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NEWS and VIEWS

The talking point in football seems to concern one aspect. Behaviour, both on and off the field. This must be bad for football. The whole image of the game is being spoiled.

One would like to think it concerns only a small number of spectators, and merely a handful of players.

The Celtic and Argentine (Racing Club) fiasco completely disproves that theory. Judging by the film it appeared more like "unarmed combat" than football.

More is the pity, when the game was billed as "Championship of the World".

Much will be written concerning the affair, and other incidents. No doubt we shall read many articles. It is not our practice to enter into controversy with the Press, but we feel certain sportswriters have not helped.

To quote once more the Football League's official Press handout: "One prominent Sunday sportswriter jumping to the support of Celtic, who appear to want to flout the authority of the ruling body".

This of course refers to the player Johnstone, who was under a three-week Scottish F.A. suspension yet was allowed to play in these games. The paper condoned this action. To us this was absolutely wrong. How can discipline be enforced if the rules are broken so easily? Surely a player should not be allowed to play when suspended. That is one thing players must face, the missing of important games because of behaviour on the field. Dennis Law (Manchester United) and Ian Ure (Arsenal), both suspended for six weeks, will obviously not be considered for the next International match.

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The pity of it is the sportswriter is also a well known football broadcaster who would surely not wish to comment on a game spoiled by rough play.

Many ideas have been put forward for preventing incidents. Some people blame the referee (poor fellow), who for all his stress and strain receives the magnificent sum of ten guineas. I should want a figure far in excess of that amount for the mental strain alone.

Others think it is the job of the Manager. Eddie Firmani, newly appointed at Charlton, has strong views on the matter and has the strength of courage to express them, even to fining the Manager.

While not going all the way with him, we certainly feel a great responsibility lies with the clubs. They can surely instruct their players (through the Manager) as to what is expected (or is it win at all costs?). If a player gets into trouble then he must be made to realise it, and pay for it.

We admire Arsenal's attitude to Ian Ure. They say they will not help him financially during the six weeks he is barred from playing. Highbury players used to organise (indeed all clubs did, as far back as I can remember — 1923 to be exact) an unofficial fund to assist players suspended. That is now rightly stopped. It is estimated Ure will lose something around £700 (a year's wages to some of us).

That's the only way temperamental players can be taught a lesson. The stars must control their fists and their tongues.

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Strong words indeed, but written by another well known sportswriter in another Sunday newspaper.

It certainly reflects great credit on the Arsenal Club, which is also trying to do everything possible to stamp out hooliganism in football.

We in Swindon are extremely fortunate. We have been concerned in few incidents for which we thank our supporters. We can only hope their conduct, both at home and away, will be exemplary. We enjoy splendid support, both in numbers and lack of incident.

Now to more pleasant things, or are they? Note the results.

We welcome once again (actually for the second time this season) our friends from Watford. The teams seem evenly matched. for to date Swindon has obtained 16 points from 16 games (goal average 28—19), while our opponents have gained 17 points from 16 games (goal average 28—18). Most interesting reading. Swindon has an old score to pay off, as Watford won both games last season and the season before.

Last year the game was played on 10th September, 1966. Gate, 10,000. Swindon were leading at half-time 1—0, but goals by Melling and Garbett after the interval gave the visitors victory by 2 goals to 1.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Weaver, Brown, Smart, Penman, Rogers.

Watford: Slater; Furphy, Garvey; Eddy, Williams J., Welbourne; Farrall, Bond, Garbett, Melling, Scullion.

The return game was played at Watford on the 16th January, 1967. The following week they were due to play Liverpool at home in the F.A. Cup. This game was used for the distribution of tickets, and thus the gate was much bigger than usual — 16,942.

The game itself was rather scrappy, with two rather soft goals producing a win of 2 goals to nil.

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RICHARD HALE

Popularly known as Dixie, he was born in Waterford and after playing for the local Club he was engaged by Swansea Town in 1959. He moved on to Barrow in 1961 and then had a spell with Workington. Signed for Watford in July 1967, Dixie is 5ft. 7in. and weighs around 11st. He gained caps for the League of Ireland in 1955 against Irish League and Scottish League and in 1956 also against Scottish League.

BERT SLATER

Reputed to be one of the smallest 'keepers in the Football League, Bert joined the Vicarage Road staff in May 1965. Early in his career he won a Scottish Cup winners medal with Falkirk and whilst with Dundee he played in a European Cup semi-final against A.C. Milan. Married with two children, he resides in Abbots Langley and was an ever-present member of the team until being injured at Middlesbrough in February 1967.

JOHN WILLIAMS

At 19 years of age, John is the youngest member of the first team. Born in London, John lived at Hemel Hempstead for many years until his marriage recently and he now lives in Watford. Joined the Hornets from Bennetts End Youth Club and signed as a professional in September 1964. So far he has made 80 first team appearances for the Club.

