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NEWS and VIEWS

A fine performance, and a valuable point, on a ground which has not been a very happy hunting place for Swindon.

Torquay United is a much improved team, but our performance matched that of our opponents in every department. A well deserved draw. Incidentally, the goal scored by Stubbs (his 100th), was the first conceded by our side since 13th November — exactly six matches ago. Such facts prove the strength of our defence.

While it is very nice to see the names of Swindon Town players in the Goal Scorers List, it is good to see another player helping to produce the desired result. A cracking shot by Joe Butler from a square pass from Roger Smart — thus a valuable point.

Today we entertain our opponents, and everything points to a great struggle. We look forward to an entertaining game, and may the better team win.

Last year we played Torquay United (after a break of five seasons) during the Easter Holiday. On Monday, 27th March, we lost 1—0 at Torquay. Fryatt (recently transferred to Stockport County — he played at the County Ground last week) was the scorer. The return match took place on the evening of Tuesday, 28th March. The result, 0—0. The game, played on a hard, dry pitch, with a strong wind blowing, was rather scrappy. Torquay United, a fast, quick side, found their men much below their usual standard. The outstanding feature of better than the home team. The work rate of the latter was the game was the cool, confident display of goalkeeper Dunn. His running out was extremely well timed.

Swindon Town: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Jones (B). 12th Man: Butler.

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Torquay United: Dunn; Bond, Smith (A.); Benson, Wyatt, Curtis; Clark, Smith (J.), Fryatt, Reid, Butler. 12th Man: Cox (J.).

The name Torquay United revives for many of us nostalgic memories of Season 1951-52. The fantastic Cup run, when we played in all nine games, finally losing at Luton 3—1 in the fifth round. It wasn't until last season we again reached this stage in the competition, and it required three sterling games before we finally lost to Nottingham Forest. By strange coincidence, we meet Luton Town next Saturday at the County Ground in the second round. Remember we won a cup-tie at Luton in Season 1962-63 — the year of snow and frost, when Everton won 5—1 here on a snow-covered ground.

Harking back to Torquay United, after beating Bedford Town 2—0 in the first round in November 1951, we were drawn at home to Torquay United. Although Maurice Owen scored first, before half time we were losing 1—3 (two of the goals being scored by Ernie Edds, who later joined Swindon Town, and still lives in the town). In the second half, Maurice Owen and Willie Millar made the result a 3—3 draw. The following Thursday a dour struggle produced 1—1 after extra time. Thus a third meeting was necessary, played after Christmas on the ground of Bristol City. It was here the drama came. Torquay United was much the better team in the first half hour, and scored through centre-forward Northcott. It looked odds on a Torquay United victory when suddenly, out of the blue, came two goals by Roy Onslow, to make the half-time score 2—1. In the second half Swindon got right on top and Maurice Owen scored a fine goal from a centre by Harry Lunn. The point is, however, Onslow only played at the last minute. An extract from a newspaper cutting gives the story most vividly: "Onslow, part-time professional, was about to leave for his work, when he received an urgent message from

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the Swindon manager, Louis Page. The injured Millar had failed to pass a 9 a.m. test. So Onslow took a day off, and scored two goals." Nobody was more delighted than Louis Page. "Some of our supporters had been barracking Roy in home games," he said, "so much so that the boy was only happy playing away. His great display has given him a new outlook." So much for the turn of fate, or was it justice? After this game came that great game at Cardiff. Result 1—1. Goal scored by Maurice Owen.

The replay on Wednesday afternoon, before a record gate, went to extra time, when Maurice Owen scored the winning goal.

In the fourth round we entertained Stoke City. Result 1—1. Jimmy Bain scored with a great shot in the sixth minute, and Smyth equalised one minute after half-time. Gate 28,500.

The replay took place on the Monday on a difficult pitch covered with ice and patches of water. Swindon Town was the better side, and Willie Millar, who had replaced injured Roy Onslow, scored the winning goal in the 22nd minute.

