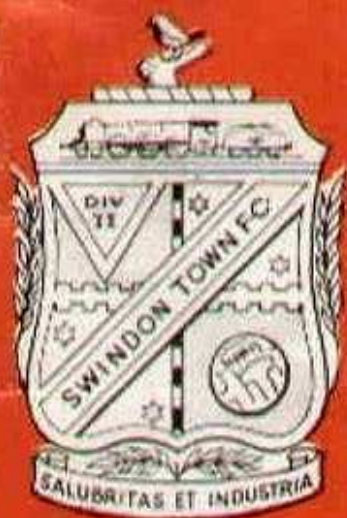


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CLUB NOTES

These notes will have to be shorter than usual, because this week "In Off The Post" gives some idea of the views of our supporters.

Certainly we are passing through a very difficult phase. This happens to all clubs, and it is in those periods that everything seems to go against the one struggling.

That was evidenced in the game against Newcastle. In the first half especially everything went right for them and wrong for Swindon. Newcastle—four shots, four goals; Swindon—five shots, one goal, two shots hit the underside of the crossbar; and two hit the goalkeeper, with no effort to save on his part. No wonder our lads thought: "What have we got to do to score?" At half-time the score could easily have been four each. In the second half Newcastle played careful, measured football. Then a team leading by four goals to one can surely play with confidence. Nevertheless, our lads never gave up, in fact they played harder, probably attacked too much.

The game itself was most entertaining and enjoyable. All the national newspapers wrote it up as one of the finest games of the season. Unfortunately, from our point of view it was, of course, a home defeat (always a tragedy in Swindon), and the loss of two points.

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CLUB NOTES—continued

A determined bunch of boys travelled to Northampton on Saturday last, determined to do everything in their power to break the sequence of away defeats. At half-time, by dint of determined defensive play, the score was 0-0, and hopes were high. With a quarter of an hour to go, hopes soared even higher, when Swindon scored. Alas, it was not to be. Northampton, urged on by the crowd, fought back with tremendous power, got two lucky breaks in two minutes, and that dashed once again our chance of an away point, although we almost equalised in the last few minutes.

Our lads were most dejected in the dressing room, and it was some time before we could get them to speak or cheer up. Some were almost too weary to unlace their boots, such had been their efforts.

This afternoon we entertain Bury, with, we hope, the return of some of our injured players, and a winning vein.

The result of the corresponding game last season was a win for Swindon by 2-1. Will the gods be kind and fortunes change?

Surely the luck must break. One thing we are sure of, the boys will fight to the very end. Sometimes we feel they try too hard, and so become desperate, rather than play the measured, academic football of which we know they are capable.

The response was somewhat disappointing. Many were similar in content, and we print two of the kind we received. Unfortunately, several could not be used as they contained criticism of individual players. This we certainly cannot condone in our Official Programme. We have a grand bunch of lads and they give everything they have got. All they need is a return of confidence, encouragement, and the tide will turn.

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Nr. Swindon, Wilts.

Dear Sirs,

I am submitting for your consideration, and possible comment in your programme, my idea for an organised defensive plan, which regrettably has been lacking recently. My point is borne out by the fact that Swindon have conceded a total of 13 goals in the matches with Bolton, Middlesbrough and Newcastle.

Our wing halves should tackle hard when an opposing forward first gains possession of the ball, and not retreat as at the present time. With the centre half playing a fairly deep role behind the wing halves, the full backs would then get useful support should the opposition get through to the edge of the penalty area.

If our wing halves played a really aggressive role, I am sure that by quick tackling they would stop a potentially dangerous attack before it could really begin, and the forwards could then receive passes, and a speedy counter-attack would have been launched.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT STEPHENSON.

COMMENT: A well written and thought-out letter, but one with a point of view probably much different from that of many of our readers.

31 Kent Road,
Ashton Keynes,
Swindon, Wiltshire.

29th November, 1964.

Dear Sir,

At last you have decided to hear the supporters' views and criticism. For months now letters have been appearing in the local paper, full of suggestions to the management as to the best way of putting Swindon F.C. back on the road to success, but never once has anyone made a reply. At the moment we are in a very poor way, much to every loyal supporters' disappointment. I firmly believe that if steps had been taken and reinforcements obtained we should never have got where we are today. It's not too late yet. Go out and buy a goal-scoring centre forward, someone to hold the team together. Swindon Town is expanding rapidly. Thousands of loyal supporters intend putting the "Robins" where they belong — the First Division. It will take a season or two, but it can be done if the management will only give us a little encouragement. Every team has its bad days. There are better days round the corner. I have been, like thousands more, a supporter of Swindon for many years and intend continuing to be one. I suggest let the management give us a lead and buy reinforcements where needed. We shall soon get back towards the top. Let us make the First Division our target for next season. Then (who knows?) one day we may even get to Wembley. Good luck, "Robins"!

