

An aerial photograph of a football stadium, likely Swindon Town's home ground, showing the pitch, stands, and surrounding area. A large red box with a white border is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the club's name.

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Club Notes

We opened our programme in the new Football League Division III with a very narrow win. Wrexham proved to be a very good side indeed. With the game against Hull City this evening spectators will soon sum up the strength of the new League. Most of our early season matches will be against clubs formerly in the old Division III North.

Before the season opened, most judges of the game forecast that the new Division III would be a very hard league indeed. The fact that it was comprised of the twelve top teams of the original Division III North and South proved the strength of the league. Some followers of the game thought it would be equal in strength to the present Division II. Brighton's experience at Middlesbrough hardly proves that. (Let us hope Brighton soon recover from the heavy blow inflicted on the first game of the season).

Nevertheless, competition in Division III is bound to be very keen, as the top two clubs will be promoted to Division II, and the bottom *four* clubs relegated to Division IV. Thus, next season six new clubs will be in Division III compared with this year. May Swindon be one of the top two clubs and not———.

To-day we wish to pay tribute to a fine body of men who help the Club every home game—the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. They give their services entirely voluntarily, and are at your service throughout the whole game. Like any body giving public service, they receive criticism, but they do a grand job of work. Assist them in every way, please.

The Penguin Books Ltd. will be publishing next week a book that will be interesting to all football followers—"60 Seasons of League Football", by R. C. Churchill—price 4/-. The book contains many facts and figures right from the beginning of league football. There is also a chapter about every Club in membership of the Football League.

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The Club learned with deep regret of the death of Archie Bown, aged 75 years. He was a great inside-left when Swindon made football history prior to 1914. He was a member of the side which won the Southern League, and went twice to the F.A. Cup Semi-final. Older supporters will easily recall the names of that splendid team, Skiller, Kay, Walker, Tout, Silto, Handley, Jefferson, Fleming, Wheatcroft, Bown, Bolland.

Jefferson lives in London and Walker, Silto and Bolland reside in Swindon. Walker and Bolland frequently visit the County Ground. 'Jock' Walker is indeed one of our keenest and most loyal supporters. May he continue so for many more years.

It is a great pleasure to entertain newcomers to the County Ground this evening. Hull City is a splendid Club, with a fine record and an excellent ground at Boothferry Park, with a capacity of 50,000. May we enjoy a good game, despite the fact that they are known as "The Tigers".

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HARRISON (R.B.)—5'11½", 12st. Born at Gateshead, but has spent most of his lifetime in Hull. Graduated through Junior sides and became a professional following the England-Ireland Youth International Match in 1949. A very sound player, he uses the ball to good advantage. Made an excellent recovery from a broken leg sustained in December, 1954, and a further operation during the early part of Season 1956/7

DURHAM (L.B.)—5'11½", 12st. 9lbs.

Another of City's long service players, he was signed in 1947 from East Halton United. Strong in both attack and defence and a tireless worker. Originally a wing-half, he has now made the full-back berth his own. Was very badly injured in the opening game of Season 1955-56 and made a good recovery after a series of operations. A great Clubman.

BENNION (R.H.)—6'0½", 13st. 6lbs. Until joining Hull City during Season 1957-58, Burnley was his only Club. He joined them as a boy on leaving school. Has completed his National Service and become a full-time player for the first time. A very strong young player, he has the ability to become a great player.

FEASEY (C.H.)—5'9", 10st. 12lbs. Another local player who has graduated through the Junior sides. Joined the Club as an amateur in 1949 and became a part-time professional in

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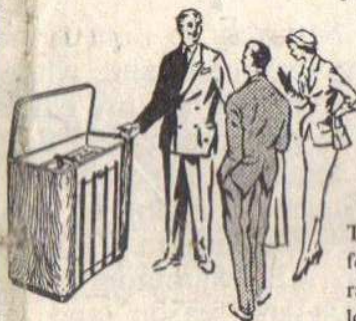


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We referred last Saturday to our various schemes for raising money for the use of the football club, and, while the competition, membership enrolments, and the other things, are extremely useful, the most important way in which the public can help the Club is by attending matches in large numbers as regularly as possible.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Football Club, the Chairman referred to the large increase in the average gate, as compared with the previous season. On examining figures more closely, we find that, in the Third Division last season (and ignoring London Clubs), those Clubs, whose average gate was higher than ours, belong to towns whose populations are larger. (At the head of the list was Norwich, the loyalty of whose Supporters is a byword in football. Even when the Club had to seek re-election shortly after the war, the gates were the highest in the Division). On a population basis, therefore, the Swindon gate might be regarded as satisfactory, but for one factor. We find, on talking to officials of other Supporters' Clubs, that the Swindon team enjoys better "country support" than most. This means, therefore,

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With new teams visiting the Ground this season, there should be the necessary attraction to bring more Swindonians along. This will be essential if last year's average gate is to be maintained, as, owing to the distance involved, these new teams in most cases will not be bringing with them the volume of support enjoyed by those teams who formerly visited us.

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CLARKE (O.R.)—5'9", 12st. Joined City from Bury in 1955 and immediately became a firm favourite with the 'fans'. A strong player, he is a clever schemer and packs a strong shot. Joined Bury from Darwen, 1950. Another ever present last season.

BRADBURY (I.R.)—5'10", 11½st. Signed from Birmingham City in October, 1955. Derbyshire born, his first Club was Coventry City, who transferred him to Birmingham City. Is equally at home in any of the inside-forward positions. A clever schemer, he also possesses a strong shot in either foot, and was leading goal scorer with 25 goals last season.

SMITH (C.F.)—6'2", 12st. 5lbs. Joined the Club as an amateur in November,

1956, after completing his National Service. Signed full-time professional, following trials in the 'A' XI and Reserve Team in January, 1957. 21 years old, he shows distinct promise, being very fast and possessing a strong shot in either foot. Scored 12 goals in 14 games with the First Team last season.

BULLESS (I.L.)—5'10", 11st. 9lbs. Another Hull born player, he joined the Club in 1948 as an amateur and has graduated through the Junior sides. Signed professional in 1950-51. A fine ball player, he is very fast and strong and possesses a strong shot with either foot. Was originally a wing-forward but developed into a most capable inside-forward and later, in an emergency, showed his capabilities when taking over the wing-half position. Scored 11 goals last season. Many Clubs have sought the services of this young player.

CRIPSEY (O.L.)—5'6", 11st. 4lbs. Another young local player signed in 1951 after completing his National Service. Made his debut with the Senior side in 1953. A very clever ball player, fast and elusive, he has a fine understanding with his inside-forward colleagues. Scored 8 goals last season. Many Clubs have sought the services of this player.

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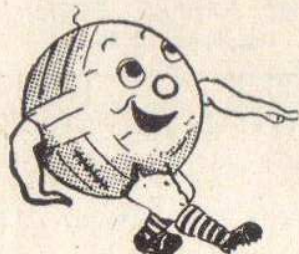
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