Finally Luton Town, then quite high in Division I. What a following for Swindon Town, and how they cheered when Betteridge opened the scoring in the sixth minute. Taylor equalised a minute before half-time, and in the second half further goals by Taylor and Davis clinched the issue for Luton Town. Strange as it may seem, Swindon Town enjoyed much more of the game than in previous rounds. In the opinion of many this was the game we ought to have won.

Swindon Town's team, which no doubt many of you remember, was:

Uprichard; Hunt, May (Gulliver in first round); Kaye (Capt.), Hudson, Gray (Batchelor first round); Lunn, Onslow (Millar), Owen, Betteridge, Bain.

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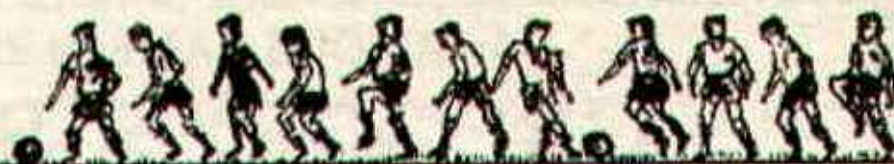
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BOBBY BAXTER (Left back)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 7lbs. Born in Redcar. Signed from Brighton & Hove Albion in June 1967, where he played over 250 League and Cup games following his transfer from Darlington in 1961. Originally an inside forward at Darlington, where he was leading goalscorer for two seasons, he was converted to wing half and full back at Brighton.

JOHN BENSON (Right half)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st. 10lbs. Born in Arbroath. Signed from Manchester City, June 1964, his only other League Club.

JOHN BOND (Right half)

Height 6ft. 2ins. Weight 14st. Born in Colchester. Signed from West Ham United January 1966, his only other League Club. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964. Played for Football League against Scottish League 1959 and Irish League 1958. Member of South African Touring side 1956.

KEN BROWN (Centre half)

Height 6ft. Weight 13st. 7lbs. Born in Dagenham. Signed from West Ham United in May 1967. Regular first team player for West Ham United over ten seasons. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964, v. Preston North End, and European Cup Winners' Medal 1965, v. Munich. Capped for England v. Ireland 1960.

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DOUG CLARKE (Outside right or Outside left)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 12st. Born in Bolton. Signed from Hull City July 1965, where he had made over 300 appearances since being transferred from Bury in 1955.

JOHN DOCKER (Outside left)

Height 5ft. 6ins. Weight 10st. 4lbs. Born in Coventry. On loan from Coventry City, with whom he signed straight from School. Played for Coventry and Warwick Boys while at School.

JOHN DUNN (Goalkeeper)

Height 5ft. 11½ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs. Born in Barking. Signed from Chelsea, October 1966, his only other League Club, having been an amateur and apprentice professional prior to signing professional in 1961.

JOHN SMITH (Inside forward or Wing half)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs. Born in London. Signed from Leyton Orient October 1966, previously played for West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry City. England Under-23 International.

ROBIN STUBBS (Centre forward)

Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 7lbs. Born in Birmingham. Signed from Birmingham City, August 1963, for highest fee ever paid by Torquay United.

ALAN WELSH (Inside forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st. Born in Edinburgh. Signed from Millwall November 1967. With Millwall since 1965 and previously with Bury, Adina (one year) and Bonnyrigg Rose (two years).

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Orient	22	6	6	10	23	33	18
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To the Directors, players, staff of the Swindon Town Football Club, all Supporter Club members and all other supporters, here present, come Greetings and wishes for a Prosperous New Year.

To the first team, a big thank you for three out of four points so far this Xmas, and today, folks, let's roar the old year out, and two more points in, such as we have not roared before.

To the youngsters of the Reserve team, our support whilst they continue to do battle with much, much more experienced players in Division I of Football Combination, with great credit and with increasing skill. It must seem particularly hard on them, to be on the losing end so often, but I am sure that being thrown in at the deep end, as it were, they will meet with success in due course.

