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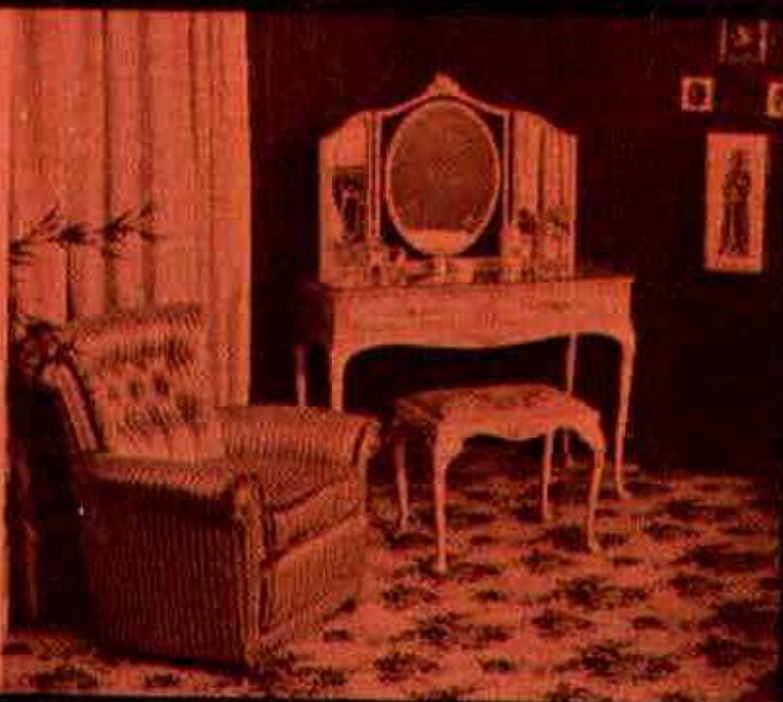
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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

SHREWSBURY TOWN

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

So to the third successive home game. Will it result in a win? So much depends on these home games. Since the away win hopes have risen. This was reflected in the attendance at the Orient game — 14,154, what wonderful support. Frankly, after the disappointment of Bournemouth, one dared hope for a gate of 10,000. Yet we had this fine figure. How fortunate is Swindon, not only in its numbers but the loyalty of its supporters. They were certainly behind the team that evening. The victory was quite decisive, four goals to nil, but the football was not of such a high standard as we have witnessed on previous occasions.

The ground was dry, and the light ball was frequently high in the air. Our first two goals were good ones, but credit must go to the Orient. They were triers right to the final whistle, and a great sporting team. It was ninety minutes all go, no incidents, few fouls — no deliberate ones — little gamesmanship. In fact the game was played as it should be, keen, fast, but in the right spirit. Surely if the Orient continue to play in this manner they will get what they deserve — freedom from relegation worries. We are sure all our supporters appreciated their efforts.

Our visitors today frequently do well at Swindon. In fact they could be called one of our “bogey” teams.

Too many times have they taken points from the County Ground and last season was no exception. We played Shrewsbury Town on Saturday, 8th October, 1966.

Swindon (2): Hicks; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Brown, Lawton, Smart, Rogers.

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Shrewsbury Town (2): Boswell; Wright, Fellows; Hemsley, Wood, Brodie; Meredith, Clarke, Dolby, Boardman, Thom.

Scorers: Swindon: Penman (2); Shrewsbury Town: Dolby, Clarke.

Attendance: 7,985.

Referee: Mr. P. Bye.

The inside-right, Clarke, has recently been transferred to Queen's Park Rangers for a fee in the region of £40,000.

Shrewsbury Town joined Division III (South) in 1951, and in their first visit to Swindon won by the only goal scored. In season 1960-61, they won at the County Ground 2—0 in the League Cup and a few weeks later defeated us 1—0 in the First Round of the F.A. Cup, again at the County Ground.

Their manager, Mr. Arthur Rowley, is one of the longest-serving men in the game. He still holds the record for the highest total of goals scored in League and Cup games, and it seems it will remain intact for a long time.

No doubt our supporters followed the fortunes of Sheffield Wednesday in the F.A. Cup. It was interesting to see extracts of the game against Chelsea on "Match of the Day". We were sorry they lost the replay, as we still retain happy memories of our visit to Hillsborough — a most friendly club who made everyone welcome.

16th March was dead-line for transfers this season. There doesn't seem to have been so much activity as usual at this period. We wonder why? Is it the fantastic high transfer fees or the wages and contracts involved when a player moves?

