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CLUB NOTES & NEWS

Well, here we are at the end of yet another season for Scunthorpe United — a season again marked by inconsistency, although this time more in away matches than at home. Certainly it was a great disappointment to end our away Third Division programme with a 3—0 defeat at Doncaster.

We had by far the majority of the play, but the ball just would not go in. On the other hand the Rovers took their chances to score three goals, one of them coming from the penalty spot.

Our reserves completed a disappointing Midland League season with a 2—0 win over Scarborough at the Old Show Ground. We hope that with another summer behind them our young reserve team players will be able to put up a better show next season.

All too often they have played the better football, but have lost because the physical advantages have been loaded so heavily against them. Even so we feel that our reserves include some young players who could well make a name for themselves in senior football, as they gain in weight and experience.

Supporters will have noticed in the

press that for the time being we are going to continue with the present team control set up. The directors have complete faith in the work being done behind the scenes by Club captain Keith Burkinshaw, with valuable assistance from Jeff Barker and Jack Brownsword.

Credit is also due to the small selected sub-committee of directors Messrs W. Archer, P. Beacroft and D. J. Tingle. They have helped out in much additional work since they took over team selection, and we feel that they have done a first class job.

Now that the season is over an immediate start is to be made on preparations for 1967-68. A major effort is being made on pitch improvements, and the grounds staff is going to be very busy in the next few months.

In addition we shall be on the look out for any players who may become available, and who it is felt will strengthen what we hope will be a promotion challenge next season.

No efforts will be spared in this direction, but we would remind supporters that the club is not in any position to compete with the big time clubs in what remains a greatly inflated transfer market.

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The club is grateful to supporters for the way in which they have rallied round during what has been one of the most trying seasons in Scunthorpe United's history. But we hope for increased support next season—only by increased support shall we be able to maintain the improvement shown since the beginning of 1967.

It is interesting to note that next season will see at least three more clubs from the north competing in the Third Division. Stockport

County are already assured of the Fourth Division championship, while Southport and Barrow are also assured of promotion. That was after last week's games, and by now they could well have been joined by Tranmere Rovers—yet another team from the north.

We shall be looking forward to renewing our games against these old opponents from our Third Division (North) days.

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May we remind you that our competition will continue during the close season, and ask you to continue to support us during that time.

We trust that during the Summer we shall be able to expand and help the parent club along to a successful New Season.

We thank the playing staff for the entertainment provided during the past season, and give a special mention to the Juniors for their gallant performances in the Youth Cup.

So don't forget to keep buying your Armchair Bingo tickets— an extra one if you can manage it— or better still— become an agent for us.

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Hoping to see you all— and your friends— next season.

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SWINDON TOWN

Swindon Town, visitors to the Old Show Ground for the final Third Division game of the 1966-67 season, have proved themselves one of the most attractive combinations in the section, and we look forward to a really grand climax to the first team season.

Although they made a disastrous start to their league programme, Swindon gradually improved, and are finishing the season on a highly successful note. Had it not been for their indifferent start they might well have been challenging for a speedy return to Second Division football.

But it is for their cup run that they have gained most public acclaim this season. They only went out to Nottingham Forest in the fifth round after three games, and by doing so won the "Cup Giant-Killers" trophy put up for competition by a national Sunday newspaper and won some years ago by Scunthorpe United.

Swindon Town F.C. was formed in 1881, and the club adopted professionalism to join the newly formed Southern League in 1894. They were among the founder members of the Football League's Third Division in 1920.

Swindon were promoted to Division Two in 1962-63 after finishing as runners up in the Third Division,

but were relegated again the season before last.

They play at the Swindon Corporation owned County Ground, where the present record books shows the ground attendance record stands at 28,582 for an F.A. cup tie against West Ham in February 1964. Best receipts are shown as £5,471 for the same game, but these may have been bettered during the present season's successful cup run, when both West Ham, and Nottingham Forest visited the County Ground.

Swindon's record win was by 10-1 against Franham United Breweries in the first round of the F.A. cup, in a game played away from home. Their heaviest defeat was by the same margin when losing to Manchester City in a fourth round replay on January 25, 1930.

Swindon have built up a solid and attractive playing team under the astute management of Mr. Danny Williams, the former Rotherham United manager. In Don Rogers they have one of the best wingers in the game, and he is the subject of many enquiries from First Division clubs.

Their young right back Rodney Thomas has made a rapid rise to the top. He only gained a regular first team place last season, but was chosen for a full Wales international cap early last month.

PREMIER LEAGUE

August 31	LINCOLN U.	AWAY	3-2
September 27	LINCOLN C.	AWAY	5-3
November 19	LINCOLN C.	HOME	0-3
January 14 1967	GRIMSBY	AWAY	1-7
February 14th	BOSTON	HOME	2-2
February 21	GRIMSBY	HOME	1-5
March 7	LINCOLN U.	HOME	
April 17	BOSTON	AWAY	1-1

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THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Q.P.R.	45	26	15		4102	36	67
Bristol R.	46	20	13	13	76	67	53
Wattford	44	20	12	12	60	45	52
Torquay	46	21	9	16	73	54	51
Reading	45	21	9	15	74	56	51
Middlesboro	44	21	9	14	81	62	51
Shrewsbury	45	19	12	14	54	60	50
Mansfield	45	20	9	16	82	75	49
Swindon	45	19	10	16	79	58	48
Oldham	45	19	9	17	79	62	47
Walsall	44	17	10	17	62	68	44
Gillingham	45	14	16	15	55	61	44
Peterboro	45	14	15	16	65	69	43
Grimsby	45	17	8	20	61	68	42
Scunthorpe	45	17	8	20	57	71	42
Colchester	44	16	9	18	72	69	41
Oxford	44	14	13	17	58	61	41
Brighton	44	13	14	17	58	67	30
Leyton O.	43	11	18	14	52	63	40
Bournem'th	25	12	16	17	39	57	40
Swansea	45	11	15	19	81	88	37
Darlington	46	13	11	22	47	81	36
Workington	43	12	7	24	51	82	31
Doncaster	44	12	7	25	56	113	1

