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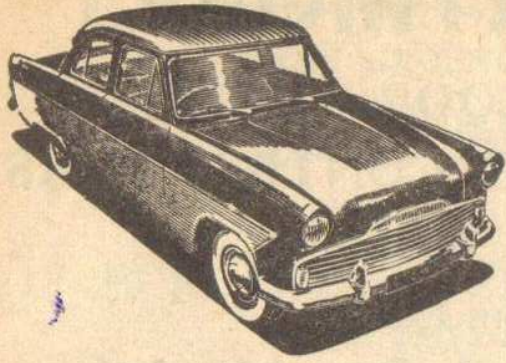
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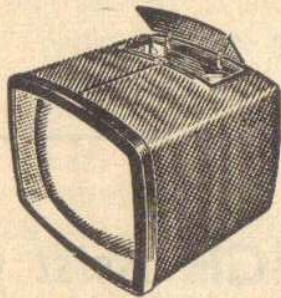
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OUR VISITORS

Tonight we repeat the cordial welcome extended to Swindon on January 17th, when the match was abandoned through an icy pitch after 37 minutes' play, with the hope that this time the weather is more hospitable to our new southern visitors.

The Wiltshire team will be all out to wipe out the result of the clubs' first meeting (2—1 for Stanley) and Swindon's first defeat in 18 matches, home and away.

The goals were monopolised by the two left wingers—our Jimmy Anders (2) and, for Swindon, Arnold Darcy. In fact, it might almost be described as an all-Stanley scoring spree, since Darcy was discovered by Stanley seven years ago in Blackburn Junior football and introduced to league football, before joining Swindon, via Wigan.

Arnold was certainly their most dangerous forward at our first meeting. Last season he scored six goals for Swindon.

It has been a remarkably unlucky season for Arnold, who has twice broken the same collar-bone, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Swindon were founded in 1881, and their present Manager, Mr. Bert Head, also has a northern association, being a former chief scout for Bury.

Last season Swindon finished fourth in the Southern Section—their best-ever League position. At the moment they stand 16th with 29 points, 1 point behind Stanley, both clubs having played 29 games.

Away from home they have won two games and drawn 5. They have one of the best defensive records in the whole league, having conceded only 34 goals in 29 matches.

Their mainstay in this department is John Neal, formerly of Hull City, who is regarded as one of the best defenders in the Third Division.

Still on Swindon's books are their three top marksmen of last season—John Richards, Robert Edwards and Andy Micklewright.

An unusual link between Swindon and Stanley is that when we bought the former Aldershot Tattoo Stand, the Southerners made a similar purchase.

CLUB NOTES

So near and yet so far Again this appears, at the moment, to sum up Stanley's attempt to reach Division II.

Despite a not-too-promising start and several injury blows, Stanley have made a really gallant effort this season.

Indeed, had they not surrendered two vital points at Mansfield, after leading 2—0, and then slipped up against Hull City, I'm sure the North-Eastern club would be having second thoughts about ordering their promotion champagne.

This succession of near misses is obviously disconcerting to supporters, but there is no reason to be too despondent. This season has seen a remarkable transformation at Peel Park in more ways than one.

"How can we go into higher circles without adequate seating accommodation?" used to be an all-too-familiar cry.

The directors have gone a long way to solving that problem with a handsome stand—and I hear that other plans for improving the ground are envisaged when funds allow.

From a playing point of view, Stanley's prospects have probably never been brighter. Mr. Eastham's boldness—and success in introducing 'babes' to Third Division soccer—has wide praise, and there is every reason to presume that his policy will pay bigger dividends in future seasons.

But what about the immediate future? After bringing home a deserved point from Bradford City on Saturday—and it could very easily have been two—Stanley, with three home games in front of them, have an excellent chance of making progress in the table. But, as I said, unless Hull crack up unexpectedly, Stanley could well be the bridesmaids, not the bride once again!

It is a pity that young Alex Hamilton is out of the game so soon after becoming acclimatised to Third Division soccer.

Although he is making a good recovery, it is likely that he will be out of action for the next few weeks.

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Club notes continued.

