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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Manager David Russell and his back-room boys must be wondering if there is no end to the plague of injuries that has beset Rovers over the past six weeks. Just when it seemed he had achieved a clean bill of health with the return to action of Mandy Hill, Johnny King and George Hudson, Stan Storton, Mandy and Gerry Casey suffered injuries in the match against Bristol Rovers and at the time of writing there is no way of telling which, if any, of them will be fit for tonight's game against Swindon Town. Most seriously injured is Stan Storton, who pulled a muscle early in the second half, and that injury almost certainly led to the loss of a point for Rovers' defence had shown themselves able to cope with the fast and clever Bristol attack. Joe Pritchard tried gallantly to fill the gap, but full-back play is a specialist's job.

There was some good news for the harassed manager in the report of our Reserves' 4-1 win at Ellesmere Port. Denis Stevens showed that he had made a complete recovery from his recent illness by scoring a HAT-TRICK. You won't find that fact in any report of the match, but it is official.

So much for the players, now for our supporters, and this would seem an appropriate time and place to pay tribute to the way they turned out on Friday night. Once again the weather was daunting, but on top of that Birkenhead suddenly found itself on Friday afternoon without a bus service. This means (and allowing for the fact something like 1,800 people found some form of transport) that close on 5,000 walked to the match. Thank you all for coming.

We welcome Swindon Town, returning to Prenton Park after an interval of something like seven years. In the interval they have had a flirtation with Second Division football and brief though it was it served to inspire other Third Division escapists. Swindon are one of the few Third Division sides who get a call from Sir Alf Ramsey for a player for international duty. Don Rogers picked up the latest of his several England honours less than a fortnight ago.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT (continued)

Tonight's match gives our outside left Graham Williams the chance to stage a reunion with Mel Nurse. Not only were they buddies with Swansea Town, but they played together on several occasions in Welsh International teams.

Prenton Park has been a stopping off point recently for a number of First and Second Division representatives and as a result the names of several of our players have been linked with this club and that club. It is possible that the clubs named are indeed interested, but just to set minds of our supporters at rest it can be said quite categorically that no approaches have been made for any players on our staff.

TRANMERE ROVERS SOCIAL SOCIETY

A number of requests have been received, from people wishing to attend the Dance and Cabaret, at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Moreton, next Friday (November 17th) which will follow on the Members' Dinner. Visitors' tickets are now available from Mr. H. Nolan or Mr. C. Fitch, price 2/6d. The supply is strictly limited. The entertainment will commence at approximately 8-30 p.m., and will go on until midnight.

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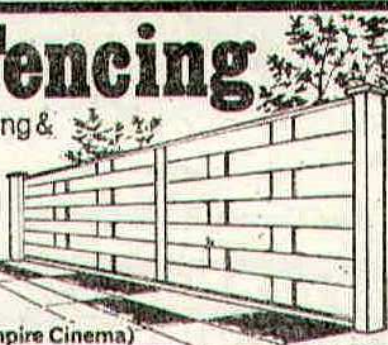
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PETER DOWNSBOROUGH (G'keeper)
Born Halifax. Signed in August 1965 from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football. A fearless agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Height 12st 5lb.

OWEN DAWSON (Right-back).
Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth in June, 1962. He was a regular first team player until he was unlucky to lose his place through injury. A fast tenacious player. He was a former Youth International. Height 5ft. 10 in. Weight 11st.

JOHN TROLLOPE (Left-back).
Born Swindon. A local player who joined the Swindon Ground Staff from school. He was selected for the first team at the beginning of the 1960/61 season when he was just 16 years old, and was ever present during that season. Together with his partner that year, who was also 16, they were the youngest full backs ever to appear as a pair in League Football. During last season he celebrated 300 consecutive League appearances for the Club. Height 5ft. Weight 11st.

JOE BUTLER (Right-half).
Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Height 5ft. 7½in. Weight 9st. 13lb.

MEL NURSE (Centre-half).
Born Swansea. Signed from Middlesbrough in August 1965. He played for Wales 12 times gaining 9 of his Caps while with Swansea Town where he did 7 years' service before being transferred to Middles-

brough in September 1962. His ability and experience has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Height 6ft 0½in. Weight 12st 12lb.

STAN HARLAND (Left-half).
Born Liverpool. Was signed from Carlisle United in July 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. He has been a regular choice at left-half since making his debut at the beginning of the 1966/67 season. A forceful player who likes to go forward to back up the forwards in attack. Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 7lb.

DON HEATH (Outside-right).
Was formerly with Norwich City. Came back to the "Robins" attack on Saturday after missing three games through injury.

WILLIE PENMAN (Inside-right).
Born Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle in September 1966 for a considerable fee. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. A clever ball player playing inside forward who has also appeared at centre-forward with the Club. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 11st. 7lb.