Now, how does the Supporters' Club affairs progress? This Xmas saw the usual Xmas Draw, held in the Social Club on Thursday, the 14th December. The usual 104 prizes were drawn out of the box and Xmas cheer flung far and wide. The first 20 prizes were drawn by Mr. Reg Clarke, who has been working for the Club and the Supporters' Club for 51 years, and who came in from Devizes for the Draw. It seems right and proper that the first prize winner — a £20 Xmas hamper and a cheque for £30 should have gone to one of Reg's own ticket holders, an old age pensioner and widow, at Seend, who is also partially crippled. I am sure every Supporter will agree that it could not have gone to a more worthy winner. The remaining 84 prizes were drawn by one of our more regular and younger supporters and habituee at the Social Club, Miss Catherine Young, who distributed her largesse with all the confidence and aplomb of one of her 8 years. A future Football

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Queen if ever I did see one.

THE match of the Xmas period was undoubtedly played at the Shrivenham Road ground on Boxing Day morning, as announced in our last Notes, between the Supporters' Social Club Football Club and the 'Asbins (a loose consortium of older members). The organisers wish to thank the Sports Editor of the "Evening Advertiser" for his preview of this match in last Thursday's "Advertiser", as they feel that the gate was increased thereby.

The match ended in a 4—4 draw, to which end no one worked harder than our referee, Mr. James Tompkins, who handled some of the unusual happenings with considerable aplomb and efficiency. The Social Club won the toss and in the first 20 minutes (the crafty beggars elected to play down what slope there was) were only prevented from scoring by some magnificent saves from the 'Asbins' goalkeeper, J. J. Plunkett, who went full length (or width) on several occasions. I am happy to record that at least one or two of these efforts were recorded in full colour movie film. Despite a penalty (missed twice by Mr. E. Clarke, our Treasurer, due, he says, to wearing tennis shoes instead of football boots), the 'Asbins left at half-time leading 2—1 (M. Lewis (own goal) and A. Rennicks, and M. Agates for the Social Club). We are still trying to find the character who pinched the soccer ball from the touchline and substituted a funny pointed ball used in that other game. The referee, being on the ball, as it were, merely ruled the ball not being thrown in straight and quite correctly awarded a five yard scrum, which the Social Club won and almost scored from a forward rush in the loose maul which followed.

Feeling that somewhat sterner methods were necessary in the second half, the 'Asbins resorted to psychological tactics at the start of the second half with a fearsome rendering of the

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

New Zealand All Blacks' war cry and dance, which almost paid off. Leading 4—3 just before the final whistle, a brilliant run by Mr. L. Hook, in the No. 11 shirt, down the left wing and cutting in to score well out of reach of the goalkeeper, he made the score 4—4. What a pity he was wearing the 'Asbins shirt and, having taken the wrong turning, went the wrong way and scored an own goal for the Supporters' Club. The 'Asbins could still have won, but for a magnificent miss by two yards — from two yards — by the 'Asbins No. 10 (D. Pearce), who is reported to have said (after the match) that having got that near the goal, he didn't have the strength to kick it in, or the breath to blow it in. Other goals by W. Ranger and O. Boulton ('Asbins) and D. Woodman (penalty) and M. Agates for Supporters.

And what was the end product of this affair? I am pleased to report that we all had the best — and funniest — Boxing Day morning for years, and from the sale of programmes and the collection at the match, the Supporters' Club will present a cheque for over £30 (more to come, I'm told) to the handicapped children at Upham Road. Our thanks to the Board of Directors for the loan of the pitch, and to the groundsman, to Mr. Jack Connelly and other members of the staff who gave some of their Xmas time in kitting us out and making the changing room facilities available. And our own organisers (mostly ladies), who also acted as trainers. The dear ladies throw as nasty a cold, wet sponge, or bucketful of cold water, as ever one did see.

