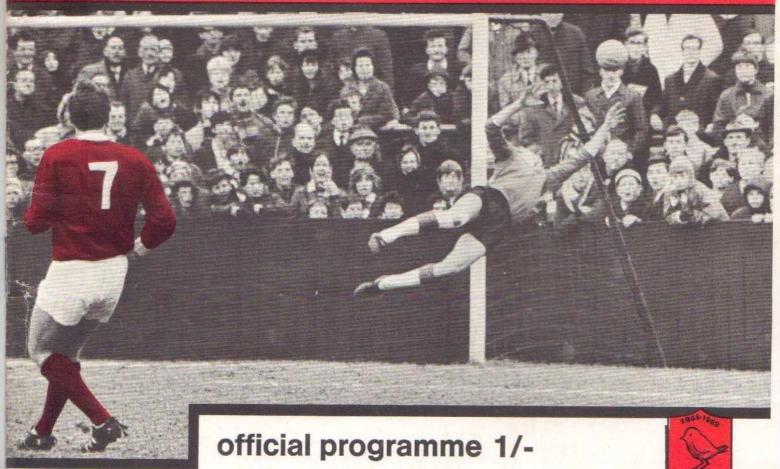
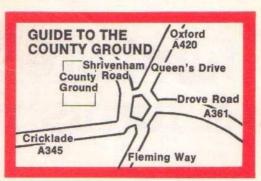
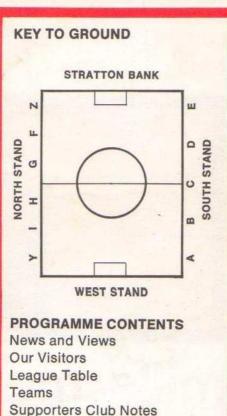


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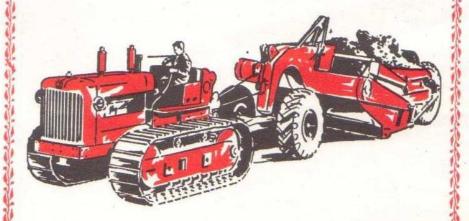
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TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1969
DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

V.

HARTLEPOOLS UNITED

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

REFEREE:

MR. T. E. LOCKETT (Worcester)

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NEWS and VIEWS

These notes must be produced before the game at Barnsley, but we sincerely hope the good work has continued. We have certainly hit the "goal standard". Five at Tranmere. To score that number away from home is in itself good going, added to which our display was first-class. The critics in all the daily newspapers could not speak too highly of the team's performance.

This game was of course followed by the Oldham Athletic match, when again Swindon scored five goals — thus ten in consecutive games. Probably the most pleasing feature was the fact that Chris Jones — centre-forward — scored five of them, after failing to score up to the Tranmere Rovers game.

Strange how adversity so often produces good from another source. We all thought what a terrible blow it was when John Trollope was injured. It was, but Owen Dawson stepped into the breach, and everyone knows how successful the team has been despite various injuries to Butler, Penman and Dawson.

Then came the suspension of John Smith, probably playing better than ever before in his career. What happened? Chris Jones came into the side, in three games has scored five goals, and on his displays merits retention in the team. Yes, every man has to fight to keep his first-team status. There are still several talented players only waiting for the opportunity to establish themselves in the team. Meantime, may the present form be maintained, and that prize so anxiously awaited—promotion — will be assured.

Our note in the Luton Town programme, regarding sugges-

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

tions and ideas of improvement, brought forth several worthwhile replies.

Some were complaints, especially lack of toilet facilities in various parts of the ground. These facilities, or lack of them, are in the minds of the Board, but obviously with the hoped for new stand in the offing, more and better facilities will be provided. Providing toilet accommodation is not easy, I well remember the many difficulties encountered when the new toilets at the rear of Stratton Bank were built.

