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**TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1967**

**DIVISION III**

**SWINDON TOWN**

**V.**

**STOCKPORT COUNTY**

**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

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# NEWS and VIEWS

We must approach the Christmas programme with a certain amount of confidence after the past two matches — the splendid win at Oldham, followed by the Cup victory over Salisbury by four goals to nil.

Whatever is said about the game and the opposition (yes, a Western League team), the Cup competition, as we all know, is a great leveller, and the non-league team can play above itself and produce surprising results. Instance Runcorn's defeat of Notts County, and Tow Law's victory over Mansfield by five goals to one, after being one down at half-time.

However, we are over the first hurdle, and look forward with eager anticipation, to the next round, then in with the "big guns" and really hopes of a repeat performance of last year.

In addition we are in quite a healthy position in the League table. At present in sixth place with twenty-four points from twenty-two games, and merely one point less than Oxford United in fourth position. Just take note of our goal average, 37—23, one of the best in the League.

Stockport County, our opponents tonight, are three places above us yet their goal average is 33—30. Seems very odd. We last played them in Season 1958-59, when unfortunately they finished in twenty-first position, and so were relegated to Division 4. During the last few seasons they have made great progress and last season won promotion and the Division 4 League Championship by a substantial margin over Southport of five points, with the following record:



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## NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

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P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
46	16	5	2	41	18	10	7	6	22	24	64

The away results prove their strength, won 10, drawn 7, a total of 27 points — most impressive. They bought a number of players, among them two former Swindon Town lads, Bill Atkins and Keith East (since transferred to Bournemouth & B.A.). Originally he came to us from Portsmouth, so he is almost back home.

We hope “Big” Bill will be playing tonight. A likeable, genuine lad, a favourite with his colleagues, he will be sure to get a good reception from the home crowd, although we are afraid they did not always realise his worth whilst playing at the County Ground. Possessor of a deadly shot, he scored many fine goals and, with his height, he was a good header of the ball. Welcome back, Bill. Coronation Street will be pleased to see you.

We mentioned earlier that in Season 1958-59, Stockport County was relegated and the final position was twenty-first. Swindon's League positions from last season to Season 1958-59 make interesting reading.

1966-67, 8th; 1965-66, 7th; a gap of two seasons; 1962-63, 2nd; 1961-62, 9th; 1960-61, 16th; 1959-60, 16th; 1958-59, 15th. Two seasons in Division 2: 1964-65, 21st; 1963-64, 14th. All in all quite a good record, although somewhat disappointing when we lost our place in Division 2 after two seasons. It is quite a factor this season that promoted clubs are finding things very difficult in a higher sphere, instance Coventry City.



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## NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Probably the best news of the week was the reappearance of Dennis Brown in Northampton Reserve Team. He apparently played very well, and his leg stood up to playing in a full match. Good news indeed. Dennis was a grand lad, always a great trier who gave one hundred per cent effort. His energy was tremendous, and we remember some fine scoring feats, notably at Orient (3) and Bournemouth (4). He is still very young, and should have many years in football. It would have been a tragedy had his career been cut short by a car accident for which, we believe, Dennis was quite blameless.

Although being defeated, our young lads in the Reserves are gradually gaining confidence and strength. The last away game reflected great credit on the team. It was defeated by two goals to nil at Arsenal Stadium, and when one considers the strength of the opposition one is highly delighted. Consider such players as Wilson, Rice, Ure, Court, Coakley, Jenkins and Simmons, all of whom have appeared in the first team this season. What would be their value in transfer fees when one man alone is priced at £125,000?

You will be able to see these young lads play at home on Boxing Day, 26th December, against Coventry City. This will be the only match over the Christmas Holiday.

After tonight's game Swindon play at Torquay on 26th December, and the return fixture will be on Saturday, 30th December, so enjoy tonight's game. Unless you travel away, you will not see your team for some time.

However, Boxing Day at the County Ground, Swindon's team of the future, against Coventry City.

To everyone we wish a Happy Christmas. Enjoy the family and the rest from work.



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**TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1967**

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**SATURDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1967**

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### **LEN ALLCHURCH (Winger)**

Born in Swansea, signed for Stockport County in September 1965 from Sheffield United. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 11lbs.

### **STEVE FLEET (Goalkeeper)**

Born in Salford, signed for Stockport County in January 1966. Ex-Manchester City player, Steve is also a keen cricketer. Height 6ft. 1½ins. Weight 13st. 11lb.

### **BRIAN GALLAGHER (Full back)**

Joined Stockport County from Carlisle in the close season, also made approximately 250 League appearances with Bury. A strong player. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 11st. 9lbs.

