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Elm Park Viewpoint

The matches against Swindon and Oxford are regarded as the most important in our programme—and this week we meet both clubs within the space of three days. We kick off tonight against Swindon, and travel to Oxford on Saturday. Throw in next Wednesday's League Cup match against Arsenal at Highbury and our supporters and team face seven days of tremendous excitement and importance.

Tonight's game, in fact, holds even more promise than usual, for after last week-end's matches we were in second place in the Division Three table and Swindon, despite being held to a home draw, were not far behind.

Both clubs have their sights firmly set on promotion—and what an occasion it would be for this area if we were to make the jump into Division Two together at the end of this season.

Swindon, of course, have been in the higher division in recent years—and what some battles we have had with them since they came back down two seasons ago! In 1965/66 Swindon did the double on us beating us 5-0 and 2-0. Last year it was our turn. We won 2-1 here and 1-0 at Swindon.

That makes it the Robin's turn for a win—but we aim to end that sequence tonight! Whatever the result, it can be safely assumed that the game will be a cracker.

At the time of writing it was not known whether or not our two strikers, John Collins and John Sainty would be sufficiently fit to be considered for selection for tonight's match. On Saturday, of course, both were watching from the stands—but what a wonderful job our "makeshift" side made of beating Grimsby.

Reserve strength can make or break a promotion-seeking side—and if Saturday's display is any guide we shall certainly be alright in this respect. Our goals came from Ron Foster, Peter Silvester and Jimmy Mullen—and as recently as two weeks all three were in our Combination side.

A special word of thanks, by the way to our young supporters who responded extremely well to the appeal to keep off the pitch after Saturday's match. It was also pleasing to hear so much vocal support from the groups under the clock and behind each goal. Crowd atmosphere has been badly lacking at Elm Park in recent years, but the West Bromwich Albion match proved just what can be achieved.



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Our games against Swindon are always looked forward to with eager anticipation, and are never easy. Tonight's will be no exception, for Swindon, like ourselves, are making a big drive for promotion this season.

Although the "Robins" are only mid-way in the league table they have received some fine support at The County Ground, their average league gate this season being 13,515.

Among the players we welcome to Elm Park are our old friend **Pat Terry**, and Swindon's most recent signing, **Don Heath** from Norwich.

Goalkeeper **Peter Downsbrough** was born in Halifax, and signed from the Yorkshire club in 1965. An agile 'keeper, although he never resorts to showmanship.

Full-backs **John Trollope** and **Rod Thomas** have been together since last season when Thomas took over from the injured Owen Dawson. Trollope, a local boy, went into Swindon's first team at the age of 16, and last season celebrated 300 consecutive league appearances. Thomas gained an international cap last year when he represented Wales against Ireland.

Right-half **Joe Butler** came to Swindon from Newcastle in 1965. A tenacious player whose speed and ability compensate for his lack of inches.

Centre half **Jimmy Giles** is currently filling the berth once occupied by **Mel Nurse**, although he has performed equally well at centre forward for Swindon. Born in nearby Kidlington.

Heath, as we mentioned earlier, joined Swindon towards the end of September and made a fine impression in his debut.

Inside right **Willie Penman** was an expensive signing from Newcastle in 1966, and was previously with Glasgow Rangers. Also turns out at centre-forward on occasions.

Centre forward **Pat Terry** needs no introduction to Reading fans, but they may wish to be reminded that in addition Pat has played for Charlton, Swansea, Gillingham, Northampton and Millwall.

Roger Smart is essentially a deep-lying schemer. Born in Swindon he joined the club direct from Swindon's schoolboy's side.

Outside-left **Don Rogers** is a puzzling player who can win a game on his own, or fade into obscurity on an off-day. Swindon's leading goal-scorer last season with 33, he has represented England at Youth and Under-23 level.

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- 3 Dick Spiers
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- 5 John Chapman
- 6 Ernest Yard
- 7 Ron Foster
- 8 James Mullen
- 9 Denis Allen
- 10 Peter Silvester
- 11 George Harris
- 12 Rodney Thornhill

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- 1 **Pete Downsborough**
- 2 **Rod Thomas**
- 3 **John Trollope**
- 4 **Joe Butler**
- 5 **Mel Nurse**
- 6 **Stan Harland**
- 7 **Don Heath**
- 8 **Willie Penman**
- 9 **Pat Terry**
- 10 **Roger Smart**
- 11 **Don Rogers**
- 12 **Owen Dawson**

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Aug. 29—Swansea Town	A	2	4
Sept. 6—Bristol City	H	2	2
" 9—Brighton & H. A.	A	2	1
" 20—Cardiff City	H	1	1
" 23—Norwich City	A	1	4
Oct. 3—Bristol City	A		
" 11—Bournemouth & Bos.	H		
" 14—Fulham	A		
" 25—Bristol Rovers	H		
" 28—Oxford United	A		
Nov. 8—Crystal Palace	H		
" 15—Bournemouth & Bos.	A		
" 22—Fulham	H		
" 25—Bristol Rovers	A		
Dec. 6—Oxford United	H		
" 9—Crystal Palace	A		
" 13—Swansea Town	H		
" 26—Cardiff City	H		
" 30—Cardiff City	A		

