An aerial photograph of the Swindon Town Football Club stadium, showing the pitch, stands, and surrounding urban area. The stadium is a large rectangular structure with a prominent roof over the pitch and stands. The surrounding area includes roads, parking lots, and residential buildings.

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CLUB NOTES

The results of the past month have been most disappointing. After the injuries during the Christmas period we feared the worst, but the team rose to the occasion against Southampton. Unfortunately since then the team has struck a bad patch. This of course comes to all Clubs, and it is most worrying to everyone, especially to the players, who become rather despondent when nothing seems to go right.

The only way to help them break this spell is encouragement. A little good will and enthusiasm will help the lads to get back on the winning road. It is easy to say "Do this," "Do that," "Buy players."

Many factors have to be considered, especially regarding players.

- (1) The money available for such a purpose.
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Will other Clubs part with good players?
- (3) The player has to be considered.
- (4) Will he fit in with our players, and the type of football?
- (5) Lastly, our own players, and their feelings. Many of them would no doubt be glad to have the opportunity to show if they can make the first team grade. Yes, the most important people in all this are the players who compose the present staff.

Another disappointment was the postponement of the Reserve match last Saturday. Unfortunately the ground on the far side, near the new stand was most dangerous. It was a great pity, as spectators have really enjoyed the Reserves' games this season, and the attendances have been

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excellent. We do not want to fall behind with the fixtures, as congestion at the end of the season could mean loss of valuable points, and everyone wants to see the team gain promotion to Division I of the London Combination. That, of course, means finishing in one of the top three positions. Keep up the good work lads. We hope for every success at Coventry today.

We welcome this afternoon newcomers to the County Ground in Chesterfield. We hope they enjoy their visit to Swindon, and may we all see an excellent match. They will no doubt be out for revenge, so the game will be a keen one.

Our Secretary, Ron Morse, is still on the sick list, but is improving slowly. We trust he will soon return to duty and bring with him better fortunes to the Club. We seem to have had this bad spell during his illness.

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I. SEEMLEY (R.B.)—5' 11½" 11st. 7lbs. Born Sheffield and commenced his career with the Wednesday Club, signing professional at 17. After eight seasons at Hillsborough had two seasons with Stockport County before being transferred to Chesterfield in the summer of 1957.

D. BLAKEY (C.H.)—5' 10½" 12st. 2lbs. Born Newburn-on-Tyne and came to Chesterfield in 1947 from a Northumberland Junior club. Since gaining a regular place six years ago, has been one of the stalwarts and now captains the team.

B. HUTCHINSON (L.H.)—5' 11½" 11st. 6lbs. Born Sheffield and now in his sixth season at Chesterfield. Previous to coming to Saltergate spent a short period on the ground staff of Bolton but preferred living at home. Recommended to Chesterfield and after trials was soon signed as a professional—April 1953.

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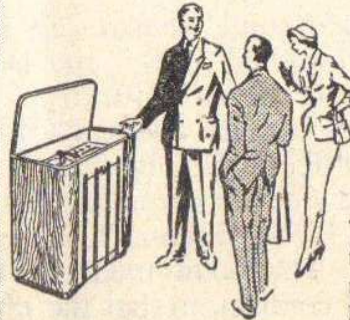
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Last Saturday evening we had only just finished looking at the football results in the "Football Pink," and had confirmed our impressions that we should have to continue working for at least another week, when we received the first enquiry about a team quoted by the writer of a letter signed "Season-ticket Holder, Oxford." Since then other Supporters have also raised queries about the team mentioned, which was, Skiller, Kay, Weston; Tout, Simms, Lochhead; Jefferson, Fleming, Rogers, Batty, Davies. The point made by these Supporters, and which our records seem to confirm, is that the players mentioned never constituted the recognised First team together. Skiller did not return to the Club until the beginning of 1920-21, by which time Lochhead had left the Club, and Tout and Simms were no longer first team players. The first team goalkeeper in 1919-20 was Fred Hinton who left the Club for Bolton Wanderers, when Len Skiller returned. If Hinton's name is substituted above for Skiller's then the team mentioned is correct as representing the Town in 1919-20, the last season of the old Southern League, before the formation of Division III of the Football League.

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