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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

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NEWS and VIEWS

This afternoon we play the second of three home games. Assuming the result of the Orient game was in our favour, today's match is most important. A win could put us above fourth position, and well in the running for promotion, despite all the gloom of the last week.

The defeat at Bournemouth combined with the poor display dampened most people's thoughts, but again the unexpected, a win at Shrewsbury. The game itself was a very good one, and although the goal scored was somewhat fortunate (a goal-keeper's error), Swindon was slightly the better team, especially in the second half. So hopes soared again.

Our visitors today have not enjoyed the best of seasons. At present they occupy twenty-first place, with 27 points from 33 games. Actually they are in the dreaded last four. They will therefore fight very hard, as they no doubt wish to retain Division 3 status.

Last season Colchester took three points from Swindon after two excellent games. The home fixture was played on Tuesday, 6th September, 1966 and resulted in a 1-1 draw. Colchester scored first through Hodgson, the centre-forward and Rogers equalised.

Swindon (1): Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Weaver, Brown, East, Penman, Rogers.

Colchester United (1): Buck; Forbes, Hall; Raine, Lough-ton, Trevis; Shires, Bullock, Hodgson, Stratton, Martin.

Attendance: 11,651.

Referee: Mr. J. W. Clarke.

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

The return game took place on Monday, 26th September, 1966. Although Swindon lost 1-2, this was by far our best display of the season to date. Colchester occupied a high league position, and was a fine side. They played open, fast football, but our players responded nobly. We led 1-0 at half-time by a great goal scored by Willie Penman after Keith East had outpaced the centre-half, and centred from the left-wing.

In the second half, Colchester scored twice. The first goal, early, after a scramble, in which we were unlucky not to get the ball away.

The second goal came near the end of the game, a long shot from the left-wing. Peter Downsborough had been injured earlier, and he was unable to move very quickly or jump, so could only just touch the ball, and deflect it onto the upright.

The great feature of this game was the fight displayed by our lads right to the end. Three players (Dawson, Nurse and Downsborough) were impeded by leg bruises, but we never gave up; and home supporters heaved a sigh of relief when the final whistle blew.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Brown, East, Butler, Rogers.

Colchester is a happy little club with quite a small, but attractive ground at Layer Road.

Their manager is Mr. Neil Franklin, for many years a tower of strength for England at centre-half (although he is not a very big man). The last time many of our supporters saw him play was in 1949, when Stoke City won 3-1 at the County Ground in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. I wonder how many remember some of the Swindon players in that game. Frank Boulton, Alec White, Alec Young, George Kaye, Jimmy Ithell, Andie Cowie, Harry Lunn, Tommy Dawson,

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Maurice Owen, Maurice Jones, Jimmy Bain. Some great characters, and some fine players. Remember Jimmy Bain's wonderful centres whilst still on the run.

Four of eight Cup-ties played last Saturday resulted in drawn games and one wonders if the difference, between teams and between leagues is becoming even. The placings in League Division 3, seem to point to many teams being on a par.

Shrewsbury, with 38 points from 33 games is in 3rd position, whilst Peterborough with 34 points (just 4 less) from 33 games is in 14th position. A difference of four points but eleven positions. Certainly competition is becoming keener, and with so much at stake (Gate Bonuses, League Position, Promotion etc.) one wonders where it will all lead. Broadly speaking the individual has disappeared from the game. In the main, teams play as instructed by the manager. Many start with a draw, and mean to keep it that way if possible. Are we in danger of losing football as a spectacle, or are we going to be content with negative football? A win whatever the cost, even if it means a dull, unattractive game.

Competition is keen, stakes are high, but we do hope football will not be allowed to lose its glamour, or its **sportsmanship**. Professional Football is now big business, but it is also a game, meant to be entertainment for the thousands who watch. It is to be hoped, scenes which now occur quite often (to the detriment of the game), will disappear and we may yet see knocks freely taken, and given (What has happened to the good old shoulder charge?). Are players becoming softer, or showmen? Think of those who writhe in agony after a knock or collision, and then within minutes are running as fast as ever.

Yes, gamesmanship is creeping in. If it isn't stopped, the game as a spectacle will suffer.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Saturday, 9th March, 1968.

Beat SHREWSBURY TOWN (Away) 1—0.

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

Scorer: Harland.

Referee: Mr. R. B. Kirkpatrick (Leicester).

Attendance: 7,810.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1968.

Beat ORIENT (Home) 4—0.

Team: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Dawson, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Noble,
Terry, Butler, Rogers.

