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Club Notes

Of necessity these notes are written well in advance of the Easter holidays and before the results of the games played on Good Friday and Saturday are known. We can only hope that we have by now moved up one rung in the league table and that another two points will be gathered this afternoon. Whatever the position our thoughts are naturally turning to next season and here the prospects are brighter. We make no apologies for referring once more to the wonderful assistance we have received from the Supporters' Club, assistance which we are assured will continue and this, together with the abolition of Entertainment Tax, will ensure that on the financial side at any rate, we shall emerge from the depths.

Next Saturday will be the last of our home fixtures for this season and as we are playing Colchester it is bound to be a game containing plenty of interest. It would have been difficult to have chosen a more interesting game for the end of the season.

To-morrow the Swindon Boys meet North Bucks on this ground in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Competition, kick-off 3.0 p.m. On Wednesday, kick-off 6.30 p.m., there is the final of the Advertiser Cup and on the same day our Youth team, comprised mainly of our 'B' team, will meet the Gloucester County Youth team at Cheltenham.

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Northampton Town signed some well known players at the start of this season. They were Reg Elvy, goalkeeper from Blackburn Rovers; Jim Pryde, winghalf from Glasgow Rangers; Ken Poole, winghalf from Swansea; Larry Canning, a very experienced winghalf with Aston Villa; Hugh Morrow, a winger of three years service with West Brom, followed by two with Lockheed Hudson, Leamington; and Alan Woan, an inside forward from Norwich City.

These augmented a trio of signings just before the end of last season. They were centre half, Colin Gale, a strongly built player from Cardiff City. In the same deal with Cardiff, Northampton also signed Roley Williams, an inside forward of great experience with the Welsh club's first team. In the same week Northampton secured Charlie Dutton, a centre forward of four years standing with Coventry.

These added up to the most comprehensive list of signings by Northampton for at least six years. It is hoped they will take Northampton into a good position this season, for most of the players who kept Northampton at the top for the first 17 matches last season are still available. The main departure was Eddie Smith, inside forward, to Colchester.

But the others, a mixture of the clubs ever persistent search for youngsters and several men of experience, remain. The new signings were to strengthen or duplicate positions which showed need of it last season.

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Wing halves Ray Yeoman and Jack Smith are augmented by the new signings. At centre half Gale will be contested by Ben Collins, captain the last four years either in this position or fullback. In addition there are two young pivots, Ron Breakwell and Gordon Hancock who promise greatly.

Jack English and Tom Fowler, regular wingers for several years remain, with the challenge from Roly Mills, who played for the League III, South, against the North last season, and Morrow as keen competitors.

As well as Williams and Woan, Northampton possess a talented young inside forward, Ken Leek, who returned from National Service late last season, to make an instant success in the first team. He was a Welsh Boys Club international.

Centre forward choice is divided between Dutton and Bill Draper, a young player who was top scorer in League matches last season, his first in League football after leaving Lockheed Hudson.

Former player and secretary, David Smith, enters his third year as manager. Trainer of English amateur and British Olympics teams, Jack Jennings enters his 12th season as trainer, now assisted by Joe Payne, formerly of Swansea and Northampton.

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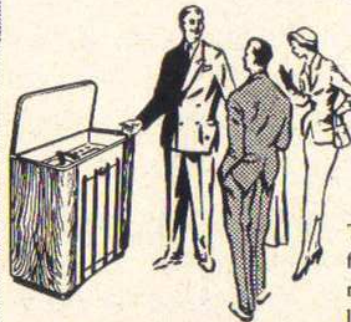
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In spite of the fact that all Supporters are concerned at the League position, and are hoping against hope that the Town may draw away from the hot seats, there is no doubt that, compared with the situation a year ago, things generally have improved.

As mentioned Saturday, the playing record is better than that of last season, without achieving immunity from re-election dangers. Financially, the prospects are much better with due acknowledgments to, first, the passing of the Act which enabled us to launch a more ambitious Competition, and secondly, to the most recent concession by the Chancellor of the Exchequer who has now relieved Football Clubs of the burden of Entertainment Tax.

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Too often, in the past, the attendance at the Annual General Meeting has been disappointing, and only a few in addition to the Committee, have attended.

Some have told us, quite frankly, that they have not come "in case somebody found them a job to do", but, there must be many who would welcome the opportunity to help, and still more with criticisms or suggestions to offer. Competition for the Committee places would be a healthy sign.

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