PAT TERRY (Centre-forward).
Born Lambeth. Signed last season from Reading where he was the leading goal scorer. Prior to this he played for Charlton, Swansea, Gillingham, Northampton and Millwall. A forceful leader who is particularly dangerous in the air. Height 5ft 9½in. Weight 12st. 6lb.

ROGER SMART (Inside-left).
Born Swindon. Another local player who joined the Club direct from Swindon Schoolboys' Team. At 17 he was appearing regularly at centre-forward in the Reserve Team.

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but he excels as a deep lying inside forward. A versatile player who is able to play at wing-half. Height 5ft 11in. Weight 11st 4lb.

DON ROGERS (Outside-left).

Born Poulton. Probably the most sought after player in the team. He was signed by Swindon when only 15 and quickly came to the fore. Gained many England Youth International Caps and subsequently played in the England under 23 International Team. Was the Club's top goal scorer last season with 33 goals.

BRUCE WALKER (Substitute).

Born Newbury. Joined Swindon from County football. Though he is not a big player his ability and speed make him a menace to any defence. He has a particularly powerful shot. Height 5ft. 9in. 11st.

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Wrexham 6,729

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Reading 8,895
Gillingham 5,604
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Stockport C. 10,195
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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Walsall | 17 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 24 | 24 |
| Torquay | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 24 | 23 |
| Peterboro | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 20 |
| Reading | 17 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 29 | 28 | 20 |
| Bury | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 39 | 29 | 19 |
| Brighton | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 18 | 19 |
| Gillingham | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 20 | 19 |
| Oxford | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 28 | 24 | 18 |
| Swindon | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 19 | 18 |
| Colchester | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 28 | 18 |
| Watford | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 20 | 17 |
| Barrow | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 20 | 17 |
| Shrewsbury | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 25 | 22 | 18 |
| Stockport | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 26 | 17 |
| Bournemouth ... | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 20 | 24 | 17 |
| Southport | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 29 | 17 |
| Northampton ... | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 29 | 16 |
| Tranmere Rovers .. | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 28 | 28 | 16 |
| Bristol Rovers ... | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 24 | 28 | 15 |
| Oldham | 17 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 22 | 24 | 14 |
| Grimsby | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 20 | 26 | 13 |
| Scunthorpe | 17 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 35 | 11 |
| Orient | 16 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 18 | 28 | 11 |
| Mansfield | 17 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 21 | 34 | 9 |

CHESHIRE LEAGUE.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Northwich Vics. .. | 17 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 44 | 18 | 28 |
| Altrincham | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 53 | 29 | 28 |
| Tranmere Rovers .. | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 42 | 25 | 25 |
| Macclesfield ... | 13 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 33 | 21 |
| Wrexham | 16 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 34 | 12 | 21 |
| Wigan | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 34 | 18 | 21 |
| Mossley | 16 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 27 | 19 |
| New Brighton ... | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 24 | 19 |
| Witton Albion ... | 16 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 36 | 27 | 18 |
| Bangor City | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 17 |
| Hyde Utd | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 36 | 27 | 17 |
| Rhyl | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 26 | 25 | 14 |
| Stafford Rangs. .. | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 13 |
| Runcorn | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 34 | 13 |
| Buxton | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 37 | 13 |
| Ellesmere (Port) .. | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 21 | 34 | 10 |
| Stalybridge Cel. .. | 14 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 35 | 9 |
| Oswestry | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 45 | 9 |
| Frickley Col. ... | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 21 | 35 | 8 |
| Stockport | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 31 | 8 |
| Winsford | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 31 | 5 |
| Chester | 17 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 15 | 50 | 4 |

APPEARANCES.

J. Cumbe 19, J. King 12, B. Martin 16,
D. Stevens 5, R. McFarland 3, A.
King 13, R. Sinclair 17, G. Casey 13,
G. Yardley 19, J. Pritchard 19, G.
Hudson 2, G. Williams 18, S. Storton 8,
M. Hill 13, D. Parry 3, McNamee 1,
Pointon 1, Beamish 3.

