



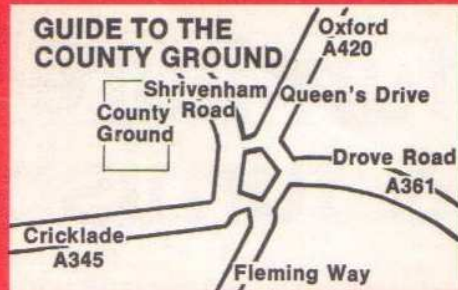
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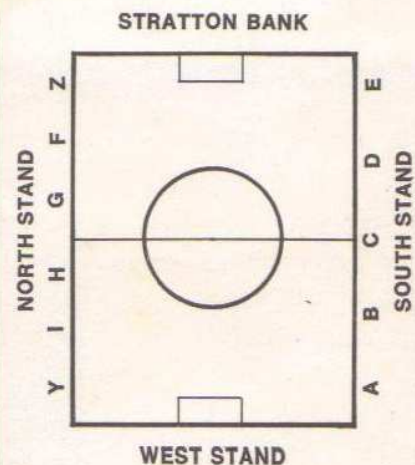
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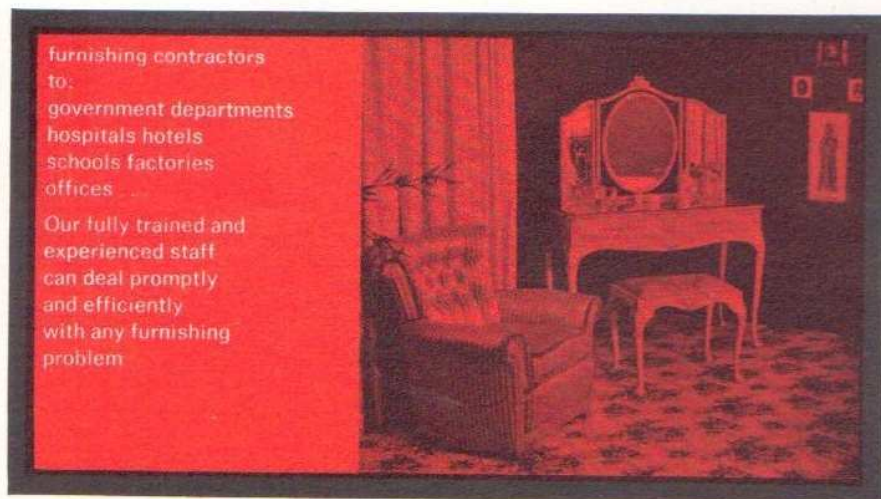


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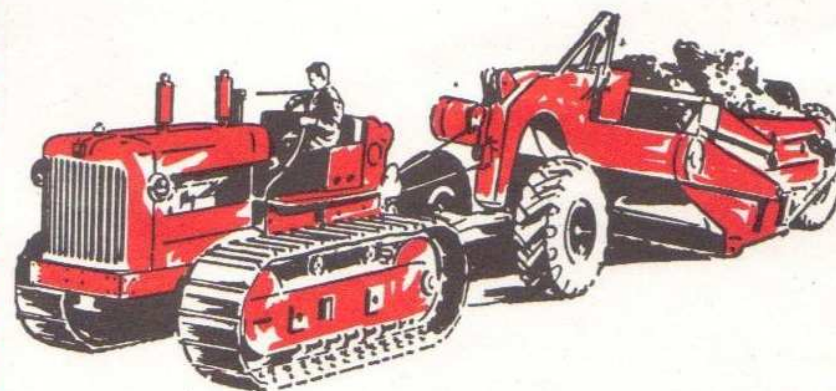


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TUESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1968

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP
SECOND ROUND REPLAY

SWINDON TOWN

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Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

"Thank you, Roger Smart . . . and welcome back, Tommy Hallett," seems about the most appropriate way of introducing tonight's match, which promises to be a most interesting and exciting tussle.

