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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

SECOND ROUND

SWINDON TOWN

v.

ASHFORD TOWN

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

No doubt everyone was disappointed that we lost at Darlington, especially after the good showing during the Christmas holidays. However, the team has enjoyed a good run of success and certainly improved the league position.

Some began to talk of promotion prospects, but unfortunately we still must keep in our minds the danger even yet of relegation. Whilst we may be only five points less than Gillingham in sixth place, we are still only four points better off than Oxford United, fourth from the bottom of the table. We still need points most urgently, and we face some difficult fixtures after today: Watford away, Bristol Rovers home, and Reading home, in that order in successive weeks, with, we hope, a cup-tie in between.

However, this afternoon it is cut-and-thrust cup-tie football. Our visitors, Ashford Town, although members of the Southern League, will provide stern opposition. Clubs such as this often play much better against good opposition from a higher league. Their players have looked forward to this game ever since they defeated Cambridge City by four goals to one in the first round. A good achievement.

Ashford Town is enjoying one of its best seasons, although results have fallen away the last few weeks. They have several experienced players, and are ably drilled and coached by their player-manager, Peter Sillett, who has been in the running for the managership of several bigger clubs, Swindon being one of them.

Our *old* player and real friend, Roy Onslow, has given us his opinion of the team and players. He should certainly know, for his team, Trowbridge Town, of which he is the manager, won at Ashford by three goals to two on 17th December, 1966. Remember however that Ashford won at Trowbridge (the only

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game they have lost at home this season) on the opening day by three goals to nil.

It is pleasing to note the progress made by Trowbridge. They have improved every week, and seem to have a good chance of promotion to the Senior Division as they now occupy fifth position in the league with twenty-nine points from twenty-three games. Evidently manager Roy has brought that same happy disposition and fighting spirit to the team as he showed as a player with us. Good luck to him, and every success to the team.

We were amazed to read that Alan Sproates had been sent off the field in the match at Middlesbrough. We just can't imagine him committing an offence which justified such action. To us he was one of the quietest and best-behaved players ever to play for Swindon. We recall one classic incident, when in the face of great provocation, Alan just turned away. At the time we felt he was the only player on the field who would have kept so calm.

Last week we lost one of our finest supporters ever by the death of Mr. C. W. Gawthropp of Little Somerford. Supporters who occupy seats in the old stand knew him well. He let the manager and the Directors know what he thought of the game and the players. He certainly voiced his opinions loudly and forcefully. Nevertheless he was a great and loyal supporter, and it was his real enthusiasm and desire for the team to do well that sometimes carried him away. He will be greatly missed by all our followers. On behalf of the Club we extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathies.

We also learned with great regret of the death of one of our ex-players, Bobby Peart. He was one of our own real local lads who graduated through the Pinehurst nursery and the Wiltshire Youth Team. After successful trials as an amateur

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player he signed as a full-time professional at the end of season 1947-48. He remained on the books for a period of four seasons, during which he made many first team appearances as centre-forward (although Maurice Owen was chiefly the man in that position). He was transferred to Headington (now Oxford United), and also played for Frome. He played with the following well-known names: Sam Burton, Alex White, George Hunt, Andie Cowie, George Kaye, George Hudson, Roy Onslow, Tommy Dawson, Jimmy Bain and Morris Jones. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his widow and three young children.

To add to our list, we realised most sadly, last Saturday, that one of our "Robins" girls was killed in a car crash at Shrivenham. Pauline Jackson, just eighteen years of age, one of our keenest members and loved by all her colleagues in that grand group of young ladies. She was extremely keen on her job, and a good saleslady. Only a week ago she produced some splendid and unique decorations for the room in which these girls held their Christmas party, which was by the way, most enjoyable and a credit to all concerned. Our thoughts and sympathies are with the mother and the four brothers and sisters in the loss of a brother and a sister.

We notice some clubs are considering altering the time of kick-off on Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Some have even made the change. Shrewsbury Town for instance have asked Swindon to play at 7.30 p.m. when we visit them on 25th February. It is an experiment worth watching. We wonder what would be the position here at Swindon. Should we lose a number of our supporters from the country because of driving home later at night? Would counter attractions be detrimental? There could be quite a potential from people who work on Saturday (yes, many still do), and of course a large number who participate in amateur football during the afternoon.

