. This week could be your week—keep on sending your contributions, and if possible, try and introduce one new member each week. This way you will be making a definite contribution to the Club's success. Remember the entrance fee is only 6d. and for a mere 1/- per week, you will have the chance to win prizes of up to £100 a week. Keep the "ball" rolling.

**FINAL LEAGUE TABLE—Season 1961-62**

### DIVISION III

|                            | P  | W  | L  | D  | F   | A   | Pts. |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Portsmouth .....           | 46 | 27 | 8  | 11 | 87  | 47  | 65   |
| Grimsby Town ...           | 46 | 28 | 12 | 6  | 80  | 56  | 62   |
| Bournemouth .....          | 46 | 21 | 8  | 17 | 69  | 45  | 59   |
| Q.P.R. ....                | 46 | 24 | 11 | 11 | 111 | 73  | 59   |
| Peterborough .....         | 46 | 26 | 14 | 6  | 107 | 82  | 58   |
| Bristol City .....         | 46 | 23 | 15 | 8  | 94  | 72  | 54   |
| Reading .....              | 46 | 22 | 15 | 9  | 77  | 66  | 53   |
| Northampton .....          | 46 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 85  | 57  | 51   |
| Swindon Town ...           | 46 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 78  | 71  | 49   |
| Hull City .....            | 46 | 20 | 18 | 8  | 67  | 54  | 48   |
| Bradford .....             | 46 | 20 | 19 | 7  | 80  | 78  | 47   |
| Port Vale .....            | 46 | 17 | 18 | 11 | 65  | 58  | 45   |
| Notts County .....         | 46 | 17 | 20 | 9  | 67  | 74  | 43   |
| <b>COVENTRY CITY</b> ..... | 46 | 16 | 19 | 11 | 64  | 71  | 43   |
| Crystal Palace ...         | 46 | 14 | 18 | 14 | 83  | 80  | 42   |
| Southend United...         | 46 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 57  | 69  | 42   |
| Watford .....              | 46 | 14 | 19 | 13 | 63  | 74  | 41   |
| Halifax Town .....         | 46 | 15 | 21 | 10 | 62  | 84  | 50   |
| Shrewsbury Town..          | 46 | 13 | 21 | 12 | 73  | 84  | 38   |
| Barnsley .....             | 46 | 13 | 21 | 12 | 71  | 95  | 38   |
| Torquay .....              | 46 | 15 | 25 | 6  | 76  | 100 | 36   |
| Lincoln City .....         | 46 | 9  | 20 | 17 | 57  | 87  | 36   |
| Brentford .....            | 46 | 13 | 25 | 8  | 53  | 93  | 34   |
| Newport Co. ....           | 46 | 7  | 31 | 8  | 46  | 102 | 22   |

**FINAL TABLE — Season 1961-62**

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

| Mid-Week Section           | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|------|
| Leyton Orient .....        | 44 | 21 | 6 | 7  | 74 | 42 | 48   |
| Portsmouth .....           | 34 | 20 | 6 | 8  | 72 | 47 | 46   |
| Birmingham .....           | 34 | 19 | 7 | 8  | 60 | 35 | 45   |
| Watford .....              | 34 | 18 | 4 | 12 | 76 | 55 | 40   |
| Chelsea .....              | 34 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 84 | 59 | 39   |
| Millwall .....             | 34 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 86 | 64 | 39   |
| Bournemouth .....          | 34 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 65 | 50 | 38   |
| Reading .....              | 34 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 62 | 50 | 38   |
| Swindon Town ...           | 34 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 58 | 58 | 34   |
| Southend Utd. ...          | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 63 | 73 | 34   |
| <b>COVENTRY CITY</b> ..... | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 66 | 62 | 33   |
| Southampton .....          | 34 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 68 | 63 | 32   |
| Fulham .....               | 34 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 55 | 72 | 31   |
| Aldershot .....            | 34 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 48 | 63 | 29   |
| Charlton .....             | 34 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 52 | 74 | 26   |
| Brighton .....             | 34 | 7  | 8 | 19 | 42 | 77 | 22   |
| Brentford .....            | 34 | 6  | 9 | 19 | 36 | 73 | 21   |
| Q.P.R. ....                | 34 | 6  | 5 | 23 | 40 | 90 | 17   |



