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CLUB NOTES

It is a real pleasure to be playing at home on Boxing Day. For the past three successive seasons, we have left Swindon early in the afternoon on Christmas Day, to play away the following day.

By strange coincidence, we travelled to Norwich last year. However, fixtures are now reversed, with the away game being played against the "Canaries" on Monday next, 28th December, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

The results: we lost at Norwich 2-3, after twice being in the lead, and drew 2-2 at Swindon. It is, therefore, our turn to win. May the "fates" be kind.

Due to holidays and extra work at this period of the year, these notes have to be written prior to the Leyton Orient game. We can only hope the team has continued where it left off against Bury. Have we now turned the corner, and beginning to recover from our bad spell?

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CLUB NOTES—continued

The lads gave everything they had on a very difficult pitch. Even the referee almost needed the attention of the trainer. The result—a most welcome victory. May there be many more to come!

The Reserve team continued to surprise us all by its consistency—winning away after losing at home. Remember, Leyton Orient won at Swindon 1-0 on the opening day of the season. On Saturday Swindon won at Leyton 5-3, and that after being defeated at home on the previous Tuesday 2-3 by Oxford United, who lost a player early in the game. To add to the confusion, Leyton Reserves played at Oxford on Wednesday, and, after their defeat by Swindon, completely ruined the form-book by winning by 3 goals to 1. We trust, however, that Swindon maintained their good form and defeated Aldershot on Saturday last.

Christmas fixtures are not so congested as they were a few years ago. With no matches played on Christmas Day, the pressure is eased considerably. This year we have the two games against Norwich, with a day in between and then no other match until Saturday, 2nd January, against Charlton Athletic (home).

The Reserve team, fortunately, has only one fixture, against Brentford at home on Monday, 28th December. Our commitments in the Hellenic and Wilts Premier Leagues will keep trainers extremely busy during the holidays, and no doubt some anxious moments will occur before the various teams take the field.

This is the season of peace and goodwill; we trust all spectators will feel that way both to players and the management. May we, however, wish everyone, especially the teams, "A Happy Christmas and every success in 1965."

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BOLLAND, GORDON (Inside Forward)

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BRYCELAND, TOMMY (Inside Forward)

Scot signed from St. Mirren in September, 1962 for what was then City's record fee, a reported £20,000. Strongly recommended to Canaries by exmanager Bill Reid, who had signed him for St. Mirren from Glasgow junior soccer. Scheming inside forward with goal sense. League and Cup appearances 86, goals 21.

BUTLER, BARRY (Centre Half)

Born Stockton-on-Tees. Previous club Sheffield Wednesday (1952-57). Signed for City August, 1957. League and Cup appearances 286, goals 3. Record run of 208 successive League and Cup games ended in 1961-62 when chosen for F.A. XI aginst R.A.F. Missed most of season before last because of knee operation and then broken leg and last season, when appointed skipper, was out of game for varying periods with fractured cheek-bone, fractured wrist and pneumonia.

DAVIES, RON (Centre Forward)

Signed by City from Luton in September, 1963, for club's record fee of £35,000. Born Holywell. Went from Chester to Luton for £10,000 fee in October, 1962. Full cap for Wales v. Ireland at Swansea, April, 1964. Earlier in season won Welsh Under 23 caps against Scotland and Northern Ireland. Leading scorer last season with 30 goals in 44 League and Cup appearances.

HEATH, DON (Utility Forward)

Another close-season acquisition. Born Stockton 1946. Played a good deal of reserve team football for Middlesbrough but given free transfer at end of last season by Ayresome Park club and signed for City in July.

KEELAN, KEVIN (Goalkeeper)

Born Calcutta. Joined Canaries from Wrexham July, 1963. Previous experience with Aston Villa, Stockport (on loan) and Kidderminster. Signed by City for "moderate" fee after two seasons with Wrexham. Made 17 League and Cup and 19 Combination appearances last season.

OUR VISITORS—continued

KELLY, PHIL (Full Back)

Born Dublin and capped five times by Eire, yet never played soccer in Eire till picked by his country! Moved to Birmingham when young and signed by Wolves when sitting in W.B.A. dressing rooms! Joined Norwich for "medium" fee in August, 1962. League and Cup appearances 92, goals 3.

MANNION, GERRY (Outside Right)

Born Burtonwood, signed by manager Archie Macaulay from Wolves in August, 1961 for £12,000 fee. Toured East Europe with England Under-23 in 1960. In Wolves' F.A. Cup semi-final team, 1960. League and Cup appearances for City 78, goals 14. Combination appearances 33, goals 10.

