



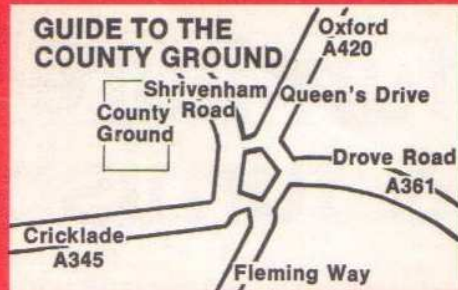
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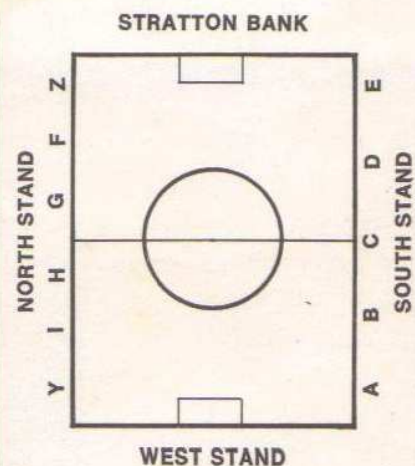
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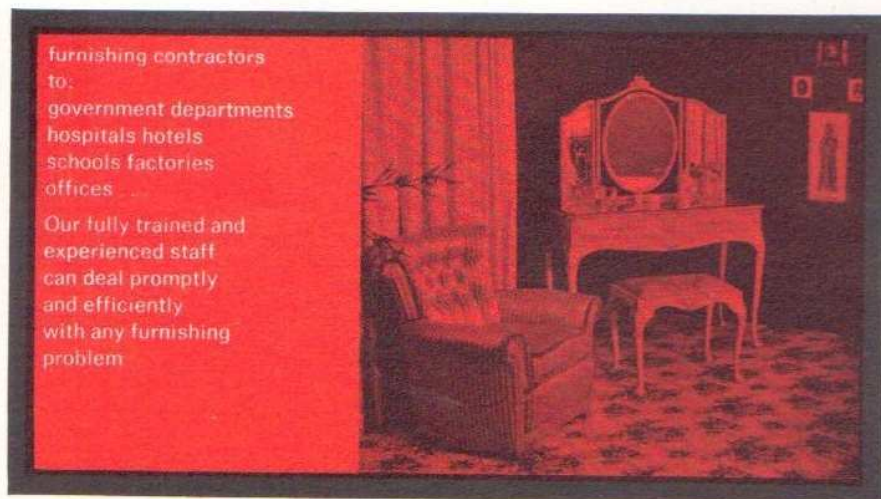
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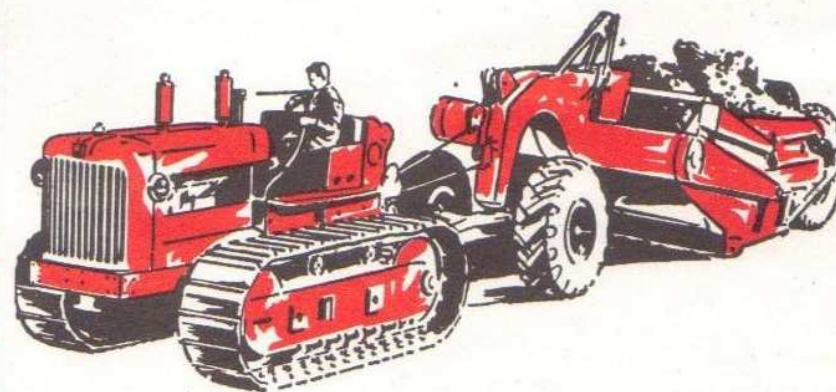


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**SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1969**

**DIVISION III**

**SWINDON TOWN**

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**WATFORD**

**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

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## NEWS and VIEWS

Well, the chips are down, and the struggle for promotion becomes much harder. One has learnt never to forecast in football. Nothing is sure until the last game has ended. In 1965, when we lost our place in Division II, Swindon was never in the bottom two places until the very final day of the season.

It does look however, that promotion rests between three clubs — Watford, Swindon and Luton Town. Although we must not rule out teams like Plymouth Argyle, Bournemouth & B.A. and Stockport County. At the time of writing, the three leading clubs have all played 35 games. Watford has gained 49 points, Swindon 47, and Luton Town 45. Much has probably happened in the week. We hope we have gained two points from the match against Barnsley.

