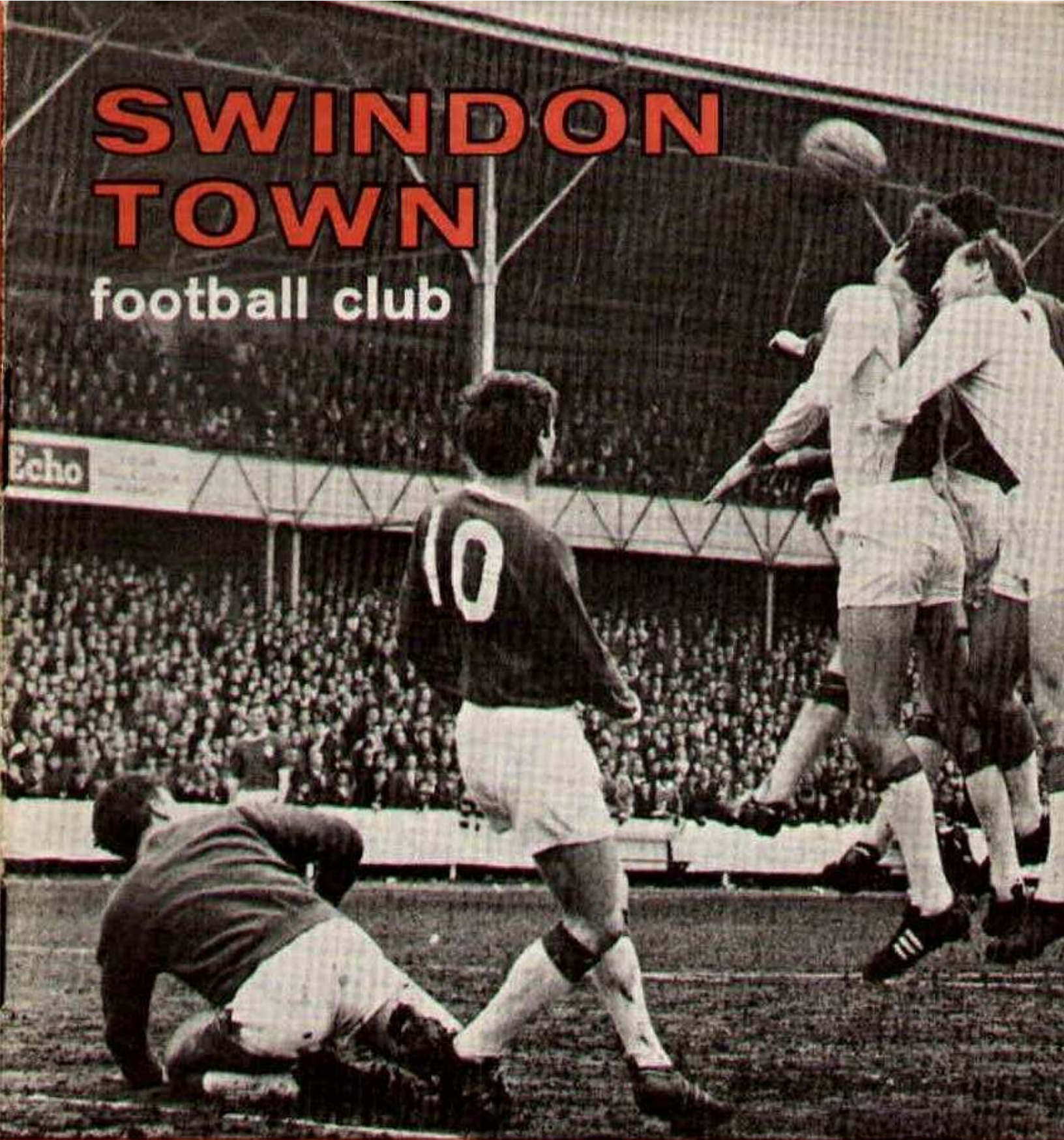


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NEWS and VIEWS

After the cut and thrust of Cup football, we return to the league programme, our second game this season.

