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NEWS and VIEWS

These notes must be written before the match at Colchester. If we have reproduced the form shown against Bournemouth then the result will be excellent.

On the other hand, Colchester United are placed one position above us in the league table, and will be very difficult to defeat on their pleasant little ground at Sayer Road.

Tonight sees the return fixture of our local derby. It has aroused great interest as our opponents have made an excellent start to the season. When we visited Reading a fortnight ago the game attracted their biggest gate of the season, and this evening's attendance will be equally as good, if not better.

There has always existed between the two Clubs a very close and happy association. That is even closer than ever today. Our friends from Reading are frequent visitors to the County Ground, and we from Swindon are always made welcome at Reading.

The Reading Club can be justly described as one of the pioneers of Association Football, being one of the oldest Clubs in the country, having been founded in 1871. (They will soon celebrate their centenary. Could we wish them Division 1 status by then?)

The first matches were played on the Reading Recreation Ground, and later they occupied pitches at Reading Cricket Club, Coley Park and Caversham, and finally moved to Elm Park on 6th September, 1896.

Reading are one of the founder members of the Southern League, which was formed in the year 1894. They adopted professionalism in 1895 and the Club was registered as a Limited Liability Company on 11th August, 1897.

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They were members of Division III (South) on the formation of that league in 1921, and in season 1925-26 they won promotion to the Second Division with the total of 57 points. Many of our supporters will remember that team, with such names as McDonald (capped for Ireland), Evans (Wales) and Davey (Ireland).

Unfortunately in season 1930-31 they were relegated and have remained in Division III ever since, although in season 1948-49 they were runners-up in Division III (South), when only one team was promoted. That, incidentally, was Plymouth Argyle. The manager at that time was Mr. Ted Drake, the old Arsenal and England centre-forward, who later went to Chelsea, and whilst he was manager there that club won the championship of the First Division.

Reading at that time was a big, strong, hard team, with such players as Maurice Edelston (captain), now a frequent visitor to Swindon in connection with Broadcast and Television, gained 17 caps; Gordon Brice (a tough centre-half — ask Maurice Owen); Marks (goalkeeper) and Wicks (left-back).

In addition to Mr. Drake, Reading has had many famous managers: W. Butler, Joe Smith (later manager of Blackpool), J. Edelston (father of Maurice) and Jack Smith (ex-Swindon Town F.C.).

Their present manager is Mr. Roy Bentley (one-time captain of Chelsea). Seems to be quite a tie-up between Reading and Chelsea.

Last season Reading defeated Swindon in both our games, and they have already won at Elm Park, so we have much to get back tonight.

The away game was played on Saturday, 24th September, 1966, when we were having a very bad spell. We were rather

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unfortunate to lose 1—2, as we scored first through Dennis Brown, and the winning goal came in the last few minutes (a header by Pat Terry).

The home game on 4th February (right in the middle of our cup) resulted in a win for Reading by one goal (scored by Harris in the 49th minute).

The attendance was 16,964, with receipts of £3,044 12s. 6d., but the game itself was very poor and scrappy.

The Swindon team at Reading was: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Brown, East, Butler, Rogers.

The match at Swindon: Hicks; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Brown, Penman, Skeen, Smart, Rogers.

Reading: Wilkie; Bacuzzi, Meldrum; Yard, Dean, Chapman; Scarrott, Allen, Terry, Thornhill, Harris.

We give below the results of the games played between the two clubs since 1946-47. Remember we were in Division II for seasons 1963-64 and 1964-65, so we did not play Reading.

It is interesting to note that of the 38 games played between the two teams, Swindon has won 14, Reading 12, and 12 drawn.

Matches played at Swindon resulted in 9 home wins, 8 draws and 2 away wins. Those played at Reading 10 home wins, 4 draws and 5 away wins.

Swindon v. Reading

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1946-47 ...	2—2	3—3	1955-56 ...	0—0	1—0
1947-48 ...	1—1	3—2	1956-57 ...	3—2	0—1
1948-49 ...	1—1	0—0	1957-58 ...	1—1	4—0
1949-50 ...	2—0	3—4	1958-59 ...	2—0	1—3
1950-51 ...	1—1	1—3	1959-60 ...	0—4	0—3
1951-52 ...	2—0	0—2	1960-61 ...	1—1	1—1
1952-53 ...	2—0	1—4	1961-62 ...	4—1	1—1
1953-54 ...	1—0	1—3	1962-63 ...	1—1	2—1
1954-55 ...	2—0	1—2	1965-66 ...	5—0	2—0

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Born: London. Joined the Club on 31st July, 1967, when he was transferred from Oldham Athletic. Assisted Queen's Park Rangers Club for eight seasons prior to joining Oldham Athletic.

