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FIXTURES—1956-57

LEAGUE III (SOUTH)

Feb.	2—Norwich City	A	5—2
..	9—Coventry City	H	3—0
..	16—Shrewsbury Town	.. ..	H	2—2
..	23—Walsall	.. ..	A	2—3
Mar.	2—Ipswich Town	.. ..	H	1—3
..	9—Brentford	.. ..	A	0—4
..	13—Exeter City	.. ..	H	4—0
..	16—Torquay United	.. ..	H	3—1
..	23—Millwall	.. ..	A	0—1
..	25—Southampton	.. ..	H	2—4
..	30—Brighton & Hove Albion	.. ..	H	2—2
April	6—Gillingham	.. ..	A	0—0
..	13—Swindon Town	.. ..	H	
..	19—Watford	.. ..	A	
..	20—Bournemouth & B.A.	.. ..	A	
..	22—Watford	.. ..	H	
..	27—Brighton & Hove A.	.. ..	A	
May	1—Brentford	.. ..	H	

COMBINATION LEAGUE

Jan.	19—Coventry City	.. ..	A	1—2
..	26—Southampton	.. ..	H	0—0
Feb.	2—Brentford	.. ..	H	5—1
..	9—Luton Town	.. ..	A	0—4
..	16—Watford	.. ..	A	1—1
Mar.	2—Leicester City	.. ..	A	0—6
..	9—Cardiff City	.. ..	H	2—3
..	16—Ipswich Town	.. ..	A	1—3
..	23—Birmingham City	.. ..	H	3—1
..	30—Swindon Town	.. ..	A	0—2
April	6—Millwall	.. ..	H	2—3
..	13—Bristol Rovers	.. ..	A	
..	15—Arsenal	.. ..	H	
..	19—Charlton Athletic	.. ..	H	
..	20—Portsmouth	.. ..	H	
..	22—Charlton Athletic	.. ..	A	

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including 6th April)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	P.
Colchester	40	20	13	7	76	45	53
Torquay	40	21	10	9	79	60	52
Ipswich	40	20	8	12	87	47	48
Southampton	39	19	9	11	67	43	47
Brighton	40	17	11	12	72	58	45
Bournemouth	39	15	13	11	72	52	43
Walsall	40	15	12	13	73	61	42
Brentford	40	14	14	12	70	68	42
READING	40	16	9	15	72	68	41
Q.P.R.	39	16	9	14	52	50	41
Shrewsbury	39	12	17	10	61	67	41
Millwall	39	15	10	14	56	73	40
Northampton	39	15	9	15	60	58	39
Newport	37	13	12	12	54	47	38
Watford	39	14	9	16	62	64	37
Southend	39	14	9	16	56	61	36
Aldershot	39	13	10	16	70	82	36
Gillingham	40	12	12	16	52	68	36
Crystal Palace	40	10	14	16	54	67	34
Plymouth	39	12	9	18	55	65	33
Coventry	40	11	11	18	60	77	33
Exeter	40	10	12	18	53	69	32
Swindon	39	12	5	22	57	91	29
Norwich	40	7	14	19	54	83	28

FOOTBALL LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

Tommy Dixon	....	....	29
Jimmy Whitehouse	....	....	13
Jimmy Wheeler	....	....	11
Bobby Campbell	....	....	5
Tommy Cronin	....	....	3
Brian Kirkup	....	....	3
Denis Penford	....	....	3
Ray Reeves	....	....	2
Brian Leach	....	....	1
Tony McCall	....	....	1
Dougie Webb	....	....	1
Tommy Wilson	....	....	1

F.A. CUP

Tommy Dixon	....	....	3
Bobby Campbell	....	....	1
Jimmy Wheeler	....	....	1

READING FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

FOUNDED IN 1871

FROM THE TEAM MANAGER'S OFFICE

Our Football League team made the long journey to Gillingham on Saturday last, and returned with a well deserved point.

Once again, I did not see the game being away on Club business but from the reports I have received, the game was below the standard of some of our recent ones. A very hard ground and a light ball were not conducive to good football.

Bobby Campbell was not fit to play and Jimmy Wheeler took the inside right position with Tommy Wilson on the right wing.

It was a game in which the defenders of both sides dominated the proceedings and every credit must go to our lads for the fight and determination which they showed throughout.

The Football Combination side entertained Millwall and suffered defeat by three goals to two.