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Bristol Rovers	27	13	7	7	49	42	33
Watford	24	12	6	6	33	21	30
Oldham Athletic	25	12	5	8	54	35	29
Gillingham	25	9	9	7	33	33	27
Walsall	23	12	3	8	36	37	27
Reading	25	11	4	10	40	34	26
Shrewsbury Town	25	10	6	9	42	39	26
Torquay United	26	10	5	11	40	33	25
Middlesbrough	24	10	5	9	48	41	25
Grimsby Town	24	11	3	10	39	37	25
Colchester United	24	10	5	9	45	43	25
Peterborough United	24	7	9	8	41	40	23
Bournemouth & B.A.	24	8	7	9	23	33	23
Swindon Town	23	8	6	9	44	34	22
Brighton & H.A.	24	8	6	10	31	33	22
Doncaster Rovers	24	9	4	11	36	61	22
Scunthorpe United	25	8	5	12	27	43	21
Darlington	26	8	3	15	23	51	19
Oxford United	24	5	8	11	27	32	18
Swansea Town	25	4	9	12	44	58	17
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Seventeen year old 'keeper, product of the club youth team; sound prospect.

PETER SILLETT (Right Back)

Former Chelsea and England International, Peter is in his second season as player-manager of the club.

DAVID HUNT (Left Back)

David, a Mancunian, came south to play for Arsenal, and joined Ashford Town this season from Guildford City.

BILL DODGE (Right Half)

Bustling half back, formerly with Tottenham Hotspur, now in his second season with the club, having previously been with Kettering.

BOB FRENCH (Centre Half)

Tall, commanding pivot, has played for Reading and Guildford City; joined Ashford Town at the start of this season.

DENNIS PARNELL (Left Half)

Attacking wing half, has played for Aldershot and Norwich City; in his second season with the club.

KEN MARCH (Right Wing)

Utility player Ken was a product of the West Ham United Youth team, joined Ashford Town last season. Plays well at full back and wing half.

HUGH COCHRANE (Inside Right)

Glasgow-born Hugh is a ball player in the Scottish tradition. Signed this season from Wimbledon; formerly with Barnsley.

JIM ROBERTS (Centre Forward)

Sharpshooter Jim is a local player who has played for Charlton Athletic; as an amateur he has gained county status.

RAY KEMP (Inside Left)

Diminutive Ray likes to get among the goals. Signed this year from Tonbridge, was converted by Fulham from full back to centre forward.

TIM SOUTAR (Outside Left)

Signed this season from Brentford, Tim has a lot of ability and packs a good shot.

MALCOLM COLLINS (Substitute)

Malcolm is a long-serving and loyal clubman, having been with the club eleven seasons. Plays wing or inside forward.

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This being the first league programme of 1967, I would like to start by wishing all Supporters' Club members, and the Directors, players and supporting staff a belated Happy and Prosperous New Year.

It has, perhaps, started off on rather a sad note. One of the Supporters' Club's life members, who served for many years on the Committee and was a life-long worker for the benefit of the Supporters' and Football Club, died during the Christmas holidays. Our sympathy goes out to his family. At the funeral on Monday last, the 2nd January, the Supporters' Club was represented by our Chairman and Mrs. B. Ranger, our Social Secretary.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Miss Pauline Jackson, one of the young ladies who entertain the fans at league matches at half-time, who was so tragically killed, with her brother, in a motor car accident on the evening of the 30th December.

In our last notes of course, the result of the away match at Peterborough was not known. The double over Peterborough United, was of course, invaluable, and we all hope that the setback last Saturday at Darlington is only temporary, and that another run of successes will commence with today's game. However, it is comforting to know that we ended the year with 22 points — 2 points more than the 20 points I suggested was needed in the programme notes on the 25th October (the West Bromwich Albion League Cup match) — and a much healthier position in the league. Promotion this year will be extremely difficult, but not impossible. I am sure the team will do their best and on our part, as supporters, we must continue to support. The match attendance on Boxing Day was really encouraging. I hope it will continue, as this would have a most



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dynamic effect on the lads.

Peter Downsbrough is making progress after his operation at the Princess Margaret Hospital and we hope that this will be maintained. In the meantime, from the reports I saw in the Sunday papers, Tony Hicks is, as usual, deputising in no mean fashion, and must have been as exasperating to the Darlington supporters as Mr. Duff was to us in the Peterborough goal on Boxing Day.

The Social Club had a very successful, first ever, Christmas period. From what the members tell me they were highly pleased with the entertainment laid on and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Management Committee were, of course, working completely in the dark, with no previous experience from which to draw. Next Christmas, I am sure, will be even more successful. The Dal Combo, on Boxing Night, have, in fact, been provisionally booked for Boxing Night next Christmas, as they proved immensely popular with all who were in the Club. A turkey was laid on, which was estimated to be large enough for our catering requirements over Christmas. The poor bird lasted exactly 95 minutes on Christmas Eve, which rather put us on the spot for Boxing Night, but we now have a good idea of what size turkey to get for next Christmas.