JOHN SAINTY (Centre Forward)

Born: London. Transferred from Tottenham Hotspur Football Club to the Club on 18th August, 1967. Played for the North London Club for the past six years.

DENNIS ALLEN (Centre or Wing Forward)

Born: Dagenham. Joined the Club on 9th June, 1961, when he was transferred from Charlton Athletic F.C., his only other professional Club.

RON BAYLIS (Wing Half Back)

Born: Belfast, N. Ireland. Joined the Club as an amateur player in September 1963. Signed as a professional player on 1st February, 1965.

DAVID BACUZZI (Full Back)

Born: Highgate, London. Joined the Club on 9th December, 1966, when he was transferred from Manchester City F.C., for whom he played for two seasons. Played for Arsenal F.C. for five seasons.

JOHN CHAPMAN (Full Back)

Born: Sacriston, Co. Durham. Joined Workington F.C. in February 1963, for whom he played for three seasons. Transferred to the Club on 7th May, 1966.

RAY DEAN (Centre Half Back)

Born: Steventon, Berks. Joined the Club as an amateur on 5th October, 1963, and signed as a professional player on 7th May, 1966.

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MICHAEL DIXON (Goalkeeper)

Born: Reading. Joined the Club's Ground Staff in season 1959-60. Signed as a professional player on August 9th, 1961. Gained an English Schools F.A. International Cap versus Germany at Wembley April 1959. Reserve for England F.A. Youth XI in same season.

RON FOSTER (Inside Forward)

Born: London. An experienced inside forward who has assisted Leyton Orient and Grimsby Town. Transferred to the Club from the last named Club on 25th July, 1966.

GEORGE HARRIS (Outside Left)

Born: Lambeth, London. Transferred to the Club from Watford F.C. on 18th July, 1966. An experienced winger who prior to joining Watford, assisted Newport County F.C.

COLIN MELDRUM (Left Full Back)

Born: Glasgow. Joined the Club on April 4th, 1963, when he was transferred from Watford F.C. Prior to joining the Hertfordshire Club, Colin assisted Arsenal F.C. for two seasons.

JAMES MULLEN (Outside Left)

Born: Oxford. Signed as an amateur player in July 1965 and as a professional player on 21st November, 1966.

ALAN SCARROTT (Inside Forward)

Born: Malmesbury, Wilts. Joined the Club from Chippenham Town F.C. on 20th April, 1965. His previous Clubs include West Bromwich Albion F.C. and Bristol Rovers F.C.

PETER SILVESTER (Centre Forward)

Born: Wokingham, Berks. Joined the Club as an amateur player in September 1964. Signed as an apprentice player 25th November, 1964, and as a professional player 19th February, 1966.

RICHARD SPIERS (Half Back)

Born: Benson, Oxon. Recommended to the Club as an amateur player in season 1954-55. Signed as a professional player on 3rd October, 1955. During his period of National Service, played for the Army F.A. XI on numerous occasions.

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Born: Reading, Berks. A local born player who assisted the Club as an amateur player from 20th August, 1960 until he signed as a professional player on 27th May, 1963.

DOUGLAS WEBB (Inside Forward)

Born: Stokenchurch, Bucks. Recommended to the Club as an amateur player and signed as a professional player on 26th November, 1956. During his period of National Service with the Royal Air Force, played in many representative games.

JIMMY WHEELER (Full Back)

Born: Reading, Berks. Another of Reading's local born players. Jimmy signed with the Club as an amateur player in May 1952. He signed as a professional player in August of the same year and is today the Club's longest serving member.

ARTHUR WILKIE (Goalkeeper)

Born: Woolwich S.E. Joined the Club's ground staff on 11th November, 1958, as an amateur player and signed as a professional player on 8th October, 1959. Reserve for England F.A. Youth XI that toured Germany in January 1959.