Next, the ever "hardy annual" — the tannoy, or public address system. This seems to be an everlasting problem. I can assure Mr. Stevens (one who wrote with quite a good suggestion) that much time, money and energy has been spent over the last 20 years to improve this system. New and additional speakers, visits from the firm's engineers — all to no avail. We agree entirely — the public address system is unsatisfactory. We will continue to try to improve it, and also ask, as you suggest, for the announcer to speak much more slowly and deliberately. We agree with you, he is inclined to speak too quickly. Your other suggestion, namely a board carried round with announcements, especially team changes, in addition to the loudspeaker, is an excellent idea, and we hope to put that into operation immediately. Thank you!

Now to a very long letter from Faringdon, and one which we like to receive.

First let me answer some of the definite questions.

- 1. The figure on the front of the cover is Don Heath.
- 2. The writer from Paris was not a "dizzy blonde". Just as well, we might have had some of the lads hareing off to France for the week-end, not to mention the Public Relations Officer.

Now may I quote from the letter itself: "Why, you may wonder, are you not receiving letters from the public? What time have we had for writing letters? It's been nothing but travelling north following the team for weeks.

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Roll on the League Cup Final. There sits my wife knitting a great red and white scarf.

All I want in life is a dozen Cup Final tickets. Is it too much to ask?"

So there we are. Sorry Mr. Parsons. Do hope you get a voucher, we feel sure you will. We cannot fulfil your one desire in life. Do wish we could provide the tickets. Best of luck, and many thanks.

If memory serves me right, this is the first occasion on which we have received Hartlepools United at Swindon. We hope they enjoy their visit. Their record last season was excellent. They gained promotion to Division III by finishing in third place in Division IV, with the following results: played 46; won 25; drew 10; lost 11; goals for 60, against 46; points 60.

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TONY BIRCUMSHAW (Right-back)

Birthplace Mansfield. Age 23. Signed on a free transfer on 4.7.66. previously with Notts County. Made 34 appearances last season and scored 1 goal.

PETER BLOWMAN (Inside-forward)

Birthplace Thornaby-on-Tees, Co. Durham. Age 18. Signed full-time on 9.10.67 and scored two goals on his League debut against Notts County on 10.11.67. Made 16 appearances last season and scored 7 goals.

BOBBY CUMMINGS (Centre-forward)

Birthplace Ashington, Northumberland. Age 32. Signed from Darlington on 2.2.68. Previously with Newcastle United and Aberdeen. Has the distinction of playing for Newcastle United, Darlington and Hartlepools United in their promotion years. Made 18 appearances last season and scored 9 goals.

BRIAN DRYSDALE (Left-back)

Birthplace Wingate, Co. Durham. Age 25. Signed on a free transfer on 23.7.65. Previously with Lincoln City. Has missed only one game in each of the last two seasons.



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OUR VISITORS—continued

JOHN GILL (Centre-half)

Birthplace Wednesbury, Staffs. Age 27. Signed from Mansfield Town on 7.2.66. Previously with Nottingham Forest. Made 43 appearances last season.

ALAN GOAD (Right-back)

Birthplace Hailsham, Sussex. Age 19. Signed on a free transfer on 20.7.67. Previously with Exeter City. Made 11 appearances last season.

WILSON HEPPLEWHITE (Left-half)

Birthplace Washington, Co. Durham. Age 22. Signed on a free transfer on 3.7.67. Previously with Carlisle United. Made 37 appearances last season and scored 2 goals.

JOHN McGOVERN (Outside-right)

Birthplace Montrose. Age 18. Made his League debut as an amateur in the final game of 1965/66 season. He was the Club's first apprentice professional when he signed on 3.9.66, and turned full-time two months later on 7.11.66. Made 32 appearances last season and scored 4 goals.

TONY PARRY (Wing-half)

Birthplace Burton-on-Trent. Age 22. Signed from Burton Albion as an inside-forward on 12.11.65 and was later converted to wing-half. Tony was elected "Player of the Year" by the supporters at the end of last season. Made 36 appearances last season.

JOHN SHERIDAN (Wing-half)

Birthplace Ramsgate, Kent. Age 30. Signed on a free transfer on 2.7.66. Previously with Notts County. Made 31 appearances last season.

