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LEAGUE RESULTS TO DATE

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Result 1958-59		Corresponding result 1957-58 Season	
			For	Agst.	For	Agst.
1958 Aug.	23 Hull City	A	1	1		
	25 Rochdale	H	2	0		
30	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	4	0		
	ROCHDALE	H	2	1		
Sept.	4 Stockport County	A	2	2		
	6 Bury	A	1	1		
8	READING	H	2	2	1	0
13	BURY	H	3	0		
18	Colchester United	A	0	2	2	1
20	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	4	0		
22	BOURNEMOUTH	H	3	1	3	1
27	Doncaster Rovers	A	6	4		
Oct.	2 Norwich City	A	1	1	0	1
	4 SOUTHEND UNITED	H	3	1	2	3
8	SWINDON TOWN	H			2	2
11	Mansfield Town	A				
18	NOTTS COUNTY	H				
25	Chesterfield	A				
Nov.	1 NEWPORT COUNTY	H			1	0
	8 F.A. CUP—1st Round					
15	WREXHAM	H			0	1
22	Southampton	A				
29	F.A. CUP—2nd Round					
Dec.	6 Bradford City	A				
	13 HULL CITY	H			3	1
20	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H			0	1
26	Queens Park Rangers	A				
27	Tranmere Rovers	A				
1959 Jan.	3 (3) Halifax Town	A				
	10 STOCKPORT COUNTY	H				
17	(4) ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H				
24	Reading	A			3	1
31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H			1	0
Feb.	7 (5) Bournemouth	A			0	0
	14 NORWICH CITY	H			0	1
21	(6) Swindon Town	H			0	1
28	MANSFIELD TOWN	H				
Mar.	7 (S.F.) Notts County	A				
	14 CHESTERFIELD	H				
21	(G.F.) Brentford	A			0	2
27	Newport County	A			0	0
28	(E.M.) BRENTFORD	H			2	0
30	HALIFAX TOWN	H			0	
April	4 Wrexham	A				
	11 SOUTHAMPTON	H			4	0
18	SOUTHEND UNITED	A			1	2
22	Accrington Stanley	A				
25	BRADFORD CITY	H				
29						



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Although Southend put up a strong challenge, especially during the early stage of the game last Wednesday, they had to finally submit to a 3-1 defeat; the "Pilgrims" running out deserved winners, thus maintaining their position in the League Table, and improving their goal average.

It is feared the injury to Barrie Meyer will prevent his appearance in the team for the time being, but we are fortunate in having George Baker to deputise, and he will undoubtedly prove that he can also be a menace to the best of defences.

GOAL SCORES TO DATE: 1st Team. Carter 8; Meyer 5; Gauld 5; Penk 4; Anderson 4; Govan 1; Baker 1; Dougall 1; Wyatt 1; J. Williams 3; Southend own goal 1. Total 34.

Football Combination: O'Connor 2; Jenkins 2; Gardner 2; Meyer 1; Twissell 1; Kearns 1; Fincham 1; Arundel 1; Hancock 1. Total 12.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Club will be held at the new Y.M.C.A. Building, Cobourg Street, Plymouth, on Thursday, November 6th, at 7 p.m.

CUP FINAL TICKETS. The winner of the Programme bearing the number 4066 in our last home league match against Southend was Mr. P. R. Marshall, 24 Felowes Place, Plymouth.

BAND PROGRAMME. At our next home match v. Notts County on the 25th October, kick-off 3.15 p.m., the 8th Band of the Royal Tank Regiment will play, and a collection will be made for the Plymouth Silver Band—a very nice gesture on the part of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

The list of Bands to play at Home Park this season now reads:—

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Welcome to our Visitors from Swindon

This afternoon the visit of Swindon Town brings us another of the clubs who are setting a good pace in the Third Division this season. The Railwaymen have more reason than most to be satisfied with their excellent start, for they have been hard hit by injuries. This has meant Manager Bert Head giving unexpected first team chances to several of his younger players. For instance, 18-year-old David Corbett, a local product, recently made his bow on the right wing, and 17-year-old ex-schoolboy international Cliff Jackson has had one outing on the opposite flank of the attack where he had the unusual distinction of scoring in his debut direct from a corner. A fortnight ago another 'teen-ager, Keith Morgan, was introduced at right-half.

