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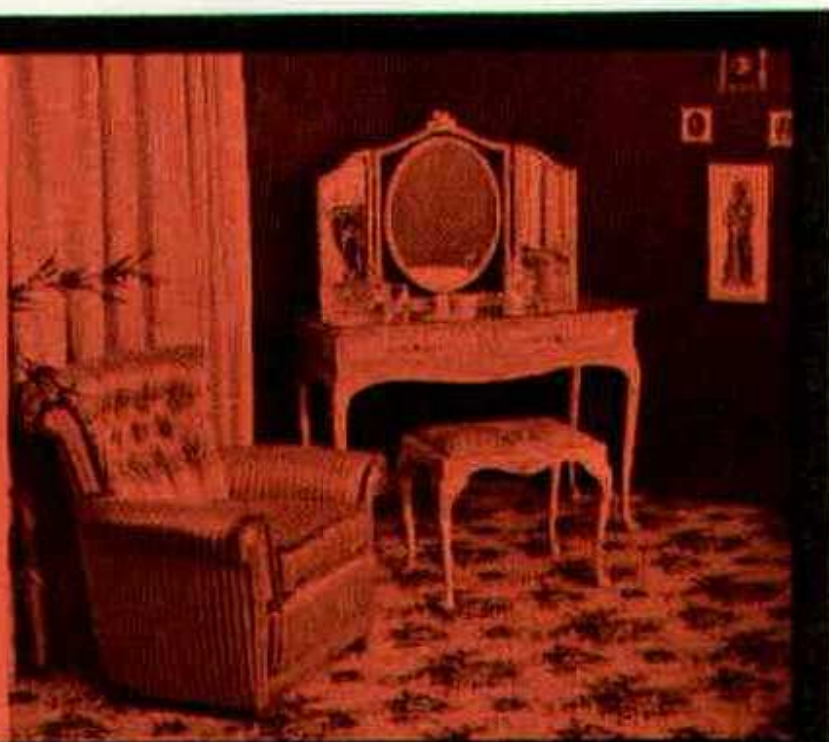
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**SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1968**

**F.A. CUP SECOND ROUND**

**SWINDON TOWN**

**v.**

**LUTON TOWN**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

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# NEWS and VIEWS

The thrills and excitement of Cup Football once again and so we welcome to the County Ground, our friends from Luton Town.

The two clubs have met before in the competition. In 1951-52 they ended one of our finest cup-runs, but in season 1962-63, we visited Kenilworth Road, after two postponements due to frost and snow and won by three goals to one, only to be defeated a few days later on the County Ground by the famous Everton team five goals to one.

Like Swindon Town, Luton Town (The Hatters) were members of the Southern League from 1900-1919 and were one of the originals when Division III South was formed in 1920. Actually they were our opponents on the County Ground, for the opening fixture in the new league. The result 9—1 in our favour. The following Monday, Swindon Town, lost 0—4 at Southampton and in the return fixture at Luton were defeated 0—2.

Luton Town finally gained promotion to Division II by winning the Championship of Division III (South) in Season 1936-37. When football was resumed after the World War II in 1946, they continued in Division II until Season 1954-55, when as runners-up they gained promotion to Division I. They then became one of the leading clubs in the country even appearing in the Final of the F.A. Cup. Up to 1959 Luton Town had gone up and up, and never once been relegated.

Unfortunately with defeat in the Cup, came a quick decline and in Season 1959-60, they were in twenty-second position with 30 points and goal average of 50-73 and so lost Division I status. As so often happens, when a club strikes a bad patch, matters did not improve and in Season 1962-63, Luton Town



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## NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

found themselves in twenty-second position again, but this time in Division II, points 29, goal average 61-84.

We actually changed places with Luton Town that season and went into Division II. As supporters know, Luton Town fell even lower and are still members of Division IV.

