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## CLUB NOTES & NEWS

The defeats at Shrewsbury and Gillingham means that Scunthorpe United will almost certainly be operating in the Fourth Division next season.

This is a fact that has to be looked fairly and squarely in the face. It is no good talking about what might have been, or what ought to have been.

The sad fact is that with six games left to play Scunthorpe United are planted at the wrong end of the division. What we now have to think about is preparations for a speedy return.

Of course, at present it is not a mathematical certainty that Scunthorpe will be relegated, but that is about all. It will now take a miracle to save either United or our County neighbours from Grimsby Town.

The only consolation we can gain is that in the Fourth Division we may get more local derby games.

Of course the team will fight on to the bitter end.. Miracles have happened before in football, and a win against Swindon Town tonight would provide the encouragement needed to mount the fight for full points from our remaining games.

In a Lincolnshire League premier section match at Sincil Bank last Saturday United reserves went down to Lincoln City reserves by 3-1, and on Monday at the Old Show Ground they gained a no score draw with

Long Eaton in the Midland League.

In the latter game the reserves played some attractive midfield football, but lacked punch up front.

Our congratulations to Appleby-Frodingham football club on winning the Lincolnshire Senior "B" cup. This has been a fine season for the Brumby Hall team, who, along with Winterton Rangers are in the running for Lincolnshire League honours.

Scunthorpe United have always tried to build up happy relations with local clubs, and we wish the Scunthorpe and District league the best of luck on Saturday May 4th (6.45 p.m.) when they stage their Challenge cup final between Winterton Rangers and Frodingham Sports Club at Quibell Park.

On the same night at the Old Show Ground a special fireworks display is being organised by the Scunthorpe Round Table, and we hope it will prove as successful as last year, when a big crowd spent an enjoyable evening watching the fireworks.

During the close season Scunthorpe United will be taking a party of 16 players and four officials for a short tour of Ibiza, Spain, where we made such a successful impression two years ago.

There will be no expense to the club, as the cost of the tour has been guaranteed.

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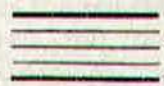
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## SWINDON TOWN

Tonight we have as our visitors Swindon Town, one of the most attractive attacking teams in the Third Division.

They are not yet out of the promotion fight, and but for a rather indifferent away record would have been in an even higher than sixth position after Saturday's games.

On Saturday they dropped what could prove a vital point when held to a 3-3 draw on their own ground by Southport, free scoring winger Don Rogers scoring their final equalising goal during time added on at the end of the game for injuries.

Away from home Swindon have won but two games, but have drawn nine, and lost nine. A little more power in front of goal away from home, and they might well be poised for a championship bid, instead of having an outside chance of taking one of the first two positions.

Swindon are one of the highest scoring teams in the Third Division with 64 goals to show from their 40 games.

Swindon Town F.C. was formed in 1881, and became professional when joining the newly formed Southern League in 1894. They were among the founder members of the Football League's Third Division in 1920.

They won promotion to the Second Division in 1963, but were relegated in 1965.

Last Season Swindon finished in eighth position with 50 points from 46 games. During their campaign they called on 22 players for their league games, with full back Norman Trollope, wing half Stan Harland, and forward Don Rogers all making the full 46 match quota.

Rogers was leading marksman with 25 goals, a fine performance by a wing forward. He was followed by Don Brown with 15 and Bill Penman with 10.

Swindon have a team in which youth and experience are well blended. Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough is one of the best in the section while full backs Trollope and Rod Thomas are both experienced men.

Centre half Mel Nurse is one of the best in the business.

But it is up front that Swindon pack their power, with players like Rogers, Pat Terry, Roger Smart and Eric Weaver who are all goal scoring forwards.

The record attendance at Swindon's County ground stands at 28,582, and was set up for a cup game against West Ham in February 1964, while record receipts of £7,372 were established in a cup game against Nottingham Forest last season.



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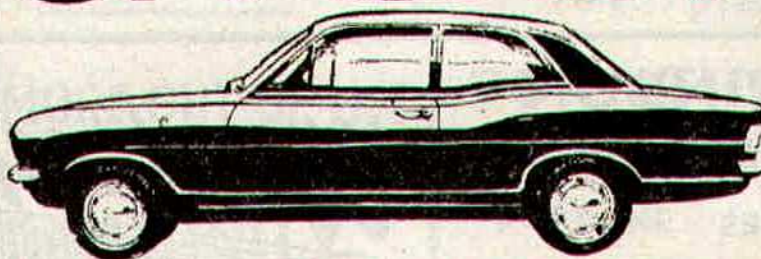
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## MIDLAND LEAGUE FIXTURES

### AUGUST 1967.

19—Matlock	Home
23—Gainsborough	Away
26—Alfreton	Away
30—Gainsborough	Home

### SEPTEMBER

2—Scarborough	Home
6—Heanor	Home
9—Long Eaton	Away
23—Belper	Away
30—Spalding	Away

### OCTOBER

3—Goole Town	Home
7—Retford	Away
14—Sutton	Home
21—Goole Town	Away
28—Lockheed	Home

### NOVEMBER

4—Stamford	Away
11—Grantham	Home
25—Ilkeston	Home

### DECEMBER

2—Loughborough	Away
9—Arnold	Home
16—Matlock	Away
23—Skegness	Home
30—Skegness	Away