GEORGE SMITH (Goalkeeper)

Birthplace Nottingham. Age 32. Signed on a free transfer on 1.7.67. Previously with Notts County. Missed only one game last season.

OUR VISITORS—continued

MICK SOMERS (Outside-left)

Birthplace Mapperley, Notts. Age 23. Signed on a free transfer on 4.7.66. Previously with Torquay United and Chelsea. Made 32 appearances last season and scored 1 goal.

CLIFF WRIGHT (Inside-forward)

Birthplace Lingdale, Yorks. Age 23. Signed on a free transfer on 23.6.64. Previously an apprentice professional with Middlesbrough. Cliff can also play in both wing-forward positions. Made 28 appearances last season and scored 6 goals.

Part-time Professionals

BOBBY McCLEOD (Wing-half)

Birthplace Inverness. Age 21. Signed on 15.11.65. Previously amateur. Made 1 appearance last season.

DENNIS WHITE (Full-back)

Birthplace Hartlepool. Age 19. Signed on 30.10.67. Previously amateur. Made 2 appearances, one as substitute, last season.

Apprentice Professionals

DAVID ATKINSON (Wing-forward)

Birthplace Hull. Age 17. Signed on 16.1.68. Previously with Hull City as an amateur.

ERIC TUNSTALL (Wing-half)

Birthplace Hartlepool. Age 17. Signed on 6.11.67. Previously amateur. Regular member of the Reserve Team.

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With regard to hobbies, these are strictly curtailed during the Football Season, but he does enjoy a game of badminton when time permits. During the summer, apart from the usual "chores" around the house and garden, he enjoys a game of cricket and swimming when the temperature is right.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FINAL TICKETS

The Board of Directors have decided upon the method of distribution of tickets for the Football League Cup Final on March 15th and, throughout their deliberations, their concern has been for our regular Division III supporters. It is for this reason that the plan of distribution is not being disclosed but regular supporters may be assured that this is being done for their benefit and to prevent exploitation by ticket touts.

Our Chairman says "I realise this arrangement may cause a certain amount of frustration among our supporters but I would ask them to be patient and at this stage nothing can be gained by contacting the Club's Office for details", so please — NO ENQUIRIES.