They are enjoying a very good season and at present occupy fourth position with the following record:

Home						Away					Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
23	11	0	0	29	6	3	5	4	20	20	33

Swindon Town's record to date, reads as follows:

Home						Away					Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
25	9	2	1	27	6	1	7	5	14	18	29

Like Swindon Town, Luton Town are in with an excellent chance of promotion. Their home record is one hundred per cent and away from home they have gained eleven points from twelve games. We have nine points from thirteen games, so they will provide strong opposition. The game will be a keen one and may even be as close and keen as that last week against Torquay United. We hope it is our turn to win. While it is the wish of everyone that we gain promotion, a cup run can give great enthusiasm and confidence to the team. It was quite different last season, when we did so well in the cup, but had such poor results in the league, but Cup success creates great interest.

It is interesting to note the careers and those with some success, of our ex-players. Spectators recognized "Big Bill" Atkins in the Stockport County team. He is still in the goal scorers list. Bobby Woodruffe is a regular in the Division II team Crystal Palace. Cliff Jackson appears frequently, but of late has filled the post of substitute. Jack Howarth is still



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scoring goals in the Division IV side Aldershot. Keith East, recently transferred from Stockport County to Bournemouth and B.A. and on Saturday last he scored one of the two goals, by which his team won at Watford. Eric Weaver, has just been transferred from Notts County\* (whom he joined from Swindon in summer) to Northampton Town for a fee stated to be in the region of £10,000. He also scored one of his teams two goals at Tranmere.

The greatest surprise is the form of Frank Large. Recently acquired by Leicester City from Northampton Town—fee £20,000. Having served, most faithfully several clubs in Division III and IV, he is now playing regularly in Division I. Many of you saw "Match of the Day" on B.B.C.1 last week. Commentator David Coleman referred frequently to his skilful play and there is no doubt Frank made the first goal, by a splendid square pass and scored a fine second goal. Unfortunately he was on the losing side, due mainly to excellence of West Ham United.

It is good to see him doing so well. We wish him every success. He was a great hearted player, always giving one hundred per cent effort and a fine club man and one who never asked for a transfer.

Ernie Hunt has regained his place in the Everton team after an absence of eight weeks.

Michael Sumerbee is hitting the "high spots" at centre forward in one of the seasons most successful teams, Manchester City, although they lost at home to West Bromwich Albion. He was named in the last "English Squad", and is often referred to as being on the fringe of "International Honours". Another great-hearted player, who never lacked effort. He too seems to have raised his game, and acquired greater skills. Good Luck Mike.



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## LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

### **KEITH ALLEN (Inside Forward)**

Joined this club from Stockport, in exchange for Derek Kevan in March 1967. Quickly became a favourite here, he previously played for Grimsby and Portsmouth. A native of the Isle of Wight.

### **KEN BEAVEN (Winger)**

On our apprentice staff. A local boy who we feel sure has a bright future.

### **TERRY BRANSTON (Centre Half)**

Signed in June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly and has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League. He was born at Rugby.

### **MICKY BROWN (Forward)**

Was born at Slough and made his League debut for Fulham where he spent five seasons followed by two seasons at Millwall, joined Luton July 1967.

### **MAX DOUGAN (Half Back)**

Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December 1966. His two previous clubs were Queens Park (Scotland) and Leicester City. Gained five Amateur International Caps whilst with the former.

### **GRAHAM FRENCH (Winger)**

Born at Wolverhampton. Has previously played for Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October 1965. Has several Youth International Caps for England.

### **FREDDIE JARDINE (Full Back)**

Another Scot, from Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming South to Luton in 1961. Although originally an outside left he has now settled into the left back position.



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### **BRIAN JOHNSON (Winger)**

Born at Newcastle. Played for Sunderland before coming to Luton in July 1966. Only 19 years of age, he has already made appearances in the first team.

### **PETER MOONEY (Winger)**

A Luton boy on our staff as an apprentice. Already has made his mark in our reserve side, although still eligible for youth football.

### **JOHN MOORE (Wing Half)**

His third season at Luton, being a regular member of our first team. Previously played for Motherwell. Was born at Hart Hill (Scotland).