Scorers: Harland, Trollope, Rogers, 1 own goal.

Attendance: 14,184.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 9th March, 1968.

Beat WEST HAM UNITED (Home) 2—0.

Team: Downsborough; Jeffrey, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia,
Dangerfield, Giles, Bailey, Walker.

Scorer: Giles 2.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 9th March, 1968.

Beat MARSTON (Home) 3—2.

Team: Parsons; Allen, King; Morgan, Gubbins, Sikorski; Boorman, Wall,
Grubb, Hubbard, Morris.

Scorers: Boorman 2, Grubb 1.



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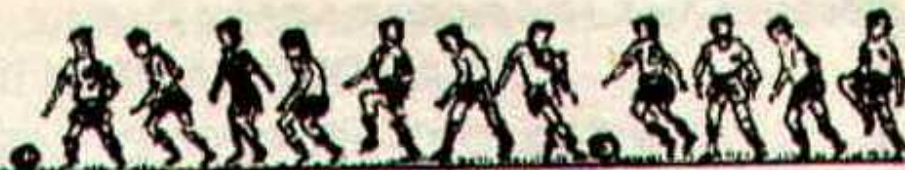
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ERNIE ADAMS (Goalkeeper)

Was born in Hackney, London and signed for Colchester in July, 1967. Was signed from Arsenal where his chances were limited in the big staff. Is a good build for a goalkeeper, standing 6ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and weighing 11st. 10lbs.

BOBBY BLACKWOOD (Wing half)

Was born in Edinburgh and signed from Ipswich Town in the close season of 1965. Also served Hearts, and is equally at home at inside forward. Was unfortunate enough to break his jaw twice last season. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 10st. 7lbs.

ALAN BUCK (Goalkeeper)

Was born in Colchester and made his first team debut back in 1964 at Exeter. A player who has developed through our youth teams. He stands 6ft. and weighs 11st.

DAVID BUCK (Wing half)

Is the twin brother of Alan and like him has progressed through our Youth teams. Is a part timer who stands 5ft. 8in. and weighs 10st. 10lbs.

PETER BULLOCK (Inside forward)

Signed from Southend United in October, 1965 and has also been with Stoke City and Birmingham City. He was a Youth International. Born in Stoke, he weighs 11st. 8lbs. and stands 5ft. 10in.

DUNCAN FORBES (Full back or centre half)

Born in Edinburgh and joined us from Scottish junior side Musselburgh in September, 1961. He started his football as a winger. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 11st. 7lbs.

JOHN FOWLER (Full back)

Born in Leith and joined us in 1955 from the Scottish side Bonnyrigg Rose. John is the longest serving player at present on the books. He stands 5ft. 9in. and weighs 10st. 6lbs.

BRIAN HALL (Full back or winger)

Born in Derby and joined us from Mansfield Town in March, 1965. Came to us as a left winger but has played just as many matches at full back. Height 5ft. 9in., weight 11st. 4lbs.

KEN HODGSON (Centre forward)

Ken was signed from Bournemouth during the close season of 1966. Has also been with Newcastle United and Scunthorpe. He was born in Newcastle. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 11st.

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DAVID LAMONT (Wing half)

Signed as a full time professional mid-way through last season after being apprentice with the Club. Although originally hailing from Scotland he has lived in Colchester most of his life. Height 5ft. 9in., weight 10st. 8lbs.

MICK LOUGHTON (Centre half)

Mick is a local player who has been successfully converted from an inside forward to his present position. Injuries last season kept him out of a regular first team spot. Mick is perfectly built for a centre half, standing 6ft. 1in. and weighing 12st.

JOHN MANSFIELD (Inside forward)

Another local born player who has developed through our Youth sides. He also has been troubled with injuries for much of last season. Made his first team debut back in September, 1964. Height 5ft. 10in., weight 10st.

JOHN MARTIN (Winger)

John joined us from Aston Villa in the close season of 1966 and was an immediate success. He was born in Ashington, the home of the famous Charlton brothers and Jackie Milburn. Height 5ft. 9in., weight 10st.

DENIS MOCHAN (Full back)

A very experienced player who joined us from Nottingham Forest soon after the beginning of last season. He was born near Falkirk and was with East Fife and Raith Rovers before joining the Forest. Height 5ft. 7in., weight 11st. 2lbs.

ALAN SHIRES (Winger)

Signed for us in the close season of 1966 from Southend United. He was born at Leigh-on-Sea and stands 5ft. 8in. and weighs 10st. 2lbs.

