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NEWS and VIEWS

So there it is — the Cup-run has ended, but what better way to go out. Everyone who saw the game agrees we were most unlucky to lose. We certainly put up a great show and could not have said goodbye to the competition in a better way.

We must pay tribute to the Sheffield Wednesday club, for their sportsmanship, hospitality, and organisation. They were all first-class and we shall always retain happy memories of this, our first visit to Hillsborough. Sheffield Wednesday were most helpful, kind, and co-operative, right from the time of the draw. We wish them every success in the next round, when they play Chelsea at Sheffield. We shall follow their progress with great interest.

Now to the real matter in hand. Something far more important to Swindon than the Cup competition — the long, hard struggle for promotion to Division II. Of late we have lost ground due to postponements, Cup matches, and the defeat at Gillingham. To achieve our ambition will require the all-out efforts of everyone concerned — Board, Management, Players, and Supporters. We must win our home games and gain more points in away matches. Our goal average is still one of the best in the League.

The season to date has been an excellent one — a good position in the League table, four F.A. Cup-ties, and outstanding gates — by far the best in our division. These no doubt are due mainly to the attractive football displayed. We hope we shall not be disappointed at the end of the season but, whatever happens, let us play open, attractive football, free from incidents, gamesmanship, time wasting, etc. We really have enjoyed three good seasons after relegation. Usually, when a club has a poor period it takes something like five seasons to overcome the difficulties and go ahead.

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Such has not been the case at Swindon. Last season was one of the most interesting in the history of the Club, and this year support and enthusiasm are very high; may the final result be good. Today's game is most important. Bury are strong candidates for promotion and at present occupy second position in the table. A win today is almost as good as four points to us. May we gain them.

Bury were relegated to Division III at the end of last season, but supporters will remember we played them in the F.A. Cup 4th Round on 18th February, 1967, after the great victory over West Ham in the previous round.

The teams on that occasion were:

Swindon: Hicks; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Smart, Skeen, Penman, Walker.

Bury: Harker; Colquhoun, Leech; Kerr, Turner, Lindsay; Lowes, Jones, Owen, Parry, Claxton.

Attendance: 24,452.

Receipts: £5,287 18s. 0d.

Referee: Mr. J. K. Taylor.

The result was a win for Swindon by 2 goals to 1. The half-time score was 1—0, a goal scored by Morgan. Rogers scored a second after the interval, and Owen for Bury near the end of the game. We won't mention how the goal came about. One other factor — notice the name of the right winger — yes, the same Barry Lowes who soon afterwards was transferred to Coventry City, only played a few games in the senior side and came to Swindon at the beginning of this season.

We last played Bury in the League in season 1964-65, then in Division II. In the opening game of the season we lost 1—6. We scored in the very first minute and then unfortunately lost our goalkeeper, Norman Oakley (no substitutes allowed then). The return game was played on Saturday, 12th December.

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The position was beginning to look desperate, but we managed to win by two goals to nil.

Our team that day was: Hicks; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, McPherson, Sproates; Brown, Hunt, Summerbee, East, Rogers.

This season we drew at Bury 1—1 on Saturday, 7th October. Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Harland, Nurse, Butler; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Scorer: Smart.

Attendance: 8,222.

Prior to that game we had lost to Reading and Barrow, so the point gained was a very valuable one.

We must pay tribute to our supporters, not only for the number (something between 6,000 and 7,000) who travelled to Sheffield, but also for the good name given by all concerned. Four special trains carried 4,000 spectators, and the Railways report everything trouble-free — no vandalism, no hooliganism. In fact perfect behaviour. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Please continue the support, and the good work.

We have lost another of our finest supporters — “Snowy” Page, who died as the result of a tragic accident last week. He may have been a Refuse Collector (Dustman, call it what you like), and a newsvendor, but he was a real “rough diamond”, with a heart of gold, ready to help anyone in trouble, rich and poor alike. “Snowy” had a wonderful disposition, always bright and cheerful. You must have seen him many times run on the pitch at the Town end, and kick the ball back to the goalkeeper. He was a loyal supporter, and had already purchased his ticket for the Sheffield game. Alas he was not to enjoy that outing. We shall miss him greatly at the County Ground. Everyone connected with the Club extend their deepest sympathies to his wife, two daughters and two sons. A good father, and a great character.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Saturday, 3rd February, 1968.

Beat WALSALL (Home) 3—0.

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

Scorers: Nurse, Penman, Rogers.