### **BILLY McDERMENT (Wing Half)**

Born at Paisley, was transferred from Leicester City in July 1967 and comes with a reputation as being a rugged type of player.

### **TONY READ (Goalkeeper)**

Born at Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom we secured him in March 1965. Is equally well at home in the centre forward position.

### **BRUCE RIOCH (Inside Forward)**

Born at Aldershot. Lived in Luton most of his life. First signed for Luton as an apprentice in 1963. Taking the full time ticket in September 1964 and is a regular member of the first team.

### **NEIL RIOCH (Half Back)**

A brother of Bruce. Born at Paddington, joined Luton straight from school in July 1966. A player who shows great promise and is on our apprentice staff.

### **ALAN SLOUGH (Full Back)**

Born at Luton, he has graduated through the ranks of schoolboy, amateur and apprentice before accepting full terms in May 1965. Can also play with distinction at wing half or inside forward.



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A Londoner from Bow, he played for the Arsenal with whom he gained England Youth International Caps before coming to Luton in March 1964. He has been a regular member of our first team ever since.

### **ROBIN WAINWRIGHT (Inside Forward)**

Born at Luton, our newest recruit, having signed apprentice forms in July 1967, played four times for England Boys Club last season.

### **IAN BUXTON (Inside Forward)**

Was born at Cromford and played for Derby County from whom he was transferred to Luton in September, 1967 and has been ever present since this time. He also plays cricket for Derbyshire.

### **RODNEY GREEN (Centre Forward)**

Joined Luton in August, 1967 from Charlton. He has previously played for Gillingham, Bradford and Grimsby. Unfortunately the removal of a cartilage has restricted his appearances this season.

### **WILLIAM TAYLOR (Goalkeeper)**

He is at the moment serving a trial period with Luton having previously played for Partick Thistle. His two appearances over the Christmas period against Bradford showed him to be a capable goalkeeper.

### **TOMMY HARE (Full Back)**

Signed from Southampton in July 1967. A Scot whose birth place is Motherwell.

### **HUGH McLEISH (Forward)**

A Scot who was born in the same street as John Moore at Hart Hill. He came to Luton on a free transfer from Sunderland in November 1967 and has shown much progress since.

### **JOHN RYAN (Outside Right)**

Born at Liverpool. Played for Wigan Athletic whilst Manager Allen Brown was in charge there. Regarded as a player with a future, Mr. Brown brought him to Luton earlier this season.



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall .....	25	13	6	6	46	30	32
Torquay United .....	24	12	6	6	33	31	30
<b>Swindon Town</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>
Stockport County .....	25	12	5	8	34	32	29
Peterborough United .....	25	12	4	9	43	39	28
Shrewsbury Town .....	25	10	8	7	38	36	28
Bury .....	24	10	7	7	52	40	27
Oxford United .....	25	9	9	7	42	36	27
Reading .....	25	12	3	10	37	39	27
Brighton & H.A. ....	24	9	8	7	29	24	26
Gillingham .....	25	9	8	8	31	34	26
Watford .....	25	10	5	10	41	27	25
Barrow .....	25	10	5	10	35	31	25
Southport .....	25	10	5	10	41	40	25
Bristol Rovers .....	24	9	6	9	35	37	24
Colchester United .....	25	8	8	9	33	43	24
Tranmere Rovers .....	25	9	5	11	41	44	23
Bournemouth & B.A. ....	25	8	7	10	28	32	23
Northampton Town .....	25	8	7	10	32	38	23
Oldham Athletic .....	25	10	2	13	35	38	22
Orient .....	23	7	6	10	26	33	20
Mansfield Town .....	25	6	6	13	31	41	18
Scunthorpe United .....	25	5	8	12	30	47	18
Grimsby Town .....	25	5	5	15	25	43	15





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With the New Year comes the crunch proper of the F.A. cup ties. The rounds up to Christmas normally, revolves around the elimination, with a few exceptions, of the non-league teams. Not that we decry the non-league teams. The tilts of the Davids against the Goliaths always creates interest, brings fame to the few and allows the British football supporters to indulge in the good old British custom of encouraging the underdogs.