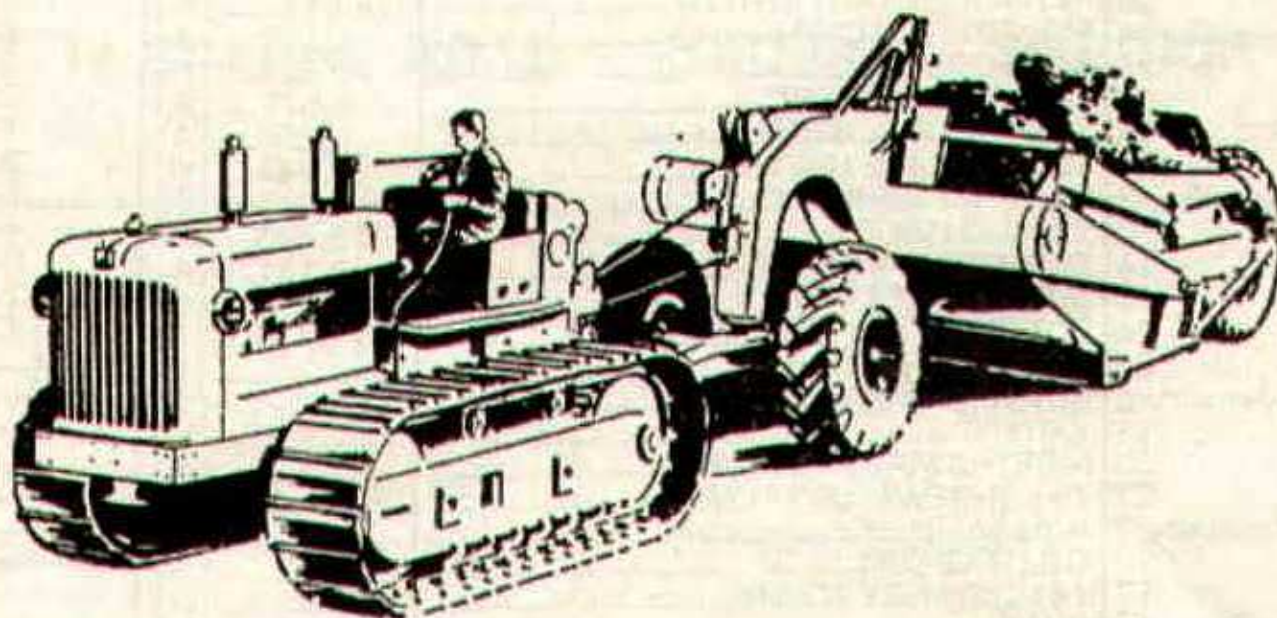
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25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	12,152 (H)	3—1
4	BARROW.....	7,352 (A)	1—1
9	ORIENT.....	4,722 (A)	0—0
16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	13,280 (H)	4—0
23	WALSALL.....	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.....	9,141 (A)	0—0
19	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	12,856 (H)	2—0
26	TORQUAY UNITED.....	12,910 (A)	1—1
30	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(H)	
January 6	(2) LUTON TOWN.....	(H)	
13	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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Saturday, 16th December, 1967.

Drew with BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (Away) 0—0.

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

Referee: Mr. W. S. Castle (Dudley).

Attendance: 9,141.

Tuesday, 19th December, 1967.

Beat STOCKPORT COUNTY (Home) 2—0.

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

Scorers: Rogers, Butler.

Referee: Mr. C. Thomas (Rhondda).

Attendance: 12,856.

Tuesday, 26th December, 1967.

Drew with TORQUAY UNITED (Away) 1—1.

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

Scorer: Butler.

Referee: Mr. C. H. Nicholls (Plymouth).

Attendance: 12,910.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 16th December, 1967.

Lost to CHELSEA (Home) 2—0.

Team: Jones; Blick, Fry; Desmeules, Giles, Clark; Mascia, Wall, Dangerfield, Bailey, Walker.

Saturday, 23rd December, 1967.

Drew with SOUTHAMPTON (Away) 2—2.

Team: Jones; Blick, Fry; Desmeules, Giles, Clark; Mascia, Wall, Dangerfield, Bailey, Walker.

Scorers: Giles, Walker.

Tuesday, 26th December, 1967.

Lost to COVENTRY CITY (Home) 4—2.

Team: Jones; Jeffrey, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Wall, Giles, Bailey, Walker.

Scorer: Giles (2).

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