MIDLAND LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Gainsboro	42	30	5		7105	42	65
Worksop	42	30	5		7102	52	65
Grantham	42	26	5		11106	68	57
Arnold	42	24	6		12106	68	54
Lockheed	42	23	6		13105	80	52
Scarboro'	42	22	7	13	89	59	51
Heanor	42	21	7	14	97	65	49
Afreton	42	20	7	15	77	74	47
Goole	427	18	10	14	87	66	46
Ilkeston	42	20	5	17	97	83	45
Spalding	42	19	6	17	86	82	44
Retford	42	15	9	18	76	82	39
Long Eaton	42	11	14	17	51	68	36
Skegness	42	13	8	21	74	111	34
Grimsby	42	14	5	23	76	83	33
Matlock	42	13	7	22	60	90	33
Belper	42	11	10	21	55	79	32
Lincoln	42	11	10	21	65	92	32
Stamford	42	10	9	23	64	127	29
Sutton	42	10	8	24	55	93	28
Scunthorpe	42	12	3	27	69	99	27
Loughboro'	42	8	10	24	66	105	26

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JANUARY 1967

7—Mansfield	Away	1-2
14—Swansea T.	Home	4-3
21—Middlesbrough	Away	1-2
28—Bournemouth	Away	0-0

FEBRUARY

4—Shrewsbury	Home	2-0
11—Colchester	Away	1-0
18—Oxford U.	Away	1-2
24—Walsall	Home	2-0

MARCH

4—Peterborough	Away	0-1
10—Oxford U.	Home	2-2
11—F.A. Cup Round 5		
17—Torquay U.	Home	3-1
25—Brighton	Away	2-2
27—Workington	Home	4-1
28—Workington	Away	0-1
31—Darlington	Home	2-0

APRIL

8—Q.P.R.	Away	1-5
14—Watford	Home	1-0
22—Swindon T.	Away	1-2
25—Bristol R.	Home	3-1
28—Reading	Home	0-2

MAY

5—Doncaster R.	Away	0-3
12—Swindon T.	Home	

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MIDLAND LEAGUE FIXTURES

JANUARY 1967

10—Lockheed	Home	3-5
17—Grantham	Home	1-2
21—Sutton	Home	0-1
28—Spalding	Away	0-4

FEBRUARY

11—Alfreton	Home	1-2
25—Ilkeston	Away	1-2
28—Retford	Home	1-1

MARCH

4—Arnold	Away	0-4
11—Belper	Away	2-2
18—Gainsborough	Away	0-4
25—Skegness	Away	0-2
27—Retford	Away	1-3

APRIL

1—Goole	Away	0-4
3—Grantham	Away	1-4
5—Long Eaton	Home	0-1
8—Lincoln	Home	1-4
10—Matlock	Away	3-0
19—Long Eaton	Away	0-2
22—Loughborough	Home	0-1
26—Grimsby	Home	0-2
29—Matlock	Home	2-3

MAY

1—Heanor	Home	7-0
3—Worksop	Home	1-5
6—Scarborough	Home	2-0
20—F.A. Cup Final		

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

What a night the trip to Doncaster turned out to be. Who would have expected a football excursion to have returned to Scunthorpe looking as if it had returned from the wars? The attacks upon our supporters and their buses was stupid and completely incomprehensible. If our team had proven the victors, then the action of those vandals might be understood, but as the scoreline went the other way, there appears to be no reason at all for their moranic behaviour.

We must realise however that the blame dose not rest with our neighbours, the Rovers, nor with the majority of their fans. In every town and every crowd there exists a small but rowdy element of ignorant vandals who mistakingly believe that to throw a stone at a bus and severely injure someone, will make them look 'big' to their companions. What it really means is that these children are too weak minded to do anything else but follow the strongest amongst them. It is this element that is giving a bad name to Soccer as a whole, and has now dubbed Doncaster F.C. as being a 'dirty club' in the eyes of many Scunthorpe supporters. These few must therefore be weeded out as quickly as

possible, not just from the Doncaster crowd, but from the whole Soccer scene, so that the blame for incidents like last Friday can be placed squarely where it belongs.

We hope that young Brian Smith, the unfortunate victim of last Friday night, is on his way to a complete recovery and that he will continue to support the Iron next season, as enthusiastically as he has done in the past.

Tonights match brings the home venue to a close for another season. The Social Club will be open throughout the close season however, each night except Sunday, and we hope that supporters will use its facilities to the full.

The Derby Draw tickets are still on sale at 6d. each from the Social Club or the Secretary's Office. Make sure of your share now.

Finally don't forget to cheer the lads on tonight so that we can finish the season in right style. Encouragement from the terraces is important, so make it a good and loud.

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Apart from this meeting on 15th May the chairman has decided that there will be no more Junior Supporters meetings until the beginning of next season. This will enable the club to make a fresh start and, it is hoped, give better facilities than has been the case previously. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their support and they look forward to seeing them next season.

PROGRAMME STALL.

Don't forget that this may be your last chance this season to visit the programme stall in the West Stand. Certain programmes will be cheaper for tonight only and we have many new arrivals i.e., Chelsea, Aberdeen and many others. Come and take this opportunity of acquiring these programmes before we close for the summer season.

Watch the notice boards for details of further Junior Supporters activities. Again may I thank you for your continued support during the past season.

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