REG STRATTON (Inside forward)

Born in Kingsley. He joined us from first division Fulham in the close season of 1965, and has been leading goalscorer the two seasons he has been with the Club. Is the holder of International Caps and Cup Winners medal at amateur level. Originally a left winger. Height 5ft. 10½in., weight 10st. 12lbs.

DEREK TREVIS (Wing half)

Joined us from Aston Villa in March, 1964 as an inside forward. Was converted to the wing half position soon afterwards with immediate success. Derek was born in Birmingham and stands 5ft. 11in. and weighs 11st.

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Let us open by congratulating Rod Thomas for being included, again, in the Welsh under-23 team. Rod—you earned it.

Most, if not all, Swindon supporters were more than delighted at the result of the away match at Shrewsbury. The two valuable points resulted in a spectacular rise up the table. Two more points last Tuesday against the Orient put the Town treading on the heels of the top teams.

Today, we welcome the team and supporters of Colchester United. Never the easiest of teams to beat, there is the added incentive of relegation lurking around the corner for the Club. Accordingly, we must expect a strong fight. On our part, two points today are vital in the promotion race. The meteoric rise in our position since last Saturday shows that the Division is in for an exciting end of season struggle for Division 2, and it would be a wise man who would care, at this stage, to make a hard forecast.

Talking of forecasts, I did report, in the programme of the 30th September last, that our reserve team, although on a sticky wicket because of the very youthfulness of the team, could be expected, with experience, to make a move up the Combination table. That move has come, as was amply demonstrated last Saturday against West Ham Reserves. Congratulations to the Reserve team from us all.

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day, the group entertained us again at the Annual Dinner and Dance—more of that in our next Notes. The night was also memorable, as TWO wedding parties arrived about 8 p.m. to continue the day's nuptial celebrations. The Club overflowed a bit into the Committee room, but it was a thoroughly rousing evening. A pity that our licensing laws intervened at 10.30 p.m. as the party was then swinging.

The Social Club Friday evening Bingo session has undergone a radical change. So much so that it has now reached the point where we can give it a name — “Friday Night is Family Night”. More and more members are bringing the older children, from the age of 10 years or so up—for an evening out with the grown-ups. One notices the truly social aspect of this change, as these youngsters are becoming pretty good dancers over the weeks, and most of them dig a pretty good Samba and so forth.

Tonight's music at the Social Club is provided by the KEN EXTON BAND, and after tomorrow evening's Bingo session, THE SWINGING SHEPHERDS will entertain their flock. Why not join us—with top Bingo prizes reaching towards £10-0-0, it could be profitable.

For a change, we will close these Notes with wedding congratulations to the two happy couples most interested in the two wedding parties—Mr. Derek James and Miss Rosina Stanley (now Mrs. James) and Mr. Bryan Coney and Miss Sheila Musty (now Mrs. Coney). Let us hope that when these two couples come to our Friday Family Nights in about 1980, they will be coming to a much more sophisticated Social Club than we have at the moment, with lots more room for little Jameses and Coneys.

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August 19	CHELSEA.....	(A)	0—1
26	SOUTHAMPTON.....	1,625 (H)	0—3
29	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—4
September 2	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(A)	1—6
9	WALSALL.....	1,278 (H)	0—2
16	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	0—1
23	ARSENAL.....	(H)	0—1
October 7	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(A)	0—5
14	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(A)	2—5
November 4	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(H)	0—2
18	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(H)	1—3
21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(H)	0—0
29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(A)	1—4
December 2	ARSENAL (C).....	(H)	1—2
12	ARSENAL (C).....	(A)	0—2
16	CHELSEA.....	(H)	0—2
23	SOUTHAMPTON.....	(A)	2—2
26	COVENTRY CITY.....	(H)	2—4
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January 2	COVENTRY CITY.....	(A)	2—5
16	WALSALL.....	(A)	1—5
20	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	0—0
February 3	ARSENAL.....	(A)	1—0
5	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	3—2
10	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(H)	0—2
17	LEICESTER CITY.....	(A)	1—2
24	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(A)	2—6
March 2	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	2—0
9	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	2—0
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(A)	.....
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	.....
30	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(A)	.....
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)	.....
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)
	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)

