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Supporters' Association Notes

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 11th October, at the A.S.E. Club, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, at 7.45 p.m. Enter this date in your diary and help us to a record attendance this year. Just a reminder to all our members, all nominations and propositions to be considered by the meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary, **FOUR CLEAR DAYS BEFORE** the date of the meeting. New members are cordially invited and may be enrolled at the door, subscriptions are still only 1/- per year.

The Committee discussed last evening (after these notes were written) the final details of the Old Age Pension Concession Scheme. It is hoped that an announcement can be made to-day, so all Pensioners who are present should call at our Headquarters where the latest information will be available. Grateful thanks

are due to the Directors for their wonderful co-operation in this scheme.

To those of you who have recently been enquiring for our Club Pen, I regret that they are temporarily out of stock, but this should not prevent you placing a firm order with us. You will then be sure of yours in our next supply. So far as we know they will remain at 2/6 each. Don't forget your Ball tickets to-day. This competition is again becoming popular, but to make it a still greater success it is necessary for us to have more ticket sellers. It does not take much of your time and very little football if any need be missed. Call at our headquarters now and contact our Organizer, Mr. G. McGlynn.

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GOOD afternoon everyone; welcome once again to the Stadium. And a sincere and warm welcome too, to visiting **Swindon Town**, one of our oldest yet friendliest of rivals.

REPRESENTATIVES of one of the largest railway centres in Great Britain, the Wiltshire club has had a varied history extending over a period of seventy-six years, for the Town Club was founded in 1881, and although promotion to the Second Division has so far eluded the "Railwaymen," in fact they have yet to finish in the first three, they have reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup on two occasions and have had several famous names on their books at one time or another. Last season Swindon had to apply for re-election to the Third Division for the third time, but only just because we only pipped them by one solitary point. The last few seasons have, in fact, been a very unhappy period at Swindon's County Ground for the playing record in recent years has not been very inspiring. The Swindon club's officials and players appear to be making a determined effort this season, however, to fight off the possibility of that new bogey to Third Division clubs—the dreaded Fourth Division. Swindon's home record is particularly impressive . . . four wins and two draws having given them the goal aggregate of 14-2. Excluding matches played during the week, they have five more points than our own club and a far more impressive goal average.

LAST season's corresponding game with to-day's visitors resulted in a 3-0 victory for our boys, **Larry Baxter, Jimmy Taylor and Gordon Brasted** notching a goal apiece. **Mr. J. J. Baxter**, of Bissingbourn, was the referee, the attendance was 6,783 and the teams lined up as follows: **Gillingham:** Kingshott; Marks,

Crombie; Boswell, Nekrews, Simpson; Baxter, Taylor (J), Brasted, Morgan, Clark. **Swindon:** Burton, Hunt, Hogg; Cross, Hudson, Pembury; Owen, Micklewright, Gibbs, Edwards, Miller.

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HOW many points must a Third Division club accumulate this season to avoid the suicidal drop to Division Four? Since the Third Divisions were extended to include twenty-four clubs in 1950 the number of points obtained by the club finishing twelfth in each season since then, in the Southern Section, has varied from 44 to 47. In fact, it has been 47 (twice), 46 (once), 45 (thrice) and 44 (once) so that it is obvious that each club must set out to average more than one point per match to be safe; a target of fifty points would seem to be the least that a club should aim for. This means that excluding the result of last Wednesday's match with Exeter City, which is not known at the time of writing, our boys are three points behind schedule at least. It is early yet, however, to panic, and **Jack Hannaway and Co.**, have played well enough of late to suggest that they will not be long in making up the leeway.

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COMPARING our first eleven matches this season with the corresponding ones of last term finds us four points down and even if we defeat both **Exeter City** and **Swindon Town** we shall be no better off in that respect for those two games produced four points last season. The comparative goal averages for the eleven corresponding games are 13-15 last season and 11-18 this, so whichever way you look at it our boys have a fight on their hands, a fight which I am optimistic enough to consider will be won!