It was an interesting game to watch with Jimmy Whitehouse and Roy Green scoring the goals.

On Tuesday evening we entertained Raith Rovers, the Scottish League Club, and an excellent game was seen with our lads fully deserving their victory by the odd goal of five.

The same team did duty as had played at Gillingham, and every credit must go to them for the enthusiasm and determination they showed throughout the game.

We took the lead early in the game through Brian Kirkup, only to see the visitors equalise. They went ahead from the penalty spot and held the lead at the interval.

Shortly after the re-start, Duggie Webb equalised, and later had the satisfaction of scoring the winning goal. The visitors never gave up the fight, but our defence remained solid until the final whistle.

Well done lads, and keep up this fine fighting spirit.

Supporters will, I am sure, be sorry to learn that John Wicks had the misfortune to break his leg whilst playing for our 'A' team at Basingstoke on Saturday last. We all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Presenting

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

whose Directors, Officials and Players we welcome to Elm Park this afternoon for our Football League fixture.

This popular Wiltshire Club are old friends and rivals of many years' standing, dating back to the days when both Clubs were members of the Southern league.

Founded 1908. Ground: County Ground, Swindon. Ground capacity: 30,000. Record attendance: 27,130, v. Notts County, January 10th, 1948. Secretary: Mr. R. A. Morse. Principal honours: Champions, Southern League Division One, 1910-11, 1913-14. Record victory: 9-1 v. Reading, 11th September, 1909. Record defeat: 10-1 v. Manchester City, January 25th, 1940.

Football League record, 1955-56.

Played 46, won 8, drawn 14, lost 24. Goals for 34, against 78. Points 30.

Football League goalscorers, 1955-56.

Owen 13, Edwards 11, Micklewright 4, Gibson 3, Brennan 1, Cross 1.

Results of matches played 1955-56.

Swindon Town 0 Reading 0

Reading 0 Swindon Town 1

The Man on the Cover . . .

DAVID MEESON (Goalkeeper)

Now in his third season with the Club David was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C., on August 10th, 1954, on his release from the Royal Air Force.

Selected as a reserve for England under 23 XI., versus Italy, at Stamford Bridge in January, 1955.
Height: 6ft. 1in. Weight: 12st. 6lbs.

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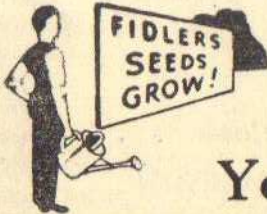


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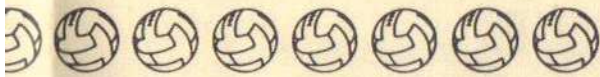
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			TOMMY DIXON
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With the Season in its last stages one's thoughts naturally turn to next Season and I would like to bring to your notice the Season Ticket by the instalment Plan which the Club is running. It is very simple, you pay what you like and when you like the only condition is that payments must be completed by July 31st. Prices of Tickets are: Centre Stand £7.7.0, B and D Stands £6.6.0, A and E Stands £5.5.0, and for the Ground £2.15.0 so to help the Reading Football Club with their Summer Wages problem, send your application to me NOW at 252 Oxford Road, Reading.

Our membership continues to grow and we would like to thank you for the way in which you are supporting our various money raising schemes and all proceeds from these efforts will be used for YOUR benefit.

We would like to thank you for the way you are supporting our Sheet collections and also we would like to thank the men who go round with the sheet, this effort is bringing us in a regular income and Wednesday Night's Collection was £5.0.2½ and this will purchase a Ton of Cement which will be used for Ground improvements behind the Tilehurst Goal.

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KICK-OFF 3.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

SMITH'S COACHES

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

WATFORD

FARE 5/6

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

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B Blackpool v. Chelsea	M Crystal Palace v. Bournemouth
C Charlton v. Burnley	N Exeter v. Ipswich
D Sunderland v. Arsenal	P Newport County v. Brentford
E Tottenham v. Birmingham City	Q Northampton v. Millwall
F Bristol City v. Leyton Orient	R Norwich City v. Watford
G Fulham v. Doncaster Rovers	S Plymouth Argyle v. Gillingham
H Port Vale v. Bristol Rovers	T Q.P.R. v. Brighton
J West Ham v. Bury	U Southampton v. Walsall
K Colchester v. Aldershot	V Southend United v. Torquay

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