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Club Chatter . . .

TODAY is the day all our supporters have been eagerly awaiting since the draw for the 2nd Round of the F.A. Cup was made. When our opponents were named everyone's mind went back to our last meeting with them in the same round in 1965 with the result being 6-1 against us. It would not, however, be fair to our team of that day to mention the result without pointing out they carried a severe handicap by left back K. Akers being injured within 10 minutes of the start. The lads, even so, held their own up to half-time, but with only 10 fit men the pressure was too great to hold in the second half of the match.

We again give a hearty welcome to Swindon with the knowledge that they are a really strong opposition. They are at present in the promotion race of the 3rd Division and are also League Cup contenders. These notes were written before they had played the second leg of the semi-final against Burnley at Swindon, but if they came out on top it assured the team of a place in the Lea-

gue Cup Final at Wembley next March, so we could be welcoming Swindon as League Cup finalists.

With the way our boys, however, are at present playing and with the know-ledge of their fighting spirit against Boston Utd. and Chelmsford in the previous two rounds everything points to a real hard tussle and we are all hoping that when the final whistle goes they have managed to turn the tables at this second attempt in 3 years against the same opposition. One thing is sure, the whole team will give everything they can produce in an endeavour to obtain a place in the 3rd round and your vocal support is really needed in this vital match.

We must also not forget the two league games sandwiched between the 1st round F.A. Cup match and this one. The win at likeston was a great performance as, likewise, was the win over Loughborough. With 7 goals for and only 2 against it indicates the team are intent on consolidating their position in the league and credit is due to all the players for their performances in these last two matches.

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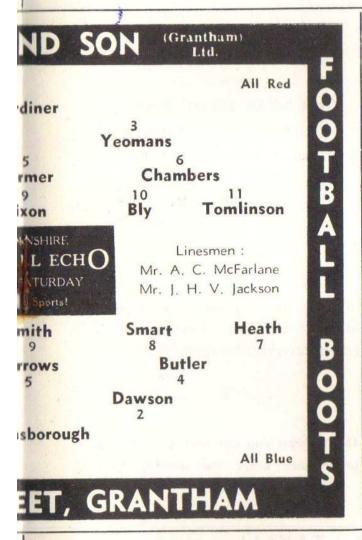
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Ilkeston Town	13	3	1	2	16	7	4	1	2	16	7.	16
Ashby	17	4	2	6	15	23	2	0	3	9	16	14
Lockheed	16	3	3	2	17	14	1	2	5	11	23	13
Retford Town	14	5	0	2	20	13	1	0	6	3	19	12
Boston F.C	16	1	4	2	4	6	2	1	6	13	21	11
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