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Club Chatter

The following statement has been issued jointly by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of The Grecians' Association:—

“Owing to the serious financial position of the Club, the Directors have requested the Grecians' Association to agree to transfer to the Club's account the amount of £1,100 reserved for ground improvements.”

“As a result of the marked decline in attendances at St. James' Park, this money is required to meet immediate working expenses, and in view of this, the Executive Committee of the Grecians' Association has agreed to make this money available to the Club immediately. In addition, a further sum of £750 has also been handed over by the Association to the Club.”

There is no sense in trying to gloss over the situation in which we find ourselves today, but while it has to be admitted that we are desperately in need of points we also know after last Saturday's visit to Gillingham that our lads can still fight hard.

Even the most ardent Gillingham supporter was bound to admit that after the manner in which City fought back in the second half we were unlucky not to have brought home a point.

You may not think that one point matters much one way or another but a closer look at the League table will prove that the situation is one in which every single point counts. Immediately above us there are two teams who have one point more than us, three teams with only two points more, and one team with three points more. Actually there are eleven teams with only six points difference between the highest and the lowest.

This afternoon's game is likely to produce a keen tussle for like ourselves Swindon Town are anxious to improve their position. The Railwaymen have not won an away game since November 10th when they won 4—2 at Norwich, but while we sympathise with our old friends in their plight it will be up to our lads to see that they do not break the sequence of away defeats at our expense.

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Club Chatter—Continued

We must not forget that Swindon were in just as poor a position last season but they were still able to snatch two points away from us on their visit to St. James Park.

On that occasion after Frank Houghton had put us in the lead with a beautifully headed goal, Swindon made a second-half come-back to run out winners with two goals by centre-forward Maurice Owen.

This will be Swindon's 40th League or Cup visit to Exeter, for with the exception of the breaks during the two World Wars we have been meeting them regularly every season since our club joined the old Southern League way back in 1908.

In those days Swindon were one of the most powerful sides in the country. With men like Bob Jefferson, Jock Walker and the great Harold Fleming they were Southern League champions twice and F.A. Cup semi-finalists twice, all in the space of only five years. Of course, at that time the Southern League included teams like Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United and Portsmouth. Then Swindon could beat Norwich City 10—2 and 7—1, and Reading 9—1.

This afternoon Swindon will probably include two of their longest serving players, goalkeeper Sam Burton and outside-right, Maurice Owen.

Sam Burton has made over 250 appearances since he joined the club in 1945 and Maurice Owen has made something like 350 appearances, scoring about 100 goals during the 11 seasons he has been with the Town.

These are two grand club-men and I can well remember more than three years ago when talking football with Mr. Maurice Lindley who was Swindon's manager at that time, how he was full of praise for the loyalty of these men. About that time Swindon had refused several offers for Maurice Owen and what was even more gratifying to Mr. Lindley and to the Swindon supporters, Maurice had himself refused to leave the Town.

M.G.

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Right

	2	Red at Hunter
	Lackenby	
4		5
John		Harvey
7	8	9
Buckle	Currie	Mitchell

Referee :

Mr. C. G. PORTER (Taunton)

Linesmen :

Mr. H. V. Gisborne (Red Flag)

Mr. D. Milverton (Yellow Flag)

11	10	9
Darcy	Edwards	Micklewrig
	6	5
	Pembury	Jack
	3	
	Earl	

Left

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	Ferrier	6	
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Marvey	10		11
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Last Seasons Result :
Exeter City 1
Swindon Town 2

9	8	7
Clewright	Richards	Owen
5	4	
Jack	Fountain	
	2	
	Cross	

Burton Right
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Our Visitors

BURTON, SAM. (Goalkeeper). A local product who has spent the whole of his professional career with Swindon. Now in his eleventh season and was an ever-present last season.

CROSS, JIMMY (Right-back). Previously with Everton and now in his fourth season at Swindon. Played right-half in the corresponding game last season.

EARL, STAN. (Left-back). Joined Swindon from Leyton Orient last November. Had three Third Division games with the Londoners last season.

FOUNTAIN, JACK (Right-half). A newcomer to the side who was signed from Sheffield Wednesday early this year.