Today, we welcome the team and supporters of Luton Town to the County Ground. Luton Town have spent some time in the wilderness of Division IV, after tasting the pleasure pots of Division I. This season, it would seem on the cards that promotion to Division III is a distinct possibility. Accordingly, we must expect a serious tussle this afternoon. A team on the crest of success must never be under estimated, particularly in adjacent Divisions. The half-time blank scoresheet in the last round, against Salisbury, is ample warning of this. And today, we must expect Luton Town to keep going for the full 90 minutes, whereas, the last 25 minutes saw Salisbury fade out. Anyway, we look forward to a good, clean and exhilarating game. Any Luton Town supporters who wish to drown their sorrows if we win are welcome in our Social Club (the bar opens immediately after the match and hot snacks are available) and we would like them to stay for the evening Party Night. If a draw results, they are equally welcome to tell us what will happen in the replay (all information will be passed to Danny Williams) and if they win, they can help us drown our sorrows.

The Social Club welcomed in the New Year in traditional Scottish style, as most of you will have seen in the "Evening



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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

Advertiser". We had the very professional help of Angus Wyse, who used to play wing half for Swindon Town in 1932 and wields a very mean drone on the bagpipes. Assisted by one of his pupils, the very attractive Miss Patsy Lawrence, of Blunsden, the Old year was formally piped out and the New Year piped in, together with the traditional Haggis (specially imported, no expense spared) from the country of its birth. Borne aloft, immediately behind the pipers, by Neil Gallacher, one of our very popular members from over the border. Close behind came the bottle of whisky, carried by Mrs. Anne Renicks, who was becomingly arrayed in the Royal Stuart tartan.

After pouring drinks, the Chairman and four principals formally toasted the New Year in Gaelic and the Haggis, after being formally addressed by Angus Wyse, was uncere- moniously carved up and distributed. For the benefit of those members who missed this junketing, the pipers were engaged immediately for next New Year's Eve. Make Tuesday, the 31st December, 1968 a special date.

To my astonishment, we still have supporters missing out on Club functions "because they didn't know about it". This is surprising, as a monthly Broadsheet is printed and distributed free, by our doorman, at the beginning of each month and a brief summary of the forthcoming entertainment is always included in these Notes. Accordingly, do not blame us if we take the view that members have only themselves to blame. However, as from today, these Notes will include a full monthly programme at the beginning of each month. So, tear today's page out, stick it in your wallet, handbag, or what have you and be with it.

The funds for the Handicapped Children, stemming from the Boxing day match reported in our last Notes, are still rising and we would say a big "Thank You" to Mr. B. W.



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Sunday, 21st January—The Brian Hamley Trio (one of our regulars).

Sunday, 28th January—The Johnny McCarthy Trio (always welcomed).

**FILM SHOWS** on occasional Tuesdays. Watch the Club Notice Board.

The Social Club **DARTS TEAM** play home matches on Monday evenings. Our lads throw a mean double top—particularly at away matches. The Knock-Out Competition for the Club Cup is approaching. Why not enter this year?