Our lads certainly made a splendid start at Brighton (always a hard match). This draw (almost a win) was all the more welcome because it was brought about mainly by our own players of last season.

Some supporters have been disappointed by the fact that we have not rushed into the inflated transfer market, and paid outrageous sums for players. (Surely we learn in the light of our previous mistakes.) To date we have only one new player on the books, and the manager, Mr. Williams, is quite happy with the way things have gone. He is certainly determined not to rush and buy for the sake of buying. He will be quite happy to develop his own young players.

To those who are a little apprehensive, and feel the side needs strengthening (maybe it does) let me say right away the atmosphere throughout the club has never been better. The team spirit is absolutely outstanding, and remember it was that factor, and not the individual skill of the players that enabled England to win the World Cup, and it was certainly most evident in that other English victory, the Final Test, won by team work, guts and determination.

The whole staff, administrative, coaching and playing are certainly working in great harmony, and determined to put the club in the picture. Remember too, we have the smallest playing staff for many years. At the end of season 1965, we had forty-five professionals on the books, involving a most uneconomic wage bill. Today we have just twenty players, and eight apprentices, a

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much more realistic figure. In spite of this, we are sure progress will be made without building a huge overdraft. (Something which at present is impossible.) We feel the club is on the right lines, and will be well on the map, both from the playing point of view, and the financial angle.

This time last year many changes took place—manager, players, directors. Matters have settled down, the whole image and atmosphere changed. Now comes consolidation and progress. We have got over our disappointments and upsets much quicker than expected, and we face the future with confidence. Mr. Williams has certainly brought the spirit of happiness and confidence with that amount of sanity allied to a tough Yorkshireman.

We welcome our visitors Darlington, to their first league match at the County Ground. We hope they will enjoy coming to Swindon. We are sure our supporters will give them a warm welcome, and especially one player (we do hope he is in the team), Alan Sproates, a great favourite with our spectators especially those who attended Reserve games.

A lad always in the game, wanting the ball, and always a “runner”—a grand lad, or as put by one reporter—a human dynamo. We wish you well, Alan.

We met Darlington last year in the League Cup, and were defeated by one goal to nil. Previous to that fixture the other occasions when the teams met was in Season 1962-63, when Swindon beat Darlington 4-0 in the League Cup at the County Ground. In Season 1910-11, Swindon won 3-0 at Darlington, in the 3rd Round of the F.A. Cup. In those days, it seemed we were drawn to play at the other end of the world, but nevertheless some supporters made the long journey north by train, and the writer well remembers seeing flashes of this game on the screen in Pathé

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Season 1910-11 was one of those three most wonderful periods when Swindon Town was written large on the football world. In 1909-10 and 1911-12 we reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Final, but this season after the Darlington game we lost 1-3 at Chelsea. Some of us still remember with pride, those stirring days, and the great names associated with the team. Jock Walker, Billy Tout, Freddie Wheatcroft, Harold Fleming, Tommy Bollard. Players wages—round about thirty shillings to two pounds per week.

Darlington, known as the Quakers, play on the Feethams Ground in white shirts and black shorts. This is their first season in Division 3, although in the years 1925-27 they were members of Division 2 of the Football League, having gained promotion from Division 3 (North).

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Full Backs:

Finnigan, Raymond W. Born Wallsend. Height 5ft. 10in.; weight 10st. 4lb. Previously Newcastle United 1963/1966.

Keeble, Brian B. Born Holbeach. Height 5ft. 11in.; weight 11½st. 2nd Season. Previously Grimsby Town.

Peverell, John Richard. Born Gilling West. Height 5ft. 11in.; weight 10st. 10lb. 8th Season. Previously local Amateur.

Half Backs:

Conlon, Bryan. Born Shildon. Height 6ft. 1in.; weight 12st. 7lb. 3rd Season. Previously Newcastle United.

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Sproates, Alan. Born Hetton-le-Hole. Height 5ft. 10in.; weight 11st. Transferred from Swindon Town September 1965.