JACK, VINCENT (Centre-half). In his first season with Swindon, whom he joined from Bury. Made nine first team appearances for the Second Division club last term.

PEMBURY, GORDON (Left-half). Captain of the side. Joined Swindon from Charlton and was previously with Torquay United and Cardiff City.

OWEN, MAURICE (Outside-right). Has proved a menace to City's defence for the past ten seasons, all of which he has spent with Swindon, his only professional club. Formerly a centre-forward. Top scorer last season with 13 goals in 44 games.

RICHARDS, JACK (Inside-right). In his first season as a professional but made two Third Division appearances last campaign. Played for the R.A.P.C. during his National Service.

MICKLEWRIGHT, ANDY (Centre-forward). Was transferred to Swindon from Bristol City three years ago. Scored four times in 32 Third Division games last season.

EDWARDS, BOB (Inside-left). Now in his third season with Swindon. Previously with Chelsea. Was an ever-present last season and was second highest goal-scorer with eleven.

DARCY, ARNOLD (Outside-left). Making his first appearance at St. James' Park for he only joined Swindon from Wigan Athletic last October.



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LEAGUE TABLES

(up to and including Saturday, February 23rd)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Colchester ..	34	18	9	7	70	41	45
Torquay ..	33	17	9	7	66	52	43
Ipswich ..	33	16	7	10	75	40	39
Southampton ..	30	15	6	9	49	31	36
Bournemouth ..	32	13	10	9	61	40	36
Northampton ..	33	14	8	11	54	44	36
Shrewsbury ..	32	11	14	7	51	52	36
Walsall ..	34	12	11	11	63	52	35
Reading ..	32	14	7	11	60	53	35
Brighton ..	34	13	9	12	58	54	35
Q.P.R. ..	32	13	9	10	46	43	35
Millwall ..	30	13	6	11	52	61	32
Newport ..	29	10	11	8	39	35	31
Gillingham ..	34	10	11	13	47	60	31
Southend ..	31	11	8	12	47	48	30
Watford ..	32	12	5	15	56	58	29
Brentford ..	31	10	9	12	49	59	29
Aldershot ..	32	11	7	14	58	68	29
Plymouth ..	32	10	7	15	46	56	27
Crystal Palace ..	32	8	11	13	44	54	27
EXETER CITY ..	33	8	10	15	42	55	26
Coventry ..	32	9	8	15	46	65	26
SWINDON ..	33	11	3	19	52	80	25
Norwich ..	34	5	11	18	44	74	21

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
Kettering T. ..	30	20	4	6	77	37	46
Bedford T. ..	30	17	7	6	65	41	40
Weymouth ..	31	16	7	8	71	56	40
Lovells A. ..	30	17	9	4	76	63	38
Gravesend & N.U. ..	30	15	8	7	54	47	37
Cheltenham T. ..	28	14	6	8	56	34	36
Headington U. ..	30	16	10	4	53	46	36
Guildford C. ..	30	12	11	7	47	38	31
Worcester C. ..	30	12	11	7	57	54	31
Hereford U. ..	26	14	10	2	64	36	30
Tonbridge ..	27	12	9	6	53	37	30
Gloucester C. ..	28	13	12	3	41	52	29
Bath C. ..	30	11	13	6	43	56	28
Hastings U. ..	27	11	11	5	45	39	27
Chelmsford C. ..	29	11	13	5	57	66	27
Dartford ..	31	9	13	9	57	70	27
Merthyr Tydfil ..	30	8	14	8	52	66	24
EXETER CITY ..	30	9	15	6	44	65	24
Yeovil T. ..	28	6	13	9	54	62	21
Kidderminster H. ..	30	5	16	9	42	58	19
Barry T. ..	29	3	19	7	24	62	13
Llanelly ..	28	2	22	4	30	87	8

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Currie 12, Buckle 5, Burke 4, Houghton 4, Harvey 3, Thomas 3, Beer 2,
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Total 42.