ERNEST YARD (Wing Half Back)

Born: Stranraer. Joined the Club on 11th November, 1966, when he was transferred from Crystal Palace F.C. An experienced player who has assisted Partick Thistle F.C., Kilmarnock and Bury.

JOHN LAMBLE (Inside Forward)

Born: Reading, Berks. Signed as an apprentice player on 7th August, 1966, and as a professional player on 17th November, 1966.

ROGER SMEE (Centre Forward)

Born: Reading, Berks. Joined the Club from Chelsea F.C. on 27th January, 1967.

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Bury	13	7	3	3	33	19	17
Peterborough United	13	7	3	3	23	15	17
Torquay United	13	6	5	2	16	14	17
Barrow	13	6	3	4	15	11	15
Oxford United	13	6	3	4	21	18	15
Gillingham	13	6	3	4	17	15	15
Colchester United	13	5	5	3	17	20	15
Watford	13	6	2	5	25	16	14
Reading	13	6	2	5	22	20	14
Brighton & H.A.	13	5	3	5	16	15	13
Southport	13	6	1	6	20	21	13
Northampton Town	13	5	3	5	17	18	13
Shrewsbury Town	13	4	5	4	15	17	13
Bournemouth & B.A.	13	5	3	5	17	21	13
Swindon Town	13	4	4	5	21	16	12
Stockport County	13	5	2	6	14	20	12
Tranmere Rovers	13	5	1	7	20	23	11
Grimsby Town	13	4	3	6	15	19	11
Bristol Rovers	13	3	4	6	15	21	10
Scunthorpe United	13	2	5	6	18	27	9
The Orient	13	2	5	6	13	21	9
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A welcome to Mr. Fred Ford, who took up his duties as chief coach last Monday week. The next evening — Tuesday, 17th — found him in the Supporters' Social Club with Danny Williams, Maurice Owen and a goodly gathering of players who have formed a darts team. On Tuesday they played a team from the staff of Rimes Coaches. I have to report that the Coachmen won the match, but can also report that a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by all. We look forward to another evening shortly — probably in November, when there are no evening League matches.

Phil Hart, our Competition promoter, reports that the first prize in our weekly Competition has been raised to £80. The steady rise in tickets sold — 8,124 last week — has made this possible. Once again, I ask country and town supporters to become agents, we would like to get the first prize back to the £100 it used to be. With 10,000 a week we could do that, and add a 3rd prize as well, no doubt. Supporters working in the new Swindon factories would be especially welcomed, as this would help to draw newcomers to Swindon to the County Ground as well.

Tom Stenning was at the Northampton match, busily engaged in distributing books of tickets for our Xmas Draw. As usual, with the help of Mrs. Stenning, Tom is O.C. Raffle. You will find him in the H.Q. before and after every League match and he would be delighted to enrol sellers and dish out fresh books at the same time. Sell a book of 20 and you get a

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I would remind Social Club members of the special social evening on Thursday next, the 26th, when we are being visited by members of the Corporals' Mess, the 1st Royal Hampshire Regiment, and their ladies. As they will be coming from Airfield Camp, Netheravon, we hope a good number of members will come to welcome them. Music, from 8 p.m., by the JOHNNY McCARTHEY TRIO.

On Saturday next, 28th, the STARDUST TRIO, will be at the Saturday Night Party, and on Sunday, 29th, music, after Bingo, will be by the ARTHUR STANLEY BAND.

Finally, a cordial welcome to our Reading friends. Forgive me for hoping that, after a first-class game of football, you go home pointless. The Social Club is in the car park — please join us during the evening.