On the other side of the picture there is plenty of experience in the Swindon team, provided chiefly by men like goalkeeper Sam Burton, who joined the club late in the war; Maurice Owen, the former Chindit, now performing brilliantly at left-half after many years as a free-scoring centre-forward; centre-half George Hudson who is now in his tenth season with Swindon, and full-backs Walter Bingley and John Neal. Bingley played for Bolton and Sheffield Wednesday, prior to throwing in his lot at Swindon last winter and Neal previously spent some time with Hull City.

Prior to last Saturday (October 4th) Swindon had taken 16 points from 12 matches and stood third in the table. Of that number seven had been collected on opponents' grounds, their solitary away reverse having been sustained at Halifax, where they went down 1-0 on September 13th. The other away fixtures had brought them victories at Chesterfield and Bradford City and draws at Southampton, Hull and Rochdale. At the same time they had been doing reasonably well at home, dropping only three points there in six matches. This could be better, of course, but under all the circumstances there is little cause for complaint.

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Curiously enough, the home points which were sacrificed were taken by former Northern Section team. Accrington Stanley, last season's runners-up in that sphere, defeated them 1-0 early last month, and Bradford City held them to a 2-2 draw.

In view of the alterations which have been necessitated through injuries to regular first team men, Swindon could hardly be expected to better that record.

In common with many other sides, however, they still have their problems, the most pressing of which is to find greater penetration in attack. After twelve matches only 17 goals had been scored, compared with 22 at a similar stage twelve months ago, and of those two were obtained by defenders, full-back John Neal and right-half Lew Clayton.

The Swindon rearguard has stood up well to its task so far, as the total of only 11 goals on the debit side indicates. Only once, when drawing with Bradford City at home, was the defence penetrated more than once in any of the first twelve games, and it kept the opposition from scoring on three occasions.

What goalgetting has been done by the attack has been fairly well divided. Jimmy Kelly, who returned to lead the line in the middle of last month after his recovery from an injury sustained on the opening day of the season, netted six times before last Saturday, and Arnold Darcey three times in seven matches before he was forced to drop out of the team with a damaged leg. The only other player to score more than twice up to then was inside-left Bob Edwards with two goals. Peter Chamberlain, Andy Micklewright and Alan Moore had each netted once. The two first-named have had spells of senior duty in the inside-forward positions, and Moore has played on both wings.

Swindon's history dates back to 1881. They played in the old Southern League before joining the Southern Section of the Third Division in 1920-21, and in pre-war days only once suffered the indignity of having to seek re-election. This was at the end of the 1932-33 season, when Newport County were their companions in distress.

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Since the resumption of competitive football in 1946, however, the Railwaymen have had a rather undistinguished career. After finishing fourth in the first season after the war, when they were 17 points behind promoted Cardiff City, they only once climbed above the half-way mark in the next ten years. That was in 1948-49, when they were again fourth, this time eleven points separating them from the champions that season who strangely enough were another Welsh club, Swansea Town.

After that Swindon slipped steadily towards the lower rungs of the League ladder, and at the end of the 1955-56 campaign they had to apply for re-election for the second time, finishing bottom.

That was a very disastrous season. Only eight matches were won, four of them away from home, and what slender hope they had at one time of avoiding the last two places disappeared when they failed to win any of their final matches.

Swindon were voted back, and naturally hoped for better times. It was not to be, however, and in 1956-57 they were in the same boat again, finishing in 23rd position, with Norwich City below them.

It was early that season—in October 1956—that Bert Head was appointed manager at the County Ground, and although he was not able to steer the club out of trouble before the end of the campaign, he made his presence felt later.

Swindon were off to a good start last year, and it was very soon obvious that they would have no difficulty in maintaining a respectable position. By the middle of October they had climbed to second place, only two points behind Brighton, and shortly before Christmas held the lead, so that promotion, which in the previous years of struggle had seemed so remote, at last became a possibility.

Unfortunately, just when hopes were at their highest, Swindon went through one of those spells which come to the best of teams, and won only three of their nine games in February and March. Despite a determined finish they had lost their chance.

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