After tonight's game, we have five more matches at home and four away. Watford, unless they have played in the week, have five home games and five away. Luton Town, unless they had a fixture in mid-week, have six home games and five away.

There is little difference in the programmes of the three clubs, apart from the fact that we have only four away games. This usually proves an advantage, and more so this year, because as Cup Winners every game against us becomes a cup-tie.

Much will depend on the Easter programme, as we play at Crewe on Good Friday and Shrewsbury on Easter Saturday. Four points would make a great difference, but both these clubs are fighting desperately to avoid relegation, and the



## NEWS & VIEWS—continued

games will be hard. After that week-end, we have only two more away games, one at Rotherham (will they be kind?) and the other at Walsall. Both these clubs will want to win more than ever. To defeat the Cup-holders adds to their prestige. It almost makes them cup-winners.

We played Watford at the beginning of the season, on Saturday, 7th September, 1968. This was soon after John Trollope had broken his arm, so the result, a 0—0 draw, was thought to be a good performance. Owen Dawson played instead of John Trollope, otherwise the team was the same as played in the Wembley Final.

The visit of Watford to the County Ground last season on 11th November, 1968, produced an excellent game. Goals by Pat Terry and Don Rogers in the first half gave Swindon a two goals to nil victory.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Watford: Slater; Welbourne, Williams; Hale, Garvey, Waller; Scullion, Curry, Garbett, Farrall, Owen.

Referee: Mr. R. B. Kirkpatrick.

Attendance: 13,147. Receipts: £2,377 5s. 6d.

Jimmy Lawton (ex-Swindon) substituted for Curry after seventy minutes, and Bruce Walker for Willy Penman after eighty minutes.

The return game played on Saturday, 6th April, 1968, resulted in a victory of two goals to nil for the home side. Jones played in goal for Swindon, Thomas right-back, Noble outside-right, and Dawson inside-right.

## NEWS & VIEWS—continued

We unfortunately lost at Plymouth, but it is good to see Arsenal facing up to their disappointments. By winning at home one nil against both Queen's Park Rangers and Tottenham, they now occupy third position in the League table, and by virtue of the fact they hold the highest place of the London clubs, look likely to play in the Fairs Cup next season. We wish them well.

Our supporters are still being praised for their conduct, not only at Wembley, but also in their journeys to and from the Stadium. This is grand indeed, and we must congratulate the organisers of the various means of transport, everything seemed to have worked extremely well. British Railways receive many kicks these days, but apparently every train (15 in all) ran right on time (even allowing for extra time). Everyone had a seat, and the rolling stock was in first-class condition. I suppose it should be coming from Swindon, but unfortunately we don't have much to do with that now. Every bus party arrived home safely and those in the official parties were well and truly catered for.

Naturally, tonight's game is very important, and will be keenly contested. We hope all present will witness a fine game of football, played in the right spirit and the right manner. A repetition of the Wembley game will suit. After all, the two leading teams in the Division should produce excellent football. We are sure they will.

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## OUR VISITORS



### WATFORD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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#### BERT SLATER

Signed from Dundee in May 1965. In a successful career he kept goal for Falkirk when they won the Scottish Cup in 1957, helped Liverpool back to Division 1 status in 1962 and was in Dundee's team that won through to European Cup semi-final in 1963. Gained a Scottish under-23 cap against Wales in 1959. An ever-present member of the first team last season, Bert has now made 145 first team appearances.

#### JOHN WILLIAMS

John was born in London near to Spurs ground. Signed originally as an apprentice he became a full professional in 1964, and so far has made 133 first team appearances. Did not miss a first team match last season.

#### DUNCAN WELBOURNE

Joined Watford from Grimsby Town in November 1963. He was with the "Mariners" for five seasons and helped them regain Division 2 status. Has played more first team games for Watford than any other player on the Club books, the total at the beginning of this season being 216.

#### BRIAN GARVEY

Brian had eight seasons with Hull City before joining Watford in July 1965. Did not miss a first team game last season and has made 139 appearances for the Club. A qualified coach, Brian spent most of last summer in Zambia with a party of coaches and players seeking to improve the standard of football in that country.