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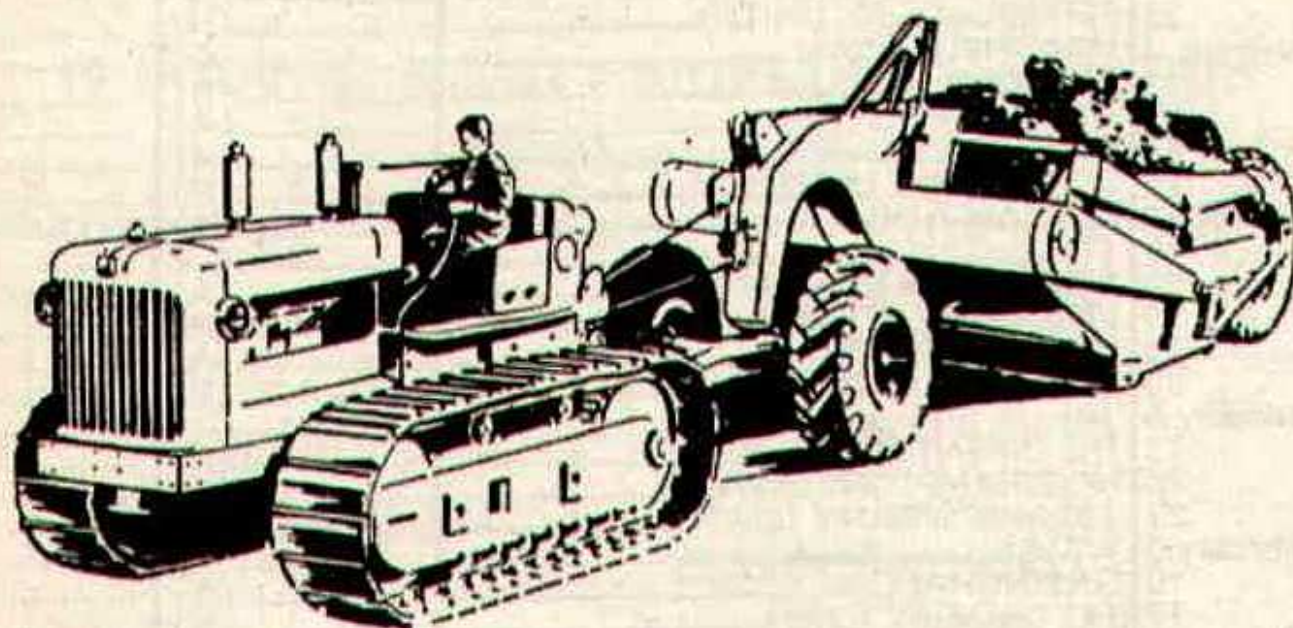
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22	NEWPORT COUNTY (League Cup).....	10,870 (H)	1—1
25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	12,152 (H)	3—1
4	BARROW.....	7,352 (A)	1—1
9	THE ORIENT.....	4,722 (A)	0—0
16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	13,280 (H)	4—0
23	WALSALL.....	9,132 (A)	2—3
26	BARROW.....	13,567 (H)	0—1
30	GILLINGHAM.....	12,983 (H)	2—2
October 4	READING.....	17,867 (A)	1—2
7	BURY.....	8,222 (A)	1—1
14	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	11,135 (H)	4—0
21	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(A)	
24	READING.....	(H)	
28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	
November 4	MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(A)	
11	WATFORD.....	(H)	
13	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	(A)	
18	SOUTHPORT.....	(A)	
25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(H)	
December 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(A)	
9	(1).....	()	
16	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	(A)	
19	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	(H)	
26	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(A)	
30	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(H)	
January 6	(2).....	()	
13	THE ORIENT.....	(H)	
20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
27	(3) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(H)	
February 3	WALSALL.....	(H)	
10	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	
17	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(H)	
24	BURY.....	(H)	
March 2	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(A)	
9	(5) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(A)	
16	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(H)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
30	(6) MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(H)	
April 6	WATFORD.....	(A)	
12	OXFORD UNITED.....	(A)	
13	SOUTHPORT.....	(H)	
16	OXFORD UNITED.....	(H)	
19	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(A)	
23	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(H)	
27	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(H)	
May 4	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(A)	
11	GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(A)	
18	(Final)		

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Scorers: Terry (3), Rogers (1).

Referee: Mr. F. Finney.

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Football Combination Cup

Saturday, 14th October.

Lost to WEST HAM UNITED (Away), 5—2.

Team: Jones; Jeffrey, Fry; Desmeules, Giles, Clarke; Hubbard, Mascia, Dangerfield, Bailey, Walker.

Scorer: Walker (2).

Hellenic League (Premier Division)

Saturday, 14th October.

Lost to CHIPPING NORTON (Home), 1—2.

Team: Allsopp; Allen, King; Wall, Gubbins, Freeman; Boorman, Hanks, Smith, J., Seal, Claypole.

Scorer: Smith, J.

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