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TWENTY - NINE players were called upon for League duty with Swindon last season, as follows: Edwards 41, Hunt 40, Cross 38, Owen and Pembury each 37, Richards 36, Burton 30, Darcy 29, Earl 22, Micklewright, 21, Fountain and Jack each 20, Hudson 18, Fox 17, Chandler and Gibbs each 16, Miller 12, Gibson 11, McShane 8, Riseborough and Whyte each 7, Williams 6, Dear and Lee each 4, Agar and O'Mahony each 3, Cameron, Hogg and Thompson each 1.

THEIR goalscorers were: Edwards 25, Richards 10, Owen 7, Gibbs and Micklewright each 5, Darcy and O'Mahony each 4, Gibson, Pembury and Fountain each 2. Edwards and Richards also notched one apiece in the F.A. Cup.

SWINDON'S average home gate last season was 8,739, whilst away from home they attracted an average of 8,875 . . . the lowest in the division, but a figure that will no doubt be improved upon this season if they maintain their very good start. Their record home gate is 28,400 versus Stoke City in 1952.

INCLUDED on Swindon's playing staff, with their previous club in brackets, are the following: Goalkeepers **Sam Burton** (local), **Ray Chandler** (Bristol Rvs.) and **Leslie Williams** (Sheff. Weds.); Full-backs **Jimmy Lee** (Leyton O.), **George Hunt** (local), **Stan Earl** (Leyton O.), **John Neal** (Hull C.) and **Gordon McDonald** (C. Palace); Half-backs **Vincent Jack** (Bury), **George Hudson** (Portsmouth), **Jack Fountain** (Sheff. Utd.), **Jimmy Cross** (Everton), **Lew Clayton** (Bournemouth) and **Fred Thompson** (local), and Forwards **Peter Chamberlain** (Leicester C.), **John Richards**, **Maurice Owen**, **Arnold Darcy** (Wigan), **Bill Roost** (Bristol Rvs.), **Andy Micklewright** (Bristol C.), **Boyd Nisbet** (Chelsea), **Alan Moore** (Coventry), **Frank O'Mahony** and **Bob Edwards** (Chelsea).

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A Hopper's Diary

AS at Aldershot, last Saturday, missed chances marred an otherwise good display against Exeter on Wednesday . . . another valuable point going astray. Exeter looked a most ineffective team on that display and were fortunate to share the spoils. What a pity that so much good football was not turned to better account by our boys! Several of our players put on eye-catching performances, but the fact remains that the goals are just not coming in sufficient numbers.

THE club is fully alive to the limitations in this respect and efforts to strengthen the playing staff continue. It may well be that a new player will be signed in time for to-day's match if negotiations are completed in time, but that you will know by the time these notes are read.

CHICK BRODIE who was married in Manchester last Saturday, has been honeymooning in Gillingham. He has been training each morning at the Stadium and he and his bride have been staying with rival 'keeper—Johnny Simpson. Johnny has, of course, only been married a few weeks himself and he and his wife spent their honeymoon with other newly weds — Paul and Mrs. Lucas. The obvious follow-up to this is—which Gillingham player will honeymoon with Mr. and Mrs. Brodie?

OUR first team travel to Tonbridge on Wednesday for a friendly game with the Southern League side . . . there will be a return match here later in the season. We meet Civil Service in the F.A. Youth Cup on this ground next Saturday, kick-off 11 a.m. . . the winners are away to Charlton in Round 2.

GILLINGHAM Masonic Bowls Club trio were leading our champion three 20-16 in a challenge match on Monday, when rain stopped play . . . This game was to be continued on Thursday last with the return game with Chatham Bowling Club being scheduled for the following day.

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K	Ipswich v Swansea
L	Liverpool v. Doncaster R.
M	Middlesbro' v. Charlton
N	West Ham v. Leyton O.
P	Brighton v. Newport C.
R	Coventry C. v. Colchester
S	Millwall v. Watford
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Football League Div. III

