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CLUB NOTES

This afternoon sees us once more engaged in a Cup-tie. The New Year began really well for Swindon, with a 2—0 victory over Charlton, after a very hard game played on a difficult pitch. All spectators will agree that the fighting spirit and determination of our lads did much to bring about a welcome victory. The first goal was only scored by sheer perseverance.

The Reserves gained a well-deserved draw at Charlton, after at one time being two goals in arrears. These two were scored rather against the run of play, and it looked as if the heart had gone out of our lads, but they fought back and a combined movement resulted in Keith East scoring with a splendid shot. A few minutes later a series of passes from Alan Sproates to Keith East, then on to Jack Howarth, produced a second goal.

Swindon's team was Haffey; Griffin, Peapell; Skeen, Giles, Sproates; Hand, East, Howarth, Atkins, Walker.

After today's game we have several attractive matches at the County Ground. On Tuesday next we entertain Chelsea in the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup. Supporters will remember the grand games played in this competition last year, when we reached the Final. We hope very much to progress again, but

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Chelsea are one of the strongest teams, and Tuesday's game will be a stern test for our lads. Our opponents won their last round at Queen's Park Rangers by 3 goals to 1. The time of kick-off is 7.30 p.m.

The following week, on Tuesday, 19th January, 1965, Swindon has been honoured by the Football Association in being asked to stage an England Youth Trial game. This will take the form of a match between Swindon Youth Team (strengthened by the addition of some of our lads under nineteen years of age) and the possible England Youth Team. Many of the players appearing will no doubt be full internationals within the next few years. They will all be out to make a good showing to ensure their permanent places in the Youth Team taking part in the International Youth Tournament — Easter 1965, which incidentally England has won for the past three years.

Charges of admission: Ground 3/- (Boys 1/6); Enclosure 4/-; Stands 5/-. A full First Team style programme will be on sale with pen-pictures of England players, price 6d.

The following week, probably Monday, 25th January, Swindon play a Schools Shield Competition game. Swindon have progressed well, and are now in the last sixteen teams remaining. This should prove to be an exciting evening. Kickoff, please note, 7.15 p.m.

At the request of the Wiltshire Football Association, a collection will be taken at today's game in aid of the Wiltshire F.A. Injured Players Fund. Demands on the fund have been very high this year, and at present it is in debt. This is purely for amateur players, and when one of them receives an injury requiring many weeks away from work, matters can become very serious. The players themselves contribute to the fund, but help is needed. We hope you will give generously.

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Oxford United	19	15	2	2	47	18	32
Southampton	21	11.	6	4	48	35	28
Luton Town	21	10	5	6	48	38	25
Leyton Orient	22	10	5	7	44	38	25
Queens Park Rangers	19	8	7	4	34	23	23
Coventry City	17	10	2	5	44	27	22
Charlton Athletic	21	8	6	7	50	35	22
Swindon Town	20	10	2	8	50	38	22
Birmingham City	19	9	2	8	43	31	20
Bournemouth & B.A	15	6	6	3	25	17	18
Brentford	19	5	6	8	28	29	16
Watford	18	5	6	7	34	39	16
Brighton & Hove Alb	19	6	4	9	29	35	16
Aldershot	20	6	4	10	35	48	16
Bristol Rovers	19	4	7	8	26	45	15
Southend United	22	6	1	15	42	60	13
Notts County	20	4	5	11	30	56	13
Millwall	19	3	5	11	17	46	11

OUR VISITORS

IPSWICH TOWN F.C.

THORBURN, JAMES (Goalkeeper)

Born Lanark. Height 6ft. 0½in. Weight 13st. Secured from Raith Rovers, May 1963.

CARBERRY, LARRY (Right Back)

Born Liverpool. Height 5ft. 7½ ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs. Spotted whilst playing as an amateur in the Army at Bury St. Edmunds and signed full-time professional May 1956. Another player who regularly played in the promotion years 1956-61.

McNEIL, MICK (Left Back)

Born Stockton-on-Tees. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs. Transferred from Middlesbrough June 1964. Nine full International caps for England.

BAXTER, BILLY (Right Half)

Born Edinburgh. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 10lbs. Represented the British Army and has been regular first team player since joining Club from Broxburn Athletic Juniors, Scotland, June 1960. Club Captain.

BOLTON, JACK (Centre Half)

Born Lesmahagow. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 10lbs. Transferred from Raith Rovers June 1963. Strong hard tackler, quickly established himself in the first team although playing in several defensive positions.

BAKER, GERRY (Centre Forward)

Born New York. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 2lbs. Transferred from Hibernian December 1963. Previous clubs, Manchester City and St. Mirren. Brother of Arsenal centre forward Joe Baker.

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BROGAN, FRANK (Outside Left)

Born Glasgow. Height 5ft. 9\(\frac{1}{2}\)ins. Weight 10st. 9lbs. Transferred from Glasgow Celtic during 1964 close season.