Terry Tighe, too, has joined the injured list. His leg had to be stitched after Saturday's game and, at the time of writing, was a doubtful starter for tonight's game.

Another bitter blow was the news that Gorden Stones, who, through the good offices of our President, Sir William Cocker, has been able to turn out for the 'Reds' since he joined the R.A.F. a few weeks ago is not available for tonight's game.

Still, there can be few grumbles about that, for when he left us for Service life, few expected that he would be on the team list on so many occasions.

When tonight's visitors, Swindon, last played at Peel Park, the referee had to abandon the game at half-time because of the treacherous conditions.

On that occasion, you will recall, Stanley served up some delightful soccer — Let's hope they can repeat that form tonight!!

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1958							
Aug. 23	Notts County	A	1-1	Aug. 23	Darlington ... H	2-0	
27	Newport C.	H	2-2	25	Halifax Town	A	1-2
30	Mansfield T.	H	2-0	30	Carlisle U.	A	2-2
Sept. 4	Newport C.	A	1-2	Sept. 6	Lincoln C.	H	1-1
6	Swindon T.	A	2-1	10	Gateshead ...	H	0-0
8	Colchester U.	A	0-1	13	Barrow	A	3-1
13	Brentford ...	H	1-1	20	Hull City	H	1-2
17	Colchester U.	H	1-1	24	Darlington ...	A	0-3
20	Hull City ...	A	2-4	27	Bradford C.	A	3-4
22	Chesterfield	A	1-0	Oct. 4	Sunderland ...	H	2-1
27	Bradford C.	H	1-3	11	Hartlepoons ..	H	2-1
29	Chesterfield	H	3-1	18	Middlesboro	A	3-0
Oct. 4	Wrexham ...	A	2-2	25	Bradford ...	H	0-0
8	Southampt'n	H	0-0	Nov. 1	York City ...	A	2-0
11	Norwich C.	A	4-2	8	Grimsby T.	H	3-0
18	Southend U.	H	3-0	15	Doncaster R.	A	—
25	Bury	A	1-3	22	Workington	H	3-2
Nov. 1	Q.P. Rangers	H	2-4	29	Rotherham ..	A	1-2
8	Rochdale ...	A	0-1	Dec. 6			—
15	(1)		5-1	13	Hartlepoons .	A	1-0
22	Stockport C.	A	0-0	20			—
29	Tranmere R.	H	3-1	26	Stockport C.	A	1-3
Dec. 6	(2)		6-1	27	Halifax T. ...	H	0-0
13	Reading	H	4-3	1959			
20	Notts County	H	3-0	Jan. 3	Carlisle U. ..	H	1-1
26	Halifax T. ...	H	4-2	10			—
27	Halifax T. ...	A	2-0	17	Lincoln C. ...	A	—
1959							
Jan. 3	Mansfield T.	A	2-3	24	Gateshead ...	A	—
10	(3) Donc'ster	H	—	31	Barrow	H	—
17	Swindon T.	H	—	Feb. 7	Hull City ...	A	—
24	(4) Plymouth	A	—	14	Bradford C.	H	—
31	Brentford ...	A	1-2	21	Sunderland ..	A	—
Feb. 7	Hull City ...	H	0-1	28	Bradford ...	A	—
14	(5) Brad'd C.	A	0-0	Mar. 7	York City ...	H	—
21	Wrexham ...	H	—	14	Grimsby T.	A	—
28	(6) Norwich	H	—	21	Doncaster R.	H	—
Mar. 7	Southend U.	A	—	28	Workington	A	—
14	(S.F.) Bury...	H	—	30	Stockport C.	H	—
21	Q. P. Rangers	A	—	Apr. 4	Rotherham .	H	—
27	Bournem'th	H	—	11			—
28	Rochdale ...	H	—	18	Middlesboro	H	—
30	Bournem'th	A	—	25			—
Apr. 4	Doncaster R.	A	—	May 2			
11	Stockport C.	H	—				—
18	Tranmere R.	A	—				—
22	Southampt'n	A	—				—
25	Plymouth A.	H	—				—
29	Reading	A	—				—

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