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Club Notes

We take this opportunity of expressing the deep regret of the Directors, Officials, players and supporters of Swindon Town Football Club at the untimely death of Mr. Tom Whittaker. Not only did he serve his own Club well but also rendered invaluable service to the game of football generally and was greatly respected by all connected with the game. He will be sorely missed.

The match at Southampton last Saturday was a hard-fought affair and although we lost the game in the last few minutes the team are entitled to credit that against the League leaders—they were always in the fight. Indeed, it would be fair to say that in this match, at any rate, there was not a great deal of difference between the teams at the top and the bottom of the table. Southampton supporters seemed at a loss to understand why we were at the bottom of the league and it seems inevitable that we shall start climbing soon. This afternoon's game should be of more than ordinary interest because apart from our recent acquisitions to the team, Coventry have also excited interest with some recent signings.

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The 'B' team maintained their position at the head of the Borough League by a fine win of 7-3 against Wootton Bassett last Saturday. The 'A' team game unfortunately had to be called off but they meet Frome this evening under the 'lights' in the Wiltshire Premier League and with the additions to their strength they should soon be proving tough opposition to all their opponents in this league.

It is regrettable that despite our repeated appeals to the supporters not to do anything which will bring the good name of the Club into disrepute one or two spectators continue to show their childish displeasure at the actions of the officials or members of the visiting teams by foolish and cowardly incidents. Apart from the duty that the Club owes to the Football Association to see that the officials and players are not molested we are anxious, as we know the overwhelming number of supporters are, to make it impossible for these ill-mannered people to give a false impression of the loyalty and sportsmanship of the body of our supporters. To this end we will take whatever steps are necessary but we appeal to you all to do your part in bringing an end to these incidents.

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Interest will undoubtedly be centred around three members of the Coventry team. First, Goalkeeper Matthews, the current English International 'keeper. He is a great player and one fully deserving of the honours which have come his way.

Another player who will be watched is Outside-right Mokone. Leaving his native Africa, he paid his own fare to England to try his luck as an amateur with Coventry. He was so successful that he was signed as a professional and has already established himself as a first team player and a favourite with the home crowd.

Of particular interest to our own supporters will be Inside-right Walton who chose the Midland Club in preference to Swindon when he moved from Burnley recently.

For the record, our meeting last season resulted — Swindon T. 1 - Coventry C. 1. Our Scorer was Bob Edwards.

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The engagement of Mr. Head as Manager of Swindon Town Football Club, with the subsequent signing of V. Jack from Bury, has brought us a number of enquiries regarding previous transfers between the two Clubs.

Looking through the records for the past 50 years we find that in 1908 Swindon transferred J. Gill (fullback) to Bury. Gill is regarded by older supporters to have been the fastest fullback ever to have played for the Town, with the possible exception of T. Wylie. Gill was replaced in Swindon's team by the better-remembered H. Kay.

Signings by Swindon from Bury include F. Warburton in 1907, later transferred to Plymouth Argyle, N. Kirby and R. Rushton in 1930 and H. Williams in 1954. Norman Kirby left the Town in 1932 for Belfast, where he became a well known outside-left, and played several times for the Irish League

Before another set of notes appears, the draw for Round 1 of the F.A. Cup will have been made. This always leads to hopes of a big match in one of the later Rounds—possibly an "All-ticket" match at the County Ground—so, once again, we urge our friends to see that their Membership Subscriptions are paid up to date.

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