COLRAIN, JOHN (Inside Forward)

Born Glasgow. Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 10lbs. Transferred from Clyde May 1963.

HEGAN, DANNY (Inside Right/Left)

Born Coatbridge. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 10lbs. Clever ball playing inside forward transferred from Sunderland June 1963. Previously with Albion Rovers.

STEPHENSON, ROY (Outside Right)

Born Crook, Co. Durham. Height 5ft. 6ins. Weight 10st. 7lbs. Transferred from Leicester City July 1960 and was regular first team player whilst gaining First and Second Division Championships. Previously with Burnley, Rotherham and Blackburn Rovers.

BAILEY, ROY (Goalkeeper)

Born Epsom. Height 6ft. 2ins. Weight 12st. 10lbs. Signed from Crystal Palace March 1956 and was regular first team goalkeeper during the successful years 1956-61.

ELSWORTHY, JOHN (Left Half)

Born Nantyderry and the only Welsh player with Ipswich Town. The longest serving player, having joined the Club from Newport County in May 1949. Holds four Championship medals whilst playing with the one club. Height 6ft. 2ins. Weight 13st. 8lbs.

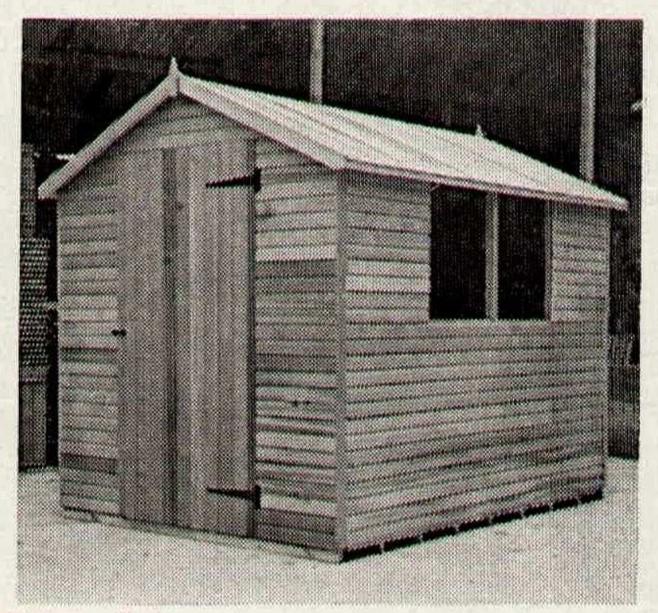
NELSON, ANDY (Centre Half)

Born London, Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 13st. 2lbs. Transferred from West Ham United May 1959. Regular first team player whilst gaining First and Second Division Championships.

LEADBETTER, JIM (Outside Left)

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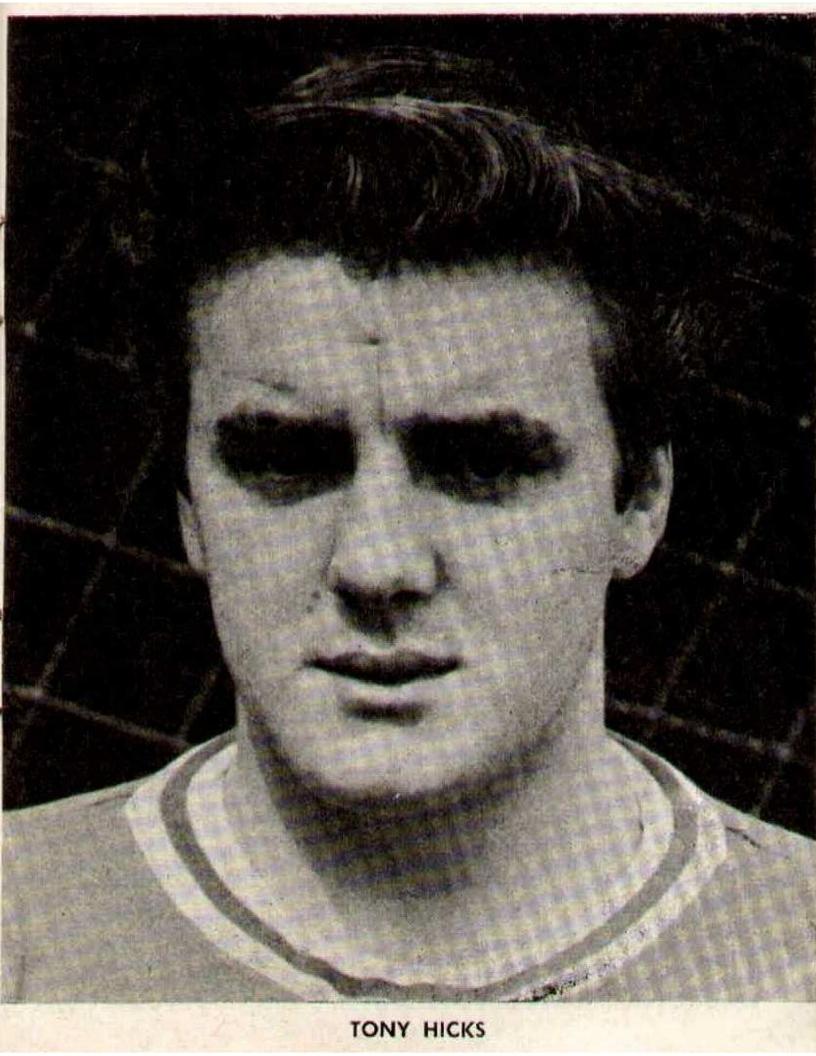
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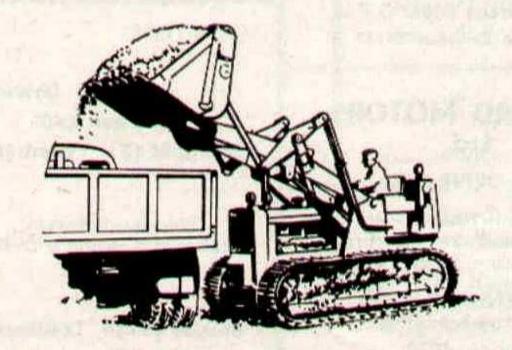
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12	SWANSEA TOWN		3-0
15	SWANSEA TOWN		0-4
19	PORTSMOUTH		0-5
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17	CARDIFF CITY		3-3
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November 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		1-2
14	(1) BOLTON WANDERERS		1-3
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Many tributes have been paid during the past week to the memory of the late Mr. Francis Elliott Akers, who had been a well-known public figure locally for a considerable number of years, and who had worked indefatigably on behalf of the older people of the district.

