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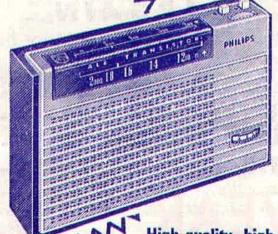
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EDITORIAL

Yet another postponed home fixture, this time last Saturday against York City, brings the total of cancelled fixtures this season to eight, and increases our end of season congestion and yet again takes the edge off our players with their

training programme.

It is of course difficult, when writing these notes before the Easter programme, to be topical or up to date, but in spite of the disappointing displays by the team recently it is far too early to give up heart and hope of our chances to avoid relegation to the fourth division. Easter usually comes almost at the end of the season but at the time of writing we still have fourteen matches to play which is nearly one third of our league programme. The only worrying thing is that they are all to be played in the space of seven weeks and this will be a testing time and any player who feels he has not had an opportunity recently of displaying his ability in the first team will certainly get his chance in the coming weeks, having particular regard to our present injury list, which includes Allan Lawson, Albert Jackson, Billy McGinn, Johnny Bollands and at the time of writing Jimmy McIlroy.

May we welcome Swindon Town, they are well placed in the league table and have been playing some fine football this season and I hope that we have a good hard, fast game and-alas for the rules of hospitality-send them home pointless.

Next Saturday we entertain Swansea and we will be anxious to avenge the 4

to 1 defeat which we suffered at Vetch Field earlier in the season.

Our new scouting drive is certainly beginning to pay dividends and this week we have no less than five youngsters from Ireland, either playing in our reserves or attending training sessions, with a view to them joining the staff now or at the end of the season. Last week we had two lads from Scotland which Billy Dennis our Scottish scout brought down personally, thereby missing the Scotland v. England game at Hampden. Truly no Scotsman can make a greater sacrifice for the club than this.

In connection with our youth policy and following the advice of chief scout Eric Walker, we have had discussions with our friends and neighbours, Ashton United Football Club, resulting from which we have taken a sub-lease of their ground for training purposes for the next twenty years. This will provide us with a good training ground centrally situated for our young players and enable us to improve and then preserve the condition of Boundary Park playing pitch which

at the moment leaves much to be desired. Still on the subject of playing pitches we regret we are having to refuse permission for various junior leagues to play their Challenge Combination at Boundary Park this season. Not unnaturally this is causing a certain amount of upset, but when one remembers that with the extension of the season we will have barely ten weeks in which to seed the pitch and improve it in time for the following year, you will understand that we are almost at our wits end as to what to do for the best. The present playing surface is still bumpy, irregular and grassless and it

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hampers football play and favours the kick and rush opposition that has been

greatly in evidence here this season.

The appeal in our ill fated programme against York City for volunteers for the Supporters' Club to help improvements in the close season was kindly reprinted in the Oldham Chronicle. Tommy Bell, our Supporters' Club secretary, tells me he has had a good response but when one considers the state of the ground and the tremendous task that faces us we shall be grateful for as many people as possible to help. If you have not already done so please advise the Supporters' Club of

your name and address and willingness to assist.

At the Board meeting last Wednesday, which lasted for over five hours, many matters were discussed with regards to the directors' plans to make this club a power in league football. As I have already stated on many occasions, although the present playing results are disappointing, these should be viewed in the larger context of the long term plan and it is this plan which is occupying much of our present time. The board are determined to give better facilities and amenities at Boundary Park and the ground will certainly be a hive of activity in the close season. It is the Directors' wish to accommodate the supporters' points as much as possible and I will be pleased therefore to hear from as many supporters who have any constructive suggestions and worthwhile proposals to make, which he would like to see incorporated in any alteration scheme in time for next season. While on this subject I would add that I am always pleased to hear from any supporters on any subject except team selection (which is managers sole prerogative) provided the letters are signed and addressed. The few anonymous letters we receive from time to time are burned unread.

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Those supporters who have been in the habit of hopping over the wall by the Chadderton end will have had a shock when they arrive today. The removal of the piles of dirt which has laid there for some seasons has made this mode of entering very difficult and on behalf of the board and the regular supporters I would like to welcome these people to the game and thank them this week for their four shillings — probably the first the club has received from them for many a long time. We hope they enjoy the game and may thus be encouraged in the future to come again in spite of the fact that their cost of viewing has so considerably increased.

