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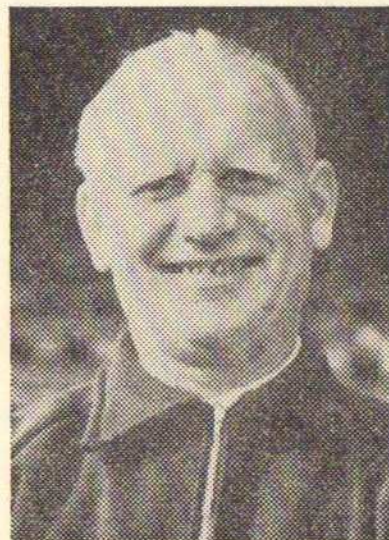
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## FIXTURES—1957-58

LEAGUE III (SOUTH)				COMBINATION LEAGUE			
1957				1957			
Nov.	2—	Brighton	A 2—1	Nov	2—	Aldershot	H 5—1
..	9—	Southend United	H 1—1	..	9—	Ipswich Town	A 0—2
..	16—	(1)		..	16—	Plymouth Argyle	H
..	23—	Exeter City	H	..	23—	West Ham United	A
..	30—	Gillingham	A	..	30—	Queen's Pk. Rangers	H
Dec.	7—	(2) Millwall	H	Dec.	7—	Leicester City	A
..	14—	Swindon Town	A	..	14—	Millwall	H
..	21—	Coventry City	H	..	21—	Coventry City	A
..	25—	Bournemouth & B.A.	A	..	25—	Chelsea	H
..	26—	Bournemouth & B.A.	H	..	26—	Chelsea	A
..	28—	Shrewsbury Town	A	..	28—	Tottenham Hotspur	H
1958				1958			
Jan.	4—	(3) Brentford	A	Jan.	4—	Southend United	H
..	11—	Aldershot	A	..	11—	Bournemouth & B.A.	A
..	18—	Northampton Town	H	..	18—	Northampton Town	A
..	25—	(4) Queen's Pk. Rangers	A	..	25—	Leyton Orient	A
Feb.	1—	Watford	A	Feb.	1—	Charlton Athletic	H

## ELM PARK ATTRACTIONS

**SATURDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 23rd** **KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.**  
**FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

### EXETER CITY

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th** **KICK-OFF 7.15 p.m.**  
**GRAND FLOODLIT MATCH**

### BRISTOL CITY

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE DIVISION THREE (South)

Up to and including 9th November, 1957

Norwich	19	8	8	3	32	27	24
Swindon	19	9	5	5	35	21	23
Brentford	18	10	3	5	35	23	23
Brighton	18	11	1	6	35	29	23
Port Vale	17	9	4	4	29	13	22
<b>READING</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>
Plymouth	19	10	1	8	23	24	21
Colchester	20	7	6	7	28	36	20
Bournemouth	17	8	3	6	29	29	19
Newport	17	6	7	4	23	24	19
Southend	18	8	2	8	42	25	18
Southampton	19	7	4	8	38	31	18
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Shrewsbury	18	6	6	6	19	26	18
Q.P.R.	18	8	2	8	21	29	18
Watford	19	5	7	7	23	22	17
Crystal Palace	18	6	5	7	27	28	17
Millwall	18	7	2	9	28	30	16
Aldershot	17	6	4	8	23	28	16
Coventry	16	6	4	6	19	24	16
Northampton	19	5	3	11	29	38	13
Exeter	18	4	5	9	21	37	13
Walsall	16	4	4	8	20	28	12
Gillingham	17	5	2	10	17	27	12
Torquay	18	4	4	10	16	27	12

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### GOALSCORERS

Tommy Dixon	....	....	12
Jimmy Wheeler	....	....	5
Dougie Webb	....	....	4
Jimmy Whitehouse	....	....	4
Ray Reeves	....	....	3
Bobby Campbell	....	....	1
Harry Gunning	....	....	1
Tommy Cronin	....	....	1
Peter Harrison	....	....	1

# READING FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

FOUNDED IN 1871

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## FROM THE TEAM MANAGER'S OFFICE

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

Here we are again on Cup Tie Day and the "Rocky Road to Wembley" has commenced for our Club. There always appears to be more excitement amongst the "Fans" on these occasions and we sincerely hope that you will see a real "Hum Dinger" of a game that will wet your appetites for more.

Swindon Town have proved themselves a very capable side this season and will no doubt come to Elm Park full of confidence, but we in turn will be doing our utmost to stop the gallant men from Wiltshire.

I hope that you will see an excellent game and may the best team win.

Turning to our league match on Saturday last, we were opposed to a strong and rugged side who never let up for one minute in their quest for the two points.