He was a member both of the Swindon Town Council and of the Wilts County Council, and also of a number of bodies engaged in charitable and welfare work. He told the writer once that he served on thirty-seven Committees.

In spite of this he found time to support the Town F.C. regularly, and for a number of years he had been one of our Vice-Presidents. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Akers and to her family in their great loss. As we have indicated, he will also be greatly missed in wider circles.

All who attended last Saturday's game with Charlton Athletic will wish to pay tribute to both teams for providing excellent entertainment under extremely difficult conditions.

As on the previous Saturday, when Norwich City visited Swindon, it was an extremely clean game, and a London Pressman who apparently saw both games, remarked that both referees would be able to give first class reports.

No doubt the glamour of the F.A. Cup will attract many spectators to football matches throughout the country who would not normally attend. It is strange, but true. A sporting parson once said that "they are probably the same people who turn up at harvest festivals, and are of as little use to the football clubs as they are to the churches".

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However, it may be that there will be some who will find the cup-ties sufficiently interesting to attend league matches on occasions.

They will no doubt appreciate that the clubs could not afford to maintain playing staffs merely to participate in the occasional cup-tie, and we trust that amongst the additional "cup-minded" spectators today there may be some who will be sufficiently reasonable and enthusiastic to appreciate this, and who may be able to persuade themselves to attend the league matches — the bread and butter of football — in future. There is plenty of room for them in all grounds in the country.

Finally, supporters will no doubt wish to congratulate the Swindon Schoolboys' team on their continued success, and we trust that this will continue.

Schoolboy footballers produced now may well be Town players of 1970, and we hope that all will encourage them in any way possible.

These notes are being written shortly before a Committee meeting is due to be held. Consequently, there is no Club news to report, particularly as we have had to inflict ourselves upon supporters on three successive Saturdays!

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Dear Sir.

44 Ringsbury Close,

Purton, Swindon, Wilts. 28th December, 1964.

Much has been written lately about declining attendances, but one reason has escaped attention, yet it would keep me away if I were not such a keen supporter. I refer to the lack of a substitute rule.

I have seen the last ten games at the County Ground, and in half of them a player has been injured. On three occasions, Town have suffered; twice, the opposition. But on all five occasions I have suffered, having paid five "bob" to see twenty-two players and not twenty-one.

Those who object to a substitute rule say that it would be abused,

and that luck breaks even during a season.

I disagree with both these points. Abuse would be prevented by limiting the number to one, and not permitting him to appear until

fifteen minutes after the injured player has gone off.

Luck does not break even during a season. Clubs have been known to have a really unlucky sequence of injuries, leading to relegation — which means that an inferior team stays "up", and makes a mockery of the system.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. ENDACOTT.

Comment: Thank you, Mr. Endacott, for your excellent letter, and

so neatly written.

The matter of substitutes is discussed frequently at all levels, even at our own Board meetings. Most clubs feel something should be done, especially replacement of goalkeepers — a very specialised position.

Until the Football Association and the Football League make a firm decision in favour of substitution, we are afraid nothing can be

done.

We certainly have much sympathy with the spectators, who have every right to see a proper game of football played with a full complement of men, having, as you say, paid five "bob" and often more.

The idea of a fifteen-minute interval before the substitute can

play is certainly new, and should appeal to the administrators.

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