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After today's game we have five home and six away to play. The Easter fixtures involve little travelling. On Good Friday, 12th April, we play at Oxford. Then follows a home game against Southport on the Saturday. The return game with Oxford United will be played on Tuesday, 16th April, kick-off 7.30 p.m. That of course means no match on Easter Monday, either for the first team or the Reserves.

It is a little unfortunate that our last two matches of the season are away: 4th May, Bristol Rovers; 11th May, Grimsby Town. If we are still in the running for promotion at that period home games would have been a great advantage, both from the playing point of view, and the attendance. One thing we can be sure of — a magnificent following of supporters, even if we have only a semblance of a chance of going up. It does appear at present as if interest will be maintained to the end of the season. This will make our total attendance for the year very high. At present we are a long way ahead at the top of the list for average attendances of League Division III clubs.

We are most fortunate and we earnestly hope our supporters will soon be rewarded with a higher grade of football. After all, the expense incurred by most supporters is quite high (entrance, travelling, programme, plus other members of the family), and they really have every right to expect first class entertainment.

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ALAN HENRY BOSWELL (Goalkeeper)

Joined Shrewsbury Town from Walsall in August 1963 and has made 200 appearances in that time. An F.A. Prelim Coach and a native of West Bromwich.

GEORGE BOARDMAN (Inside Forward)

Signed professional in June 1963, after great success as an amateur with Queen's Park and a Scottish Amateur International. Is a native of Glasgow and a strong, resourceful forward.

ERIC BRODIE (Wing Half)

Came from Dundee United in 1963 and was previously with Forfar Athletic. Scottish Junior International he is also a County class cricketer. Has played centre half and inside forward.

BARRY STOBART (Inside Forward)

An experienced inside forward recently acquired from Aston Villa. Native of Doncaster, he spent eight seasons with Wolverhampton Wanderers, a short time with Manchester City, and four seasons with Aston Villa. A forceful and speedy player. Won an F.A. Cup Winners Medal with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

JAMES McLAUGHLIN (Wing Forward)

Rejoined Shrewsbury Town from Peterborough United in September. Gained several Caps for Ireland whilst with Shrewsbury Town and Swansea Town, where he migrated from Shrewsbury and then to Peterborough. His first professional club was Derry City and then Birmingham City. Speedy and a great goal taker.

ANTHONY GREGORY (Full Back)

Born in Dawley, Shropshire, and joined the Club from school as an apprentice professional in April 1962. Made many first team appearances, but his progress last year was marred by a cracked shinbone.

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After being both Associated Schoolboy and Amateur signed apprentice professional last July and full-time professional in April. Born Highley, Shropshire. Brother of Club skipper, Ted Hemsley. A Minor Counties cricketer.

EDWARD JOHN ORTON HEMSLEY (Wing Half)

Born Stoke-on-Trent. Brother of Colin and team skipper last season. Worcestershire batsman of some repute and a talented player at soccer. Joined from grammar school, amateur 1959 and professional 1961.

GRAHAM CLAPHAM (Inside Forward)

This 19-year-old inside forward joined the Club just prior to the season from Newcastle United, where he was a regular Central League player. He is a native of Lincoln and his brilliant ball play and quick movement proves him as a player of great potential.

PETER DOLBY (Centre Half or Wing Half)

This tall, lanky Derby-born player came from Heanor in February 1960 and is a most versatile player often playing in the forwards. Also an F.A. Prelim Coach and a good cricketer.

TREVOR GEORGE MEREDITH (Wing Forward)

Born at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, but spent eight seasons at Burnley before joining Shrewsbury Town in May 1964. This diminutive outside right is a menace to all defences whom he opposes.

GEOFFREY ALAN FELLOWS (Full Back)

West Bromwich born, this small but sturdy full back signed in June 1965, from Aston Villa, where he spent five seasons.

ALFRED EDWARD HOWSON WOOD (Centre Half)

Born in Macclesfield. Joined from Manchester City in June 1966 where he spent five seasons. England Youth International and F.A. Prelim Coach.