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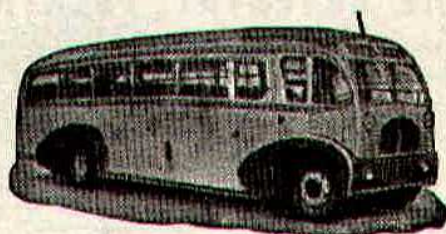
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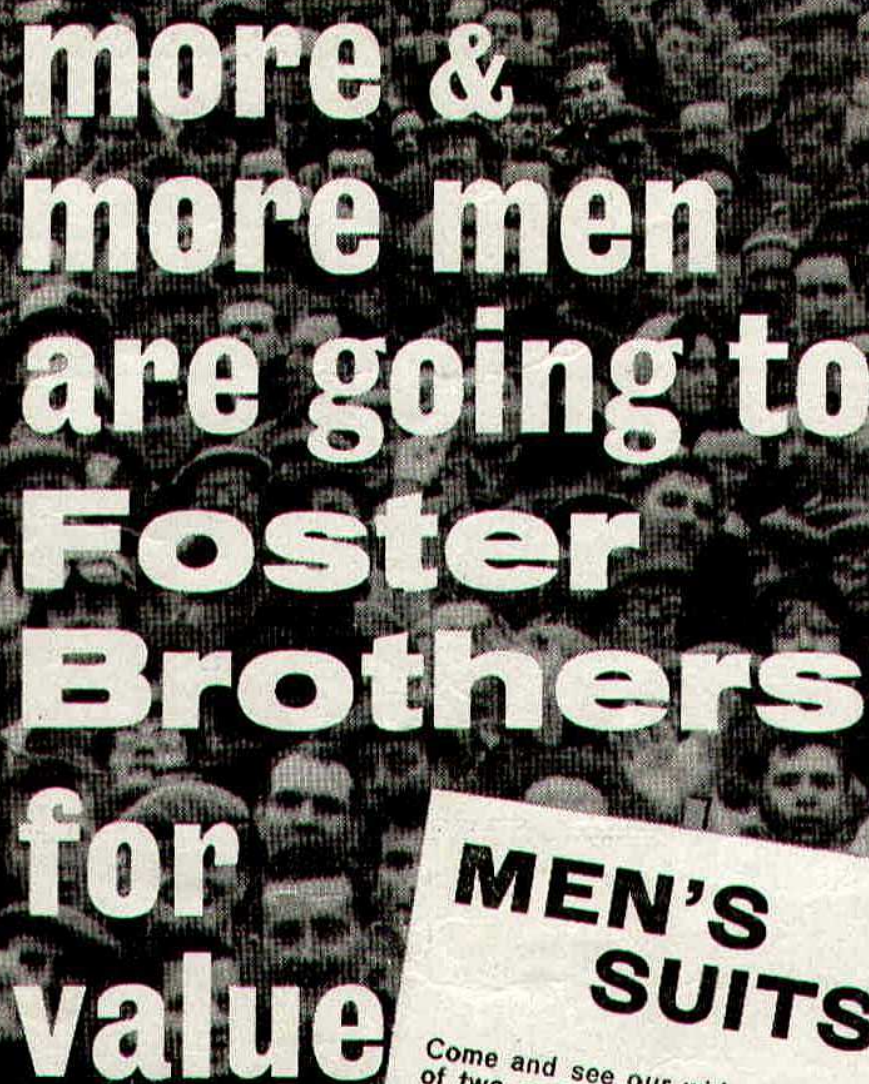
| 1962  |                        | F. | A.  |        |
|-------|------------------------|----|-----|--------|
| Aug.  |                        |    |     |        |
| 18    | Notts. County .....    | H  | 2 0 | 22,832 |
| 21    | Swindon Town .....     | A  | 1 4 | 14,410 |
| 25    | Colchester Utd .....   | A  | 0 0 | 5,781  |
| 28    | Swindon Town .....     | H  |     |        |
| Sept. |                        |    |     |        |
| 1     | Southend Utd. ....     | H  |     |        |
| 4     | Watford .....          | H  |     |        |
| 8     | Millwall .....         | A  |     |        |
| 11    | Watford .....          | A  |     |        |
| 15    | Shrewsbury .....       | H  |     |        |
| 18    | Bradford .....         | H  |     |        |
| 22    | Port Vale .....        | A  |     |        |
| 26    | Bradford .....         | A  |     |        |
| 29    | Reading .....          | H  |     |        |
| Oct.  |                        |    |     |        |
| 2     | Bristol City .....     | A  |     |        |
| 5     | Barnsley .....         | A  |     |        |
| 9     | Bristol City .....     | H  |     |        |
| 13    | Northampton .....      | H  |     |        |
| 20    | Q.P.R. ....            | A  |     |        |
| 27    | Hull City .....        | H  |     |        |
| Nov.  |                        |    |     |        |
| 3     | (1)                    |    |     |        |
| 10    | Wrexham .....          | H  |     |        |
| 17    | Halifax Town .....     | A  |     |        |
| 24    | (2)                    |    |     |        |
| Dec.  |                        |    |     |        |
| 1     | Brighton & Hove ...    | A  |     |        |
| 8     | Carlisle Utd. ....     | H  |     |        |
| 15    | Notts County .....     | A  |     |        |
| 22    | Colchester Utd. ....   | H  |     |        |
| 26    | Peterborough Utd. .... | A  |     |        |
| 29    | Peterborough Utd. .... | H  |     |        |
| 1963  |                        |    |     |        |
| Jan.  |                        |    |     |        |
| 5     | (3) Bristol Rovers     | H  |     |        |
| 12    | Southend Utd. ....     | A  |     |        |
| 19    | Millwall .....         | H  |     |        |
| 26    | (4) Crystal Pal. ...   | A  |     |        |