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Date		Ground	! Result
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)	14,702(H)	2-
17	Stockport County	13,350(H)	11
24	Hartlepool	5,732(A)	0—(
27	Reading	16,765(H)	0_
31	Plymouth Argyle	12.302(H)	3—(
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)	7,806(A)	1-1
7	Watford	8,709(A)	0-
10	Bradford City (League Cup Replay)	12,214(H)	4
14	Walsall	10,593(H)	11
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	11,920(A)	0—
21	Bristol Rovers	10,364(A)	11
24	Blackburn Rovers (League Cup)	15,402(H)	11(
28	Shrewabury Town	12,087(H)	3—
October 5	Orient	12,450(H)	11(
9	Reading	17,450(A)	11(
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	7,547(A)	3—
16	Coventry City (League Cup)	23.810(A)	2—
19	Torquay United	15,152(H)	2-
21	Coventry City (League Cup Replay)	23.828(H)	3—(
26	Oldham Athletic	4,238(A)	3—
30	Derby County (League Cup)	35.104(A)	0—(
November 2	Southport Derby County (League Cup Replay)	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 23	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	(A)	2—1
26	Mansfield Town	(A)	0—2
December 4	Northampton Town	6.827(A)	6—2
7	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	28,000(H)	1—2
14	(2) F.A. Cup Grantham	(A)	2—0
18	Brighton & Hove Albion	10,907(H)	3—2
21	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	20,000(A)	1—0
26	Torquay United	8,327(A)	0—
January 4	Orient(3) F.A. Cup Southend United	7,101(A)	0—2
11	Southport	18,528(H)	1—1
18	Luton Town	5,232(A)	0—0
24	Tranmere Rovers	18,903(H)	5—3
28	Oldham Athletic	(A)	5—1
February 1	Barnsley	21,316(H)	1—1
4	Hartlepools United.	(A)	
8	Barnsley	(H)	
11	Barrow	(H)	
22	Rotherham United	(H)	
March 1	(6) Northampton Town	(H)	
5	Gillingham	(A)	ANALIST BARBARS DE
8	Stockport County	(A)	***************************************
15	Arsenal (Wembley)	(H)	
18	Rotherham United	(A)	
22	(SE) Plymouth Armyle	(A)	
29	Watford	(H)	
April 4	Crewe Alexandra	(A)	
5	Shrawshury Town	/41	
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	(FC)	
12	Bristol Rovers	(H)	
15	Crewe Alexandra	(4)	
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Watford		26	15	7	4	39	13	37
Swindon Town		26	15	6	5	44	22	36
Bournemouth & B.A	١.	28	16	4	8	46	26	36
Stockport County		28	12	10	6	48	35	34
Luton Town	****	27	14	4	9	40	26	32
Plymouth Argyle		28	12	7	9	33	29	31
Tranmere Rovers		28	14	3	11	43	43	31
Torquay United		27	12	6	9	36	27	30
Reading		28	11	7	10	44	37	29
Northampton Town		28	10	8	14	36	32	28
Barnsley		28	9	9	10	35	40	27
Barrow		27	11	. 5	11	39	46	27
Walsall		28	8	10	10	30	28	26
Southport		27	11	4	12	45	43	26
Rotherham United		28	9	8	11	31	30	26
Brighton & H. A.		30	9	8	13	41	45	26
Mansfield Town		26	8	8	12	32	31	24
Bristol Rovers		25	9	6	10	39	42	24
Orient		26	7	10	9	30	37	24
Crewe Alexandra		28	9	6	13	36	48	24
Hartlepools United		28	6	11	11	25	43	23
Gillingham		28	8	6	14	37	49	22
Shrewsbury Town		27	7	6	14	23	39	20
Oldham Athletic		28	5	5	18	23	56	15

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Obviously, the main talking point amongst supporters, other than the League Cup Final, concerns the last two matches -Tranmere Rovers and Oldham Athletic - during which five goals were scored in each match and the team lifted themselves to the top of the League - second to Watford on goal average only. Also, I detected a note of pleasure in the fact that Chris Jones broke into League scoring with almost a sonic boom - two at Tranmere and a hat-trick last Tuesday against Oldham Athletic. The three at home were all good goals, and a magnificent header early in the second half was, perhaps, the most goal-worthy effort of the lot, although it missed by a fraction.

One recalls a few years ago, when "Bronco" Layne played at centre-forward. Another youngster at the time, he also was a slow starter at goal scoring, but once the tension was broken, goals came most regularly. I feel sure that supporters will be behind Chris now, and look forward to seeing him score many more.

The heavy League programme between now and the League Cup Final - two matches every week - will keep the lads in match practice with a vengeance. By 15th March, given reasonable freedom from injuries and that little bit of luck every promotion team must have to help out ability, it would be reasonable to think that promotion will either be very close to reality or still very much in the balance. One thing would seem to be evident, and that is that at home the lads can, at least, expect plenty of support in the way of higher attendances. The 21,000 last Tuesday would seem to indicate that interest is not lacking. With an average gate of 14,500, there are obviously a lot of missing supporters returning to the fold. It is to be hoped that this interest will remain after the Cup

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

Final. To the newcomers, we would extend a welcome, with the hope that the high standard of Swindon supporters, recently awarded the John White accolade as the best behaved football supporters for the month, will continue on the same high plane.

