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CLUB NOTES

Competition in the world of football appears to be keener than ever. With the season only a week and a half old, one team out of the ninety-two in the four divisions of the Football League has a one hundred per cent. record, and that chiefly after only four games. It seems likely, therefore, that league positions will fluctuate considerably, with no team placing itself in an unassailable position at the top.

Coventry City, the only team to have won its four matches, is top of Division II, but by only one point. That club has made a great start after being promoted from Division III; somewhat similar to our own beginning last year. We wonder if they will stand the pace or find competition so fierce. Every team is especially out to beat those at the top. Each game is a cup-tie. You play your reputation as well as your opponents.

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CLUB NOTES—continued

Talking of our own club—Swindon—we, of course, have not started in quite the same fashion as last year. We have, however, won both our home games, obtained four points out of eight, and occupy quite a good position in the top half of the table, even after the disastrous defeat 1-6 at Bury on the opening day.

At the moment the team is not playing with the same rhythm and confidence as last year; but remember, it is the same eleven boys who formed the side and displayed such wonderful football. Surely sooner or later they will return to that form. All they need is encouragement and help, not too much criticism, helpful but not destructive. One day the team will click into gear, and then really go forward. We trust that day is not too far distant.

Could it be tonight against Swansea? They, like ourselves, have produced most of their players from local-born lads, and the overall age of their team is very young indeed, probably as young as our own. They will be fast and fit. Then surely our team is fast and very fit, and still full of fight and determination.

Football generally seems to be in a state of change. One wonders if the removal of the maximum wage has helped to improve the standard of play, or indeed to have satisfied the players. Quite a number are still engaged on monthly contracts. One hears fantastic figures mentioned, especially in regard to

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transfers. Those are purely surmise, or guesswork, and usually much higher than the actual figure. Everyone — players, spectators and Press — must realise that astronomical figures are wrong, because the money is just not in the game. Attendances for football drop every year; so many more pursuits and activities interest people today. Somewhere, someday, something is going to break. Will it be that football will be in the hands of a few rich clubs and no longer shall we be proud and thrilled to watch our **own** team, but travel long distances, and lack the thrill and enthusiasm attached to one's own club? We trust such a happening (should it **ever** come) will be long delayed.

At the same time, everyone must realise it is entertainment the crowds desire. No longer will just the winning of the game suffice—good football is the wish of all.

Returning to our own club, the Reserves, unfortunately, have not started the season too well. The team is composed of very young players who are being played to gain experience. The only way to make them improve is to play them against better opposition. In time they are bound to profit, and eventually we shall no doubt see better results, but for the time being this policy must continue, both for the sake of the players and the Club. The Combination matches are surely the training ground for the young players. The more who play, the better equipped will be the Club.

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BRIAN PURCELL (Centre Half)

Local product who has been with the club since a junior. Equally at home at full back. Strong in the tackle and very quick in recovery.

EDDIE THOMAS (Inside Forward)

Lancashire-born. Long spell with Everton before joining Blackburn Rovers, from whom he was signed during the close season. Good ball-player with flair for goals.

ROY EVANS (Full Back)

Local boy who gained Under 23 honours after a mere 8 Football League appearances, and a full Welsh International Cap within two seasons. A class player with a wonderful future.

JIMMY McLAUGHLIN (Outside Left or Inside Forward)

Londonderry-born. Ex-Birmingham City and Shrewsbury Town. Irish International at intermediary and full level. Dangerous raider and prolific goal-scorer.

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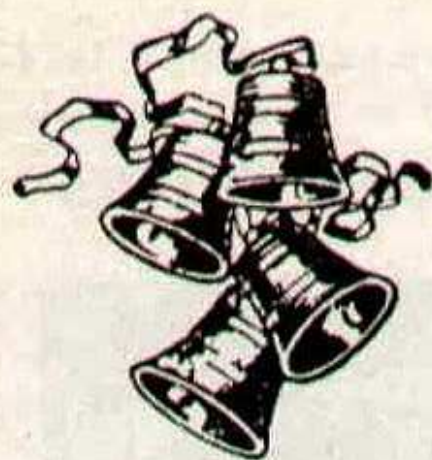