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### OUR VISITORS—continued

#### KEITH EDDY

Keith became a Watford player in July 1966 after previously playing for Barrow. Last season he made 37 League appearances and 6 cup appearances to bring his total for the Club to 95. Appointed skipper of the Club towards the end of last season. His hobbies include golf and table tennis.

#### TOM WALLEY

Tom was born in Caernarvon and after leaving school played for the local side. Spotted by an Arsenal scout he eventually joined the staff at Highbury. Tom became a Watford player in March 1967 and made 49 first team appearances last season and continued to captain the Welsh under-23 eleven. Was also selected as reserve for Wales in the full International against West Germany.

#### STEWART SCULLION

Prior to coming to Watford in February 1966, Stewart was with Charlton Athletic, who signed him from Chesham United. Born in Boness, he has lived in Ruislip for many years but moved into Watford during the summer following upon his marriage. Scored nine league goals in 1967/68 and some of them were indeed memorable ones.

#### TERRY GARBETT

Terry came south from Middlesbrough in August 1966 and finished his first season as leading goalscorer with 18 goals. Last season he found the net on 14 occasions. So far he has made 96 first team appearances for Watford scoring a total of 32 goals. By way of relaxation, Terry is a keen fisherman.

#### BRIAN OWEN

Brian came to Watford as an amateur, became an apprentice and finally a full professional. He gained an England Youth cap against Switzerland in 1963. Although only 23, he has served the Club longer than any other player with the Club. In his spare time he is studying to become a physiotherapist.



## OUR VISITORS—continued

### ROY LOW

As a schoolboy, Roy gained honours at all levels of the game, playing for Watford, Hertfordshire, London and England. Joined Tottenham Hotspur on leaving school and came to Vicarage Road in February 1967.

### BARRY DYSON

Born in Oldham, Barry commenced his career with Bury in 1960 and moved to Tranmere Rovers in 1962. It was with this club that he made his reputation as a goalscorer, finding the net over 100 times. He moved to Crystal Palace in 1966 and went to Watford in January 1968. During the remainder of the season he made 20 appearances and scored 15 goals to finish as leading scorer.

### BERNARD LEWIS

Transferred to Watford from Cardiff City in November 1967 for whom he signed professional terms in 1963. He played nearly 100 Cup and League games for the "Bluebirds", including European Cup matches. He has won five under-23 caps for his native Wales.

### MICHAEL PACKER

Michael was born in London and completed his apprenticeship with the Club in April 1968 and was immediately signed as a full professional.

### DIXIE HALE

Born in Waterford, Dixie was first signed from Waterford by Swansea Town. He gained several caps for the League of Ireland. From Swansea he moved to Barrow and then on to Workington before signing for Watford in July 1967. Last season he made 48 first team appearances and scored 6 goals.

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During this time he has officiated at over 300 games, visited more than half the league grounds and controlled every team except York City, whilst in the F.A. Cup he has officiated in all rounds up to the 6th and every round of the League Cup up to the semi-final. Refereed the 1968 England v. Young England and F.A. Charity Shield Match, Manchester City v. W.B.A.

He was linesman in the 1951 Amateur Cup Final and also linesman in the 1961 F.A. Cup Final, when Tottenham Hotspur beat Leicester City to complete the famous double. He has also officiated in Holland, Spain, Italy and Portugal in European competitions and refereed the 1968 Channel Islands Upton Cup Final.

Married with two children (one of each), he is a Chartered Electrical Engineer employed on High Voltage Transmission. In his spare time his hobbies are bee-keeping and "do-it-yourself", whilst he is also President of the Portsmouth Referees' Society.



