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## NEWS and VIEWS

We are still fighting to retain our league status. After all the excitement and glamour of cup football, right back to our very existence, league football, the life-blood of every club. At the time of writing we are in 4th position from bottom—those dreaded four places. Two points, gained at Grimsby (if only) would make a great difference. Would certainly relieve the tension at the next two home games. We cannot count too much on points from Grimsby as they themselves are very near the danger zone.

The game today and next Tuesday could have a great bearing on our position. The manager, Mr. Williams, has set a target of 40 points. Including todays game we have 6 home matches, and 4 away, remaining to be played. If we win the home games, we should finish with a total of 43 points (assuming we gained no points at Grimsby). One big factor in our favour is our goal average, still on the right side, more goals for than against. We have to go many places up the table to find a team in such a favourable position regarding goal average.

Points will be difficult to obtain as we face strong opposition even at home.

Our opponents today are enjoying a very good season and have conceded only 45 goals. The defence obviously is very strong, but the attack has scored 45 goals. The match could be a battle of defences, since Swindon has scored few goals in recent games. Earlier this season, we lost at Gillingham by the only goal scored (a penalty) when we were enjoying our best run for several weeks, having drawn 1—1 at Walsall, beaten

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#### **NEWS AND VIEWS—continued**

Swansea 4—0 (at home), won 4—1 at Bournemouth, and defeated Leyton Orient 5—1. After the burst of scoring on our part the defeat by one goal was most disappointing. The team on that occasion was Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Smart, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Brown, Penman, Butler, Walker.

Gillingham has always been one of our "bogey teams" at the County Ground. Last season they won 1 goal to 0, and in the return game played on 1st January, they again defeated us by 1 goal to 0. To date then all three games have resulted in a 1—0 win by our opponents. Should todays score be 1—0 we trust it will be in our favour, but we earnestly hope for more goals. They have been very scarce at the County Ground of late.

Saturday, 9th October, 1965. Swindon (0): Downsborough; Butler, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Shergold; Weaver, Smart, Lawton, Keyworth, Rogers. Gillingham (1): Simpson; Miller, Stocks; Moffatt, White, Taylor; Yeo, Newman, Rackstraw, Gibbs, Meredith.

Prior to that game, the last time the two clubs met was in Season 1957-58 the very last year of the Division III (South). Gillingham unfortunately finished in the lower half of the Division, and thus became a Division IV team for season 1958-59.

Other clubs, who became members of the new Division IV were Crystal Palace, Coventry City, Carlisle United, Watford, Millwall and Walsall. Much has happened in eight seasons. It certainly is not the end of the road for clubs in Division IV, as the names above prove. The results for season 1957-58 were: Swindon 1 Gillingham 1; Gillingham 2 Swindon 0.

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#### **NEWS AND VIEWS—continued**

Not a glut of goals and you notice Gillingham again took more than their fair share of the points. It is up to us to break the spell.

We print below an item which appeared in the "Football League Review". I wonder how many many of us does it refer to, how many are stated in the extract!

"Nobody likes to be told how to do his job—and certainly not from an outsider. Yet everybody tells a footballer how to do his. I'm pretty sure I couldn't do your job and I don't suppose you could do mine. Yet none of us has any hesitation in telling a footballer how to do his. When you think of it, it's funny isn't it. It's the same with barracking. You're not really doing much good. I know most of it is done through sheer misery, but it doesn't help the players when they're feeling down-hearted, and cheesed-off themselves, to have a lot of loud voices giving them the bird. But as one international footballer told us, They've paid their money, so I suppose they feel entitled to jeer if they're not happy with us. As entertainers we have to put up with it."

Be that as it may. Barracking certainly does not help in any way. That, however, is not as bad as hooliganism, which unfortunately is creeping into the game. Thank goodness, we in Swindon have not suffered in that way. We fear sometimes when crowds invade the pitch after the game. May we appeal once again most strongly. "Please **do not cross** the playing surface after the game, please leave by the proper exit. The ring-side seats can cause some disturbance, but we ask all who occupy those places not to move until the final whistle. Thank you."

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#### BRIAN GIBBS

Born Gillingham (Dorset). Signed from Bournemouth & B. A. in October 1962.

#### BILLY BROWN

Born Dagenham. Signed from Bedford Town in January 1966. Previously with Southampton, Charlton Athletic, Romford and Chelmsford.

#### CHARLES RACKSTRAW

Born Sheffield. Signed from Chesterfield in July 1964.

#### JOHN MEREDITH

Born Doncaster. Signed from Chesterfield in March 1964. Previously with Doncaster Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday.

#### KEN OSBORN

Born London, Signed in May 1966 from Queen's Park Rangers.

#### CARL GILBERT

Born Folkestone. Signed from the army in September 1965.

#### JOHN O'MARA

Born Bolton. Signed from amateur football in September 1965.

#### BRIAN YEO

Born Worthing. Signed from Portsmouth in July 1963.

#### CHARLES CRICKMORE

Born Hull. Signed from Bournemouth & B. A. in July 1966, previously with Hull City.

#### DEREK BELLOTTI

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## SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Since the last Notes were written before Easter, the fortunes of the first team have met with mixed success. At that time I said that after the Easter matches, relegation might have been pushed into the background. Whilst this has not been accomplished, it could still be held that the position has not deteriorated. The three games produced three points. The home match against Bournemouth & B. A., as usual, produced a dour struggle. The away game against Torquay United was lost by the odd goal, whilst the replay at home with Torquay United produced a goal-less draw.