DUNCAN WELBOURNE

Signed from Grimsby Town in November 1963, Duncan has proved to be one of the most consistent players on the Club books and when he played against Peterborough in November 1966 he made his 100th consecutive appearance and in all he has appeared 164 times in the first team. Given good fortune, he could during 1967/68 beat the record for consecutive appearances which has stood since 1919/24 (George Toone, 176).

BRIAN GARVEY

Cool, calm and collected summarise the displays of Brian. He spent eight seasons with Hull City before travelling south in July 1965. Noted by Ken Furphy on an F.A. Course at Lilleshall, he only missed one match last season. Looking to the future, he finds time to undertake studies and has qualifications in motor engineering.

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KEITH EDDY

Keith became a Watford player in July 1966, when Ken Furphy persuaded Barrow to part with him. In his first season with the Club he appeared in every first team fixture. Attended Barrow Grammar School and captained the district schoolboy teams. He enjoys a game of golf and is a good table tennis player.

TOM WALLEY

Born in Caernarvon, Tom did not take a great interest in soccer until he was 17. On leaving school he entered the building industry, but after joining the local side he was spotted by an Arsenal scout and eventually joined the Highbury staff. Whilst there, he skippered the Welsh under 23 XI and made 12 first team appearances. Became a Watford player in March 1967.

STEWART SCULLION

Stewart came to Vicarage Road in February 1966 from Charlton Athletic. Prior to going to the Valley he played for Chesham United. Born in Boness he moved south to Ruislip where he still lives. Scored 5 goals in 39 appearances last season.

TERRY GARBETT

August 1966 brought Terry from Middlesbrough to Watford and finished the season as the leading scorer in the Club, having found the net on 18 occasions. Before joining the Borough, he played for several youth teams in the area. As a change from the hurly burly of football, Terry likes to get away from it all and do a spot of fishing. Married during the last close season, Terry now lives in Bushey.

ALEC FARRALL

Now entering his 16th season of professional football, Alec first signed for Everton in 1952. From Goodison Park he moved on to Preston North End and later joined Gillingham. Lincoln City was his next club and he joined Watford from them in July 1966. Scored two of the goals at Enfield in the F.A. Cup which helped to take Liverpool to Watford.

SANDY PATE

Sandy was with Renfrew Juniors and joined Watford in February 1965. At 17 years of age he helped Anniesland Waverley to win the Scottish Juvenile Cup and whilst at Renfrew he captained the Scottish Junior Amateur side. A keen badminton fan, Sandy devotes a lot of his spare time to his duties as an officer in the Boys Brigade.

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JIM LAWTON

Born in Middlesbrough, Jim had a trial for them at the age of 18 and after working in a local chemical works he accepted an offer to join Darlington. Three years later he moved to Swindon Town and was signed by Watford just before the "deadline" on 16th March, 1967.

ROY LOW

As a boy Roy attended the local Leggatts Way School and received schoolboy honours at all levels. He played for Watford, Hertfordshire, London and England. Immediately he left school, he was taken on to the ground staff at Tottenham and was signed by Ken Furphy in February 1967.

JOHN HAMILTON

Although John joined the Club early in May 1967, he was unable to appear in the League side owing to the Club being involved in the promotion struggle. In 12 years with Hearts, he made over 500 appearances and scored 150 goals. John holds a selection of all Scottish Cup and League medals and was twice selected for the under 23 side.

TONY CURRIE

Tony is a local boy for whom a soccer future has been predicted. Born in Edgware, he attended Childs Hill school for whom he played football and he also was selected for Hendon Schoolboys. On leaving school he started work in the building industry, but gave this up on becoming an apprentice with Watford and he signed professional forms in May 1967.

DEREK IRVIN

Signed for Watford in June 1967, having been granted a free transfer by Brechin City with whom he had spent the last two seasons, and on each occasion he finished as the leading goalscorer. Prior to his spell with Brechin, he was with Middlesbrough. Despite his pronounced Scottish accent, he is in fact an Englishman, having been born in Stockton.