Goalscorers: Yardley 15, Pritchard 7,
King (A) 2, Casey 1, Williams 2,
Stevens 1 Beamish 2.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----|
| Aug. 19—Torquay Utd. | Away | 0—1 |
| 23—WREXHAM (Lge Cup) | Home | 2—1 |
| 25—READING | Home | 1—2 |
| Sept. 2—Swindon Town | Away | 1—3 |
| 4—GILLINGHAM | Home | 2—1 |
| 8—SHREWSBURY | Home | 4—1 |
| 13—Fulham (Lge. Cup) .. | Away | 0—1 |
| 16—Brighton | Away | 0—2 |
| 22—STOCKPORT C. | Home | 2—1 |
| 27—Gillingham | Away | 1—1 |
| 29—COLCHESTER | Home | 4—2 |
| Oct. 3—Walsall | Away | 1—5 |
| 7—Mansfield | Away | 3—0 |
| 13—WATFORD | Home | 1—2 |
| 20—Southport | Away | 0—2 |
| 23—WALSALL | Home | 2—0 |
| 27—SCUNTHORPE | Home | 2—0 |
| Nov. 4—Oldham | Away | 1—2 |
| 10—BRISTOL ROV. | Home | |
| 13—SWINDON TOWN .. | Home | |
| 18—Barrow | Away | |
| 24—OXFORD UTD. | Home | |
| Dec. 2—Bury | Away | |
| 9— | | |
| 15—TORQUAY UTD | Home | |
| 23—Reading | Away | |
| 26—Northampton | Away | |
| 30—NORTHAMPTON | Home | |

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| Jan. 6— | | |
| 13—Shrewsbury Town .. | Away | |
| 19—BRIGHTON | Home | |
| 27—Grimsby | Away | |
| Feb. 2—Stockport Co. | Away | |
| 10—Colchester Utd | Away | |
| 16—THE ORIENT | Home | |
| 23—MANSFIELD TOWN .. | Home | |
| Mar. 1—Watford | Away | |
| 8—CRIMSBY | Home | |
| 15—SOUTHPORT | Home | |
| 22—Scunthorpe | Away | |
| 29—OLDHAM | Home | |
| Apr. 6—Bristol Rovers .. | Away | |
| 12—PETERBOROUGH | Home | |
| 13—BARROW | Home | |
| 15—Peterborough | Away | |
| 20—Oxford Utd. | Away | |
| 22—BOURNEMOUTH | Home | |
| 26—BURY | Home | |
| May 4—Bournemouth | Away | |
| 11—The Orient | Away | |

CHESHIRE LEAGUE

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|
| Aug. 19—WIGAN ATHLETIC .. | Home | 2—1 |
| 21—STOCKPORT | Home | 3—1 |
| 26—Stalybridge | Away | 3—3 |
| Sept. 2—WREXHAM (Chall Cup) | Home | 8—2 |
| 6—Witton Albion | Away | 2—1 |
| 9—Winsford | Away | 3—1 |
| 11—Northwich Vics. | Away | 1—2 |
| 15—CHESTER | Home | 4—1 |
| 23—Stafford Rang. | Away | 2—1 |
| 25—WITTON ALBION | Home | 3—2 |
| 30—Wrexham | Away | 2—0 |
| Oct. 2—HYDE UTD | Home | 1—1 |
| 7—RUNCORN | Home | 2—2 |
| 14—Oswestry | Home | 5—1 |
| 18—N. BRIGHTON (Cup) .. | Home | 2—2 |
| 21—NORTHWICH | Home | 0—1 |
| 28—Frickley | Away | |
| Nov. 4—MACCLESFIELD | Home | |
| 11—Ellesmere Port | Away | |
| 18—BUXTON | Home | |
| 25—Hyde United | Away | |
| Dec. 1—ALTRINCHAM | Home | |
| 9—STALYBRIDGE | Home | |
| 16—Macclesfield | Away | |
| 23—BANGOR | Home | |
| 26—Bangor | Away | |
| 30—Runcom | Away | |

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| Jan. 6—Rhyl | Away | |
| 13—WINSFORD | Home | |
| 20—Senior Cup | | |
| 26—WREXHAM | Home | |
| Feb. 3—STAFFORD RANGS. | Home | |
| 10—Senior Cup | | |
| 17— | | |
| 24—Chester | Away | |
| Mar. 1—ELLESMERE PORT .. | Home | |
| 9—Mossley | Away | |
| 16— | | |
| 23—OSWESTRY | Home | |
| 30—Buxton | Away | |
| Apr. 6—MOSSLEY | Home | |
| 12—New Brighton | Away | |
| 13—Altrincham | Away | |
| 15—NEW BRIGHTON | Home | |
| 20—FRICKLEY | Home | |
| 27—Wigan Athletic | Away | |
| May. 4—RHYL | Home | |

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Yes, of course. Dividend is paid twice yearly and if not withdrawn earns added interest (as Share Capital). You can withdraw sums at anytime, but if it's left to accumulate it soon becomes a nice little "nest egg" for holidays, special occasions—or emergencies.

Sounds fair enough. What it really boils down to is this. As a member, the more I spend at the Birkenhead Co-op the more I will save in dividend; the greater the prosperity of the Society, the better off I'll be in the end. I'm convinced. How and where do I join?

You can join at any Branch or office of the Society by simply filling in a form.

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