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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1964			
August 22	BURY	(A)	1-6
25	CRYSTAL PALACE	(H)	2-0
29	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)	1-0
September 2	CRYSTAL PALACE	(A)	1-3
5	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(A)	2-3
8	SWANSEA TOWN	(H)	
12	MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	
15	SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	
19	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	
26	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(H)	
October 3	DERBY COUNTY	(H)	
10	COVENTRY CITY	(A)	
13	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)	
17	CARDIFF CITY	(H)	
24	PRESTON NORTH END	(A)	
31	IPSWICH TOWN	(H)	
November 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)	
14	(1) BOLTON WANDERERS	(H)	
21	MIDDLESBROUGH	(A)	
28	NEWCASTLE UNITED	(H)	
December 5	(2) NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)	
12	BURY	(H)	
19	LEYTON ORIENT	(A)	
26	NORWCH CITY	(H)	
28	NORWCH CITY	(A)	

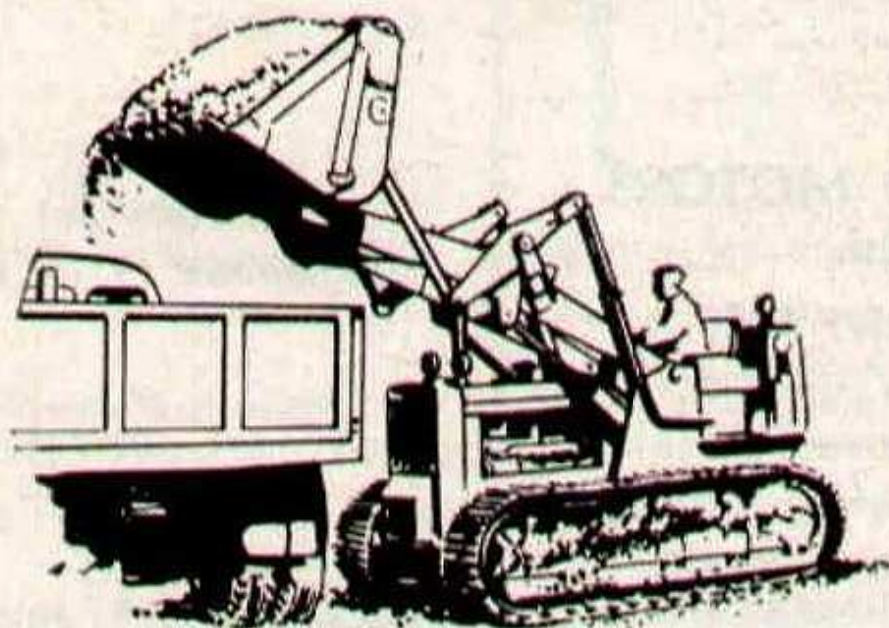
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January 2	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)	
9	(3)		
16	MANCHESTER CITY	(A)	
23	PORTSMOUTH	(H)	
30	(4)		
February 6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(A)	
13	DERBY COUNTY	(A)	
20	(5) COVENTRY CITY	(H)	
27	CARDIFF CITY	(A)	
March 6	(6) NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(H)	
13	IPSWICH TOWN	(A)	
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(H)	
26	(S.F.) BOLTON WANDERERS	(A)	
April 3	MIDDLESBROUGH	(H)	
10	NEWCASTLE UNITED	(A)	
16	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(H)	
17	PRESTON NORTH END	(H)	
19	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(A)	
24	SOUTHAMPTON	(A)	
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Members of our Committee are also frequently asked: "What is the Supporters' Club doing about it?"

The official reply is "nothing", for clubs of our type are generally pledged not in any way to interfere with the parent body.

This does not mean, of course, that we are in any way complacent, as individuals, regarding matters which we would desire to see rectified and, as individuals and, in many cases, shareholders in Swindon Town F.C., we have the same rights to exercise voting powers on all matters, as non-members of our Club who may be shareholders.

Any organised attempt to interfere with the management of the Football Club is, however, obviously out of the question, and, as a Club, we pursue the well-known policy of trying to help in the directions most suited to our constitution.

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When these notes appear, our Annual General Meeting will have been held and we shall report on any matters of interest in the next issue.

Enrolments of members of the Club are proceeding at an encouraging pace and we would remind former members that they should now renew. Many supporters attend at our office before the matches for this purpose, but, for the benefit of those who may find this inconvenient, we are including in this programme a form of application which should be addressed (with the appropriate fee) to The Membership Secretary, Swindon Town F.C. Supporters' Club, County Ground, Swindon.

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