Yeoman, Raymon Irvine. Born Perth. Height 5ft. 8in.; weight 12st. 4lb. Transferred from Middlesbrough 25th June, 1964. Previously Northampton and St. Johnstone.

Forwards:

Cummings, Robert D. Born Ashington. Height 5ft. 9½in.; weight 11st. Transferred from Newcastle United October 1965. Previously Aberdeen. Top scorer last season.

Hellawell, John. Born Keighley. Height 5ft. 9in.; weight 11st. Signed July 1966. Previously Rotherham United and Bradford City.

Hutchinson, J. Barry. Born Sheffield. Height 6ft.; weight 12st. Transferred from Lincoln City February 1966.

Johnstone, Eric. Born Newcastle. Height 5ft. 9in.; weight 11st. 4lb. 2nd Season. Previously Carlisle United.

McGeachie, George. Born Falkirk. Height 5ft. 6in.; weight 10st. 4lb. Transferred from Dundee 23rd January, 1964.

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24	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	7,769	(H)	2—1
27	DARLINGTON		(H)	
September 3	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS		(A)	
6	COLCHESTER UNITED		(H)	
10	WATFORD		(H)	
17	BRISTOL ROVERS		(A)	
20	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS		(H)	
24	READING		(A)	
26	COLCHESTER UNITED		(A)	
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS		(H)	
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(H)	
15	MIDDLESBROUGH		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(A)	
22	SWANSEA TOWN		(H)	
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(A)	
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT		(H)	
12	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
19	WORKINGTON		(H)	
26	(1)		()	
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(H)	
10	OXFORD UNITED		(A)	
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		(H)	
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
31	DARLINGTON		(A)	
1967				
January 7	(2)		()	
14	WATFORD		(A)	
21	BRISTOL ROVERS		(H)	
28	(3)		()	
February 4	READING		(H)	
11	DONCASTER ROVERS		(A)	
18	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN		(H)	
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(A)	
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH		(H)	
11	(5) GRIMSBY TOWN		(A)	
18	SWANSEA TOWN		(A)	
25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(H)	
27	TORQUAY UNITED		(A)	
28	TORQUAY UNITED		(H)	
April 1	LEYTON ORIENT		(A)	
8	(6) GILLINGHAM		(H)	
11	MANSFIELD TOWN		(H)	
15	WORKINGTON		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(H)	
22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(H)	
24	MANSFIELD TOWN		(A)	
29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(A)	
May 6	OXFORD UNITED		(H)	
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Time off was taken by your Committee members last night, to enjoy the first main home game of the new season. Not a nail was nailed, a piece of paper hung, or a drop of paint spread, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Needless to say, the final whistle signalled both the end of the game and a rush back to the new club house.

Congratulations to the lads for the first home win on the first home match. Looking back over last year's programme I note that the first three home matches were goal-less draws. The two goals last night were worthy ones indeed and I could swear that Joe Butler was 7 feet tall when he headed home his contribution. There is, however, no reason for complacency, and a great need for forwards who can snap up half chances as well as certain goals.

On Thursday evening a party was held in the Social Club, which was attended by all who had helped, by giving labour, services, professional advice or other help. It also gave our Steward, Dennis Titcombe, a chance to try out the new bar facilities before the official opening, last night, by the Mayor of Swindon.

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I'm sorry, but we have just not had time to get down to much future planning as yet. As a matter of fact, I woke up this morning (Thursday) and suddenly realised I hadn't had time—or had forgotten—today's Notes. These are being dashed off at breakfast between the cereal and egg, with the terrible thought that, even now, I may have missed the printing deadline.

However, we have installed a couple of fruit machines and a juke-box. Ernie Carter—a one time Committee member and always a staunch supporter—has donated a magnificent 23 inch television set. Many, many thanks, Ernie. Dartboards, table tennis, bingo and films are a few suggestions already being considered. It will be up to members to make their requirements known to the Management Committee. We do not profess to being mind readers.

