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From the Boardroom....

Our first thoughts today must be to congratulate our old friends and rivals Swindon Town on their superb achievement in winning the League Cup last Saturday. We must congratulate them not only for the fact that they won but also because of the manner of their success. All of you who saw the game, whether at Wembley or on television, will have been thrilled with what was undoubtedly one of the most exciting matches seen at Wembley for a long time.

With Queen's Park Rangers having won the Cup only two years ago and now Swindon, it surely suggests that the standard of the better Third Division Clubs is not so greatly different from the higher divisions—one must remember that both these Clubs had won their way through many rounds of the Cup, beating First and Second Division Clubs on the way. It must be all the more frustrating for both Swindon and Queen's Park Rangers that they were not permitted to enter the Fairs Cup, which is the normal reward for winning the League Cup—provided that the winner is a First Division Club!

On a domestic note, we wish to thank all those supporters who rallied around the supported us on our fund-raising walk last Sunday week. The event was a success in every way and was a further demonstration of the loyal support and the re-awakening enthusiasm of our supporters.

The playing fortunes of the Club have improved greatly in the past few months; if we can only reproduce at home the same splendid form which has earned us 12 out of the last 16 away points, then the future should be bright

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	P.	HOME		Goals			AWAY			Goals		Pts
		W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	
Watford	34	12	4	2	28	7	8	5	3	28	13	49
Swindon	34	13	3	0	27	4	7	4	7	26	23	47
Luton	33	14	1	0	37	9	4	5	9	13	21	42
Plymouth Argyle	37	9	6	4	28	19	7	4	7	16	19	42
Bournemouth	34	14	1	3	35	10	3	5	8	17	22	40
Torquay	34	11	2	4	28	10	4	5	8	15	23	37
Stockport	33	11	4	2	42	20	2	7	7	13	28	37
Tranmere	36	9	3	7	27	26	6	4	7	24	28	37
Brighton	38	9	5	3	36	14	4	5	12	22	40	36
Northampton	35	8	7	4	30	23	5	3	8	12	17	36
Walsall	35	9	6	2	28	11	3	5	10	10	23	35
Rotherham	35	9	4	4	28	16	3	6	9	15	25	34
Reading	35	11	1	4	32	15	1	9	9	22	36	34
Orient	34	8	7	2	23	13	3	4	10	17	32	33
Barnsley	33	8	5	3	25	15	3	5	9	18	33	32
Barrow	33	8	5	6	24	23	4	2	8	18	30	31
Bristol Rovers	33	8	4	4	28	20	3	4	10	19	32	30
Southport	32	10	5	1	40	16	2	1	13	13	35	30
Gillingham	34	7	7	3	30	20	2	3	12	13	34	28
Crewe	33	10	2	6	31	22	1	4	10	10	32	28
Mansfield	30	8	4	3	23	13	1	5	9	14	25	27
Oldham	36	6	4	8	24	23	3	3	12	11	41	25
Hartlepool	34	3	9	5	18	28	3	4	10	11	36	25
Shrewsbury	33	6	5	4	15	12	2	2	14	12	39	23

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By **TONY PULLEIN**

Incredible. Stupendous. Fabulous. Magnificent. Remarkable. These were just a handful of the adjectives used to describe Swindon Town's superb performance at Wembley last Saturday when they didn't simply defeat mighty First Division Arsenal . . . they sank the Gunners without trace!

Those of us fortunate enough to see the game will never forget a truly memorable Wembley occasion. For the quality of play, Swindon's indomitable spirit and, finally, the sight of Arsenal's tired side clearly conceding victory to the better team, it was a game which will live with the finest club matches ever staged at the Empire Stadium.

Thus Swindon — who must have ranked as possibly the most unlikely outsiders ever to win at Wembley — became the second Third Division side to win the Football League Cup and their England Under-23 left-winger, Don Rogers, who scored twice, became the competition's leading scorer this season with seven goals. Incidentally, the final goal on the stroke of time, which really killed the Gunners, was Don's 13th in the Football League Cup. Nothing unlucky about that one, though!