We have to thank Roger, of course, for scoring the Town's goal at Valley Parade last week, which paved the way for the eventual 1—1 result, and a replay having to take place this evening.

The reason for welcoming back Tommy Hallett, the City's centre half and captain, is obvious. Although never really commanding a first-team place at the County Ground, Tommy won the deep respect of the supporters here by his complete loyalty and whole-hearted effort.

It is extremely pleasing, therefore, to note that he seems to have found success with the City, and it is to be hoped that this season he will lead them to the promotion which they narrowly missed last term.

This evening's match has, obviously, been given an added flavour by the draw for the third round, which will give the winners a home draw against Blackburn Rovers or Stoke City. Whichever team emerges as the victors from the Rovers v. City tie will provide attractive opponents.

Swindon's supporters will remember, of course, that Blackburn Rovers visited the County Ground as recently as last season, in the third round of the F.A. trophy. Mel Nurse proved Swindon's hero that day, and his goal was enough to provide us with a ticket for Round 4, and a lucrative but unsuccessful match at Sheffield, against the Wednesday.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Thoughts of Stoke City as visitors here will undoubtedly awaken memories of the Town's amazing F.A. Cup run during the 1951-52 season. When Swindon were drawn at home to Stoke City in the fourth round, the Robins had already played six matches to reach that stage. After beating Bedford Town 2—1 at home in the first round, they played Torquay United three times before gaining access to Round 3. Two matches with Cardiff City followed, and there could have been few who thought it possible that the home match against Stoke City could end in another draw . . . but it did, 1—1. Swindon then defied all the odds by beating their more illustrious rivals 1—0 at the Victoria Ground, and put up another gallant fight before succumbing 3—1 to Luton Town in Round 5.

Dismissing these memories from our minds, however, let us concentrate on tonight's match. Although the City are in a division lower than ourselves, they can by no means be treated lightly. They have a well-balanced side, and any team which can play the football which they exhibited during last Tuesday's match at Valley Parade must be in with a chance. The fact that it is a cup-tie, too, makes a great deal of difference. These cup competitions are great levellers, as many of the Football League 'hierarchy' have found to their regret during past campaigns.

There are two main factors which should certainly ensure that no touch of complacency creeps into Swindon's display this evening. Firstly, they will obviously have great respect for their opponents, after last week's match at Valley Parade; and secondly, they will want to erase their memories of last season, when they were ousted from the competition by another Division 4 team — Newport County. Newport, it will be remembered, held the Town to a 1—1 draw in Swindon, before performing the "coup de grace" with a 2—0 victory in front of their own supporters at Somerton Park.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Bradford City's visit to the County Ground tonight will be their fourth — the other three were in Division 3 matches — and they have yet to register their first victory here. Their visits here have, however, provided the spectators with a great deal of entertainment, and the three previous clashes have produced a total of no less than 16 goals! This works out to an average of more than five a match, so if tonight's game maintains this standard, then we are in for an entertaining evening.

The full results of the City's previous visits are: 1958-59 Swindon 2 (Clayton, Jackson), Bradford City 2 (Reid, Webb); 1959-60 Swindon 5 (Richards 3, Gauld 2), Bradford City 3 (McCole, Webb 2); 1960-61 Swindon 4 (Summerbee, Hunt 2 — including a penalty — Woodruff), Bradford City 0.

It is interesting, finally, to look at the teams which took the field during the last time the teams met. Both clubs were worried at the time with the threat of relegation. Swindon escaped the noose — and, indeed, gained promotion to Division 2 just two seasons later — but the City were not so fortunate, and have been in Division 4 ever since.

Swindon: Burton; Jones K., Trollope; Morgan, Owen, Bell; Corbett, Hunt, Summerbee, Woodruff, Darcy.

Bradford City: Stewart; Flockett, Storton; Roberts, Jackson P., Mollatt; Hockey, Jackson D., Layne, Reed, Hawksworth.