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Buckle 2, Currie 2, Houghton 2, Mitchell 2, Parr 2, Simpson 2, Grinney 1,
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1956			For	Agst.
Aug. 18	Coventry City	A	0	1
" 22	Norwich City	H	0	0
" 25	Southampton	H	0	4
" 29	Norwich City	A	0	1
Sept. 1	Torquay Utd.	H	1	1
" 5	Newport County	H	2	0
" 8	Crystal Palace	A	0	0
" 13	Newport County	A	1	1
" 15	Southend Utd.	H	6	1
" 19	Colchester Utd.	H	0	2
" 22	Northampton T.	A	1	1
" 24	Colchester Utd.	A	0	4
" 29	Queen's Park R.	H	0	0
Oct. 6	Brighton & H.	A	0	3
" 13	Gillingham	H	4	0
" 20	Swindon Town	A	5	3
" 27	Brentford	H	1	1
Nov. 3	Aldershot	A	4	1
" 10	Watford	H	1	2
" 17	Plymouth A. Cup 1	H	0	2
" 24	Walsall	H	0	1
Dec. 1	Ipswich Town	A	0	3
" 8	Stockport C. (F)	A	2	4
" 15	Coventry City	H	4	2
" 22	Southampton	A	2	2
" 26	Plymouth Argyle	H	2	1
" 29	Torquay Utd.	A	0	1
1957				
Jan. 5	Plymouth Argyle	A	0	5
" 12	Crystal Palace	H	2	1
" 19	Southend Utd.	A	0	2
" 26	(4) Reading	H	1	1
Feb. 2	Northampton T.	H	0	0
" 9	Queen's Park R.	A	3	5
" 16	(5) Brighton	H	1	3
" 23	Gillingham	A	1	2
Mar. 2	(6) Swindon Town	H		
" 9	Bournemouth	A		
" 13	Reading	A		
" 16	Aldershot	H		
" 23	(S.F.) Watford	A		
" 30	Shrewsbury Town	H		
Apr. 6	Walsall	A		
" 13	Ipswich Town	H		
" 19	Millwall	A		
" 20	Brentford	A		
" 22	Millwall	H		
" 27	Shrewsbury Town	A		
May 1	Bournemouth	H		

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

1956			For	Agst.
Aug. 18	Llanelly	H	5	1
" 23	Kidderminster H.	A	2	2
" 25	Kettering T.	A	1	2
" 29	Bath (S.L.C.)	H	7	1
Sept. 1	Bedford Town	A	0	2
" 6	Bath (S.L.C.)	A	1	4
" 8	Headington U.	H	1	3
" 12	Kidderminster H.	H	2	0
" 15	Dartford	A	0	4
" 19	Gloucester City	A	1	0
" 29	Headington U.	A	2	3
Oct. 3	Tonbridge	H	2	1
" 6	Merthyr Tydfil	H	1	1
" 13	Cheltenham T.	A	3	3
" 17	Chelmsford City	H	2	2
" 20	Hereford Utd.	H	3	1
" 27	Barry Town	A	1	2
Nov. 3	P. & D. League(F)	H	4	5
" 10	Yeovil Town	A	1	5
" 17	Tonbridge	A	1	2
" 24	Gravesend & N.	A	0	3
Dec. 1	Weymouth	H	3	3
" 8	Bath City	A	1	3
" 12	R.M. Corps (F)	H	12	2
" 15	Llanelly	A	1	0
" 22	Kettering Town	H	P	
" 29	Bedford Town	H	2	0
1957				
Jan. 5	Gravesend N.U.	H	1	1
" 12	Chelmsford City	A	0	4
" 19	Dartford	H	0	3
" 26	Weymouth	A	1	4
Feb. 2	Hereford U.	A	0	5
" 11	Worcester City	A	3	1
" 16	Merthyr Tydfil	A	3	2
" 23	Cheltenham T.	H	1	2
Mar. 2	Hereford Utd.	A		
" 5	Worcester City	H		
" 9	Barry Town	H		
" 16	Guildford City	A		
" 20	Hastings Utd.	H		
" 23	Yeovil Town	H		
" 30	Hastings Utd.	A		
Apr. 6	Guildford City	H		
" 19	Lovell's Ath.	H		
" 20	Bath City	H		
" 22	Lovell's Ath.	A		
" 27	Gloucester City	H		

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M Reading v Ipswich T.

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