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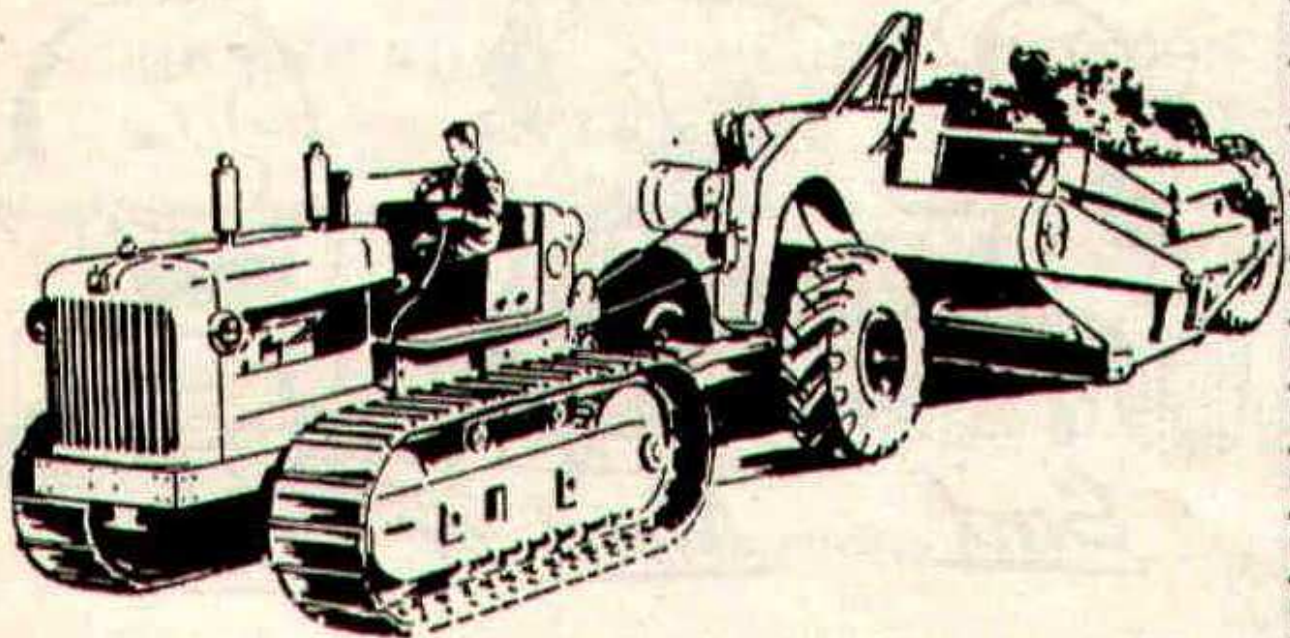
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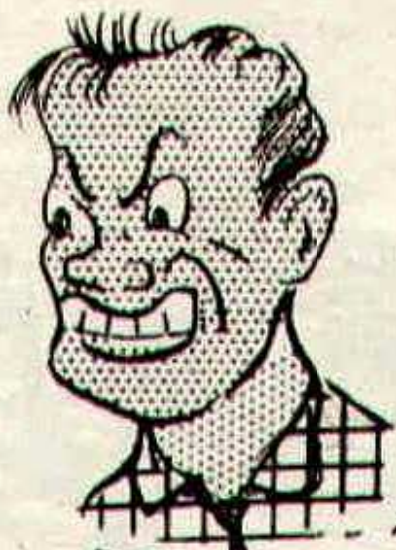


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Barrow	33	16	5	12	52	38	37
Watford	33	15	6	12	54	36	36
Walsall	33	14	8	11	53	45	36
Stockport County	33	14	8	11	47	43	36
Oxford United	33	12	11	10	49	43	35
Brighton & H.A.	33	11	13	9	38	36	35
Bournemouth & B.A.	34	12	11	11	38	39	35
Reading	33	14	7	12	46	48	35
Gillingham	34	12	11	11	44	47	35
Peterborough United	33	14	6	13	55	54	34
Bristol Rovers	33	12	7	14	52	46	31
Southport	32	12	7	13	46	48	31
Northampton Town	33	10	11	12	41	48	31
Tranmere Rovers	31	10	8	13	51	57	28
Mansfield Town	33	10	8	15	41	48	28
Oldham Athletic	34	12	4	18	43	51	28
Colchester United	33	9	9	15	37	59	27
Orient	30	8	10	12	33	44	26
Scunthorpe United	34	8	10	16	42	62	26
Grimsby Town	32	7	7	18	33	55	21



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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	37,364 (A)	1—2
24	Bury	14,462 (H)	2—3
27	Grimsby Town	12,791 (H)	5—0
March 2	Bournemouth & B.A.	7,517 (A)	1—2
9	(5) Shrewsbury Town	7,810 (A)	1—0
12	Orient	14,184 (H)	4—0
16	Colchester United .....	..... (H)	.....
19	Shrewsbury Town .....	..... (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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