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Torquay United	16	8	5	3	23	23	21
Peterborough United	16	8	4	4	28	20	20
Bury	16	8	3	5	38	27	19
Gillingham	16	7	4	5	22	20	18
Reading	16	8	2	6	27	27	18
Brighton & H.A.	16	7	3	6	20	17	17
Oxford United	16	7	3	6	27	23	17
Watford	16	7	3	6	28	18	17
Barrow	16	7	3	6	19	16	17
Shrewsbury Town	16	6	5	5	22	20	17
Stockport County	16	7	3	6	21	24	17
Swindon Town	16	5	6	5	28	19	16
Southport	16	7	2	7	25	26	16
Bournemouth & B.A.	16	6	4	6	20	24	16
Colchester United	16	5	6	5	21	27	16
Tranmere Rovers	16	7	1	8	25	25	15
Northampton Town	16	6	3	7	24	28	15
Bristol Rovers	15	5	4	6	21	25	14
Grimsby Town	16	5	3	8	19	24	13
Oldham Athletic	16	5	2	9	20	24	12
Scunthorpe United	16	3	5	8	21	32	11
Mansfield Town	16	2	5	9	20	32	9
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Looking back to the last home match against Peterborough United, I feel that both teams deserve a great deal of credit for the standard of play they provided on such a day. I am, I suppose, no different from any other supporter in wanting to see goals scored and in considering that a 0—0 draw is a rather poor result to reach after 90 minutes of football. But with a sheet of water covering practically the whole pitch and the ball behaving more erratically than a yo-yo, we were all kept on our toes by play that was fast and exciting.

Our condolences to Rod Thomas on having to drop out from the Under-23 game at Swansea, and also congratulations to Don Rogers on scoring the winner. Talking to some of the lads who saw the game, once again neither the players or spectators had a chance against the weather and pitch.

Another valuable away point was acquired at Mansfield last Saturday. Reading the Sunday and Monday newspapers this would seem to have been a fair result. However, thanks for a timely goal, Owen — how about a repeat performance at home the next time you're around our way?

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Most of you will know by now that one of the three weekly Competitions has had to be discontinued. This leaves one organised by the Football Club and, of course, the original weekly Competition, run so successfully over the years by the Supporters' Club. A number of Agents from the defunct Competition have now turned — some returned — to the Supporters' Club Competition, which is run on Football results and two nightly lucky draw prizes. We are only too happy to welcome new Agents and competitors to our Competition. Write, telephone or call at our H.Q.'s. With our new permanent Social Club fast approaching in the Development project, we can use your help, and interest.

Music tonight at the Social Club is provided by the KEN POCKETT GROUP, and tomorrow evening (Sunday, 12th) by the STARDUST TRIO.

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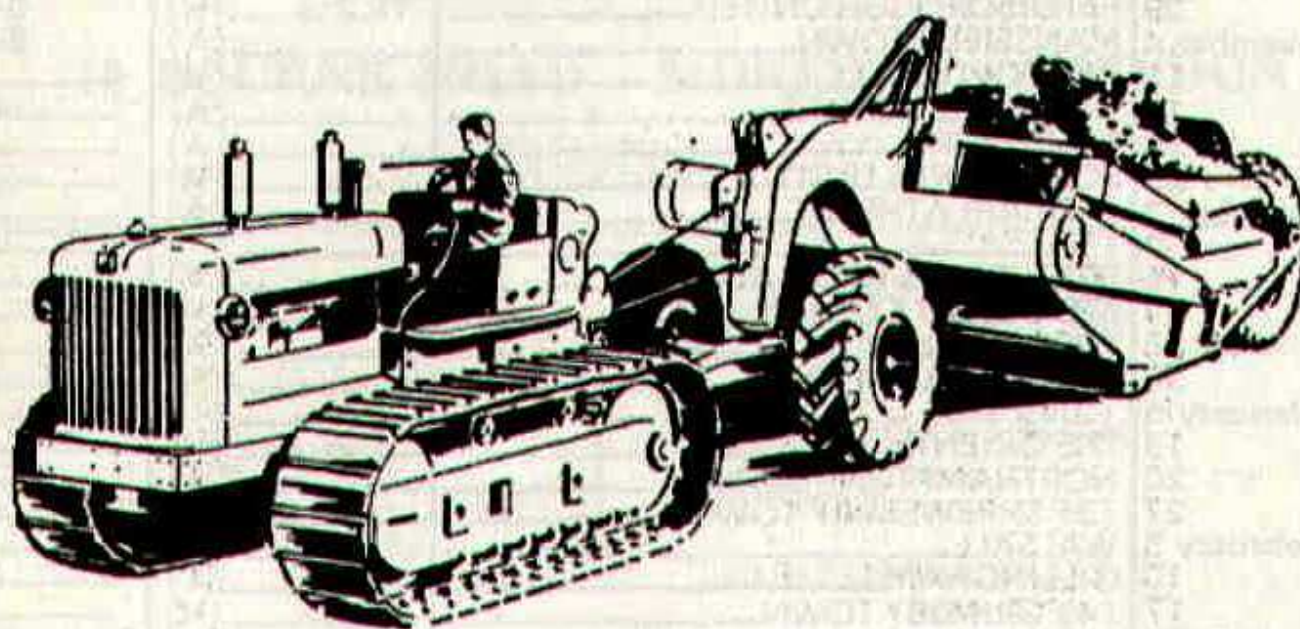
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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August 19	CHELSEA.....	(A)	0—1
26	SOUTHAMPTON.....	1,625 (H)	0—3
29	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—4
September 2	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(A)	1—6
9	WALSALL.....	1,278 (H)	0—2
16	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	0—1
23	ARSENAL.....	(H)	0—1
October 7	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(A)	0—5
14	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(A)	2—5
31	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(H)	P
November 4	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(H)	0—2
18	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(H)	
29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(A)	
December 2	ARSENAL (C).....	(H)	
12	ARSENAL (C).....	(A)	
16	CHELSEA.....	(H)	
23	SOUTHAMPTON.....	(A)	
26	COVENTRY CITY.....	(H)	
1968			
January 2	COVENTRY CITY.....	(A)	
6	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)	
16	WALSALL.....	(A)	
20	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
February 3	ARSENAL.....	(A)	
10	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(H)	
17	LEICESTER CITY.....	(A)	
24	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(A)	
March 2	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	
9	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(A)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	
30	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(A)	
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)	
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)	
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)	