After playing before 100,000 spectators at Wembley, it could seem an anti-climax for Swindon returning to League duty today. But manager Danny Williams has promised that they will be fighting just as hard this afternoon, for the remainder of the campaign is to be dedicated to the completion of the second leg of their double aim — gaining promotion to the Second Division for the second time. The Moonrakers' last spell in the Second Division lasted only two years.

The focal point of the club's achievements is now, of course, very much on last Saturday's League Cup win. But Swindon have upset the mighty on many previous occasions. They made two magnificent runs to the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup and took part in the F.A. Charity Shield annual exhibition match.

Founded in 1881 by a clergyman, Swindon soon began to dominate Wiltshire football and one County Senior Cup final was contested by their first and second teams! They became one of the original Southern League members in 1894, later winning the championship on two occasions. They made their first entry into the F.A. Cup competition in 1907/08 then, just two years later, they fought their way to the semi-final.

Old-timers may well care to argue that Swindon's performance that season equalled what they have achieved this year. Their run to the semi-final included victories over First Division Spurs (3-2), and two Second Division sides, Burnley (2-0) and the divisional champions-to-be Manchester City (2-0), before succumbing to the reigning Football League champions, Newcastle United, 0-2 at Tottenham.

When they reached the last four again in 1912 they eliminated Notts County (2-0) and Everton (2-1), from the First Division, eventually losing to Barnsley, who went on to win the trophy. A year earlier, as Southern League champions, they met Football League champions Manchester United in the F.A. Charity Shield, losing a goal feast by eight goals to four.

Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all

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the other Southern League first division sides, in 1920. And they made a flying start to their League career, finishing in fourth place — a position they were unable to improve upon until winning promotion 43 years later!

Their progress to the F.A. Cup quarter-finals in 1924 was facilitated to some extent by the draw. Two Second Division sides fell beneath their axe — Oldham (home) 2-0 and Crystal Palace (away) 2-1 — before they were required to meet First Division Burnley. After drawing 1-1 at the County Ground, Swindon lost the replay 1-3 at Burnley.

Fortunes declined, Swindon in 1933 being forced to make the first of three applications for re-election. For many years after that they were considered nothing more than an average Third Division side, threatening neither to win promotion nor to fail badly enough to be thrown out of the competition.

Yet thoughts of being put out must have run high in 1956 and 1957 when they were forced to make successive applications for re-admittance. There was never really any doubt, though, that a club possessing such a fine tradition would receive excellent backing from the voting members.

It was during the early 'sixties that the Swindon club instilled itself with great ambitions. Players, who were to become international stars, were discovered in a region never previously renowned for its soccer talent and, in 1962/63, a highly eloquent Swindon side gained deserved promotion to the Second Division.

For a while they threatened to move further up into Division One. They led the Second Division for several weeks before their confidence mysteriously drained away. A bad spell took them well down the table; the following season they returned to Division Three. And since then they have been fighting to return.

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	35	20	7	8	65	40	47

Luckily for us, Swindon weren't in particularly good Cup-fighting mood when they met us in the F.A. Cup, Argyle winning both encounters—2-1 in the qualifying competition in 1903/04 and 1-0 in the first round of 1908/09, both games at home. We have never met in the League Cup.

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Don Rogers, Swindon's League Cup Final two-goal hero, shown here in scoring mood

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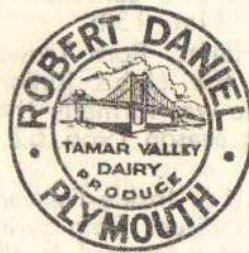
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PETER DOWNSBOROUGH (Goalkeeper). Born Halifax. Signed in August, 1965, from Halifax Town, where he was a product of local football. A fearless, agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Height 5ft. 10½in., weight 13st. 21lb.

ROY JONES (Coakeeper). Born Clacton-on-Sea. Signed for the club in October, 1967, after obtaining his release from the R.A.F. made 19 appearances for the Division III side last season. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 11st. 12lb.

