



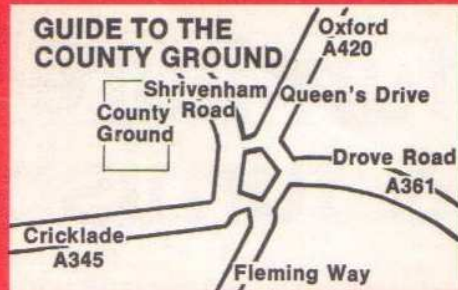
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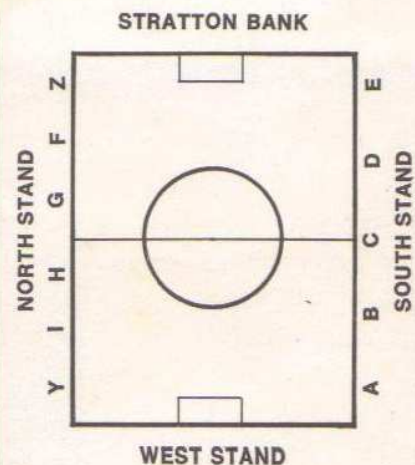
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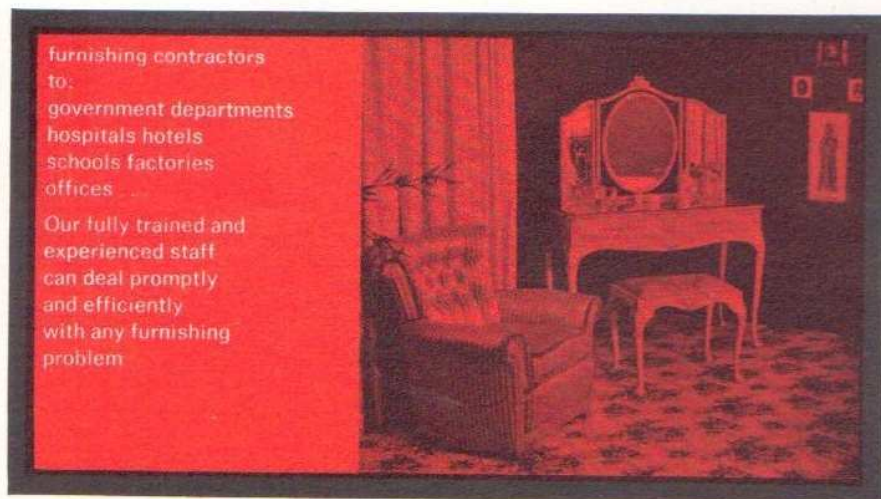


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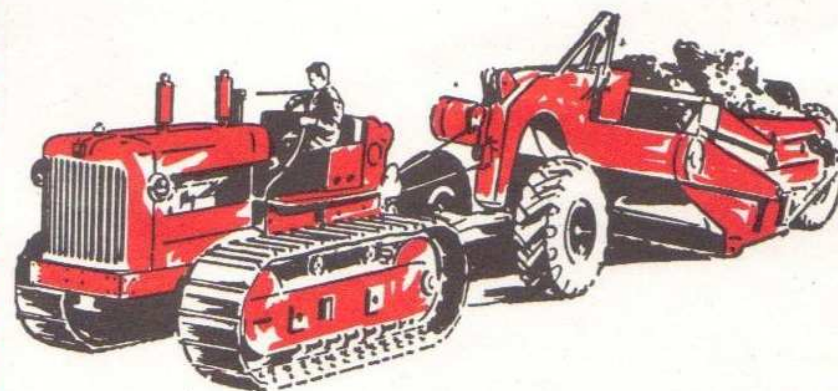
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F.A. CUP — THIRD ROUND

SWINDON TOWN

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Kick-off 3 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

So the totally unexpected has happened — Swindon go to Wembley for a Cup Final. How often have we said: "Wait until we play on that world-renowned ground". How many of us ever really expected to make such a journey.

So much has been said and written about that great game at West Bromwich in the replay Semi-Final, that there is little to add. It was a fantastic game, the like of which we may never see again. To be leading until two minutes from full-time, and then to have two goals scored against in the space of two minutes is enough to completely deflate any team. Yet, with great tenacity of spirit, and outstanding fitness, Swindon came back to win by three goals to two.

It certainly is thrilling to be in this position, but let us not be carried away by our emotions. There is still a hard slog ahead before the end of the season. Our sights must still be set on promotion, and remember also we are still engaged in the F.A. Cup today. Remember too the old adage: "It is far easier to get to the top than remain there".