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION III

Up to and including Monday, 2nd October

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Torquay	9	5	4	0	11	5	14
Peterborough	10	6	2	2	20	13	14
READING	9	5	2	2	17	11	12
Walsall	9	5	2	2	17	11	12
Colchester	10	4	4	2	15	15	12
Southport	9	5	1	3	16	11	11
Barrow	10	4	3	3	11	10	11
Bury	9	4	2	3	19	11	10
Stockport	9	4	2	3	12	10	10
Swindon	9	3	3	3	14	11	9
Watford	10	4	1	5	17	14	9
Tranmere	9	4	1	4	15	14	9
Brighton	9	4	1	4	10	9	9
Grimsby	9	3	3	3	10	11	9
Scunthorpe	9	3	3	3	12	15	9
Oxford	9	3	2	4	13	15	8
Mansfield	10	2	4	4	14	18	8
Gillingham	9	3	2	4	12	14	8
Bournemouth	9	3	2	4	10	15	8
Shrewsbury	9	2	4	3	9	13	8
Northampton	9	2	3	4	11	14	7
Bristol Rovers	10	2	2	6	9	18	6
Orient	9	1	3	5	7	17	5
Oldham	9	1	2	6	9	15	4

FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION II

Up to and including Monday, 2nd October

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Norwich	9	7	0	2	22	13	14
Fulham	10	4	3	3	21	18	11
Cardiff	7	3	3	1	8	8	9
Brighton	8	4	1	3	13	15	9
Bournemouth	9	2	5	2	13	16	9
Bristol Rovers	9	3	2	4	16	17	8
Bristol City	7	3	1	3	17	12	7
Crystal Palace	8	3	1	4	16	15	7
Oxford	7	2	0	5	10	14	4
READING	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
Swansea	5	1	0	4	8	12	2

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Our lads gave a good performance last Saturday with grand spirit and the will to win. May this continue and don't forget to help them on and keep the cheering going. After last Saturday's game we were second in the table and must have a great chance of promotion this season.

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League—Sainty 5, Collins 4, Harris 3, Allen 1
 Scarrott 1, Silvester 1, Foster 1, Mullen 1.

League Cup—Harris 4, Collins 1, Sainty 1.

League Fixtures 1967-68

					Gate
Aug. 19—	Stockport County	H	3	0	9,658
" 23—	Bristol Rovers (LC)	H	3	0	7,821
" 25—	Tranmere Rovers	A	2	1	8,895
Sept. 2—	The Orient	H	4	2	9,945
" 6—	Shrewsbury Town	A	1	2	4,903
" 9—	Northampton Town	A	2	1	13,743
" 13—	West Brom A. (LC2)	H	3	1	18,910
" 16—	Walsall	H	2	2	10,864
" 23—	Gillingham	A	0	3	5,790
" 27—	Shrewsbury Town	H	0	0	9,689
" 30—	Grimsby Town	H	3	0	7,627
Oct. 4—	Swindon Town	H			
" 7—	Oxford United	A			
" 11—	Arsenal (LC3)	A			
" 14—	Bury	H			
" 21—	Bournemouth	A			
" 24—	Swindon Town	A			
" 28—	Colchester United	H			
Nov. 4—	Peterborough United	A			
" 11—	Mansfield Town	H			
" 13—	The Orient	A			
" 18—	Watford	A			
" 25—	Southport	H			
Dec. 1—	Scunthorpe United	A			
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" 15—	Stockport County	A			
" 23—	Tranmere Rovers	H			
" 26—	Bristol Rovers	A			
" 30—	Bristol Rovers	H			
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Jan. 6—	(2)				
" 13—	Northampton Town	H			
" 20—	Walsall	A			
" 27—	(3) Brighton & H. A.	A			
Feb. 3—	Gillingham	H			
" 10—	Grimsby Town	A			
" 17—	(4) Torquay United	A			
" 24—	Oxford United	H			
Mar. 2—	Bury	A			
" 9—	(5) Brighton & H. A.	H			
" 16—	Bournemouth	H			
" 23—	Colchester United	A			
" 30—	(6) Peterborough U.	H			
April 6—	Mansfield Town	A			
" 12—	Barrow	H			
" 13—	Watford	H			
" 15—	Barrow	A			
" 19—	Southport	A			
" 24—	Oldham Athletic	H			
" 27—	(S.F.) Scunthorpe U.	H			
May 4—	Oldham Athletic	A			
" 11—	Torquay United	H			
" 18—	(Final)				

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