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Club Notes

Our last home game took place just four weeks ago when we defeated Colchester 4 goals to nil. Since that day we have drawn at Norwich 1—1, lost to Reading in the Cup-tie 0—1, and drawn at Walsall 1—1.

Not a feast of goal-scoring, but nevertheless, excellent performances, with Norwich League leaders and Walsall in the lower half of the table desperate for home points. The point gained at Walsall was obtained through determined play, especially by the defence, as after just one minute we were virtually reduced to 10 men owing to an injury to Macdonald.

—The list of injured players was reduced to only one—J. Fountain, but now unfortunately we must add Macdonald, who has performed remarkably well at left-half when called upon to do so in the First Team. Another casualty is Swingler, who gave some promising displays at right-back in the Reserve Team.

Incidentally, the Reserves hold quite a good position in the Combination League Table as the result of some excellent games, especially at home. Another feature has been the excellent attendances for the Second Team matches. Can we reach the 3,000 mark, or must we wait

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until the Arsenal visit the County Ground on 21st December, 1957, the Saturday before Christmas Day? The next home First Team game will be a fortnight to-day, 14th December, 1957. Reading will be the visitors, and seats are already being booked.

Several articles have appeared in the Press regarding offers of posts to Mr. Head, our Manager. All that can be said is that he is still with us, carrying out all duties connected with the five teams run by the Club.

Supporters will remember the two excellent games we had with our visitors (Coventry) last season, especially the hard fought Cup-tie. May the game to-day be equally as entertaining.

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In defence Coventry are expected to field three young players who are appearing in League football for their first season—Graham Spratt (goalkeeper), Mick Walters (full-back), and Vernon Griffiths (left-half).

The City team, with a blend of youth and experience, has a good potential, particularly with the signing of free scoring centre-forward Ray Straw.

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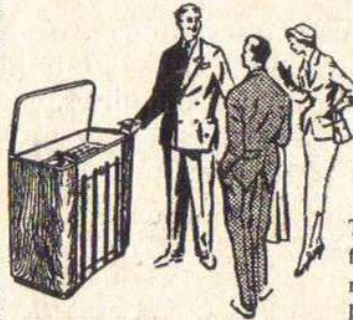


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The absence of these notes from recent programmes has been due, not to inactivity of the Club, but to the illness of the writer, who is very grateful for many kind enquiries.

In fact the Committee has been very busy, and, as recently announced in the Press, a further sum of £2,000 has been handed to the parent club, making £4,000 to date during the present season.

Our Honorary Secretary, too, is launching out into bigger business. In addition to the lapel badges at 1/- he now has car pennons at 2/- and blazer badges at 6/6. For those supporters who wish to look really gay he will also, in the near future, have a supply of red and white headgear—of which we will say more later.

Our veteran Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Harry Ann is ill. He is the doyen of voluntary workers for Swindon Town F.C., and a Life Member of the Club. We hope soon to see him back at the County Ground.

We have had a number of enquiries regarding the statement in the Reading F.C. programme that Swindon Town F.C. was founded in 1908. We have seen this error in programmes at Bournemouth and other places.

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Presumably these Clubs have all obtained their information from one Agency, whose records are at fault.

To correct matters we may say that our Club was founded in 1881, and professionalism was adopted in 1894 when the old Southern League was formed. Reading officials will find that their Club and ours were two of the founder members.

In 1896 the Club moved to the County Ground, and, after one season on the Cricket Ground, has been in the present quarters throughout.

The Club became a Limited Company many years before 1908. However, Harold Fleming became a Town player during 1907/8 and the Club achieved prominence with a win in a Cup-tie against Sheffield United at Sheffield. Possibly this is the reason for the error.

About this time of the year we usually say a word about the Football Combination matches. Gates this season, generally speaking, have been higher at these games, and all attending must have been well satisfied. Those who have not yet come along would, we feel, be well satisfied if they made the experiment.

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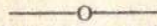
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