Our boys were always endeavouring to play football and the wonderful team spirit among them was very evident by the manner in which they strived to pull back that one goal. In mentioning our goal, I must give full marks to Ray Reeves for his coolness in an awkward situation, and to each and every player for a tremendous fight back. In fact, in the closing minutes of the game, Jimmy Wheeler almost scored the winning goal with a terrific shot after being pushed through from a very intelligent Peter Harrison pass, and only a magnificent save by the Southend keeper saved the day.

The Football Combination side travelled to Ipswich Town, and from reports I have received our lads were somewhat unfortunate to be defeated by two goals to nil.

Our Youth Team travelled to Bristol to play the Rovers Youth Team in the F.A. Youth Cup Competition and were defeated by the only goal scored in a hard game.

## Presenting

## SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

whose Directors, Officials and Players we welcome to Elm Park this afternoon for our F.A. Challenge Cup, first round Tie.

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: 28,400 versus Stoke City, February 2nd, 1952. Secretary: Mr. R. A. Morse. Manager: Mr. A. Head. 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, 1956-57.

Played 46, won 15, drawn 6, lost 25. Goals for 66, against 96. Points 36.

### Football League goalscorers, 1956-57.

Edwards 25, Richards 10, Owen 7, Gibbs 5, Micklewright 5, Darcey 4, O'Mahony 4, Gibson 2, Pembery 2, Fountain 2.

### Results of matches played 1956-57.

Swindon Town 3 Reading 2  
Reading 1 Swindon Town 0

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## The Man on the Cover . . .

### JIMMY WALLBANKS (Head Trainer)

Appointed as Head Trainer and Physiotherapist on June 9th 1953.

The holder of two Diplomas in his profession, Jimmy spent four years at Carlisle United F.C., and three years at Millwall F.C. in similar positions.

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# SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

By A.R.M.

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## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE READING FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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I could give you many more reasons why you should join the Club but space will not permit, so please do not delay—complete the form below and be one of the TEN THOUSAND.

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## ENGLAND

v

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# GILLINGHAM v READING

(Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

Saturday, 30th November

EXCURSION TO

## GILLINGHAM

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10.33, 11. 3 a.m.	EARLEY	2nd
10.37, 11. 7 a.m.	WINNERSH Halt	Class
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10.54, 11.24 a.m.	ASCOT	

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11 A 57 a.m. or 12.43 p.m.

Arrive GILLINGHAM 1.28 p.m. or 1.48 p.m.

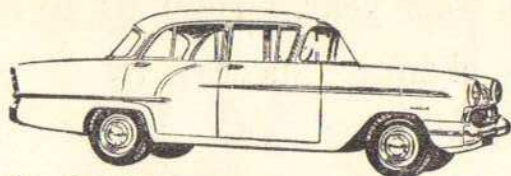
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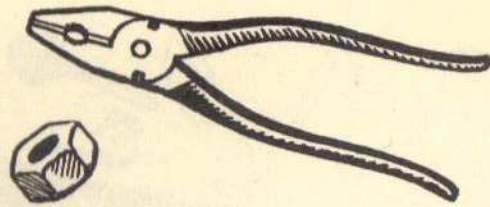
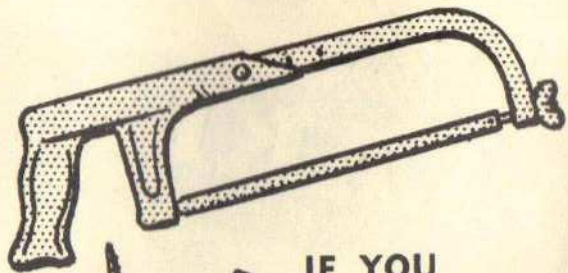
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<b>B</b> Norwich v. Redhill <b>3 0</b>	<b>M</b> Oswestry v. Bournemouth <b>0 3</b>
<b>C</b> Bath City v. Exeter <b>1 1</b>	<b>N</b> Clapton v. Q.P.R. <b>0 1</b>
<b>D</b> Northampton v. Newport <b>0 0</b>	<b>P</b> Walton v. Southampton <b>0 4</b>
<b>E</b> Gillingham v. Gorleston <b>3 0</b>	<b>Q</b> Port Vale v. Shrewsbury <b>1 1</b>
<b>F</b> Coventry v. Walthamstow <b>0 0</b>	<b>R</b> Trowbridge v. Southend <b>0 1</b>
<b>G</b> Millwall v. Brentford <b>L-K 0</b>	<b>S</b> Arsenal v. Portsmouth <b>1 1</b>
<b>H</b> Aldershot v. Worcester <b>0 0</b>	<b>T</b> Aston Villa v. Tottenham <b>0 0</b>
<b>J</b> Plymouth v. Watford <b>3 0</b>	<b>U</b> Luton v. Newcastle <b>1 1</b>
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