MULLETT, JOE (Utility Defender)

Born Blackheath, Birmingham. Played for Birmingham 1955-59, signed for Norwich January, 1959. Only five League appearances in first three seasons at Carrow Road, but then struck consistent first-team form. Has played mostly at wing half or full back but proved effective deputy for injured Butler at centre half last season. League and Cup appearances 111, goals 2; Combination appearances 98, goals 3.

SUTTON, MICHAEL (Forward or Wing Half)

Local product at one time on City ground staff, playing his way, through the B team, to a professional contract in 1962. League debut at Walsall in May, 1963. Began to impress as a first-team prospect last season. League and Cup appearances 15, goals 3. Combination appearances 54, goals 17.

ALLCOCK, TERRY (Centre or Inside Forward)

Born Leeds. Previous club, Bolton Wanderers (1952-58). Signed for Norwich, March, 1958. League and Cup appearances 248, goals 118. Leading scorer from 1959-60 to 1962-63, in 1960-61 in spite of a broken leg that kept him out of the game for more than three months. Set up City scoring record of 37 goals in 1962-63 but was again handicapped last season by a leg injury. Plays cricket for Norfolk as a wicket-keeper-batsman.

PUNTON, BILL (Outside Left)

Born Aberfeldy. Wanted by manager Archie Macaulay when playing for Newcastle United but had a season with Southend before following St. James' Park colleague Jimmy Hill to Carrow Road in July, 1959. Handicapped by injury several times in recent seasons, but had a most successful time last term when he was one of City's most consistent players. League and Cup appearances 183, goals 27.

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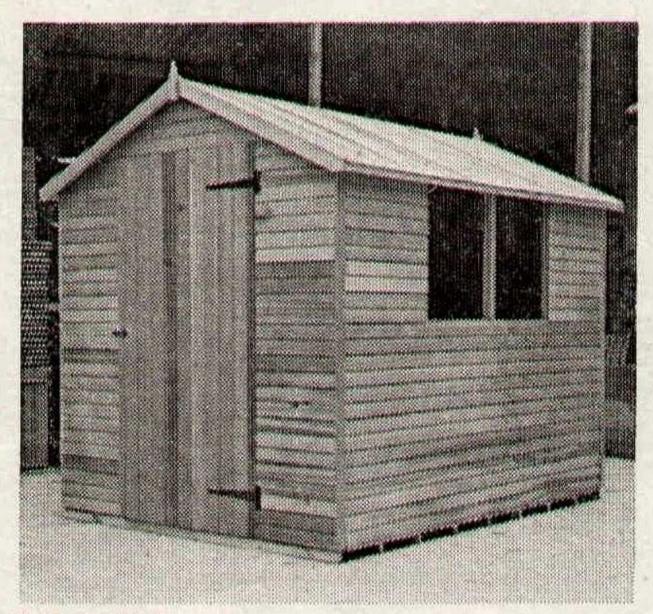
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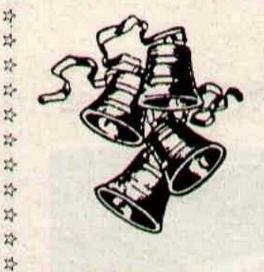


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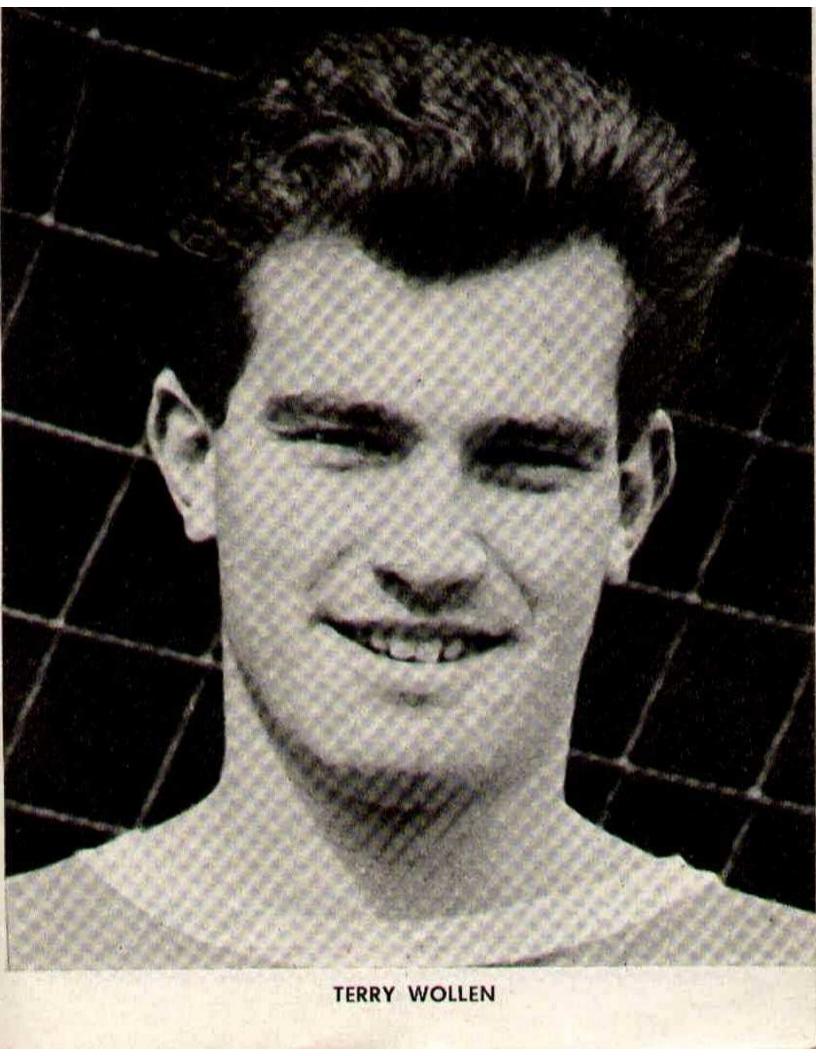