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OUR VISITORS



BRADFORD CITY A.F.C.

DENIS ATKINS (Right Back)

Signed from Huddersfield Town in March 1968. Was born in Bradford, represented Bradford Boys, had trials with Yorkshire Boys and joined Huddersfield's ground staff in 1955. Has been on tours of Czechoslovakia and Denmark with Huddersfield.

BRUCE BANNISTER (Inside Forward)

The club's second highest scorer in the League last season with 13 goals. Is local born and received honours with Bradford Boys, Yorkshire Boys and England Grammar Schoolboys. Turned professional in August 1965 on leaving school.

IAN COOPER (Left Back)

The club's only player not to have missed a match for the club last season. Is a former Bradford Boys and Yorkshire Boys player and joined City as an amateur in September 1962, turning professional in August 1966.

RAY ELLAM (Centre Half)

Following in the footsteps of his elder brother, Roy, who was at Valley Parade before moving to Huddersfield Town. Ray was born at Hemsworth, Yorkshire, and joined City on leaving school, as an apprentice professional in August 1965. Became a full time professional in May 1968.

JOHN HALL (Outside Right)

With Huddersfield Town as an amateur before joining City with whom he turned professional in May 1962, and was the club's top scorer in season 1966-67. Is also a useful cricketer and has played for England schoolboys at this sport. Was born in Bramley, near Leeds.

TONY LEIGHTON (Centre Forward)

Scored 10 goals in 12 appearances for the club after joining them from Huddersfield Town at the beginning of April 1968. Was born in Leeds and started his professional career with Leeds United, with whom he stayed for five years. Played for Doncaster Rovers and Barnsley before moving on to Huddersfield in December 1964. Is also a capable cricketer, having played for Leeds City Boys, Yorkshire Boys and North of England schoolboys, and was at one time with Leicestershire CCC for two years.



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OUR VISITORS—continued

TOM HALLETT (Centre Half)

The club captain and is starting his third season with the club since being signed from Swindon Town in May 1966. Had been three seasons with Swindon and before that spent six years with Leeds United. Is a native of Glynneath, Glamorgan, and joined Leeds from Swansea Juniors.

BOBBY HAM (Inside Forward)

His second spell with the club, having been with them first as an amateur some years ago. He has also been with Bradford (Park Avenue) three times, moving to Valley Parade from them in February 1968. Born in Bradford, he is also a former Bradford Boys player, and has also been with Grimsby Town and the non-League club, Gainsborough Trinity.

PETER MIDDLETON (Inside Forward)

A native of Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, and joined Sheffield Wednesday straight from school. After being an apprentice professional became a full time professional and he has represented Don and Dearne Boys, Yorkshire Boys and had England Schoolboy trials. Joined City in May 1968.

CHARLIE RACKSTRAW (Inside or Centre Forward)

Played two seasons for Sheffield Schoolboys before joining Chesterfield, with whom he spent four seasons before linking up with Gillingham. City then signed him in January 1967, and last season was the club's top scorer with 14 goals. Has never missed a penalty in a League match.

BRUCE STOWELL (Right Half)

The longest serving player with the club, having joined them as an amateur in May 1968. A few months later became a part-time professional, having a job as a woolsorter, but before the start of last season became a full time player. Is a former Bradford Boys captain and had a spell with Leeds United as an amateur.

BARRY SWALLOW (Left Half)

Secured from Barnsley in February 1967, and missed only one game up to the end of last season. Was previously with Crewe Alexandra and Doncaster Rovers, a club with whom his father, the late Mr. Eric Swallow, played as a full back.

JOHN ROBERTS (Goalkeeper)

Signed by City last month just in time to qualify for the first round of the League Cup. Born at Cessnock, N.S.W. and spent the last two seasons with Blackburn Rovers and Chesterfield on loan from Apia Leichhardt of Sydney, from whom City signed him.