Up to and including 28th September, 1957

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	11	7	0	4	15	11	14
Port Vale	10	6	1	3	16	6	13
Swindon	11	5	3	3	20	11	13
Norwich	10	5	3	2	16	15	13
Brighton	11	6	1	4	16	16	13
Southend	11	6	0	5	29	16	12
Southampton	11	5	2	4	26	17	12
Shrewsbury	11	4	4	3	10	12	12
Reading	10	4	3	3	21	12	11
Watford	11	3	5	3	13	10	11
Brentford	11	5	1	5	27	23	11
Bournemouth	11	4	3	4	18	16	11
Millwall	11	5	1	5	15	16	11
Aldershot	11	4	3	4	12	15	11
Newport	10	4	3	3	10	13	11
Northampton	11	4	2	5	18	21	10
Q.P.R.	11	4	2	5	11	19	10
Crystal Palace	11	3	3	5	14	15	9
Walsall	10	3	3	4	12	15	9
Coventry	10	3	3	4	11	17	9
Colchester	11	3	3	5	16	25	9
Gillingham	11	4	0	7	11	18	8
Torquay	11	3	2	6	9	16	8
Exeter City	11	2	3	6	11	22	7

Kent League Div. I

Up to and including 28th September, 1957

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Margate	5	3	2	0	10	3	8
Deal Town	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Gillingham Res.	5	1	5	0	8	4	7
Folkestone T.	4	3	1	0	11	7	7
Canterbury City	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Sittingbourne	4	2	1	1	9	5	5
Snowdon C.W.	5	2	1	2	10	10	5
Sheppey Utd.	5	1	3	1	9	10	5
Chatham T.	6	2	1	3	11	14	5
Ramsgate Ath.	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Tunbridge W. U.	4	2	0	2	9	10	4
Bexley H. & W.	4	1	1	2	5	4	3
Dover	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Faversham T.	6	1	1	4	13	18	3
Ashford T.	5	1	1	3	4	11	3
Betteshanger C.W.	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Whitstable	4	1	0	3	9	13	2
Herne Bay	5	1	0	4	6	15	2

SWINDON finished in the top half of the table in every one of their first nine seasons in the Third Division . . . yet they have finished in the bottom half continuously since 1948-49!

Players' Goals & Appearances

	Football League		Reserves		Total	
	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.
Baxter, L.	—	3	—	1	7	63
Boswell, J.	—	8	—	3	7	314
Brodie, C.	—	4	—	2	—	4
Clark, R.	1	7	—	2	6	25
G. Cook	—	—	—	1	—	—
Darvell, R.	—	3	—	5	—	3
Dibden, K.	—	—	3	4	—	—
Dobson, R.	—	—	—	1	—	—
Evans, J.	—	5	—	3	—	5
R. Field	—	—	—	5	—	—
Fletcher, J.	2	5	—	—	2	5
Greenhalgh, J.	—	—	1	7	—	17
Hannaway, J.	—	11	—	—	—	11
Hazel, C.	—	—	—	4	—	—
Hutton, J.	2	9	—	—	2	9
B. Judges	—	—	—	1	—	—
Laing, D.	—	11	—	—	—	11
B. Laws	—	—	—	2	—	—
Lucas, P.	—	4	1	6	8	37
Marks, C.	—	—	2	9	7	263
Morgan, W.	1	6	—	—	1	6
Nekrews, T.	—	—	—	5	—	40
Parry, W.	—	11	—	—	4	80
Payne, B.	2	9	—	2	2	9
Riggs, L.	—	3	—	6	2	122
Rossiter, D.	—	1	3	5	—	1
Saunders, R.	2	11	—	—	2	11
Simpson, J.	—	7	—	1	—	7
M. Skinner	—	—	—	2	—	—
Taylor, D.	—	—	—	3	—	—
Taylor, J.	—	—	2	9	16	30
Taylor, R.	—	3	1	3	—	7
Warsap, J.	—	—	—	2	1	9
Watts, G.	—	—	—	4	—	—
Opponents	1	11	—	9	—	—

"A" Team Scorers: Warsap 2; J. Meldrum, F. Nicol, Taylor (D) and Opponents each 1.

Junior Team Scorers: C. Clarke and T. Sams each 3; J. Heath, D. Musckett and F. Nicol each 1.

Our average home gate to date for Football League matches is 8,648 as compared to 7,069 last season. Away gates have averaged 10,183 as compared to 9,764. The reserves average home gate to date is 1,095.

SINCE the "Hoppers" and the "Railwaymen" renewed their old rivalry in 1950, Kent's representatives have certainly had much the better of the exchanges over their Wiltshire confreres. The "Hoppers" have won eight of the fourteen games played, drawn two and remain unbeaten at home. The results of these games at Gillingham with home team's score first are: 2-1; 4-0; 0-0; 1-0; 2-1; 4-0; 3-0. At Swindon the scores with the "Hoppers" first again, have been: 0-2; 1-2; 0-0; 1-2; 1-2; 1-0; 3-2.