Just a quick reminder in conclusion. The Club is open after this match and the bar in operation from 5 p.m. to members already enrolled. If you haven't yet made your application, **DO IT NOW** and bring it around after the match. A form of application is here for your use, not just to pad out my notes.

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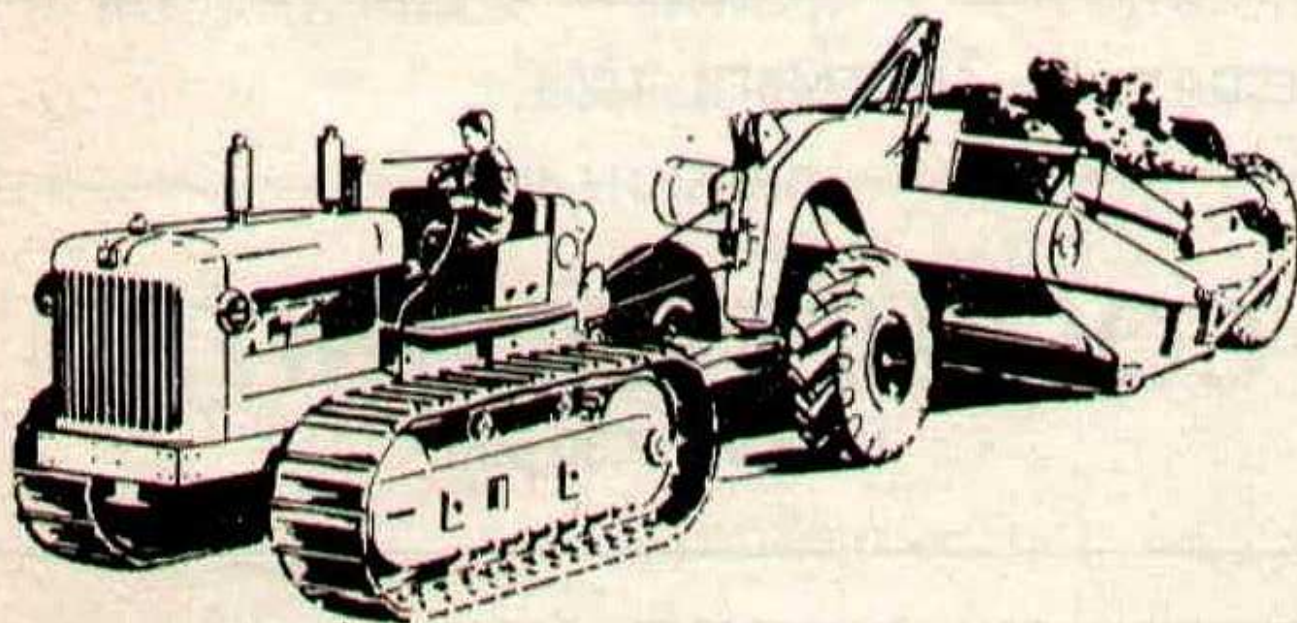
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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
1966				
August 20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)	1,434	(H)	2—3
September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(H)	
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(H)	
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(A)	
15	FULHAM		(H)	
22	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(H)	
November 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(A)	
23	READING		(A)	
26	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(H)	
December 3	FULHAM		(A)	
10	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(H)	
17	WEST HAM UNITED		(A)	
24	LEICESTER CITY		(H)	
31	SOUTHAMPTON		(H)	
1967				
January 7	IPSWICH TOWN		(H)	
14	ARSENAL		(H)	
24	COVENTRY CITY		(A)	
28	CHELSEA		(A)	
February 4	LEICESTER CITY		(A)	
11	CHELSEA		(H)	
18	CRYSTAL PALACE		(A)	
25	GILLINGHAM		(H)	
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(A)	
March 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		(H)	
18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(H)	
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
April 1	READING		(H)	
4	COVENTRY CITY		(H)	
8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(A)	
15	WEST HAM UNITED		(H)	
19	SOUTHAMPTON		(A)	
29	IPSWICH TOWN		(A)	
May 9	ARSENAL		(A)	



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