Also for the benefit of the newcomers. I would like to remind them — and also our regulars — that the Supporters' Club have a souvenir shop attached to the Social Club, in the car park, where a wide variety of articles of interest to our supporters can be obtained, in particular a special Wembley rosette, made of plastic, which is being produced locally, and which is designed to last many years. Another very popular item is a Conway pen, in red and white, inscribed "Swindon Town v. Arsenal, Football League Cup Final, 1969". The rosettes, which can only be obtained from the Supporters' Club, are good value at 2/6 and the pens, at 1/6, mustn't be missed. Adding to these items, jockey caps in the Town colours, scarves, wool bobble hats and so on, we have tried to make available everything a Swindon supporter needs to identify himself at Wembley. There is, in addition to the main kiosk, a smaller sales shop just inside the Shrivenham Road entrance, and another just inside the fence leading to the back of the Shrivenham Road stand.

The Annual Dinner and Dance of the Supporters' Club has been fixed for Wednesday, 23rd April, at McIlroys Restaurant and Ballroom. It has been arranged rather later this year, as we hope that it will be a celebration for promotion as well as reaching the Cup Final. Full details will be given in these Notes as details become available.

Social Club members should note that on Saturday next, 8th February at the Saturday Party Night, will be the very popular MARK FIVE Group. This Group has quickly made its mark at the Social Club with a very wide repertoire.

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Noble, Smart, Jones, Rogers.

Scorers: Jones (2), Noble, Smart, Rogers. Referee: Mr. A. A. Green (Sheffield).

Tuesday, 28th January, 1969.

Beat OLDHAM ATHLETIC (Home) 5-1.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath,

Smart, Jones, Noble, Rogers. Sub. Smith.

Scorers: Jones (3), Burrows, Smart.

Attendance: 21,316.

Referee: Mr. G. W. Hill (Leicester).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 25th January, 1969.

Drew with WEST HAM UNITED (Home) 1-1.

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

Bailey, Smith, Dangerfield, Fry.

Scorer: Fry.

HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 25th January, 1969.

Lost to CHIPPING NORTON (Home) 2-1.

Team: Grzadkowski; Blake, Allen; Stroud, Grubb, Claypole; Aldworth, Webb,

Collins, Eeles, Dudden.

Scorer: Eeles.

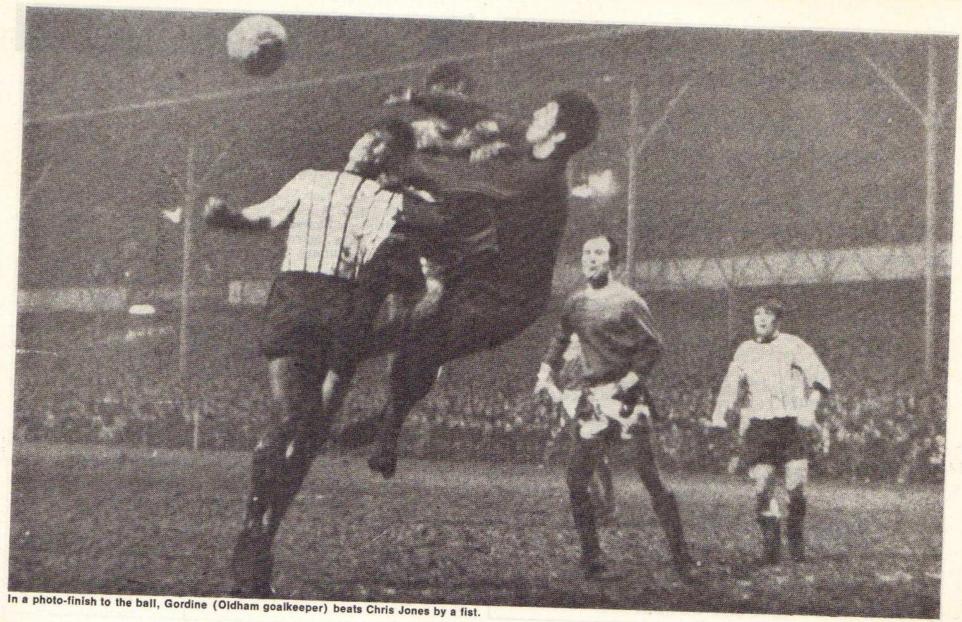


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