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NEWS & NOTES

Good Morning, Everybody,

The Directors, Officers and players extend to you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Our defeat at Bradford broke a sequence of eight games without defeat, and was only our fifth defeat in the last twenty-five games played including F.A. Cup ties, Friendlys and Southern Floodlight Cup ties.

Bradford City fully deserved their victory on the day's display. They were compact and confident and will be hard to beat on this showing. At one period in the first half we might have been on level terms but against the run of play Bradford scored a second goal. Our cup of misery was complete when we beat the goalkeeper only to see the ball rebound from the crossbar. We were by no means disgraced in defeat.

How different was our Rochdale game. Here was a team that set everything on defence and hoped to break away and score. It almost paid off. These sort of games are prevalent in other divisions and always make a large treble chance dividend possible.

We have reached the halfway stage of our fixtures and while not being enthusiastic at our present position we believe that given the run of the ball (which so far has eluded us) we can still have a say in the promotion stakes.

OUR VISITORS

In welcoming Swindon Town this morning, we extend to them the Compliments of the Season.

Swindon Town — or as they are known to their own supporters, the "Moonrakers" — were founded by the Rev. W. Pitt in 1881 for the young men of his parish. In 1894 they turned professional and joined the Southern League in which they played until 1920. Becoming one of the original members of League Division III in 1921, Swindon have as yet to move into higher spheres, but in the last two seasons have been strong challengers for promotion.

Their League career may be indifferent, but the same cannot be said of Swindon's F.A. Cup achievements being semi-finalists in 1910 and 1912, quarter-finalists 1911 and 1924 and reaching the Fifth Round in 1919 by beating Newcastle United 2-0 and Burnley 3-2.

Below are pen pictures of the Swindon Town players:

SAM BURTON (goalkeeper): Product of local football. Joined Swindon in 1945. Played for Wiltshire Junior eleven which reached final of Counties Tournament 1944-45. Ever present last season. Stands 6ft., weighs 13½st.

JOHN NEAL (right-back): Signed from Hull City, after spending one season with King's Lynn, in 1957. A keen tackler, fast in recovery. Represented the South, in North v. South League III Representative Match last season. Has been a professional sprinter. Stands 5ft. 9ins., weighs 10st. 11lb.

JOHN FOUNTAIN (right-half): Born in Leeds. Signed from Sheffield United in 1957. He stands 5ft. 9ins., weighs 10½st.

GEORGE HUDSON (centre-half): Became a Swindon player in September, 1948, and gained his league place in latter half of that season. A native of Havant (Hampshire), was a professional with Portsmouth before joining the "Robins." Must be one of the strongest centre half backs in the League. He stands 6ft. 1½in., weighing 15st.

ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT (inside-right): Was with Bristol Rovers and Bristol City before joining Swindon in 1955-56 season. Born in Smethwick. Stands 5ft. 10ins., weighs 11st. 5lb.

JAMES KELLY (centre-forward): Signed from Preston North End at the start of the 1958 season, making his league debut then and completed the last eleven games of the season. Stands 6ft., weighs 12½st.

BOB EDWARDS (inside-left): Last season was second highest goalscorer with fifteen goals. He was ever present last year in the club's best year for some seasons. He joined the Town in 1956 from Chelsea. Stands 5ft. 11ins., weighing 11st. 10lbs. Born at Guildford.

ARNOLD DARCY (outside-left): Born at Blackburn. Joined the "Robins" from Wigan Athletic during 1956-57 season. Ever-present last year. Played as an Amateur for Accrington Stanley in 1952-53 season. Stands 5ft. 8ins., weighs 10st. 5lbs.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"The future beckons us to quiet ways, yet we shall live again the bygone days, shall watch the teams come out, grand fellows all, shall hear the thud of boot connecting ball, and then will come the murmur and the roar of eager crowds who waited for the score, and to those friends who always wished us well, whose kindness helped us more than we can tell, our wish for them this year is Happiness, Good Health, Good Luck, Good Football and God Bless."—*From The Officers and Executive Committee of The Brentford Football Supporters' and Social Club.*

HAVE YOU JOINED THE HOLIDAY PARTY YET?