KEN BATES, Chairman.

SWINDON TOWN F.C. PEN PICTURES

TROLLOPE, John (Left-back). Born Swindon. A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the first team when he was 16 years old.

MORGAN, Keith (Right-half). Born Trowbridge. Joined Swindon as a youth player from

SMART, Roger (Wing-half). Another local-born player who joined the club direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team.

DAWSON, Owen (Full-back). Born Hatfield. Signed from Portsmouth, June, 1962. Was a former Youth International.

SHERGOLD, Wilfred (Forward). Born Swindon. Another product of the Swindon youth

ROGERS, Donald (Forward). Born Paulton. A much sought-after player. An England Youth

EAST, Keith (Inside-forward). Born Southampton. Signed from Portsmouth in the close season, 1964.

BROWN, Dennis (Inside-forward). Born Reading. Joined the club from Chelsea for a very substantial fee in November, 1964.

DOWNSBOROUGH, Peter (Goalkeeper). Signed at the commencement of the season from Halifax Town, where he was a product of local football.

NURSE, Mel (Centre-half). A recent signing from Middlesbrough. He has many Welsh International caps to his credit.

LAWTON, Jimmy (Centre-forward). When Swindon played Darlington in the Football League Cup earlier this season, Lawton was one of the outstanding players in the Darlington team. As a result, Swindon immediately signed this player.

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7-Outside Right TOWERS, Inn PENNING TON 9-Centre Forward

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ATHLETIC WALKED-OFF IN PROTEST

By Gilbert Hoare (Oldham Chronicle)

The negotiations going on at the present time for Athletic to go on a 15-days close season holiday-cum-match tour in Bulgaria recalls the fact that Athletic were pioneers in the foreign tour business so long ago as 1911.

Athletic that time went on a tour of Austria and Hungary, and in one match caused something of a sensation by walking off the pitch in protest at some of the decisions by the referee.

Athletic were actually playing Wiener Sports Club in Vienna when the incident occurred. The referee surprised the Oldham party by awarding a penalty against their goalkeeper, McDonald, for clutching the ball with his hands.

His decision annoyed the Athletic players and tempers became frayed. When Dave Wilson got his marching orders for pushing one of the Austrian forwards, the Athletic chairman at the time, Alderman John Grime, went on to the pitch and ordered the Athletic players off if the referee did not change his decision. The referee was adamant and when the Athletic team walked off in protest, the home team followed them off the field.

The Athletic team immediately started to get dressed while Alderman Grime protested that if they were to return to the field the referee would have to go. And go he did. A deputy was appointed to take his place and he too awarded the home team a penalty, with which they won 2-1.

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Reading (7869)	Home		,, 2	(W)	Carlisle United	Away D 3-0
Peterborough United (6535) Tranmere Rovers (5057) F.L. Cup (1st Round)	Home Home		Sept. 2	8 (S) (W)	Carrisle United	Away 5 3-0
Millwall	Away	L 0-1		4 (S)	Halifax Town	Home W 3-1
Gillingham (5,293)	Home	W 5-3	"	1 (5)	Hull City	Away L 1-3
Portsmouth (8259) F.L. Cup (2nd Round)	Home		: 1	2 (W)		
Wetford	Away	L 0-4	2	5 (5)	Sunderland	Home L 0-4
Scuntherpe United (6,363)	Home	L 1-3	Oct.	(5)	South Shields	Away L 1-3
Hull City	Away			(W)	Gateshead	Home W 2-0
Shrewsbury Town Hull City (5883)	Home		1 1	3 (W)		
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Bristol Ryrs. (3,746)	Away Home		3	0 (5)	Middlesbrough	Away L 0-3
York City	Away		Nov.	5 (F)		Home W 3-1
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Gillingham	Away		1 11 2	7 (W)		
Workington Town Queen's Park Rangers	Home		May	0 (S)		
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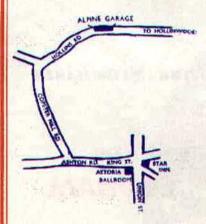
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