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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
1968			
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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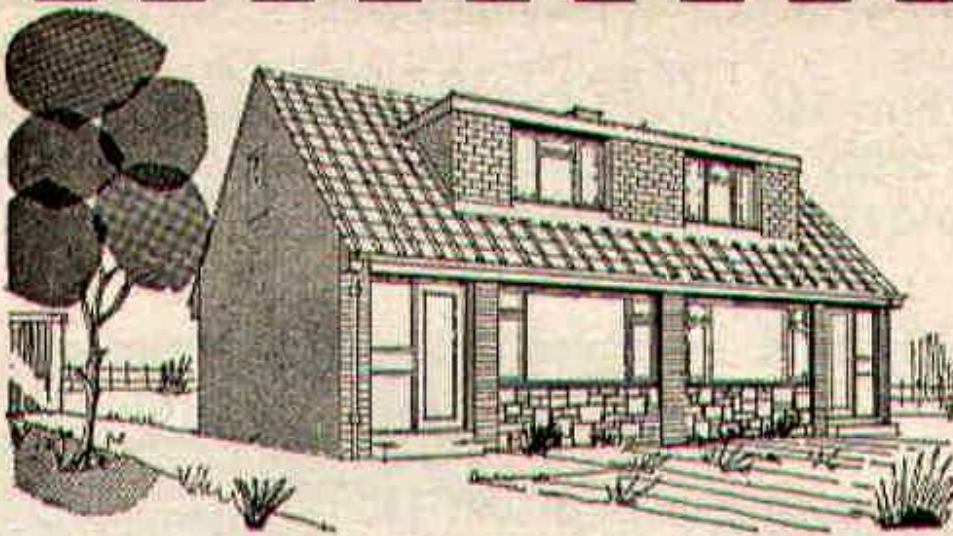
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SUPPORTERS *CLUB* NOTES

The loss of one point last Saturday against Colchester United was a serious setback in the race for promotion. Accordingly, tonight's match is of paramount importance to both Shrewsbury and ourselves. So let's hear a continuous roar of encouragement for the full ninety minutes. Swindon supporters will be pleased to see any Shrewsbury supporters in the Supporters Club Social Club before and after the match—the Clubhouse is in the car park just outside the ground.

Last Wednesday, at McIlroys Ballroom, the annual Dinner and Dance proved to be one of the most successful held—certainly the best since the celebration following promotion to Division 2. Amongst the guests were the Deputy Mayor of Swindon, Mrs. R. J. Lock and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Evans; Mr. Tom Lyons, Sports writer for the "Daily Mirror". Representatives from the Football Club included Mr. W. J. Castle, Chairman and Mrs. Castle; Mr. and Mrs. C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fricker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Plyer, Mr. H. Williams (Directors), Mr. Danny Williams (Manager) and Mr. Ford, Mr. R. Morse (Secretary), Mr. Mel Nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. John Trollope and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rogers enjoyed dinner with us and were joined, at the dance later by most of the other players. A welcome visitor was Dennis Peeple and his wife—supporters will remember Dennis, who was one of our apprentice professionals a few years ago. Affairs took a lively turn when Stan Harland got into top gear. Mr. Pete Lowe proved an excellent Toastmaster and an even better M.C. during the dance. Topped by music for all tastes by the Dal Combo — who played throughout dinner as well—there was never a dull moment.

Mr. Castle, unfortunately, was unable to speak, having lost



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his voice, but Mr. Cecil Green, stepping into the breach, proved a worthy substitute. He paid handsome tribute to the work put into the Club's affairs by members of the Supporters Club.

Danny Williams, as usual, provided ample light relief in his inimitable North Country style, and admitted that the away record this season puzzled him as much as the supporters. He still emphasised that Division 2 was, at least, the primary target, and there is no doubt that he is still thinking in terms of this season.

Mr. Tom Lyons, replying to the toast on behalf of the Visitors, paid tribute to the team by saying that, in the opinion of practically all sports writers, Swindon Town is the best footballing side in Division 3. He also paid tribute to the behaviour of the Club's various teams on the field, particularly in respect of sportsmanship and absence of foul play — a tribute shared, I am sure, by all supporters, home and away. The Supporters themselves must contribute to this record, as, from recent letters in the Press, Swindon supporters are recognised far and wide for their good behaviour and sportsmanlike approach to the game.

Mr. Jack Plunkett proposed the toast "The Swindon Town Football Club", for the Supporters Club, and emphasised the need for support of the Supporters Club from everyone. Miss Margaret Pinder, proposing the toast "Our Visitors", rightly considered herself to represent all the ladies who make up a large proportion of supporters. She made the point that perhaps bad behaviour on the field might be solved by lady referees and linesmen (or should it be lineswomen)—I pass the recommendation on to the powers to be as worthy of consideration, being as practical as it is attractive.