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| 1962  |                     | F. | A.  |
|-------|---------------------|----|-----|
| Aug.  |                     |    |     |
| 18    | Birmingham .....    | A  | 2 2 |
| 22    | Brentford .....     | H  | 1 1 |
| Sept. |                     |    |     |
| 4     | Millwall .....      | A  |     |
| 12    | Charlton .....      | H  |     |
| 26    | Chelsea .....       | A  |     |
| Oct.  |                     |    |     |
| 3     | Fulham .....        | H  |     |
| 10    | Southampton .....   | A  |     |
| 17    | Portsmouth .....    | H  |     |
| 23    | Swindon Town .....  | A  |     |
| 31    | Reading .....       | H  |     |
| Nov.  |                     |    |     |
| 7     | Aldershot .....     | A  |     |
| 14    | Bournemouth .....   | H  |     |
| 21    | Leyton Orient ..... | A  |     |
| 28    | Southend Utd. ....  | H  |     |
| Dec.  |                     |    |     |
| 4     | Brighton .....      | A  |     |
| 12    | Watford .....       | H  |     |
| 31    | Q.P.R. ....         | A  |     |
| 1963  |                     |    |     |
| Jan.  |                     |    |     |
| 9     | Q.P.R. ....         | H  |     |
| 15    | Brentford .....     | A  |     |
| 23    | Millwall .....      | H  |     |
| 29    | Charlton .....      | A  |     |
| Feb.  |                     |    |     |
| 6     | Chelsea .....       | H  |     |
| 13    | Fulham .....        | A  |     |
| 20    | Southampton .....   | H  |     |
| 27    | Portsmouth .....    | A  |     |
| Mar.  |                     |    |     |
| 6     | Swindon Town .....  | H  |     |
| 13    | Reading .....       | A  |     |
| 20    | Aldershot .....     | H  |     |
| 27    | Bournemouth .....   | A  |     |
| April |                     |    |     |
| 3     | Leyton Orient ..... | H  |     |

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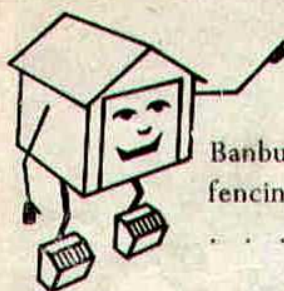
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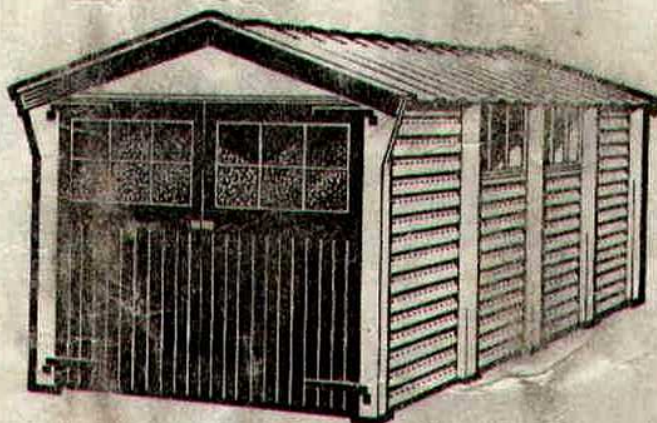


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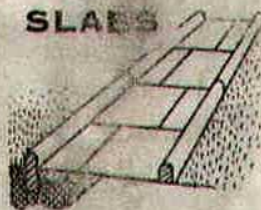
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