

An aerial, black and white photograph of the Swindon Town Football Club stadium, known as the County Ground. The stadium is a large, rectangular structure with a prominent roof. The pitch is visible in the center. Surrounding the stadium are various buildings, parking areas, and roads. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, providing a comprehensive view of the club's facilities.

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Club Notes

Tonight we entertain newcomers to the County Ground in Bradford City for the third successive home game. The two previous matches resulted in home victories by 2 goals to one. Will tonight be a treble?

At present Swindon are fourth in the League table with 11 points from 9 games.

The Third and Fourth Division Leagues are now settling down, and the difference in attendance figures for the two leagues is becoming very noticeable. The average for Division III is 13,400.

We would like to commend spectators on the sportsmanship shown this season. While we hope you will give every encouragement to Swindon, we do appreciate the applause given to good play by our opponents. When a goal is scored by an 'away' side there is almost stony silence. Such was not the case when Rochdale scored on Wednesday evening. Again it was most pleasing indeed to see the encouragement given to Referee Alf Bond when he recovered after being knocked out. Also he must have been greatly heartened by the reception given to him when he left the field at half-time. Keep up the good work. We much prefer cheers for either side to jeers. Remember the league is very open, only two points separating the top nine teams. A win can send a team well up the league.

The Reserves brought off an excellent performance by winning at Southampton by 3 goals to two, especially as Micklewright was injured for most of the game. To date the team has only failed on one occasion to gain maximum points—the defeat at Aldershot. Edwards, Micklewright and Sampson were the scorers.

The 'A' Team were hard pressed to save a point against Westbury on Saturday evening. Previously they had a 100% record, but it looked very much like defeat, until Thompson equalised from the left back position by shooting through a crowd of players. Congratulations to the young lads for their determined efforts.

One final word. Remember the Combination game on Saturday against Coventry City, kick-off 3 p.m. Come and see the League Leaders.

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This was more like the City of old! For Valley Parade, the home of Bradford City Soccer since the club was established in 1903, has known both F.A. Cup winning and First Division days, City having won the Cup in Season 1910-11, and spent 11 seasons in the First Division from 1908-22. It has been graced by such great international players as England winger Dickie Bond, Scottish International goalkeeper Jock Ewart, Scottish International inside forward Tommy Cairns, and others. It has been the starting-point for such celebrities as George Swindin, Laurie Scott and Joe Harvey.

But, since the war, there has been more to sadden than to cheer City supporters—including once (1949) the need to apply for re-admission to the League. Prospects assumed

a brighter look after the advent of Mr. Peter Jackson as manager in February 1954. He revised the club policy, decreeing that he would rather search for and develop junior talent than sign on ageing stars from bigger clubs. His shrewd planning has yielded rich dividends.

Last season City turned down many offers for one or other of their players. But for a sudden and inexplicable lapse in goal-scoring form, the side would have chased Scunthorpe United even more relentlessly for the Third Division North Championship. But the defence never gave way—only 49 goals being conceded in 46 matches. Another strange contrast was that as many as 13 points were dropped at home, but away City had eight victories—and they won at such top clubs as Scunthorpe, Chesterfield, Hull and Stockport.

So City continue to depend on Youth, splashing in the transfer market only when it is really necessary and they are sure that the player is as good as his fee suggests. They have one of the youngest average-age sides in this new Third Division—a side seeking to bring back more of the lost glory to Valley Parade.

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T. FLOCKETT (right back)—Joined City in the summer of 1957 after eight seasons as a regular with Chesterfield, who recruited him from junior soccer in his native Durham. Immediately took over the captaincy of the side and was another ever present last season. Also a full-timer, stands 5ft. 11ins. and weighs 12st.

G. MULHOLLAND (left back)—Could this season, go on to create a City record in his appearances for the club. Signed from Stoke City on a free transfer in the summer of 1953, he made his first senior side outing on August 29th of that year—and has never missed a match since. This gives him, to the start of this season, 227 consecutive League appearances, plus 15 in the F.A. Cup—a grand total of 242. Only 5ft. 6ins. and 10st. 4lbs., but his biggest asset is an excellent recovery.

B. BARNES (full back)—Signed in the last week of last season from Rutherglen Glencairn

a Scottish junior club which has provided City three other players. Can play on either flank and is especially useful with the ball in the air. Nearly 6ft. tall and weighs 12st. 4lbs.

P. JACKSON (right half)—Dogged by injuries until last season when he had the maximum League and F.A. Cup outings. One of the twin sons of the manager, he started his career with Wrexham, and was an amateur with City until signing professional forms in 1957. Stands 6ft. and weighs 12st., and is a part-timer who follows his career as an accountant. Can also play at inside forward.

M. CURRIE (centre half)—In his third season with City after being signed from Rutherglen Glencairn. His first season at Valley Parade saw him chiefly occupying the right back role, in which position he represented the Northern Section against the Southern Section. Moved to centre half last season with immediate success. A full-time player he stands 6ft. and weighs 11st. 9lbs.

J. LAWLOR (centre or left half)—Formerly with Doncaster Rovers, he had a spell out of League football following his return to his native Ireland, before City tempted him back in the early part of 1957. When with Rovers played for the Irish League and when he arrived at City was regarded exclusively as a centre half. Moved to left half last season in

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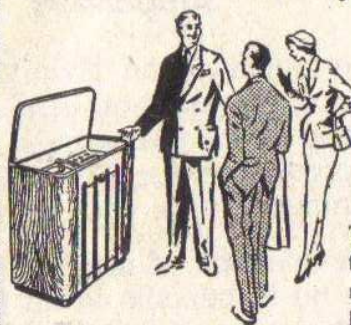
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The Directors of Swindon Town F. C. have now given us permission to prepare for the publication of a Handbook for the year 1959-60. It may seem rather premature to talk of this, but the preparation will be a spare time occupation for a member of the Committee, and a number of advance arrangements have to be made.