The daily press all carried "rave" notices, but the following extract is probably the best and most true: "It was an epic performance, far in advance of any Third Division standards. The spark of inspiration and sense of team work was achieved just when it mattered. Even when Burnley scored Swindon still had the courage and indeed the football to come back again. A wonderful performance from a remarkable side".

Mention has been made recently of some of our earlier exploits and our appearances in two Cup semi-finals, but it will surprise most of our readers to know that Swindon did appear in a cup-final, and it came about in this manner. In 1908 the Football Association decided to organise a Charity Shield Competition to be played annually, the object being

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

that charity should benefit by receiving the gross receipts of the matches. The competing clubs to be Champions of the Football League v. Champions of the Southern League. The match to be played on the ground of Chelsea F.C. in May.

The first final between Manchester United and Queen's Park Rangers was drawn, but Manchester United won the replay by 4 goals to 0. Total receipts for charity, £1,275. The referee for this game was the redoubtable Jack Howcroft, one of the finest referees ever. Many of our supporters will remember him. He was indeed a great friend of Sam Allen (that outstanding Swindon personality). Incidentally, he refereed our Cup Replay at Highbury, after we had drawn with Arsenal (then in their heyday) 0—0 in the F.A. Cup Third Round in 1929. In 1909-10 Newcastle United defeated Northampton Town 2—0. Receipts, £226. In 1910-11, Brighton (the Southern League Champions) defeated Aston Villa 1—0. Receipts, £284.

In 1911-12, as Champions of the Southern League, Swindon had the honour of playing the famous Manchester United in the Final. Result, Manchester United 8, Swindon Town 4. This created a unique record, and one which may stand for a very long time. The highest number of goals ever scored by a losing team in a Cup-Final. Unfortunately the receipts were very low, only £154, and we do not know the reason.

The Swindon team for that game, if memory serves me right, was: Skiller; Kay, Walker; Tout, Siltö, Handley; Jefferson, Fleming, Wheatcroft, Bown, Bolland.

In 1913-14 Swindon had slight revenge as they defeated Manchester United 1—0 at the County Ground in the First Round of the F.A. Cup.

Supporters will of course realise the Charity Shield is competed for by the Champions of Division One versus F.A. Cup Winners. The match is played on the Saturday prior to the opening of the season.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Amidst all this glamour and glory, let us not forget those persons behind the scenes. The men and women who really are the backbone of the Club, through fair and foul weather.

Firstly, the office staff, and the tremendous pressure under which they have worked during the past six months — no glory and little thanks for them. They must be sick of the sight of Cup-tie tickets, and must surely hear in their sleep the constant rat-tat-tat on the aperture door. Remember too, our office is by no means the largest, best-equipped, or most over-staffed in the football world.

Spare a thought, too, for those who work with the Reserves, the Hellenic and Borough League teams. No glory for them, only the constant battle of producing teams, and encouraging young players.

Rarely if ever do they see the first team play. For them the wide open spaces and mud of the Recreation Ground, and the Junior Clubs. Yet those are the people most ready to help, and so often do the running about. Time and time again they are completely on their own, dealing with a dozen problems: kit, first aid, transport, injuries, shortage of players, etc. Yet these are the people on whom we rely to produce the Swindon Town team of the future. They certainly deserve our thanks. When the senior team is doing well, these people are completely forgotten or not wanted.

We hope we shall see them all at Wembley.

We are sorry to inform our supporters that "Jock" Walker, one of the finest full-backs to play for Swindon died recently. Also Percy Day, for many years chief gate steward at the County Ground. "Georgie" Walker, one-time amateur, and later a scout for Swindon Town F.C., died suddenly as he was returning from West Bromwich. All connected with the Club extend their deepest sympathies to the relatives of these three loyal servants.

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OUR VISITORS



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TREVOR ROBERTS (Goalkeeper)

Has a number of Welsh Amateur International Caps to his credit. Joined Liverpool while at University there, and played in the Reserve side for two years before being transferred to Southend United in January 1966. Holds a University Degree in Geography. Born Caernarvon, North Wales. Height 6ft. Weight 13st.

LAWRIE LESLIE (Goalkeeper)

An experienced and fearless goalkeeper who joined Southend United from Millwall in July 1968 as Player/Assistant Coach. In a successful career he has won 9 full Scottish International Caps, and been a regular choice for West Ham United, Stoke City, Millwall and Airdrie. Born Edinburgh. Height 5ft. 10½ins. Weight 13st. 2lbs.