Referee: Mr. B. H. Daniels (Rainham).

Attendance: 17,288.

Saturday, 10th February, 1968.

Lost to GILLINGHAM (Away) 3—1.

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

Scorer: Smart.

Referee: Mr. D. A. Corbett (Wolverhampton).

Attendance: 5,116.

F.A. CUP — FOURTH ROUND

Saturday, 17th February, 1968.

Lost to SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Away) 2—1.

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

Scorer: Smart.

Referee: Mr. G. D. Roper (Stowmarket).

Attendance:

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 10th February, 1968.

Lost to BIRMINGHAM CITY (Home) 2—0.

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

Saturday, 17th February, 1968.

Lost to LEICESTER CITY (Away) 2—1.

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NEIL RAMSBOTTOM (Goalkeeper)

His first team break came in January, 1966, and since then this strapping six-footer from Blackburn has proved that the confidence shown in him by Bury's Chief Scout Colin McDonald — himself an ex-England 'keeper — has not been misplaced. Neil, who had 29 League matches last season, joined Bury after writing for a trial while playing in a Youth Fellowship side in his home town.

ROY PARNELL (Full-back)

His signing in February, 1967, signalled a flurry of transfer action at Gigg Lane. Bought from Tranmere Rovers, where he gave reliable first team service — an ever-present with them in 1964/65 and missing only four games the following year. Started his career with Everton and hails from Birkenhead.

HUGH TINNEY (Full-back)

Signed at the height of the Club's transfer activities in March 1967 and a player whose value has not gone unnoticed since arriving in England. He was a member of the Scottish F.A. party which went on a world tour in the recent summer and before this had included Scotland Under-23 honours in his background.

ALEC LINDSAY (Wing-half)

His brilliantly consistent play in the closing months of the relegation campaign was a welcome tonic for the Club, and it looks as though this ginger-haired 19-year-old is likely to make quite an impact in football — like some Bury teenagers before him. His skill has already earned recognition since he was on a close-season tour of Yugoslavia with the England Youth squad in 1966. He signed apprentice forms in March, 1963, after being spotted while playing for Bury Boys.

BRIAN TURNER (Centre-half)

Soccer clubs welcome loyalty, which is why the warm hand of friendship will always be extended to 29-year-old Brian. He's now in his tenth season with the 'Shakers', which makes him the longest-serving player on the books and gave him the proud record at the start of the season of having completed 333 League games since joining the Club as a Junior from his home in nearby Salford. Missed only two matches

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in 1966/67, alternating his appearances between wing-half and centre-half — though with the sale of Colin Waldron to Chelsea, he now looks set to plug the pivot position which he was converted into in 1965/66.

ROY HUGHES (Wing-half)

A broken leg in October, 1966, while playing for the Reserves against Manchester City put a brake on the career of this 19-year-old Manchester-born defender. It was only in the closing weeks of last season that he started his come-back and it means that, along with John Forrest, he is the only club professional waiting for a first-team opportunity. Spent 18 months as an apprentice, being rewarded with full-time terms on 5th September, 1966, one month before the injury set-back. A member of the Club's successful youth team in 1965/66, he has now settled at wing-half after arriving as an inside-forward.

GREG FARRELL (Winger)

It was the week of the transfer deadline in March when the young Scot — he hails from Motherwell — made the move from Cardiff City. He fitted in eleven League games for Bury up to the close down of activities.

BOBBY COLLINS (Inside-forward)

Needs little introduction anywhere in soccer since his work in transforming Leeds United into a big-time club is likely to become one of the little legends of the game. Spent all his career in first-class football before accepting the challenge to give Bury fortunes a pick-me-up on 25th February, 1967. The wee general was winning Scottish International Caps as far back as 1951 when he played in Celtic colours. It was in 1958, after joining Everton, that he won his first cap as an Anglo-Scot. Leeds United paid £25,000 to Everton in 1962, gambling that even at 31 years old this inside-forward genius would lift their fortunes. He did, and crowds boomed into the bargain.

ALEX DAWSON (Centre-forward)

His eleven games for Bury produced four goals after signing from Preston North End at a substantial fee on 9th March, 1967. But goal-getting is nothing new to this heavyweight leader, who topped Preston North End's scoring list for three consecutive seasons — in 1963/64 he notched 30, the following year 22, and 26 goals in 1964/65. Son of an Aberdeen trawlerman, he made his break into League football with Manchester United who acquired his services from Hull Schools.