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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)	7,808	(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
26	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	14,387	(A)	1-0
20	Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final)	25,755	(A)	2-1
23	Mansfield Town	5,380	(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	18,528	(H)	0-2
11	Southport	5,232	(A)	1-1
18	Luton Town	18,903	(H)	0-0
24	Tranmere Rovers	8,181	(A)	5-3
28	Oldham Athletic	21,316	(H)	5-1
February 1	Barnsley	13,983	(A)	1-1
4	Hartlepool United	18,921	(H)	1-1
15	Barrow	3,470	(A)	3-0
18	Tranmere Rovers	19,714	(H)	1-0
22	Rotherham United	23,515	(H)	1-0
25	Gillingham	17,489	(H)	1-0
March 1	Northampton Town	17,081	(H)	1-0
5	Gillingham	6,104	(A)	0-2
8	Stockport County	6,550	(A)	1-2
15	Arsenal (Wembley)	100,000	(A)	3-1
22	Plymouth Argyle		(A)	1-2
25	Barnsley	17,199	(H)	2-0
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)	
22	Mansfield Town		(H)	
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Watford ...	35	20	9	6	58	24	49
<b>Swindon Town</b> ...	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>49</b>
Luton Town ...	36	20	7	9	59	31	47
Plymouth Argyle...	38	17	10	11	46	39	44
Bournemouth & B.A.	35	17	6	12	54	34	40
Tranmere Rovers...	38	16	8	14	54	56	40
Stockport County	35	14	11	10	59	47	39
Brighton & H.A. ...	40	14	11	15	63	56	39
Northampton Town	36	14	10	12	55	41	38
Torquay United ...	34	15	7	12	43	33	37
Walsall ...	37	12	12	13	40	38	36
Rotherham United	36	13	10	13	44	41	36
Orient ...	36	12	11	14	42	47	35
Reading ...	36	12	10	14	54	53	34
Bristol Rovers ...	36	13	8	15	54	57	34
Southport ...	34	13	6	15	55	59	32
Barnsley ...	35	11	10	14	43	51	32
Gillingham ...	36	10	11	15	45	55	31
Barrow ...	35	12	7	16	44	62	31
Crewe Alexandra	35	11	6	18	41	56	28
Hartlepool United	36	7	14	15	32	65	28
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The Chairman,  
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On behalf of our members, may I thank you for the congratulations in your letter of the 17th inst.

Such an event is the ambition of members of Supporters' Clubs of all lower — and many higher — League Football Clubs. To realise it makes many years of hard, voluntary work, aimed at subsidising and generally supporting parent Clubs, eminently worthwhile.

Nothing would give my members greater pleasure than to be able to congratulate your members on a similar success, and in the near future, rather than the far.

Yours faithfully,

D. Pearce  
(Chairman, Swindon Town Football  
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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

A warm welcome is extended to bona fide members of Watford Supporters' Social Club who are here tonight, to our own Social Club in the car park outside. It is regretted that lack of space prevents us from admitting any other Watford supporters.

Social Club members should find plenty of entertainment in the Social Club over the Easter holidays. Here is the full list of entertainment available:

**Good Friday, April 4th.** BINGO, at 8 p.m. sharp (note early start). From 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. a **special entertainment** by the **British Railways Band**.

**Easter Saturday, April 5th.** A Saturday PARTY NIGHT, with dancing from 8.30 to 11 p.m. to music by "**The Kentones**".

**Easter Sunday, April 6th.** BINGO at 8 p.m. sharp, and then dancing to "**The Mark Five**" (numbers for all ages by an up-and-coming young Group).

**Easter Monday,** a bar extension to 11.30 p.m. and something new as well: BINGO. A **special session** with bonus prizes, at 8 p.m. sharp. And then, from 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., something new. The sensational **Paul Levack**, with the **Saxe-Four** music. Another up-and-coming combination from Cheltenham.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the recent death of Mr. George Rouse, one of our long serving Club Committee members. George was always willing to serve the Supporters' Club, in any capacity, at any time, and will be sorely missed. The sympathy of all who knew him is extended to his widow and family.

To end on a cheerful note, our Rosie — Mrs. Warminger — one of the few founder members still on the Committee, is recovering from her illnesses, and intends to be here this evening. Welcome back, Rosie.



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### DIVISION III

Saturday, 22nd March, 1969.

Lost to PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Away) 2—1.

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

Scorer: Smart.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. M. V. Sinclair (Guildford).

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 22nd March, 1969.

Drew with WALSALL (Home) 1—1.

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

Scorer: Desmeules.

Referee: Mr. R. L. Weedon (Reading).

Monday, 24th March, 1969.

Drew with QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS (Away) 0—0.

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

Referee: Mr. D. H. Lea (Hornchurch).

### HELLENIC LEAGUE

Saturday, 22nd March, 1969.

Beat AMERSHAM (Home) 1—0.

Team: Grzadkowski; Blake, Morris; Aldworth, Grubb, Tompkins;  
Dudden, Collins, Smith, Stroud, Claypole.

Scorer: Morris.



**Stan Harland, Swindon Town captain, shows the cup to the Swindon supporters at Wembley.**

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