TONY BENTLEY (Right Back)

Joined Southend United from Stoke City as a right winger in 1961. After a spell at wing half has now found his best position. An experienced player with over 300 first team games to his credit. Born Trent Vale. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 11st.

GRAHAM BIRKS (Left Back)

Signed from Peterborough United in January 1966, and before that was with Sheffield Wednesday. His consistent and polished displays have attracted the attention of several clubs. Born Sheffield. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 3lbs.

SAMMY McMILLAN (Wing Half)

A "Busby Babe" who has played in several first division games and was capped twice by Northern Ireland. A prolific scorer for Wrexham for four years before joining Southend United for a substantial fee in September 1967. Now converted into a successful wing half. Born Belfast. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 12st. 3lb.



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OUR VISITORS—continued

JOHN KURILA (Wing Half)

Joined Southend United from Northampton Town in July 1968. Played a leading role in the "Cobblers" rise from Fourth to First Division. A strong, forceful defender. Previous clubs include Celtic, Bristol City and the Canadian club, Hamilton Steelers. Born Glasgow. Height 5ft. 10½ins. Weight 12st. 8lb.

MEL SLACK (Wing Half)

Signed from Sunderland, his only previous professional club, in August 1965. A strong, tenacious player who has also played at inside forward. Born Bishop Auckland. Height 5ft. 6½ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs.

EDDIE CLAYTON (Inside Forward)

Joined Southend United from Tottenham Hotspur for a large fee in March 1968. In 10 years service with the Londoners he made over 100 first team appearances, scored over 20 goals and played in seven different positions. An extremely skilful ball player. Born Bethnal Green, London. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 11st. 9lbs.

JOHN BABER (Forward)

Joined Southend United from Charlton Athletic, where he was an apprentice professional, as an amateur and signed professional forms in September 1966. A fast, thrusting striker who can play in any forward position. Born London. Height 5ft. 6½ins. Weight 11st.

BILLY BEST (Forward)

Signed from Northampton Town in January 1968. An ever-present for the rest of the season, scoring 14 goals in only 20 matches. A fast, dangerous striker who has played in all four League divisions and yet is still in his early twenties. Height 5ft. 6ins. Weight 10st. 9lb.

GARY MOORE (Centre Forward)

Signed from Grimsby Town at the beginning of November, and has scored 10 goals in 9 appearances to date. Previous club, Sunderland; joined Grimsby Town in 1967.

PHIL CHISNALL (Inside Forward)

Most expensive signing in the history of Southend United. Former "Busby Babe", and an under-23 International for England. Was transferred from Manchester United to Liverpool for £30,000 four years ago. Joint leading goalscorer last season with 17 goals. Born Manchester. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 11st.

OUR VISITORS—continued

JOHN McKINVEN (Outside Left)

Signed from Raith Rovers in 1960. Ball playing left winger who has always retained a first team spot during his service with Southend United. Joint top marksman last season with 17 goals. Born Campbelltown, Scotland. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 10st. 5lbs.

MIKE BEESLEY (Utility Player)

A utility man who filled several different positions admirably last season. Joined West Ham United straight from school and signed for Southend United for a substantial fee in August 1963 as a centre forward. Went to Peterborough United in 1964 but re-signed for Southend United in August 1967. Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 12st.

HOWARD MOORE (Outside Right)

Young winger who played regularly for Gillingham at the start of last season, his first in League soccer. Joined Southend United in January 1968. Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 10st.

IAN RILEY (Full Back)

Promising young full back. Joined Southend United in November 1967 as full-time professional. Had first team experience last season. Born Tollesbury. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 10st. 7lbs.

IAN HAMILTON (Inside Forward)

Signed for Southend United in September 1968 from Chelsea, with whom he made several first team appearances when only 16 years old. Holds an England Youth Cap. Born Streatham, London. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs.

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PETER HUNT (Forward)

Only 16 years old and signed apprentice professional forms with Southend United in July 1967 direct from school. Played regularly in the Reserve side last season and scored several goals. Born London. Height 5ft. 6ins. Weight 10st.

MIKE O'CONNOR (Forward)

Signed as an apprentice professional in the summer of 1968. Prolific goalscorer in local Junior soccer last season. Born Romford. Height 5ft. 10½ins. Weight 12st. 11lbs.

DAVID BARNETT (Centre Half)

Like fellow apprentice Peter Hunt, David was a member of the Fryerns Boys Club for 6 years before signing apprentice professional forms for Southend United in July 1968. Born London. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 10st. 10lbs.