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DIVISION III

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August 19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	15,790 (H)	2—1
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.....	4,907 (A)	1—2
24	READING.....	17,229 (H)	5—1
28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	12,215 (H)	0—0
November 4	MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(A)	2—2
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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- D—Manchester City v. Leicester City
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- F—Nottingham Forest v. Wolverhampton Wanderers
- G—Sheffield United v. Leeds United
- H—Southampton v. Tottenham Hotspur
- I—West Bromwich Albion v. Burnley
- J—Birmingham City v. Preston North End
- K—Blackburn Rovers v. Plymouth Argyle
- L—Blackpool v. Cardiff City
- M—Bolton Wanderers v. Charlton Athletic
- N—Carlisle United v. Queen's Park Rangers
- O—Huddersfield Town v. Crystal Palace
- P—Hull City v. Norwich City
- Q—Ipswich Town v. Aston Villa
- R—Middlesbrough v. Rotherham United
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- A—Grimsby Town v. Colchester United
- B—Northampton Town v. Oxford United
- C—Orient v. Barrow
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- E—Torquay United v. Peterborough United
- F—Walsall v. Bury
- G—Bradford v. Darlington
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LAST WEEKS MATCHES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Saturday, 28th October.

Drew with PETERBOROUGH UNITED (Home) 0—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Dawson, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Referee: Mr. K. E. Walker (Maidstone).

Attendance: 12,215.

Saturday, 4th November.

Drew with MANSFIELD (Away) 2—2.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Butler, Giles, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Walker.

Scorers: Terry, Dawson.

Referee: Mr. P. Bye (Bedford).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Saturday, 4th November.

Lost to WEST HAM UNITED (Home) 2—0.

Team: Jones; Jeffrey, Fry; Desmeules, Gubbins, Clark; Mascia, Hubbard, Smith, Bailey, Dangerfield.

HELLENIC LEAGUE (PREMIER DIVISION)

Saturday, 28th October.

Beat WADDESDON (Home) 7—2.

Team: Jones; Allen, King; Wall, Gubbins, Tyler; Mascia, Desmeules, Smith, Boorman, Melrose.

Scorers: Smith 3, Desmeules 2, Mascia 1, King 1.

Saturday, 4th November.

Lost to CHIPPING NORTON (Away) 2—1.

Team: Smith; Allen, King; Wall, Sikorski, Freeman; Boorman, Francis, Hanks, Tyler, Melrose.

Scorer: Wall.

BOROUGH LEAGUE

Saturday, 4th November.

Beat BOYS BRIGADE (Home) 2—1.

Team: Scarrot; Woodroffe, Woodfield; Dudden, Smith, Jellings; Lewis, Bowditch, Bell, Anderson, Mills.

Scorers: Jellings, Lewis.

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2. Play cannot be guaranteed on any day and accordingly no refund of cash admission charges paid at the turnstile can be made.

3. Refunds will be made in respect of seats booked in advance where a match is postponed, subject to a time limitation, details of which can be obtained from the Box Office. No such refunds will be entertained in respect of abandoned matches.

4. No unauthorised person is permitted to enter upon the field of play. Persons carrying flags, banners, sticks, or any objects likely to cause obstruction or lead to a breach of the peace will not be admitted.

5. With the exception of authorised Press representatives holding official passes, the taking of photographs or ciné-photographs inside the ground is prohibited.

6. Only persons specially authorised are permitted to offer newspapers, periodicals or any other goods for sale on the property of the Swindon Town Football Club Ltd.

7. Betting and the use of radio sets is not permitted in any part of the ground.

8. All persons visiting the County Ground are admitted subject to the above Ground Regulations, the Rules and Regulations of the Football League and of the Football Association. Swindon Town Football Club Ltd. reserve the right to refuse admittance or to remove from the ground any person who shall refuse to comply with them, or whose presence is a source of danger or annoyance to others.

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