OWEN DAWSON (Right-Back). Born Hatfield. Joined the club from Portsmouth in June, 1962. He was a regular first team player until he was unlucky to lose his place through injury. A fast, tenacious player. He was a former Youth International. Height 5ft. 9½in., weight 11st. 12lb.

ROD THOMAS (Full-Back). Born Glyncoed. A former youth player with the club. He was signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964. Took over the full-back position last season when Owen Dawson was injured, and maintained his position throughout the season. Has gained Welsh Under-23 caps and full Welsh caps. Height 6ft., weight 12st. 10lb.

JOE BUTLER (Full-Back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August, 1965, where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Height 5ft. 7½in., weight 11st.

JOHN TROLLOPE (Left-Back). Born Swindon. A local player who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. He was selected for the first team at the beginning of the 1960/61 season when he was just 16 years old, and was ever present during that season. Together with his partner that year, who was also 16, they were the youngest full-backs ever to appear as a pair in League football. During last season he completed 322 consecutive League appearances for the club. Height 5ft. 10in., weight 11st. 13lb.

KEITH MORGAN (Right-Half). Born Trowbridge. A tall- fast, attacking player who progressed through the club's junior teams after joining Swindon ground staff at the age of 16. He was formerly the club captain but was unlucky to lose his first team place during season 1966/67 through injury. Height 6ft 1in, weight 13st.

ROGER SMART (Right-Half or Inside-Forward). Born Swindon. Another local player who joined the club direct from Swindon schoolboys' team. At 17 he was appearing regularly at centre-forward in the reserve team, but he excels as a deep-lying inside-forward. A versatile player who is able to play at wing-half. Height 5ft. 11½., weight 12st. 11lb.

JIMMY GILES (Centre-Half). Born Kidlington. A versatile player who has played at centre-forward for the Robins, where he proved to be a strong, forceful leader, and also centre-half, where his strength did much to add to the defence. Height 6ft. ½in., weight 12st. 11lb.

FRANK BURROWS (Centre-Half). Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United, for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in Third Division football. Height 6ft. 1in., weight 12st. 8lb.

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STAN HARLAND (Left-Half). Born Liverpool. Was signed from Carlisle United in July, 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. He has been a regular choice at left-half since making his debut at the beginning of the 1966/67 season. A forceful player who likes to go forward to back up the forwards in attack. Height 6ft., weight 12st. 5lb.

DON ROGERS (Outside-Right or Left). Born Paulton. Probably the most sought-after player in the team. He was signed by Swindon when only 15 and quickly came to the fore. Gained many England Youth International caps and subsequently played in the England Under-23 International Team. Was the club's top goal scorer last season with 28 goals. Height 5ft. 10½in., weight 12st. 10lb.

DON HEATH (Outside-Right). Born Stockton. Signed from Norwich in September, 1967. Formerly with Middlesbrough, where he served as an apprentice professional. A hard-working winger who is also able to play in the inside-forward position. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 8lb.

WILLIE PENMAN (Inside-Forward). Born Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle United in September, 1966, for a considerable fee. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. A clever ball playing inside-forward who has also appeared at centre-forward with the club. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 10st. 10lb.

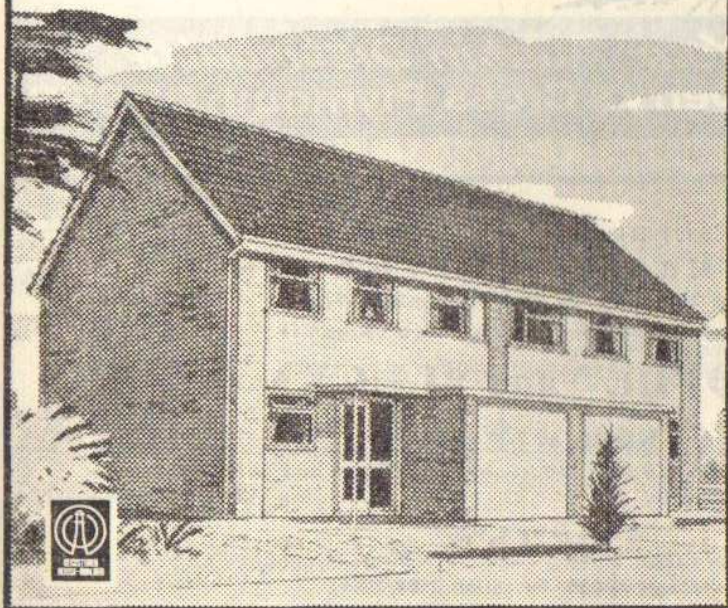
PETER NOBLE (Inside-Forward). Born Sunderland. Joined the club from Newcastle in January, 1968, for whom he played for four years. Prefers to play an attacking role. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 10st. 10lb.