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RAY PARRY (Wing-half)

A vastly experienced player, and a former England international who was written back into Bury planning during the summer after being, like John Bain, offered a free transfer. Has been a regular first-teamer, having 35 League games last term and has settled at wing-half after joining the Club during October, 1964, from Blackpool, where he was figuring on the left-wing. His main reputation was built with Bolton Wanderers during a seven-year stay with them as an inside-forward and he was capped twice in 1960.

BOBBY OWEN (Centre-forward)

Crashed his way to everybody's notice at the start of 1966/67 with a scoring burst that produced eight goals in the first nine games. But Bobby, who had his 20th birthday in October, 1967, had to be content with his glory early on, for he finished the season with only 26 appearances and one more goal to his credit. Bolton-born and a member of the town's Boys' Team, he was invited to Bury after leaving school at the age of 15. Became a full-time member in August, 1965, after a League debut against Rotherham United.

GEORGE JONES (Inside-forward)

He's now back at the Club where he made his name. Built up a glowing reputation in his first spell at Bury, winning numerous youth caps and widespread attention. It resulted in Blackburn Rovers paying a reputed £30,000 for his services in March, 1964. His fortunes at Blackburn didn't run as smoothly and the climax came when he was transferred back to Bury in mid-November, 1966. Instantly he became a first-teamer again, and his twenty-five League games saw him netting five goals. He settled down again, displaying the hard-working, fast-moving form which made him such a favourite during his teen years at Bury, and he's another local — from Radcliffe — developed by Bury's keen scouting system.

JIMMY KERR (Inside-forward)

Inside the last two years this dynamic Scot with the rich pedigree has already established his name in League football. Incredible going for a lad who didn't celebrate his 18th birthday until August, 1967. Last season he collected Scottish Youth International Caps and played exceptionally well as centre-forward. These can now go alongside the four Schoolboy International Caps he earned during his time at home in Glasgow. He is a product of the crack Scottish Junior team Drumchapel and signed schoolboy forms for Bury after removing to the Lancashire district.

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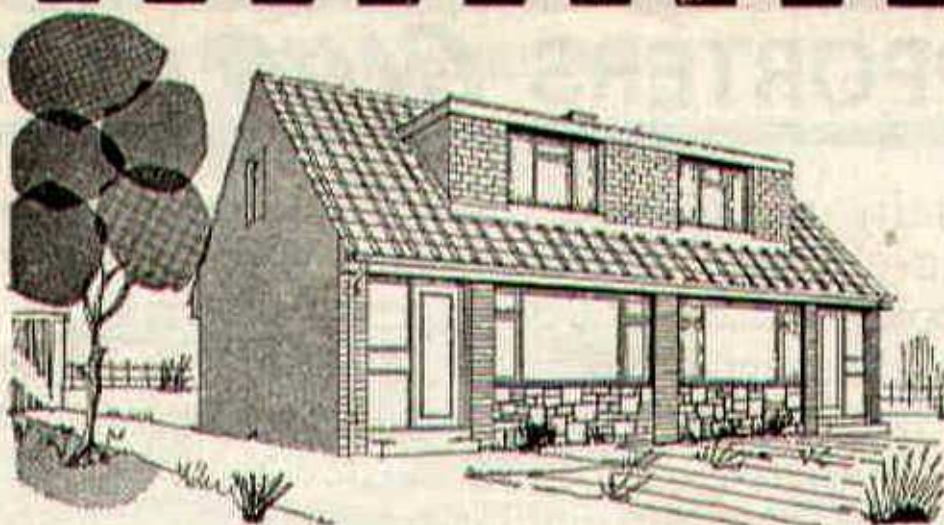
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The cup-tie at Sheffield is still fresh in the memory of the thousands of supporters who made the long trip up the M1 last Saturday. There is little for me to say, except to thank the lads, on behalf of all who went, for once again rising to the occasion. As Danny Williams said, luck was on the side of Sheffield Wednesday, and we all know too well how important luck can be in the run of the ball. If the standard of play can be maintained — and if only the away support could be maintained on the scale of last Saturday — Division 2 is not so very far away.

Today we welcome the team and supporters of Bury, who we last saw efficiently removed from the F.A. Cup last season. Bury are strong contenders for promotion and, as for the Torquay United and Walsall matches, two points today will be worth double.

The Supporters' Club Football Section is running a reserve team, who would like to hear from any amateur club looking for Sunday fixtures. As we have no reserve pitch such matches will need to be played away from home, and the lads are quite happy to travel. Last Sunday saw them at R.A.F.