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Date	Opponents	1968	Ground	Result
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)	14,702	(H)	2-1
17	Stockport County	13,350	(H)	1-0
24	Hartlepool	5,732	(A)	0-0
27	Reading	16,765	(H)	0-0
31	Plymouth Argyle	12,302	(H)	3-0
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)	7,806	(A)	1-1
7	Watford	8,709	(A)	0-0
10	Bradford City (League Cup Replay)	12,214	(H)	4-3
14	Walsall	10,593	(H)	1-0
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	11,920	(A)	0-2
21	Bristol Rovers	10,364	(A)	1-2
24	Blackburn Rovers (League Cup)	15,402	(H)	1-0
28	Shrewsbury Town	12,087	(H)	3-0
October 5	Orient	12,450	(H)	1-0
9	Reading	17,450	(A)	1-0
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	7,547	(A)	3-1
16	Coventry City (League Cup)	23,810	(A)	2-2
19	Torquay United	15,152	(H)	2-1
21	Coventry City (League Cup Replay)	23,828	(H)	3-0
28	Oldham Athletic	4,238	(A)	3-2
30	Derby County (League Cup)	35,104	(A)	0-0
November 2	Southport	18,910	(H)	5-1
5	Derby County (League Cup Replay)	26,449	(H)	1-0
9	Luton Town	17,250	(A)	0-2
16	(1) F.A. Cup Canterbury		(A)	1-0
20	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)		(A)	2-1
23	Mansfield Town		(A)	0-2
26	Northampton Town	6,827	(A)	6-2
December 4	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	28,000	(H)	1-2
7	(2) F.A. Cup Grantham		(A)	2-0
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	10,907	(H)	1-0
18	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	20,000	(A)	3-2
21	Torquay United	8,327	(A)	1-0
26	Orient	7,101	(A)	0-1
January 4	(3) F.A. Cup Southend United		(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)	

HELLENIC LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including 28th December, 1968)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wallingford Town	17	13	1	3	60	20	27
Morris Motors	19	10	4	5	55	39	24
Witney Town	14	8	4	2	29	15	20
Chippenham	16	9	2	5	43	32	20
Hazells	18	8	2	8	32	29	18
Thame United	12	8	1	3	29	20	17
Didcot Town	16	7	3	6	26	23	17
Abingdon Town	15	6	5	4	21	22	17
Pinehurst	14	8	0	6	50	27	16
Amersham	16	7	2	7	43	33	16
Henley Town	19	7	2	10	31	38	16
Bicester Town	15	4	7	4	35	33	15
Chipping Norton	18	4	4	10	35	47	12
Swindon Town	18	4	3	11	27	65	11
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 F—Bristol Rovers v. Kettering
 G—Burnley v. Derby County
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 J—Charlton Athletic v. Crystal Palace
 K—Chelsea v. Carlisle United
 L—Coventry City v. Blackpool
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 H—Watford v. Port Vale
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 J—West Ham United v. Bristol City
 K—York City v. Stoke
 L—Bournemouth & B.A. v. Tranmere Rovers
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Stockport County	23	11	7	4	45	28	31
Swindon Town	21	13	3	5	32	16	29
Luton Town	22	12	3	7	36	20	27
Tranmere Rovers	23	12	3	8	34	30	27
Barrow	23	11	5	7	37	34	27
Reading	23	9	6	8	36	28	24
Torquay United	23	10	4	9	30	24	24
Plymouth Argyle	24	9	6	9	25	27	24
Northampton Town	23	8	7	8	28	28	23
Southport	24	10	3	11	41	41	23
Rotherham United	23	7	8	8	24	26	22
Barnsley	23	7	8	9	27	35	22
Walsall	24	6	9	9	27	26	21
Mansfield Town	23	8	5	10	31	30	21
Bristol Rovers	23	8	5	10	36	40	21
Crewe Alexandra	23	7	6	10	30	38	20
Orient	22	6	8	8	26	33	20
Gillingham	24	7	5	12	32	40	19
Brighton & H. A.	25	7	5	13	32	41	19
Hartlepool United	23	5	9	9	19	37	19
Shrewsbury Town	23	6	5	12	18	32	17
Oldham Athletic	22	4	3	15	16	44	11

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

On behalf of the Chairman, Officers and Committee members of the Supporters' Club, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all members of the Supporters' Club, and supporters of Swindon Town generally.