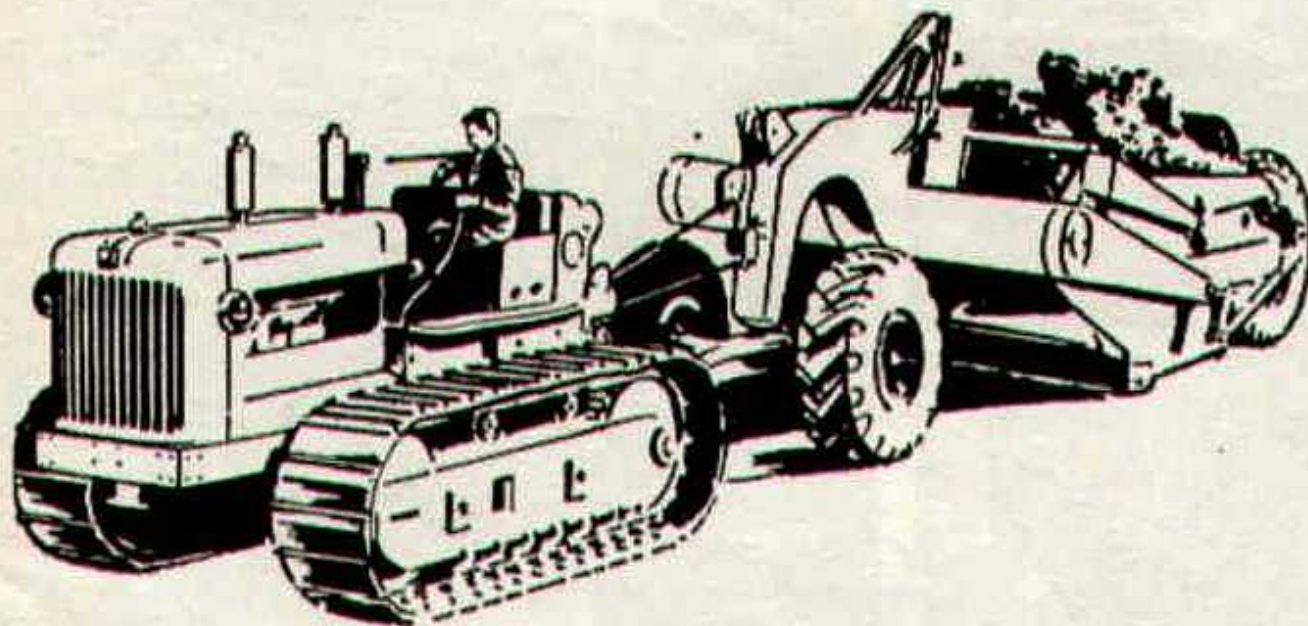
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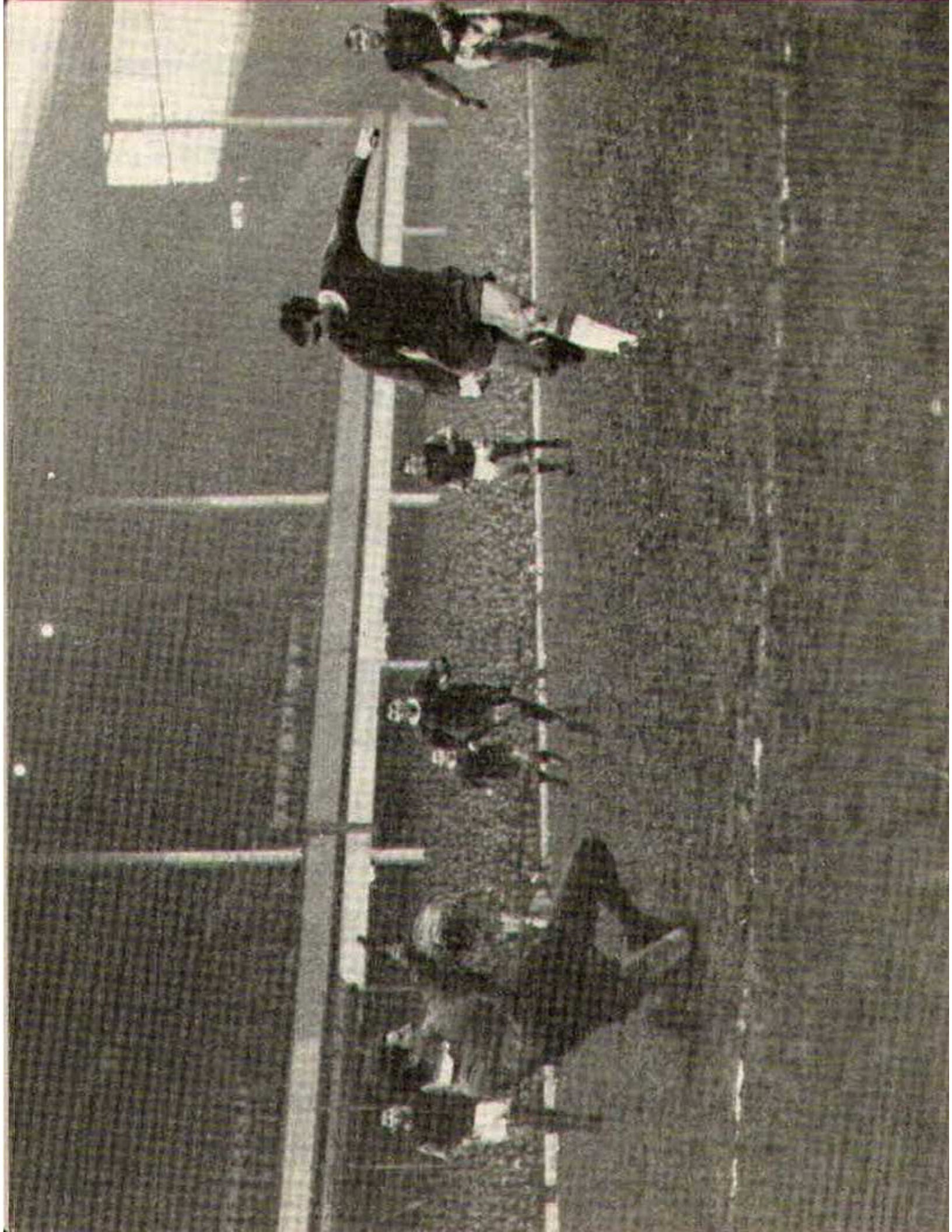
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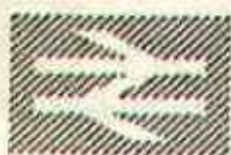
## First Section