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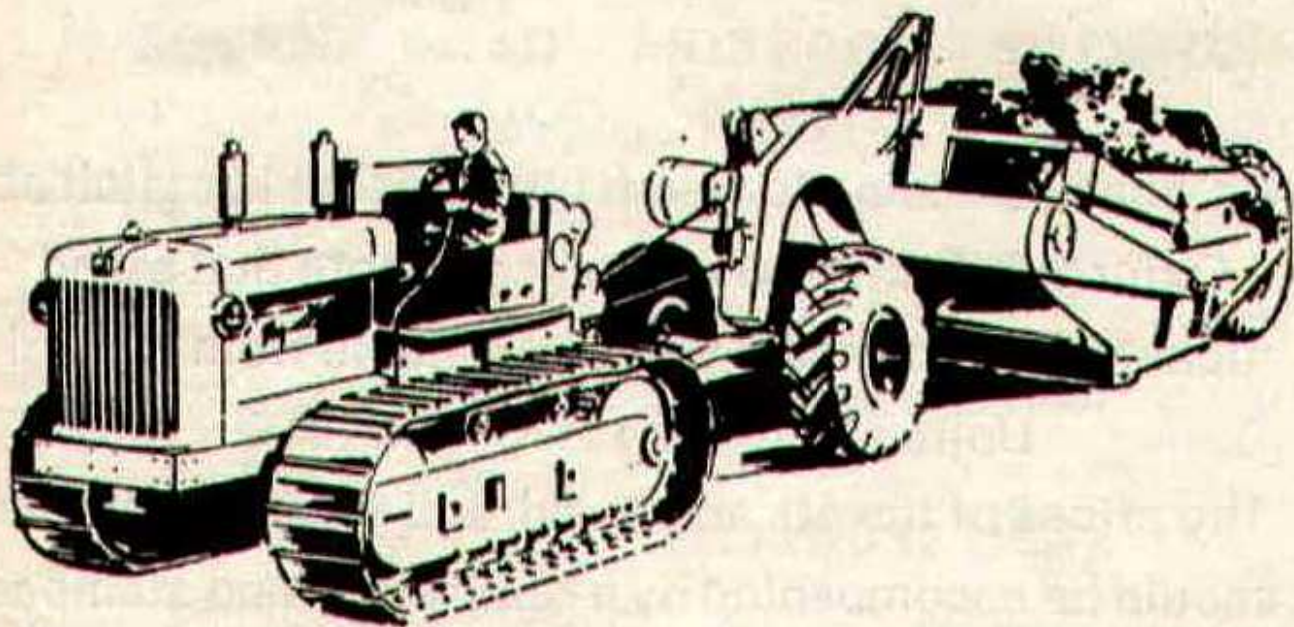


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Bury	30	14	8	8	64	43	36
Stockport County	30	14	7	9	45	37	35
Walsall	29	13	7	9	50	41	33
Shrewsbury Town	29	12	9	8	44	40	33
Oxford United	30	11	10	9	46	39	32
Reading	30	13	6	11	44	45	32
Swindon Town	28	11	9	8	45	29	31
Barrow	30	13	5	12	45	38	31
Peterborough United	30	13	5	12	50	49	31
Bournemouth & B.A.	30	11	9	10	35	36	31
Gillingham	30	11	9	10	39	42	31
Watford	30	12	6	12	48	33	30
Brighton & H.A.	29	9	12	8	34	33	30
Southport	29	12	5	12	45	46	29
Bristol Rovers	28	11	6	11	44	44	28
Northampton Town	30	9	9	12	36	46	27
Oldham Athletic	30	12	2	16	42	46	26
Tranmere Rovers	28	10	6	12	47	52	26
Colchester United	29	8	8	13	35	51	24
Orient	26	7	9	10	30	37	23
Mansfield Town	29	8	7	14	35	45	23
Scunthorpe United	30	7	8	15	36	59	22
Grimsby Town	28	6	6	16	29	45	18



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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	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
12	(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	18,203 (H)	3—2
20	Northampton Town	10,339 (A)	0—2
27	(3) Blackburn Rovers	20,830 (H)	1—0
February 3	Walsall	17,288 (H)	3—0
10	Gillingham	5,116 (A)	1—3
17	(4) Sheffield Wednesday	(A)	1—2
24	Bury	(H)	
27	Grimsby Town	(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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