The cancelling of the home match against Oldham Athletic last Saturday, the 28th December, apart from being the reason for the belated New Year's Greetings above, has, perhaps, prevented the Old Year from ending on the happy note of two more points towards promotion, rather than with a 1—0 defeat away to Orient. There is always the thought, however, that if the home match had been played, in conditions which made good football a matter of luck and the ability to skate rather than to run, a win on merit is never certain. So, perhaps, the benefit will be reaped later on in 1969.

Today, we welcome the team and supporters of Southend United, in the third round proper of the F.A. Cup. Attractive as a further run in this Competition might be, the main target still remains promotion to Division 2. Nevertheless, the fact that Southend are in Division 4 does not ensure entry into the next round. We have seen some hard tussles with Southend United in the past, and no doubt we shall see another today.

As for last New Year's Eve (1967), the Social Club celebrated 1969 in the traditional Scottish manner, with a local troupe of Scottish dancers, and a Piper, whisky and haggis heralding in 1969 in the approved manner.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

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1. All matches are played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association and the Football League.

2. Play cannot be guaranteed on any day and accordingly no refund of cash admission charges paid at the turnstile can be made.

3. Refunds will be made in respect of seats booked in advance where a match is postponed, subject to a time limitation, details of which can be obtained from the Box Office. No such refunds will be entertained in respect of abandoned matches.

4. No unauthorised person is permitted to enter upon the field of play. Persons carrying flags, banners, sticks, or any objects likely to cause obstruction or lead to a breach of the peace will not be admitted.

5. With the exception of authorised Press representatives holding official passes, the taking of photographs or ciné-photographs inside the ground is prohibited.

6. Only persons specially authorised are permitted to offer newspapers, periodicals or any other goods for sale on the property of the Swindon Town Football Club Ltd.

7. Betting and the use of radio sets is not permitted in any part of the ground.

8. All persons visiting the County Ground are admitted subject to the above Ground Regulations, the Rules and Regulations of the Football League and of the Football Association. Swindon Town Football Club Ltd. reserve the right to refuse admittance or to remove from the ground any person who shall refuse to comply with them, or whose presence is a source of danger or annoyance to others.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1968			
August 10	Oxford United (C)	3,647.....(H)	.....8-0
17	Oxford United (C)	.....(A)	.....1-0
20	Reading (C)	1,667.....(H)	.....1-1
24	Bournemouth (C)	.....(A)	.....0-3
September 4	Reading (C)	.....(A)	.....0-1
7	Bournemouth (C)	.....(H)	.....2-2
11	Arsenal (C)	1,360.....(A)	.....0-2
14	Southampton (C)	1,231.....(A)	.....1-6
21	Southampton (C)	.....(H)	.....0-3
October 5	Arsenal	.....(H)	.....0-3
8	Arsenal (C)	.....(A)	.....
12	Cardiff	.....(H)	.....1-2
15	Bristol City	.....(A)	.....1-3
26	Gillingham	.....(H)	.....0-1
November 2	Leicester	.....(A)	.....
9	Luton	.....(H)	.....0-2
23	Ipswich	.....(H)	.....0-2
30	Southampton	.....(H)	.....0-3
December 7	Crystal Palace	.....(A)	.....0-3
14	Fulham	.....(A)	.....0-4
16	Chelsea	.....(A)	.....1-3
21	Swansea	.....(H)	.....4-1
1969			
January 4	Chelsea	.....(A)	.....
11	Peterborough United	.....(H)	.....
25	West Ham United	.....(H)	.....
February 1	Oxford United	.....(H)	.....
12	Reading	.....(A)	.....
19	Plymouth Argyle	.....(A)	.....
March 8	Bristol Rovers	.....(H)	.....
15	Birmingham(A)
22	Walsall(H)
April 12	Tottenham Hotspur(A)
19	Northampton Town(H)
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SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1969

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1969

DIVISION III

LUTON TOWN

Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1969

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DIVISION III

Saturday, 21st December, 1968.

Beat TORQUAY UNITED (Away) 1—0.

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

Scorer: Smith.

Attendance: 8,327.

Referee: Mr. P. R. Walters (Bridgewater).

Thursday, 26th December, 1968.

Lost to ORIENT (Away) 1—0.

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

Attendance: 7,101.

Referee: Mr. R. V. Spittle (Gt. Yarmouth).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Monday, 16th December, 1968.

Lost to CHELSEA (Away) 3—1.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Handrick; Mascia, Bailey, Smith,
Dangerfield, Hubbard.

Scorer: Dangerfield.

Saturday, 21st December, 1968.

Beat SWANSEA TOWN (Home) 4—1.

Team: Jones; Desmeules, Trollope; Handrick, Blick, Hubbard; Mascia,
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