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Owing to the illness of the Hayes Branch Secretary, Mr. H. Goodall, many tickets have been returned from the Hayes Branch for the Supporters' Club visit on Saturday, 27th December at 8.15 p.m. The cost is 8s. 6d. all-in from Brentford to London and return. The stars in the Whitehall Theatre production of "Simple Spymen" are Brian Rix and Leo Franklyn. "The audience started to laugh as soon as the Curtain went up and they were still laughing when they left the theatre"—*Daily Mirror*. Tickets on sale today to all supporters of Brentford from the Supporters' Huts or from the General Secretary, EALing 9079.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL QUEEN COMPETITION

The "Football Queen for Brentford" will be judged at the Supporters' Club Dance on Saturday, 3rd January, 1959, at the Club Room, St. Paul's Hall, Brentford. Only a few tickets remain to be sold at the Supporters' Huts or from the Social Secretary, 68, Osterley Park View Road, Hanwell.

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MAURICE OWEN (left-half): Born in Abingdon. Shortly after signing as a professional for Swindon in 1947 he was the target for many offers from clubs in the First Division, two of them being Wolves and Arsenal. He is 5ft. 11ins. tall, weighing 10st. 13lbs.

WALTER BINGLEY (left-back): Born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his league debut for the "Robins" then, ever present since. Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday, with Bolton previously. He stands 6ft., weighs 12st.

REX TILLEY (left-half): Signed this close season from Plymouth. Joined Plymouth from Chippenham. After a period of six years with Plymouth, he has joined the "Robins." Born in Swindon. Stands 5ft. 11ins., weighs 10½st.

JOHN STEPHENS (outside-right): Joined the "Robins" in the close season for a large fee, from Hull City. At the age of twenty-two he has already been capped for Wales Under-23 side. He was among the forty out of which the Welsh team for the World Cup series was selected. Stands 5ft. 8ins., weighs 10½st.

RAY CHANDLER (goalkeeper): Signed from Bristol Rovers in 1956 season after completing three years with that club. Born at Bath (Somerset). Stands 6ft., weighs 13st.

LEW CLAYTON (right-half): Signed from Bournemouth during 1957 season. Was ever present during the Hampshire club's great Cup run. Born in Royston (Yorkshire). Stands 5ft. 8ins., weighs 10st. 6lbs.

VINCENT JACK (centre-half): Signed from Bury in 1956-57 season. Tallest player on Swindon books standing 6ft. 3ins., weighing 12st. 9lbs.

ALAN MOORE (outside-right): Signed from Coventry. This will be Alan's second season with the Town. Very clever ball player, and very experienced having seen service with clubs such as Notts Forest, Hull, Chesterfield and Sunderland. Born at Hebburn. He stands 5ft. 7ins., weighs 10st. 9lbs.

JOHN RICHARDS (inside-right): Signed from the Army during 1957-58 season. A goal-scoring inside-forward. Last season top goal-scorer with seventeen. Stands 5ft. 11ins., weighs 12½st. A versatile forward, playing in all inside-forward positions and right wing.

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND

Tickets for our Third Round Cup-tie against Barnsley on 10th January are now on sale: Block "A," 5s.; Block "B," 6s.

Season Ticket holders are reminded that it is necessary to claim their seats on or before Friday noon, 9th January.

Will patrons please note that as Barnsley have declined the invitation to play under floodlight, the kick-off is at 2.15 p.m.

WELL DONE JUNIORS !

In beating Icknield (Herts) 4-0 on Saturday last, the Juniors have reached the Fourth Round of the F.A. Youth Challenge Cup Competition. This is the best performance of the young "Bees" in this competition for a number of years.

A "BEE" MOVES

Len Roe, who joined the club in 1952, has been released to join Yiewsley Town where he teams up with former colleagues in Reg Newton and Roy Yeatman; we wish him every success.

THANK-YOU SUPPORTERS' CLUB !

It again gives the Board very much pleasure in acknowledging a further cheque of £500 from the Supporters' Club. This gift is being used towards the cost of renewing the corrugated iron sheeting at the back of the New Road Stand. Thank-you Supporters' Club !

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Reading	14	6	3	5	39	31	15
Brentford	14	6	3	5	31	27	15
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Northampton	16	6	1	9	38	47	13
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