Mr. G. F. MILES.

COMMENT: We appreciate this supporter's views, and his disappointment. It is because he is such an ardent supporter that he wants the team to do well. We are sure we have many thousands of supporters like him. The management are as much concerned, probably more so, over the loss of form. Please do not think the letters in the Press have not been noted and considered. We have 15,000 supporters and they have many differing views. It is easy to say: "Go out and buy players", but many factors are involved. The money must be found for the transfer and then many more items have to be considered. The players are not just there for the asking. It is not like buying a commodity in a shop.

Our own players must also be considered. Have we lost faith in our own lads? Some of us are against buying from outside. We have every confidence in our local boys. They took us to the Second Division after a period of over 40 years. Will they throw away that success? Certainly not!

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CHRIS. HARKER. Age 24. *Goalkeeper*

Signed from Aberdeen some three seasons ago after he had been a junior with Newcastle. Born within hailing distance of St. James's Park. An ever-present since joining the club.

BRIAN GALLAGHAR. Aged 24. *Right Full Back*

From Ashton United in the Lancashire Combination, and a native of Oldham, Brian is a stylist and never associates himself with the big-kick type of defender. Bury is his only professional club, which he joined at 18.

BRIAN EASTHAM. Age 25. *Left Full Back*

Born Bolton and joined the club as a junior from a local works team. Well-built and extremely good in the air, Brian is a cool type and shows fine positional sense. Held this position regularly for last three seasons.

BRIAN TURNER. Age 25. *Right Half Back*

Born Manchester, married with two children. Tough and relentless, he commenced his playing career as a forward, but on return from military service undertook the role of wing-half with great success. His determination and playing character make him an ideal captain.

HARRY BUNNER. Age 26. *Centre Half*

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GORDON ATHERTON. Age 28. *Left Half Back*

Many superlatives in many club programmes have been associated with this well-known Bury personality, and his enthusiastic approach to the game has won him many friends throughout the country. Now one of the real senior members of the side, Gordon is fitter than ever, and his quick reactions show him to be a powerhouse type both in defence or attack.

TOM CLAXTON. Age 19. *Outside Right*

Born Rochdale, made the senior grade last season and is compared with the famous Eddy Kilshaw in his style and trickery. Rated as a great prospect at Bury.

VINCENT LEECH. Age 23. *Wing Half*

Joined Bury from Blackburn Rovers two seasons ago. Strong and keen tackler, Vincent is a busy type of player and has appeared also in both inside-forward positions. A Lancastrian, he resides at Bacup, near Burnley.

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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)	3-0
12	MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	0-1
15	SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	0-4
19	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	0-5
26	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(H)	4-1
October 3	DERBY COUNTY	(H)	4-2
10	COVENTRY CITY	(A)	2-3
13	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)	2-1
17	CARDIFF CITY	(H)	3-3
24	PRESTON NORTH END	(A)	1-2
31	IPSWICH TOWN	(H)	3-1
November 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)	1-2
14	(1) BOLTON WANDERERS	(H)	1-3
21	MIDDLESBROUGH	(A)	1-4
28	NEWCASTLE UNITED	(H)	1-6
December 5	(2) NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)	1-2
12	BURY	(H)
19	LEYTON ORIENT	(A)
26	NORWICH CITY	(H)
28	NORWICH CITY	(A)

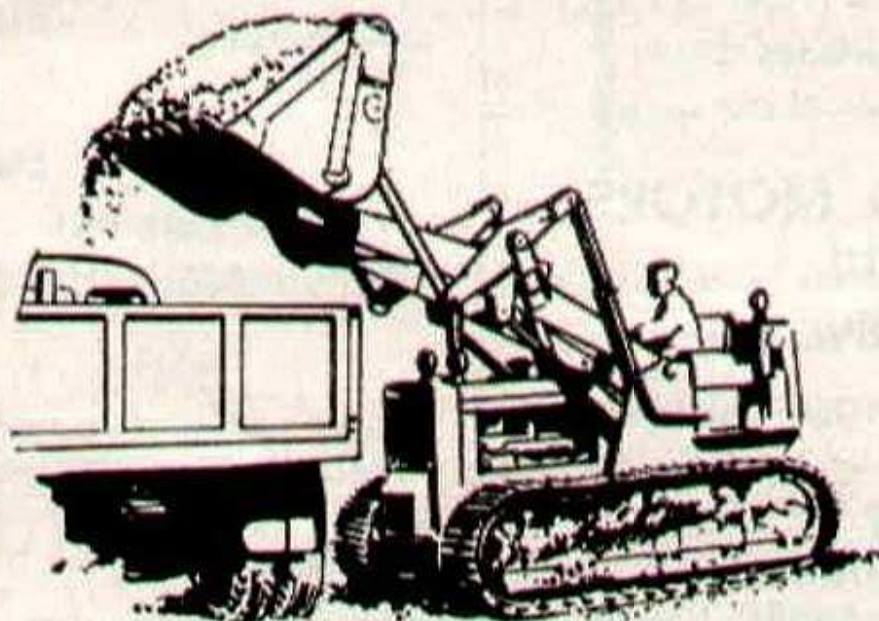
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January 2	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)
9	(3)
16	MANCHESTER CITY	(A)
23	PORTSMOUTH	(H)
30	(4)
February 6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(A)
13	DERBY COUNTY	(A)
20	(5) COVENTRY CITY	(H)
27	CARDIFF CITY	(A)
March 6	(6) NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(H)
13	IPSWICH TOWN	(A)
20	PLYMOUTH 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)
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Prominence has again been given recently by the Press to statements made by the Football Legislators of the steps which will be taken to remove the stigma attaching to the conduct of the game generally.