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August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)	14,702	(H)	2—1
17	Stockport County	13,350	(H)	1—0
24	Hartlepool		(A)	0—0
27	Reading	16,765	(H)	0—0
31	Plymouth Argyle	12,302	(H)	3—0
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)		(A)	1—1
7	Watford		(A)	0—0
10	Bradford City (League Cup)		(H)	
14	Walsall		(H)	
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic		(A)	
21	Bristol Rovers		(A)	
28	Shrewsbury Town		(H)	
October 5	Orient		(H)	
9	Reading		(A)	
12	Brighton & Hove Albion		(A)	
19	Torquay United		(H)	
22	Northampton Town		(A)	
26	Oldham Athletic		(A)	
November 2	Southport		(H)	
5	Tranmere Rovers		(H)	
9	Luton Town		(A)	
16	(1) F.A. Cup			
23	Mansfield Town		(A)	
30	Barrow		(H)	
December 7	(2) F.A. Cup			
14	Brighton & Hove Albion		(H)	
18	Torquay United		(A)	
26	Orient		(A)	
28	Oldham Athletic		(H)	
1969				
January 4	(3) Gillingham		(H)	
11	Southport		(A)	
18	Luton Town		(H)	
24	Tranmere Rovers		(A)	
25	(4)			
February 1	Barnsley		(A)	
8	(5) Mansfield Town		(H)	
15	Barrow		(A)	
22	Rotherham United		(H)	
March 1	(6) Northampton Town		(H)	
5	Gillingham		(A)	
8	Stockport County		(A)	
11	Barnsley		(H)	
15	Hartlepool		(H)	
18	Rotherham United		(A)	
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle		(A)	
29	Watford		(H)	
April 4	Crewe Alexandra		(A)	
5	Shrewsbury Town		(A)	
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic		(H)	
12	Bristol Rovers		(H)	
15	Crewe Alexandra		(H)	
19	Walsall		(A)	
26	Final			

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For those of our readers who are wondering why this issue does not contain the "Football League Review", we would like to explain that this publication is issued weekly and the current issue will be available on Saturday next on the occasion of our game against Walsall.

Rather than duplicate the issue of the "Review" it was decided that this evenings programme would be published without the insert, and for this occasion only we would revert to our old price of 6d.

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Table of results to Tuesday, 3rd September, 1968

(Not inclusive)

							Goals	
Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Arsenal	6	4	1	1	15	6	9	
Bournemouth & B.A.	5	2	2	1	11	6	6	
Southampton	5	1	4	0	8	7	6	
Swindon Town	4	2	1	1	10	4	5	
Reading	4	1	1	2	4	11	3	
Oxford United	6	0	1	5	3	17	1	

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Mansfield Town	6	4	1	1	12	5	9
Swindon Town	5	2	3	0	4	0	7
Bournemouth & B.A.	6	3	1	2	12	6	7
Reading	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Brighton & H. A.	6	2	3	1	14	8	7
Torquay United	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Tranmere Rovers	5	3	1	1	8	6	7
Rotherham United	6	2	3	1	11	9	7
Stockport County	6	2	3	1	8	7	7
Orient	5	1	4	0	8	7	6
Crewe Alexandra	6	2	2	2	11	10	6
Walsall	6	1	4	1	7	7	6
Barrow	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Bristol Rovers	6	2	2	2	10	14	6
Watford	5	1	3	1	3	2	5
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Shrewsbury Town	6	2	1	3	4	7	5
Northampton Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Gillingham	6	1	1	4	4	10	3
Southport	6	1	1	4	6	12	3
Oldham Athletic	6	1	1	4	4	17	3
Barnsley	6	0	2	4	5	13	2
Hartlepool United	5	0	2	3	2	11	2

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The result against Plymouth Argyle was, to say the least, most refreshing. Reading the sports reports, I note that our Danny has evolved a most ingenious set-up to confound the opposition. Knowing how difficult it is to find something to interest my readers in these Notes, I treat this opinion with due respect. So long as Danny and the boys turn in wins by 3—0 — home or away — I personally don't mind if plans confuse me, let alone the opposition.