### **FREDDIE GOODWIN (Full back)**

Born in Stockport, Fred lives across the road from Edgeley Park. Signed in January 1966 from Wolverhampton Wanderers. Height 5ft. 10½ins. Weight 11st. 11lb.

### **ALBERT HARLEY (Wing half)**

Transferred to Stockport County from Crewe Alexandra in 1966. Started his career with Shrewsbury Town and was transferred to Swansea for £10,000. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st.



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Born in Manchester and an ex-Manchester City player, signed for Stockport County in August 1965 from Grimsby Town. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 10st. 5lbs.

### **PETER JONES (Full back or wing half)**

Born in Salford, Peter was signed in 1966 from Wrexham, also had spells with Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Height 5ft. 10½ins. Weight 11st. 12lbs.

### **DEREK KEVAN (Inside forward)**

Signed from Luton Town in March 1967. A big, strong player. Stockport County is his eighth club. Height 6ft. Weight 14st. 11lb.

### **BERT LISTER (Centre forward)**

Top goalscorer last season, Bert was signed from Rochdale in 1966. Started his career with Manchester City. Height 5ft. 6½ins. Weight 11st. 11lb.

### **BRIAN LLOYD (Goalkeeper)**

Brian was signed from Rhyl last season. Height 6ft. 1½ins. Weight 11st. 7lbs.

### **TONY MORRIN (Inside forward)**

Tony has had spells with Burnley and Bury. A natural ball player who always looks at ease. Height 5ft. 7½ins. Weight 11st. 6lbs.

### **KEN MULHEARN (Goalkeeper)**

Born in Liverpool, made his League debut at the age of 18 during the 1964/65 season, after going to Stockport County from Everton. Height 6ft. 1in. Weight 12st. 8lbs.



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Born in Stockport, Colin joined Stockport County in 1962. Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 11lbs.

### **JOHN PRENTIS (Full back)**

John was understudy to Jimmy Armfield at Blackpool from whom he joined Stockport County in Season 1966/67. A strong player. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs.

### **JOHN PRICE (Winger)**

Born in County Durham, John was signed from Burnley in 1965. A very very fast player. Height 5ft. 3½ins. Weight 10st. 4lbs.

### **EDDIE STUART (Centre half)**

Born in South Africa, Eddie joined Stockport County in July 1966, having previously played with Tranmere Rovers, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Stoke City. Height 6ft. Weight 13st. 12lbs.

### **MATT WOODS (Centre half)**

Born in Skelmersdale, Matt's first club was Blackburn Rovers. Signed by Stockport County in July 1966 having previously been with Luton Town. Height 6ft. 1in. Weight 13st. 6lbs.



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Torquay United	22	12	5	5	32	29	29
Stockport County	22	11	4	7	33	30	26
Oxford United	22	9	7	6	38	31	25
Gillingham	22	9	7	6	30	29	25
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Peterborough United	22	10	4	8	38	33	24
Watford	22	9	5	8	40	24	23
Bury	21	9	5	7	46	35	23
Barrow	22	9	5	8	30	24	23
Shrewsbury Town	22	8	7	7	34	34	23
Reading	22	10	3	9	32	37	23
Brighton & H.A.	21	8	6	7	25	23	22
Southport	22	9	4	9	36	35	22
Bristol Rovers	21	8	6	7	33	33	22
Colchester United	22	7	8	7	29	39	22
Northampton Town	22	8	5	9	30	35	21
Tranmere Rovers	22	8	4	10	38	39	20
Oldham Athletic	22	9	2	11	30	31	20
Bournemouth & B.A.	22	6	7	9	23	31	19
The Orient	21	6	6	9	21	30	18
Scunthorpe United	22	4	7	11	26	41	15
Grimsby Town	22	5	4	13	23	39	14
Mansfield Town	22	3	6	13	24	39	12





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Without being too optimistic, there is every reason to believe that promotion this season is a distinct possibility. This is the declared aim of the Board of Directors, recently emphasised by the Chairman, Mr. W. J. Castle, and always has been the aim of the Supporters' Club. Having made one excursion into Division Two, the experience should bear fruit in a second venture. The population of Swindon and the surrounding country areas is more than sufficient to support a higher Division, be it Second or First.

The Supporters' Club weekly Competition continues to increase slowly — your Committee wish the increase could be much faster. Since the last Programme Notes, in which new Agents were called for, we have accepted two more volunteers. This could hardly be called a mad rush from an average of 13,000 or more regular supporters. Don't wait for your friend to have a go first. Become an Agent yourself now, today, and then encourage your friend to join you. That way we get twice as many. Our promoter, Phil Hart, attends all Saturdays at the Club H.Q.'s, under the Town end stand, and on every League or Cup-tie evening match, and is fully equipped to put you in



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Incidentally, some members of the Competition are puzzled as to why winners of the two nightly prizes drawn for Thursdays and Fridays are paid on Wednesdays. All nightly prizes are drawn at one time, on the Saturday of the week before. This has to be in order for printing of the weekly bulletin, circulated to every Agent, with prize winners' cheques. These are sent out on Tuesdays — the earliest possible time, and received by the Agents on Wednesdays. Thus, the Monday and Tuesday winners receive their prizes late as compared to the Thursday and Friday winners, which are early. What you lose on the swings you gain on the roundabout. What is important is that every winner is advised of a win, the names are available for all to see, and there is no claiming to be done. No competition, I feel, could be fairer than this.