In cases of this nature there is always a tendency to blame the other party—the spectators accuse the referees and players, the players feel inclined to regard spectators and referees as responsible, while the referees regard themselves as the target of everyone.

There can be no doubt that all to a certain extent are responsible, but with goodwill and self discipline on the part of everyone, there seems to be no reason why the standard of conduct should not be raised to a high level, without the enforcement of the severe disciplinary measures which have been announced.

There is no doubt that good examples will play a large part in restoring good standards. Players of international repute have a particularly responsible part to play, so that younger players will seek to emulate them not only in their feats of football, but also in their standards of conduct.

Spectators probably have the easiest task. It should not be difficult to watch a game without resorting to hooliganism, before, during and after the match. The exercise of self-control is desirable at all times, not only in sport, and it is quite possible to engage in friendly arguments with supporters of the other team without loss of temper, and, consequently, of prestige to the club.

It has been said that the standards of refereeing have fallen in recent years, but, whether that be so or not, referees have always been the targets of abuse, and during the course of a match they

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incur the displeasure of home and visiting players and of their respective supporters in turn. We cannot think that they can always be wrong.

No doubt they are liable to error on occasions, as we all are in our individual capacities, but players and spectators will all respect an official who can exercise firm control while applying the rules of the game. Tolerance and a sense of humour are also useful attributes of a successful referee.

As an example of the latter, we recall a story, related by a former Swindon player, of one of his colleagues, Joe Eddleston, who, annoyed by a decision of the referee, made some uncomplimentary remarks about the official to some of his team mates.

The referee ran across to Joe and asked: "What did I hear you say?" and the player, who had recovered his normal good temper, replied: "I was just telling our fellows you were right". In that case the referee's sense of humour served him well, and we understand that everyone, including the official, enjoyed the joke after the match.

Joe Eddleston, of course, was a member of the Swindon forward line of the 1920's when a number of goal scoring records were broken (100 goals were scored in 1925/6). The other forwards were Denyer, Wall (followed by Roberts), Morris and Thom.

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OUR VISITORS—continued

COLIN BELL. Age 18. *Inside Forward*

Colin was signed from a Tyneside junior club after several leading clubs had made approaches. A player on the mould of David Jack, he shows fine promise, and his advanced reading of the game indicates a fine future for this youngster.

ERNEST YARD. Age 23. *Centre Forward*

From Kilmarnock to Partick Thistle, then to Bury last season at over £8,000. This fast-moving forward has great craft in the Scottish mould, and towards the end of last season was showing his ability to match the pace of English senior football. Bury expect this likeable Scot to make an impact in the League this term, and he certainly has the build and temperament to succeed.

BILL GRIFFIN. Age 23. *Inside Left*

Joined Bury from Sheffield Wednesday at a fee of £9,000 some 14 months ago and has a remarkable scoring record with Wednesday. A fine and studied player with great sense of position and anticipation. Bill was at his best last season when the crucial fight to avoid relegation was on. Bury are expecting great things from this stylist who is now really showing his form.

TONY BARTLEY. Age 25. *Outside Left*

Joined Bury from Stalybridge Celtic after a spell at Bolton. Clever ball player and a fine shot. Married with two children, Tony has been a regular in the side for several seasons.

BRIAN PILKINGTON. Age 30. *Outside Left*

Brian joined Bury towards the close of last season from Bolton Wanderers, and his efforts played a great part in the club retaining its status. Commenced his career with Burnley, he has had all his experience in the top flight and is still very mobile.

TONY MORAN. Age 17. *Left Half Back*

Tony joined the club as an apprentice and is now a full professional. Residing in Swinton, near Manchester, he is considered one of the brightest wing half prospects to come through the nursery. Tough and strong, his use of the ball is remarkable. He has made several first team appearances and is the established understudy to Gordon Atherton.

EDDY COLQUHOUN. Age 18. *Centre Half*

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