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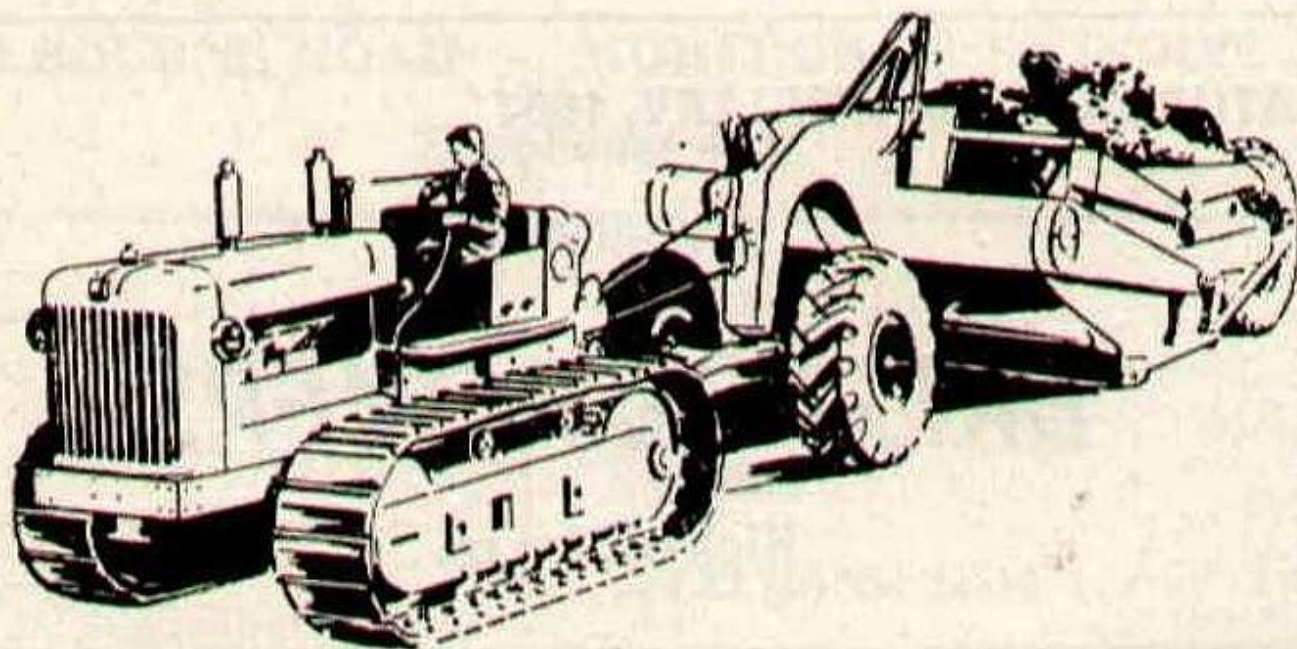
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27	DARLINGTON	10,855 (H)	4—0
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6	COLCHESTER UNITED	11,600 (H)	1—1
10	WATFORD	9,999 (H)	1—2
13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784 (H)	4—1
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	..... (A)	0—3
24	READING	9,064	..... (A)	1—2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	..... (A)	1—2
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	..... (H)	0—1
4	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	9,190	..... (A)	1—1
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7,985	..... (H)	2—2
11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)	8,147	..... (H)	4—2
15	MIDDLESBROUGH	8,126	..... (A)	0—4
18	WALSALL	9,027	..... (A)	1—1
22	SWANSEA TOWN	8,638	..... (H)	4—0
25	W. BROMWICH ALBION (League Cup)	16,254	..... (H)	0—2
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	6,333	..... (A)	4—1
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT	8,996	..... (H)	5—1
12	GILLINGHAM	7,320	..... (A)	0—1
19	WORKINGTON	9,497	..... (H)	3—0
26	(1) HORSHAM	8,000	..... (A)	3—0
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10,347	..... (H)	6—3
10	OXFORD UNITED	10,037	..... (A)	0—0
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	9,900	..... (H)	1—1
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED .....		..... (A)	2—1
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	14,619	..... (H)	4—1
31	DARLINGTON	5,060	..... (A)	1—2
January 7	(2) ASHFORD TOWN .....		..... (H)	
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)	
14	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS .....		..... (H)	
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)	
12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (A)	



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	12	10	1	1	37	13	21
Swindon Town	13	8	2	3	21	16	18
Leicester City	14	7	3	4	34	26	17
Arsenal	11	8	0	3	26	16	16
West Ham United	12	7	1	4	33	19	15
Nottingham Forest	13	7	1	5	38	27	15
Peterborough United	10	6	2	2	25	22	14
Southampton	16	5	3	8	35	32	13
Crystal Palace	13	6	1	6	25	31	13
Northampton Town	11	5	2	4	25	25	12
Chelsea	14	5	2	7	26	35	12
Plymouth Argyle	14	4	3	7	31	29	11
Gillingham	12	3	4	5	23	33	10
Ipswich Town	15	4	1	10	21	34	9
Coventry City	10	3	2	5	17	28	8
Fulham	13	3	1	9	23	31	7
Reading	13	2	1	10	17	40	5



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