### JANUARY 1968.

6—Alfreton	Home
13—Scarborough	Away
20—Heanor	Away
27—Spalding	Home

### FEBRUARY

3—Worksop	Away
10—Belper	Home
24—Retford	Home

### MARCH

2—Sutton	Away
16—Lockheed	Away
18—Grantham	Away
23—Stamford	Home
30—Grimsby	Home

### APRIL

6—Arnold	Away
10—Grimsby	Away
15—Long Eaton	Home
24—Ilkeston	Away

### MAY

11—Loughborough	Home
18—Worksop	Home

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**THIRD DIVISION**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bury	40	21	8	11	81	56	50
Oxford	41	18	12	11	60	46	48
Torquay	40	19	10	11	53	45	48
Shrewsbury	40	17	13	10	58	46	47
Reading	40	18	9	13	60	54	45
Stockport	40	17	9	14	62	58	43
Swindon	40	14	15	11	64	42	43
Peterboro'	40	17	9	14	63	59	43
Brighton	40	14	15	11	48	45	43
Watford	40	18	6	16	67	46	42
Walsall	39	16	10	13	62	51	42
Barrow	40	17	7	16	55	51	41
Gillingham	39	15	11	13	50	54	41
Southport	38	15	9	14	57	56	39
Bristol R.	39	15	8	16	62	64	38
Oldham	40	16	5	19	53	56	37
Northampt'n	41	12	11	18	50	64	25
Tranmere	39	12	10	17	57	67	34
Mansfield	39	12	10	17	48	56	34
Orient	37	10	13	14	41	54	33
Colchester	40	9	11	20	43	75	29
Grimsby	39	8	10	21	42	62	28
<b>UNITED</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>27</b>

(Up to Saturday, April 13th).

**MIDLAND LEAGUE**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Heanor	35	22	4	9	89	48	48
Gainsboro'	34	18	9	7	72	40	45
Arnold	33	16	10	7	79	50	42
Ilkeston	33	15	11	7	51	31	41
Scarboro'	32	19	3	10	54	37	41
Grantham	32	16	10	8	71	56	41
Goole	32	15	9	8	62	55	39
Worksop	31	13	9	8	60	53	35
Sutton	34	13	8	13	55	55	34
Long Eaton	31	12	9	10	38	31	33
Matlock	30	13	5	12	54	51	33
Lockheed	32	13	5	14	54	58	33
Alfreton	31	12	6	13	63	55	30
Belper	34	10	8	16	58	73	28
Retford	32	11	5	16	52	51	27
Stamford	34	9	8	17	47	78	26
<b>UNITED</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>
Grimsby	31	9	6	16	47	49	24
Loughboro'	34	6	11	18	40	69	23
Skegness	31	6	8	17	40	68	20
Spalding	33	5	6	22	45	93	16

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AUGUST 1967		Result	Attendance	Receipts
19—Peterborough	Away	1—1	6,984	£1,148
25—Mansfield T.	Home	3—3	6,372	£1,301
SEPTEMBER				
2—Watford	Away	0—4	6,670	£1,308
4—Bournemouth	Away	0—1	6,302	£1,275
9—Southport	Home	1—0	4,655	£843
13—Notts. F. L.C.	Home	0—1	13,235	£3,020
16—Grimsby T.	Away	1—2	7,825	£1,715
23—Oldham Ath.	Away	4—3	5,236	£1,108
26—Bournemouth	Home	1—1	4,926	£961
30—Bristol R.	Home	1—1	3,848	£921
OCTOBER				
3—Bury	Away	3—4	5,932	£1,190
7—Walsall	Home	2—5	4,170	£784
14—Northampton	Away	0—1	10,099	£1,930
21—Leyton O.	Home	1—1	3,431	£648
24—Bury	Home	3—1	3,847	£731
27—Tranmere	Away	0—2	6,697	£1,249
NOVEMBER				
3—Stockport	Home	0—2	4,338	£822
11—Brighton	Away	1—3	11,251	£2,107
14—Watford	Home	1—1	3,445	£629
17—Shrewsbury	Home	0—0	3,104	£565
25—Swindon	Away	0—2	11,944	£2,046
DECEMBER				
1—Reading	Home	1—2	3,541	£663
9—F.A. Cup Round 1				
Skelmersdale U.	Home	2—0	3,847	£827
15—Peterborough	Home	2—1	3,519	£657
23—Mansfield	Away	0—3	4,907	£884
26—Oxford	Home	1—1	3,839	£745
30—Oxford	Away	3—2	6,392	£1,339
JANUARY 1968				
20—Grimsby T.	Home	0—3	6,886	£1,388
26—Gillingham	Home	2—1	3,484	£646
FEBRUARY				
3—Oldham Ath.	Home	2—0	3,697	£684
10—Bristol R.	Away	0—4		
17—Barrow	Home	2—4	3,229	£586
24—Walsall	Away	0—0	8987	£930
26—Colchester	Away	0—1	3,979	£677
MARCH				
2—Northampton	Home	1—1	2,745	£475
9—Colchester	Home	5—1	3,098	£560
16—Leyton O.	Away	2—1	5,067	£931
22—Tranmere R.	Home	1—1	3,986	£747
29—Stockport	Away	1—4		
APRIL				
6—Brighton	Home			
13—Shrewsbury	Away			
16—Gillingham	Away			
19—Swindon	Home			
25—Torquay	Away			
27—Reading	Away			
—Southport				



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