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4	TORQUAY UNITED	...	(H) 1 1	1	0	7,087	4	Snowdown C.W.	...	A	1 4
7	NEWPORT COUNTY	...	(H) 1 1	0	1	8,705		(KLC 1st Rd. 1st Leg)	...	A	1 4
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25	Exeter City	...	(A) 0 4	3	1	5,965	25	Chatham Town	...	A	1 0
28	Aldershot	...	(A) 0 0	0	2	5,349	28	SHEPPEY UNITED	...	H	2 2
OCT.							OCT.				
2	EXETER CITY	...	(H) 2 1	1	1	5,297	5	Tunbridge Wells	...	A	
5	SWINDON TOWN	...	(H) 3 0				12	CANTERBURY CITY	...	H	
12	Brentford	...	(A) 2 3				19	Ramsgate Athletic	...	A	
19	COLCHESTER	...	(H) 1 2				26	WHITSTABLE	...	H	
26	Norwich City	...	(A) 3 1				NOV.				
NOV.							NOV.				
2	BOURNEMOUTH & B.	(H)	1 0				2	Sittingbourne	...	A	
9	Walsall	...	(A) 1 1				9	Faversham Town	...	A	
16	(1)						16	CHATHAM TOWN	...	H	
23	Shrewsbury Town	...	(A) 0 1				23	ASHFORD TOWN	...	H	
30	READING	...	(H) 0 0				30	Snowdown C. W.	...	A	
DEC.							DEC.				
7	(2) Northampton	...	(A) 1 4				7	MARGATE	...	H	
14	WATFORD	...	(H) 0 3				14	Folkestone Town	...	A	
21	Brighton & Hove A.	...	(A) 1 3				21	SNOWDOWN C.W.	...	H	
25	QUEEN'S PARK R.	...	(H) 0 1				25	Sittingbourne T.M.	...	A	
26	Queen's Pk. R.	...	(A) 0 5				26	SITTINGBOURNE T.M.	...	H	
28	SOUTHAMPTON	...	(H) 0 0				28	Margate	...	A	
JAN. 1958							JAN. 1958				
4	(3) Millwall	...	(A) 1 2				4	BEXLEYHEATH & W.	...	H	
11	Newport County	...	(A) 0 4				11	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	...	H	
18	PORT VALE	...	(H)* 1 1				18	Betteshanger C.W.	...	A	
25	(4) COVENTRY	...	(H) 1 2				25	Canterbury City	...	A	
FEB.							FEB.				
1	Plymouth A.	...	(A) 0 2				1	RAMSGATE ATHLETIC	...	H	
8	ALDERSHOT	...	(H) 6 2				8	Whitstable	...	A	
15	(5) Swindon	...	(A) 3 2				15		...		
22	BRENTFORD	...	(H) 2 1				22	Deal Town	...	A	
MARCH							MARCH				
1	Colchester	...	(A) 0 0				1		...		
8	NORWICH CITY	...	(H) 1 1				8	Ashford Town	...	A	
15	Bournemouth & B.	...	(A) 1 3				15	SITTINGBOURNE	...	H	
22	SHREWSBURY T.	...	(H) 1 1				22	Dover	...	A	
29	Watford	...	(A) 3 2				29	FAVERSHAM TOWN	...	H	
APRIL							APRIL				
4	SOUTHEND UNITED	...	(H) 0 2				4		...		
5	WALSALL	...	(H) 2 1				5	Herne Bay	...	A	
7	Southend U.	...	(A) 0 5				7		...		
12	Reading	...	(A) 0 4				12	DOVER	...	H	
19	NORTHAMPTON	...	(H) 1 2				16	FOLKESTONE TOWN	...	H	
23	MILLWALL	...	(H) 1 3				19		...		
26	Coventry City	...	(A) 1 4				26	DEAL TOWN	...	H	
MAY							MAY				
3	(Final)						3		...		

Figures in parentheses denote F.A. Cup Rounds
*Result v. Ipswich

The above fixtures are subject to alteration

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