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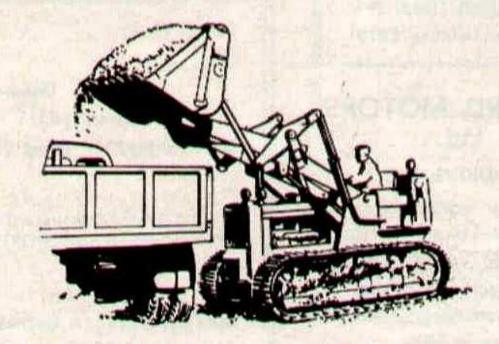
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We extend the season's greetings to all at the County Ground — Directorate, Management and Players, and wish the team the best of luck in 1965.

The Dance on 16th December proved to be very enjoyable and successful, and we now have a new Swindon Football Queen — Miss Pamela Reynolds, who will "reign" for a year. We congratulate her on her success, and hope that she will have a happy reign.

We thank all who helped to make the evening a success, including, of course, the young ladies who participated in the Queen Contest, with special mention for the sporting young lady from Purton who took part for the second year.

About sixteen years ago, the Committee of that time appealed for workers in the districts around Swindon, where it is more difficult for us to get into touch with our members and the supporters generally. The response was very gratifying and since that time we have had the benefit of the work of a very loyal band of supporters who have assisted in the sales of Competition Tickets, Season Tickets, the enrolment of members and in the social work of the Club.

Naturally, from time to time there have been changes, but some of the original workers are still carrying on their good work to the great benefit of the Club.

One of these is Mr. R. G. Clark of Rowde, near Devizes, who throughout the period mentioned, has done a tremendous amount of work on behalf of our Committee.

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Among those attending from Swindon were Mr. K. Wilmer (Director of Swindon Town F.C., representing officialdom, and who made the presentation), Keith Morgan, representing the players, and about thirty officials and members of our Committee—including Messrs. Collings (Vice-Chairman), E. Clark (Honorary Treasurer), F. N. Deane (Honorary Competitions Secretary), Mr. and Mrs. W. Ranger (Honorary Social Secretaries), and Mrs. M. Pearce (Honorary Membership Secretary).

The party were also pleased, during the evening, to receive a visit from Sam Burton, the Town's former goalkeeper, and Mrs. Burton.

This would appear to be an appropriate time and place, once again, to thank all of our Country representatives for their continued endeavours on behalf of the Club.

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Coventry City print vouchers in their home programmes. Could we in future? Yours faithfully, D. G. KING.

COMMENT: Thank you, Mr. King, for your most helpful letter. The matter of cup-tie tickets is always a matter of deep concern for all clubs. They would be most grateful if someone could devise a fool-proof scheme, whereby

the hard core of real supporters could be assured of a ticket.

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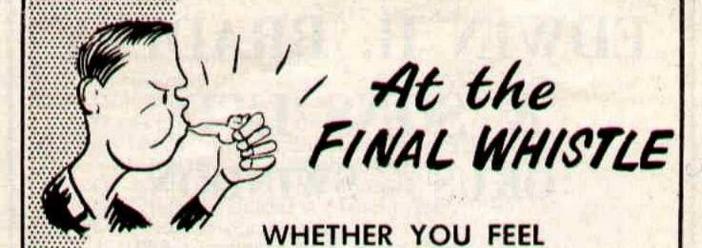
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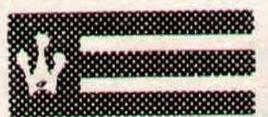
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