The result against Bradford City in the League Cup again stressed the strength of the defence, even with injuries. Very comforting this, I feel. And although a 1—1 draw, most sports reports gave the game a good spectator rating. The return tonight I shall miss, as for the next three home matches, which includes the match against Blackburn Rovers or Stoke City at home if we win tonight. Nevertheless, we shall watch affairs from a very long range just as eagerly as from the length of a very short stick.

The A.G.M. of the Supporters' Club has been provisionally fixed for Monday, 14th October. Building extensions to the Social Club, the venue, makes any earlier date impractical, although other difficulties (holidays) also have an effect. The usual press notices will be out in time for nominations 14 days before the meeting will be made. Admittance to the A.G.M. will, for the first time, be on production of the current season's Supporters' Club membership card (**not** the Social Club membership card). There will be no exception to this. A member of the Competition should, of course, present his Competition membership card, which is, in fact, his Supporters' Club membership card.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECRETARY HEADS CROWD AWARDS SCHEME

Mr. Alan Hardaker, Secretary of the Football League, has agreed to become Chairman of the panel of anonymous experts who are judging crowd behaviour this season under a scheme drawn up with the full approval of the League.

The first confidential reports on the behaviour and the degree of sportsmanship shown by crowds in all four divisions are now being analysed at League Headquarters in Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire. The first awards, covering matches played in August and September, will be announced in the Football League Review.

The proceeds and cash payments to be made throughout the 1968/69 season are known collectively as the John White Football League Supporters' Awards. John White Footwear of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, are supporting the enterprise which is designed particularly to encourage young football fans.

These awards are as follows:

1. A trophy to be presented at the end of the season to the credited representative of the Supporters' Club or Association in each of the four divisions of the League, whose members are judged to have been the best behaved and most sportsmanlike during the season.
2. A pennant presented to the four winning Supporters' Clubs or Associations at the end of the season to be flown above the home grounds at the discretion of the respective clubs.

3. Cash awards each month during the season to the best behaved Supporters' Clubs in each of the four divisions with the money to be paid to local Youth Clubs to be nominated by the successful supporter.

Apart from the four trophies and penants to be presented at the close of the 1968-69 matches there will be 32 cash presentations to Youth Clubs throughout the season.

The Football League and John White are hopeful that the awards will encourage a feeling of local pride in good sportsmanship and introduce a personal competitive element for spectators hitherto lacking. No tables or charts will be issued to provoke the wrong type of competitive element.

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SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1968

DIVISION III

WALSALL

Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1968

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

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DIVISION III

Saturday, 31st August, 1968.

Beat PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Home) 3—0.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Rogers 2, Smart.

Attendance: 12,302.

Referee: Mr. T. H. C. Reynolds (Swansea).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

ROUND 2

Wednesday, 4th September, 1968.

Drew with BRADFORD CITY (Away) 1—1.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorer: Smart.

Referee: Mr. A. Bone (Sunderland).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Wednesday, 4th September, 1968.

Lost to READING (Away) 1—0.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Giles; Lowes, Matchwick,
Mascia, Hubbard, Dangerfield. Sub: Bailey.

HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 31st August, 1968.

Drew with BICESTER (Home) 2—2.

Team: Anderson; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Grubb, Morgan; Mascia, Match-
wick, Dangerfield, Hubbard, Claypole.

Scorer: Desmeules 2.

Wednesday, 4th September, 1968.

Lost to CHIPPENHAM (Away) 4—0.

Team: Anderson; Sikorski, Woodruffe; Jellings, Grubb, Morgan; Aldworth,
Wetson, Smith, Grace, Claypole.



John Smith beaten in the air by the Plymouth Argyle goalkeeper.

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John Trollope's record run of 368 consecutive appearances was ended when he broke his arm against Hartlepool United.

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