Now Xmas and the New Year. Where, I ask, can you find a full holiday programme of entertainment in Swindon, of dancing, bingo and general sociability, at an all in cost of 10/-? **At the Swindon Town Football Supporters' Social Club**, just outside the ground, in the car park. And the 10/-, as a bonus, carries free dancing, bingo and other entertainment for a further 7 months to the end of the membership year on the 31st July, 1968. Here is the full holiday programme:—

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**Xmas Day, 25th—Lunch Time opening only: Noon - 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 26th—The Dal Combo** (booked last year to make sure we got this popular Group).

**Friday, 29th—Bingo and the Johnny McCarthy Trio.**

**Saturday, 30th—Party Night with the Ken Kitching Group.**

**Sunday, 31st—New Year's Eve, with the Brian Hamley Trio** (an extension to 00.15 a.m. has been applied for to see the New Year in).

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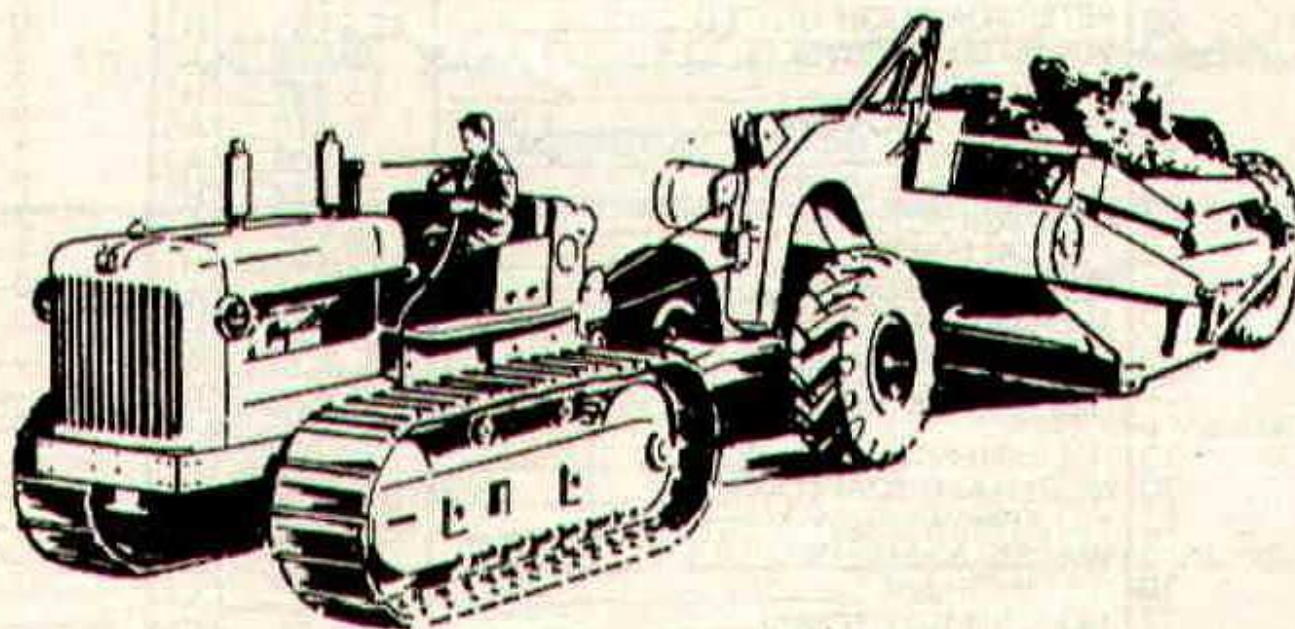
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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August 19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	15,790 (H)	2—1
22	NEWPORT COUNTY (League Cup).....	10,870 (H)	1—1
25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	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.....	4,619 (A)	2—2
11	WATFORD.....	13,327 (H)	2—0
13	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	6,519 (A)	2—3
18	SOUTHPORT.....	5,008 (A)	1—1
25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	11,944 (H)	2—0
December 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	6,965 (A)	2—0
9	(1) SALISBURY.....	12,193 (H)	4—0
16	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	(A)	0—0
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)	
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