JOHN SMITH (Inside-Forward). Born London. Signed from Torquay United in June, 1968, and previously played for Leyton Orient, West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry. Former England Under-23 International. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 13st.

CHRIS JONES (Centre-Forward). Born Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City, for which club he played in their touring team in America. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 11st. 12lb.

JOHN BAILEY (Inside-Forward). Born Oxford. Joined the club in August, 1966, as an apprentice professional and signed as a professional in August, 1968. A strong player who has appeared in many positions for the Football Combination side. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 12st.

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14	Exeter City ... (H)	0 0	8,746	
	F.L. Cup 1st Round			
17	Bournemouth ... (A)	1 0		
21	Exeter City Replay (A)	0 0		
24	Reading ... (H)	3 1	8,725	E. Dingle & Co. Limited, Royal Parade, Plymouth.
31	Swindon Town ... (A)	0 3		
September				
4	F.L. Cup 2nd Round			
7	Shrewsbury Town (A)	0 1		
14	Bristol Rovers ... (H)	3 1	9,333	Rev. J. Ashplant, Plymouth.
18	Walsall ... (H)	1 0	11,118	Plymouth Breweries Ltd., Stonehouse, Plymouth.
20	Stockport County ... (A)	3 2		
23	Barnsley ... (H)	0 0	12,996	Hitchings & Mason, Printers, West Hoe Road, Plymouth.
25	F.L. Cup 3rd Round			
28	Northampton T. (H)	0 1	10,505	Clarke Doble & Brendon, Printers, Cattedown, Plymouth.
October				
5	Torquay United (H)	1 2	20,810	Bakers, Removers, St. Andrew's Cross, Plymouth.
9	Hartlepool U. ... (H)	3 0	7,565	Messrs. Ford & Lock, Mayflower Street, Plymouth.
11	Southport ... (A)	0 2		
14	Hartlepool U. ... (A)	1 1		
16	F.L. Cup 4th Round			
19	Luton Town ... (H)	2 0	12,659	Mr. F. S. Ray, Willowbank, 6 Torrridge Close, Plympton.
26	Gillingham ... (A)	0 1		
30	F.L. Cup 5th Round			
November				
2	Oldham Athletic (H)	1 1	9,811	E. J. Rickard Ltd., Printers, Holborn St., St. Judes, Plymouth
6	Mansfield Town (H)	1 0	6,603	The Independent, 55 Exeter Street, Plymouth.
9	Barrow ... (A)	0 1		
16	F.A. Cup 1st Round			
	Reading ... (A)	0 1		
23	Barnsley ... (A)	0 3		
30	Orient ... (H)	2 1	7,129	G. T. Crouch Ltd., Builders, Southway, Plymouth.
December				
4	F.L. Cup Semi-Final			
7	F.A. Cup 2nd Round			
14	Southport ... (H)	0 4	7,231	Whitbread & Co. Ltd., Brewers, Millbay Road, Plymouth.
21	Luton Town ... (A)	0 2		
28	Gillingham ... (H)	1 1	7,627	Geo. Smale & Son Ltd., Fruit, Potatoe Merchants, Plymouth
1969				
January				
4	Brighton ... (H)	1 1	6,774	S. Stout Ltd., Hairdressers, Sundriesmen, Plymouth.
11	Oldham Athletic ... (A)	2 0		
18	Barrow ... (H)	4 1	8,337	T. H. Voisin & Son, Buxchers, 151 Union Street, Plymouth
February				
1	Rotherham United (A)	1 0		
5	Torquay United ... (A)	1 0		
8				
15	Orient ... (A)	2 1		
22	Tranmere Rovers (H)	1 0	12,616	J. Thomas Spink, 5 Headland Park, Plymouth.
March				
1	Crewe Alexandra ... (A)	1 2		
5	Brighton ... (A)	0 0		
8	Bournemouth ... (H)	1 1	11,961	G. H. Gillin, Belgrave Hotel, Torquay.
12	Rotherham U. ... (H)	1 2	6,605	Mr. S. E. Williams, The Bungalow, Wembury Rd., Plymouth
14	Reading ... (A)	2 1		
17	Tranmere Rovers ... (A)	2 2		
22	Swindon Town ... (H)	7 1		Mr. Cecil Howett, 24 Compton Ave., Plymouth.
29	Shrewsbury T. ... (H)	7 1		Mr. Burge, 3 Penrose Street, Plymouth.
April				
5	Northampton T. ... (A)			
7	Walsall ... (A)			
8	Watford ... (H)			
12	Stockport C. ... (H)			Hooper's of Plymouth (Cash Betting) Ltd.
15	Watford ... (A)			Corporal Veale, V.C., Balham, London.
19	Bristol Rovers ... (A)			
28	Mansfield Town ... (A)			