- A—Altrincham v. Barrow
- B—Boston v. Orient
- C—Bradford v. Tranmere
- D—Bradford City v. Bury
- E—Chelmsford v. Colchester
- F—Chester v. Chesterfield
- G—Doncaster v. Workington
- H—Exeter v. Walsall
- I—Guildford v. Newport
- J—Halifax v. Scunthorpe
- K—Macclesfield v. Spennymoor
- L—Margate v. Peterborough
- M—Reading v. Dagenham
- N—Southport v. Runcorn
- O—Swansea v. Brighton
- P—Tow Law v. Shrewsbury
- Q—Walthamstow v. Bournemouth
- R—Watford v. Hereford
- S—Wimbledon v. Bristol Rovers
- T—Fulham v. Leeds

## Second Section

- A—Liverpool v. West Bromwich Albion
- B—Manchester United v. West Ham United
- C—Nottingham Forest v. Manchester City
- D—Sheffield Wednesday v. Sheffield United
- E—Southampton v. Chelsea
- F—Sunderland v. Leicester City
- G—Tottenham Hotspur v. Burnley
- H—Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Everton
- I—Aston Villa v. Derby County
- J—Blackburn Rovers v. Middlesbrough
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# LAST WEEKS MATCHES

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Saturday, 30th December, 1967.

Beat TOROUAY UNITED (Home) 1—0.

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

Scorer: Rogers.

Referee: Mr. R. Capey (Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Attendance: 18,161.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Tuesday, 2nd January, 1968.

Lost to COVENTRY CITY (Away) 5—2.

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

Scorers: Walker and Bailey.

## HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 23rd December, 1967.

Lost to MORRIS MOTORS (Away) 5—2.

Team: Parsons; Allen, King; Morgan, Sikorski, Tyler; Melrose, Hubbard, Gubbins, Boorman, Smith J.

Scorers: Melrose, Gubbins.

Saturday, 30th December, 1967.

Lost to WITNEY (Away) 2—0.

Team: Roberts; Allen, King; Wall, Blick, Freeman; Mascia, Desmeules, Gubbins, Boorman, Fry.

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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	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.....	18,161 (H)	1—0
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)	
18	(Final)		



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