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Club Notes

As these are the last notes to be written for 1956, and as, after this afternoon's game, we shall have completed half of our fixtures for this season, it would seem appropriate to take stock of our position. In a lot of respects it is similar to last year. At the beginning of both seasons we made a very poor start and staged recoveries at about the beginning of November. We were on the bottom of the league a year ago with twelve points from twenty-three matches and to-day, with one match in hand, we are still on the bottom but with seventeen points. Last year between 19th November and 27th December we played nine matches, three of them Cup-ties, and were unbeaten. This year the record is not quite so good and since the beginning of November we have lost two of the seven games played, but if we get maximum points from the three games still to be fought this year almost certainly we should start the new Year somewhere up the Table.

Financially there is a very decided improvement. The 'gates' this year have been better and give much encouragement for the future but it is to the Supporters' Club that we owe our thanks for the fact that we face 1957 without the anxiety of a year ago. Splendid as were their efforts then, they have this year surpassed themselves and have enabled us appreciably to reduce our debts, obtain the

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services of additional players and to put the affairs of our Club once again into the hands of a Manager. It is, therefore, with confidence that we face the second half of this season and hope that by the time the notes are written for the next home match on 12th January, we shall be able to record that we have moved off the bottom rung of the ladder.

In this mood of optimism we wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Congratulations to the Swindon Boys on their fine win over Birmingham in the English Schools Shield Competition. May they go even further in the Competition than their successful team of last year.

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Now managed by Mr. Neil McBain, Watford are enjoying a very good run this season. They are still within striking distance of the League leaders, but like Swindon they were beaten at home in the 2nd Round of the F.A. Cup.

Today's team includes centre-forward Cook and inside-right Graham who were last season's top goal scorers. To complete the inside trio they have been joined by newcomer McMillan. Outside-left Marden is the former Arsenal player who last season scored 6 goals in 26 games, while on the right wing Walker is a local boy who has become a regular member of the First Team.

In defence they have the ex Preston and Bradford City goalkeeper Gooch. Centre-half Roy Brown will probably be better remembered by our supporters as a centre-forward. Catleugh was secured from Nuneaton following Watford's defeat by that Club in the F.A. Cup two seasons ago and has proved his worth since. The strong man in defence is undoubtedly left-half Mitchell the former Chelsea player.

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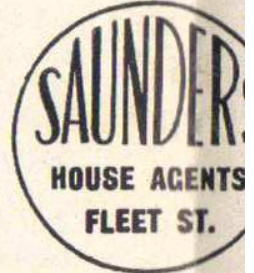
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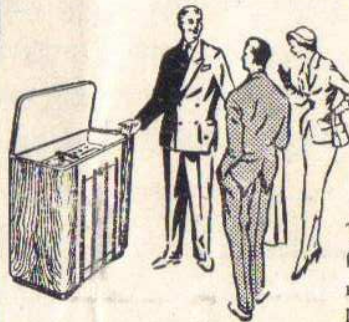
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Our drive for membership enrolments continues, and we hope that those supporters, who regularly participate in our Competition, will not delay their application for full membership of the Club — so that we may derive the maximum benefit from the Income tax concessions to which Clubs become entitled in respect of transactions with members.

For several weeks we have included names and addresses of various members of our Committee, and other helpers, to assist the general public in getting into

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