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP FIXTURES

1968	Result F. A.	Attend.	1968	Result F. A.	Attend.
August			September		
10 Swansea Town ... (A)	1 2		7 Bristol Rovers ... (H)	1 6	908
17 Bristol City ... (H)	1 1	975	11 Cardiff ... (A)	1 2	
20 Bristol Rovers ... (A)	1 1		14 Chelsea ... (A)	0 2	
24 Bristol City ... (A)	0 0		21 Cardiff ... (H)	2 5	699
28 Chelsea ... (H)	0 1	1,155	October		
31 Swansea Town ... (H)	1 1	814	10		
			17		
			21		

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES

1968	Result F. A.	Attend.	1969	Result F. A.	Attend.
October			January		
5 Oxford ... (A)	1 3		4 Tottenham Hotspur (A)	0 5	
16 Fulham ... (H)	0 2	685	11 Walsall ... (H)	1 1	671
19 Swansea ... (A)	1 1		18		
26 Queens Park R. ... (H)	0 1	805	22 Birmingham C. ... (H)	3 1	731
30 Reading ... (A)	2 0		February		
November			1 Cardiff City ... (H)	1 0	1,544
9 Ipswich Town ... (H)	2 1	695	8 Swindon Town ... (H)	0 0	794
16 Crystal Palace ... (H)	0 1	626	15 Bristol Rovers ... (A)	1 2	
23 Southampton ... (H)	0 1	486	22 Arsenal ... (A)	0 5	
December			March		
7 Chelsea ... (A)	2 0		15 Peterborough U. (H)	0 4	470
14 Bristol City ... (A)	1 2		22 Norwich ... (A)		
18 Gillingham ... (H)	0	491	April		
28 Leicester City ... (A)	1 1		5 Luton Town ... (A)		
			10 Northampton T. ... (A)		
			16 Bournemouth ... (H)		
			19 West Ham United (A)		

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Saturday, March 29th.	Football League.	Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. SHREWSBURY TOWN		
Tuesday, 8th April	Football League	Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. WATFORD		
Saturday, April 12th	Football League	Kick-off 3.15 p.m.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. STOCKPORT COUNTY		
Wednesday, April 16th	Football Combination	Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. BOURNEMOUTH		

NOTICE

We regret that we cannot accept any applications from supporters for Cup Final tickets this season. We have in the past been able to assist season ticket holders but this season, as a Division III club, our allocation has been reduced by 60 per cent.

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Excursions

Our next coach trip will be to Northampton. Return fare 30/-.

Bristol: Advance notice of our excursion by rail to Bristol by "Pilgrim Express" on Saturday, April 19th. Fare 20/- return.

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