Following these three games, last Saturday saw another goal-less draw against Leyton Orient, in London. Two points here would have been invaluable, as Leyton Orient are in no better position than we are. This match had been selected as the venue for the Supporters Club Committee annual outing. A win would have set the seal on a very enjoyable day out, which was crowned by a mass booking for about a 100 of us at the Victoria Palace to see the Black and White Minstrels in

full technicolour, as it were.

Last Tuesday's Reserve game against Coventry City again provided this team's regular supporters with a highly entertaining match, which ended in a well-earned 4—1 win. One must observe, here, that the youngsters set an example which the first team could well follow. Team work was of the essence, and everything was chased, and everyone from Coventry harried into making mistakes. Maybe Jimmy Giles is not polished yet but he is effective, and the forward line, at least, had a great deal of cohesion.

The lesson at the reserve match on Tuesday would seem to have been learnt, and put to good effect, at Grimsby last Wednesday evening, when the lads came storming home to a 4—3

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win in the last few minutes of the game. The lift in the League position, and the release of a certain amount of tension, will, I hope, give us an enjoyable game today. Last season, Gillingham put up a defensive wall across the goalmouth and we suffered one of the most frustrating 90 minutes of the season. A couple of quick goals today would, I think, prevent the wall from being built. Anyway, here's luck, and please, PLENTY OF VOCAL SUPPORT FROM THE TERRACES.

On behalf of the Supporters, I would like to add our congratulations to John Trollope on achieving his uninterrupted run of 302 League and Cup matches. I wonder how many of us can boast of such a period of work without a day off?

A few weeks ago, I wished Dennis Brown the best of luck with his new club, Northampton Town. It is with some regret that, on behalf of the Supporters, I now have to offer our good wishes to him in his fight to get fit from his recent motor car accident. The loss of a knee-cap — which I understand is the main damage — will not be easy to overcome. Dennis was always in the fight, for the full 90 minutes, whilst he was with us. I have no doubt that he will not give up this fight easily.

Social Club affairs continue to prosper. The Friday and Sunday night Bingo sessions in particular are becoming more popular each week. Members who have not yet dropped in are invited to do so — and to bring a few friends with them. Remember, all the Bingo takings go back to the Members as prize money — we are not supporting a large gambling setup.

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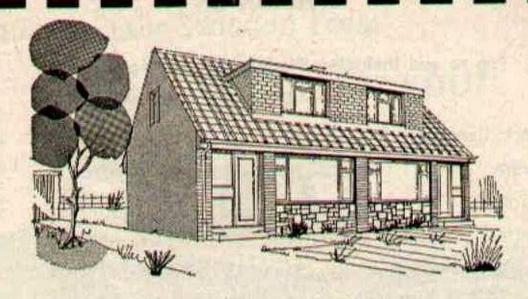
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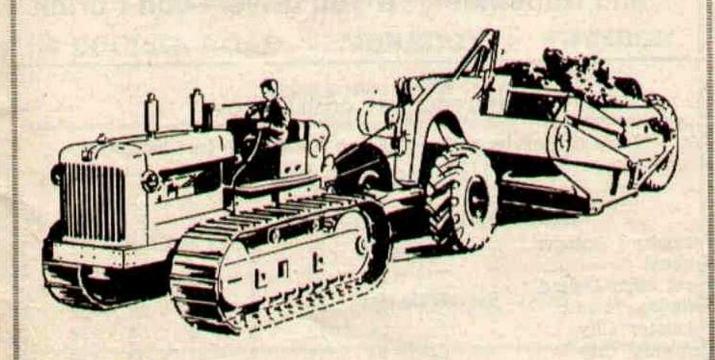
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10	WATFORD	9,999	(H)	1-2
13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784	(H)	4-1
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	(A)	0-3
24	READING	9,064	(A)	1-2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	(A)	1-2
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	(H)	0-1
4	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	9,190	(A)	1-1
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7,985	(11)	4-2
11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)	8,147	(H)	0 1
18	MIDDLESBROUGH	8,126	\A\	1 1
22		9,027	_(A)	4_0
25		16,254	(H)	0_2
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(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	5,393	(A)	2—1
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	14,619	(H)	4-1
31	DARLINGTON	5,060	(A)	1-2
January 7	(2) ASHFORD TOWN	12,079	(H)	5-0
14	WATFORD	16,942	(A)	0-2
21		15,479	(H)	3_3
28 31	(3) WEST HAM UNITED	37,440 25,789	{A}	3 1
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	DONCASTER ROVERS		_(A)	ŏ_1
18	(4) BURY	24,452	(H)	2-1
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN	5,057	(A)	1-3
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	11,458	(H)	3—1
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH	14,200	(H)	4—1
11	(5) NOTTINGHAM FOREST	47,500	(A)	0-0
14	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	28,008	(H)	1-1
18	SWANSEA TOWN	5,916	(A)	2-2
20	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	52.600	(A)	0-3
25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	14,099	(H)	1-0
27	TORQUAY UNITED	9,924	(A)	0-1
28	TORQUAY UNITED	14,327	(H)	0_0
April 1	I FYTON ORIFNT	4,743	(A)	4 3
8	GRIMSBY TOWN	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	(A)	4-3
11	(6) GILLINGHAM		}G{	The state of the s
15	WORKINGTON	***************************************	(A)	
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22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(H)	1
24	MANSFIELD TOWN		(A)	
29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC	***************************************	(4)	
May 6	OXFORD UNITED		(H)	-
12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(A)	-



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