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The President of the Supporters Club, Mr. J. E. Sutton, presided at the function. We were all disappointed that Mrs. Sutton was not able to attend. A bouquet has been sent to her, in hospital, with the wishes of the Supporters Club for a quick recovery.

Next Saturday, at the Social Club, dancing will be to the music of the MERVE GILBERT QUARTET, whilst on Sunday next, after Bingo, music will be by the PETER LOWE TRIO.

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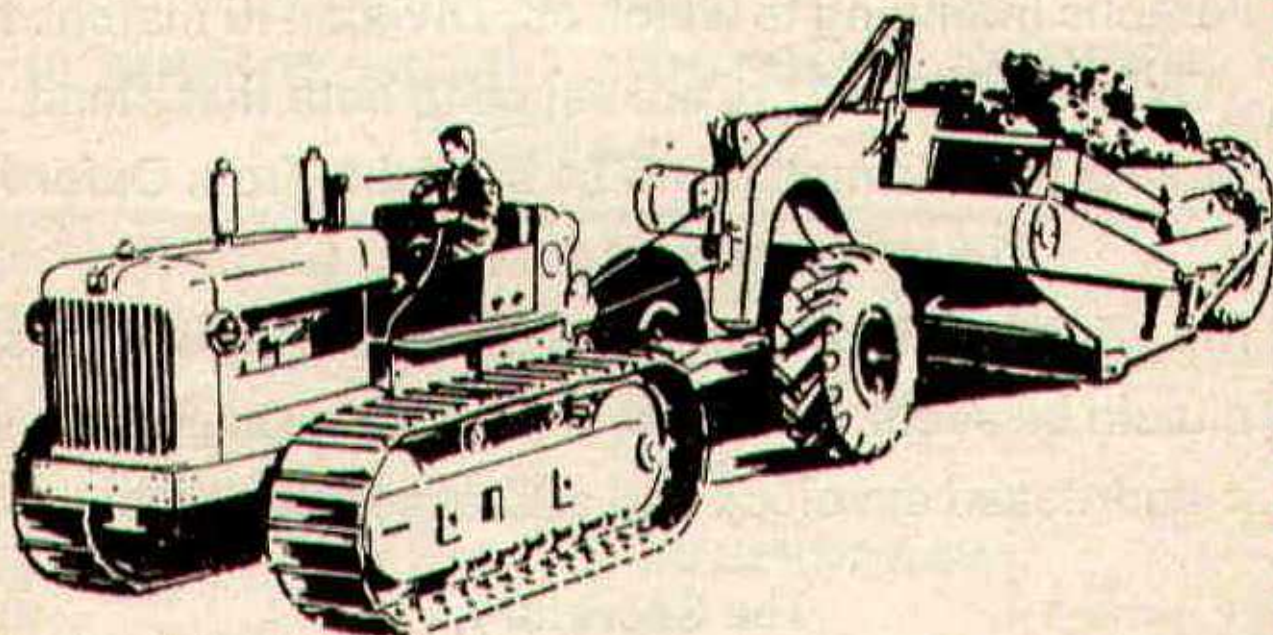


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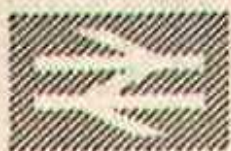
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Torquay United	34	18	8	8	48	38	44
Bury	35	17	8	10	74	53	42
Shrewsbury Town	34	14	11	9	50	43	39
Swindon Town	34	14	10	10	59	35	38
Walsall	34	15	8	11	55	46	38
Stockport County	34	15	8	11	49	43	38
Barrow	34	16	5	13	52	41	37
Oxford United	34	13	11	10	50	43	37
Brighton & H.A.	34	12	13	9	41	36	37
Gillingham	35	13	11	11	47	47	37
Reading	34	15	7	12	47	48	37
Watford	34	15	6	13	54	38	36
Peterborough United	34	14	7	13	56	55	35
Bournemouth & B.A.	35	12	11	12	38	40	35
Southport	33	13	7	13	48	48	33
Bristol Rovers	34	12	7	15	53	48	31
Northampton Town	34	10	11	13	42	50	31
Oldham Athletic	35	13	4	18	45	52	30
Tranmere Rovers	32	10	8	14	51	59	28
Mansfield Town	34	10	8	16	41	51	28
Orient	31	9	10	12	35	45	28
Colchester United	34	9	10	15	38	60	28
Scunthorpe United	35	8	10	17	43	64	26
Grimsby Town	33	7	7	19	33	56	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	13,515 (H)	1-1
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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