It is not the intention of the Editor to dwell too much on the remote past, although no Handbook would be complete without some reference to the glorious days prior to the First World War. Unfortunately, the numbers of supporters who remember those days diminish season by season. Nevertheless, there are still some who can talk entertainingly of those times, and who could, no doubt, relate many anecdotes of former players. We should be pleased to receive any items of interest connected with any period in the history of the Club, with a view to assembling them into some sort of consecutive article to be incorporated in the book. Please let supporters contribute to their own Handbook.

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We think that supporters will be pleased to know that we shall shortly be able to announce our first gift of the season to the Football Club. We mention this now as our next notes will not be due to appear until 4th October, by which time the donation of £2,000 will have been made.

Once again we remind supporters who are not members of our Competition that Club memberships are due for renewal. Sixpence for the season is all we ask. Thank you for past support. We know you need only the timely reminder to help us again.

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an emergency and made the position his own. Stands 6ft. and weighs 12st., and is a full-time player.

J. NUNDY (centre half)—A West Riding native from Cleckheaton whom Huddersfield Town discarded at the end of the 1956-57 season. On the full-time staff, his senior side appearances were restricted to one last season—but would have been more but for the stranglehold Currie and Lawlor had on the position. 5ft. 11ins. and 12st.

W. ROBB (left half)—The number one choice for the position until a bad knee injury kept him out of football from November 1957 right to the end of the season. Underwent a successful operation and is now A.I. Formerly was with Leyton Orient, but then returned to his native Scotland and City paid Albion Rovers a four-figure fee for his services in 1955. 5ft. 9ins., 11st. 4lbs.

G. NICHOLSON (wing half)—Was signed by City from Huddersfield Town in the summer of 1957, and hails from Gildersome in the West Riding. A part-timer whose constructive play with the second team must put him in line for promotion. Now recovered from a shoulder injury sustained last season. Stands nearly 6ft. and weighs over 11st.

B. WEBB (outside right)—Now in his fourth season with City, and his first three campaigns brought 103 appearances and 32 goals—good scoring form by a winger. Stands only 5ft. 7ins. and weighs 10st., but belies this with his strong shooting. Joined City on a free transfer from Leeds United in 1955, and has also been with Walsall. A part-timer.

J. SIM (wing forward)—Was manager Jackson's first signing for the club towards the end of 1954-55 season, and was worth every penny of a four-figure fee paid to Bury, since he helped City to avoid the last two

places in the Northern Section that year. Very fast and crosses the ball beautifully. 5ft. 8ins., 10st. 10lbs. A part-time player who lives in Wigan.

D. BOYLE (wing or inside forward)—City were first interested in this utility forward when he was on Crewe Alexandra's books, but he moved to Chesterfield where he spent one season—1955-56. Placed on the transfer list after appearing in all five forward positions, he was made a full-time professional by City. A North East native, stands 5ft. 9ins. and weighs 11st. 4lbs.

D. JACKSON (inside right)—The other twin son of the manager, and can also play on the left flank. An ever present last season—his first as a professional—he hit 11 goals. In three complete seasons with City he has never failed to achieve a double figure haul of goals. Like his brother, first came to prominence with Wrexham. Also a part-timer and is an architect. Stands 6ft. and weighs 12st.

D. CAMERON (inside forward)—Yet another player from that fruitful 'nursery' Rutherglen Glencairn. Signed at the same time as full back Billy Barnes in the last week of last season. Stands 6ft., weighs 11st. 8lbs.

R. LIVERSIDGE (centre forward)—Impressed City scouts with his tremendous shooting in a West Riding amateur game, and was made a full-time professional after only a few games as an amateur. Made his league debut in the 1956-57 season, and in the last two campaigns has hit 27 goals in 46 appearances. Can also play on the wing. Stands 5ft. 9ins. and weighs 11st. 10lbs.

W. MARSHALL (centre forward)—Joined City midway through the 1956-57 season, and he and Ronnie Liversidge are keen contenders for the centre forward role. A Scot, also from Rutherglen Glencairn, his 32 appearances to

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the start of this season produced 16 goals. Has also appeared at inside forward. A full-timer, 5ft. 9ins. and 11st. 7lbs.

J. REID (inside left)—Was first noted by manager Peter Jackson 3 years before he actually signed for City. Army service and the fee being demanded by Hamilton Academical stood in the way of a deal until December 1957 when City parted with £2,500 for his services. Scored 7 goals in 26 games last season, and his speed, scheming and scoring immediately led to inquiries by First Division clubs. A full-timer, 5ft. 10ins. and 11st. 7lbs.

M. BAKES (wing forward)—Another City who has been fancied by the bigger clubs,

and went on the transfer list—at his own request—for a time last season. First impressed City when playing for his Grammar School side in Bradford, but Army service interrupted his progress until last season, when he made 38 appearances. A full-time player, 5ft. 9ins., 11st. 7lbs.

D. STOKES (wing forward)—Made his Football League debut last season shortly after his eighteenth birthday. So impressed—got 2 goals that day—that he gave up his job with British Railways to sign full-time forms. Made 12 appearances. Comes from Normanton in the West Riding. 5ft. 9ins., 11st. 3lbs.

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