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## From the Manager's office . . .

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Good Afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On Friday, March 13th, Sylvan Anderton was transferred to Chelsea Football Club.

Sylvan had repeatedly expressed a desire to the club that he would like to play in First Division football. After very careful thought and consideration the directors and myself reluctantly agreed to release him and we all wish him every success at Stamford Bridge.

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On Saturday last we met Brentford at Griffin Park in a very important Football League fixture.

We quickly settled down, and after four minutes play we were rewarded by a goal from Bobby Ayre, who scored from close range. We continued to hold our own and our defence were equal to the guiles and strength of the Brentford attack. With the score at one nil a glaring penalty incident was ignored by the referee.

Unfortunately, after some twenty-seven minutes play, a long range shot which was saved by David Meeson, looked quite safe, when suddenly George Francis challenged the 'keeper and bundled the ball into the net. This was a real shock for us, because up to that incident the home side had never really looked like scoring.

A minute from the interval, a further defensive error resulted in Rainford having a clear shot at goal, and he made no mistake, and I felt that at half-time we were somewhat unfortunate to be in arrears.

A few minutes after the interval, Brentford scored again, and the game looked over as far as we were concerned, but the lads staged a wonderful rally, and a great shot from Maurice Evans completely beat the home 'keeper and the ball hit the cross bar. Also a free kick just outside the penalty area, taken by Ray Reeves, saw Cakebread make a magnificent save. A little later he did likewise with a shot from Bobby Ayre.

In the final minutes of the game we were buzzing around the Brentford goal without being able to find the net.

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**RAY CHANDLER**—Signed from Bristol Rovers in 1956 season after completing 3 years with that club. Born at Bath (Somerset).

**JOHN NEAL**—Signed from Hull City, after spending one season with King's Lynn, in 1957. Represented the South, in North v. South League 3 Representative Match last season.

**WALTER BINGLEY**—Born in Sheffield. Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, ever present since. Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday, with Bolton previously.

**JOHN FOUNTAIN**—Born in Leeds. Signed from Sheffield United in 1957.

**GEORGE HUDSON**—Joined Swindon in September, 1948, and gained his league place in latter half of that season. A native of Havant (Hants) was previously with Portsmouth.

**MAURICE OWEN**—Born in Abingdon. After signing as a professional for Swindon in 1947 he was the target for many offers from First Division Clubs.

**JOHN SKULL**—Swindon born. Joined Wolverhampton Wanderers at the age of 16, where he played for five seasons. Transferred to Swindon Town in season 1957.

**JOHN RICHARDS**—Signed from the Army during 1957-58 season. Last season top goal-scorer with 17.

**WILLIE MARSHALL**—One of the Club's recent signings, being transferred from Bradford City F.C. a few weeks ago. He spent two seasons with the Yorkshire Club.

**ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT**—Was with Bristol Rovers and Bristol City before joining Swindon in 1955-56 season. Born in Smethwick.

**ARNOLD DARCY**—Born at Blackburn. Joined the "Robins" from Wigan Athletic during 1956-57 season. Played as an amateur for Accrington Stanley in 1952-53 season.

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Plymouth .....	35	19	11	5	79	49	49
Brentford .....	34	16	11	7	54	35	43
Colchester .....	34	15	10	9	58	46	40
Tranmere .....	36	16	7	13	63	54	39
Southend .....	36	16	7	13	65	58	39
<i>READING</i> .....	35	15	8	12	59	48	38
Bury .....	36	14	9	13	59	46	37
Southampton ...	35	13	10	13	75	67	36
Bournemouth ...	37	14	8	15	51	57	36
Accrington .....	35	13	10	11	57	50	36
Halifax .....	33	15	5	13	54	62	35
Norwich .....	30	13	8	9	53	42	34
Chesterfield .....	36	12	9	15	56	55	33
Swindon .....	34	12	8	14	43	42	32
Newport .....	34	12	8	14	55	57	32
Mansfield .....	34	12	8	14	60	77	32
Wrexham .....	33	11	10	12	49	55	32
Bradford C. ...	35	12	8	15	60	62	32
Q.P.R. ....	34	12	7	15	54	69	31
Stockport .....	34	10	7	18	49	63	27
Notts C. ....	35	7	12	16	46	72	26
Doncaster .....	37	11	2	24	41	78	24
Rochdale .....	34	6	9	19	30	62	21

## Football League goalscorers:

Jimmy Wheeler 18. Bobby Ayre 9. Sylvan Anderton 7,  
 Ray Reeves 5. Douggie Webb 5. Jimmy Whitehouse 5.  
 George McLuckie 4. Willie Gardiner 2. Denis Penford 2.  
 Peter Harrison 1. Eddie McLaren 1. Peter Shreeve 1.

F.A. Cup goalscorer: Jimmy Wheeler 1.

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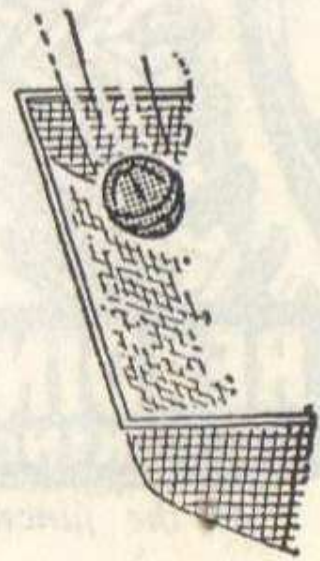
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# FIXTURES 1958-59

## Football League

1958			
Aug.	23—Q.P. Rangers	H	2 2
"	27—Southend United	A	2 2
"	30—Rochdale	A	0 1
Sept.	3—Southend United	H	3 0
"	6—Doncaster Rov.	H	2 0
"	10—Bournemouth	A	1 0
"	13—Plymouth A.	A	2 2
"	17—Bournemouth	H	2 0
"	20—Tranmere Rov.	H	0 0
"	22—Bury	A	1 1
"	27—Stockport County	A	1 0
"	29 Bury	H	1 0
Oct.	4—Southampton	A	3 3
"	8—Colchester Utd.	H	0 0
"	11—Bradford City	H	3 2
"	18—Hull City	A	0 2
"	25—Brentford	H	3 1
Nov.	1—Swindon Town	A	0 2
"	8—Mansfield Town	H	3 3
"	15—(1) Watford (1-1)		0 2
"	22—Halifax Town	H	3 0
"	29—Newport County	A	1 2
Dec.	6—(2)		
"	13—Accrington	A	3 4
"	20—Q.P. Rangers	A	0 2
"	26—Norwich City	A	0 1
"	27—Norwich City	H	3 1
1959			
Jan.	3—Rochdale	H	3 0
"	10—Notts Co.	A	1 3
"	17—Doncaster Rov.	A	P'p'd
"	24—Chesterfield	H	1 2
"	31—Plymouth A.	H	0 2
Feb.	7—Tranmere Rov.	A	1 2
"	14—Stockport Co.	H	2 1
"	21—Southampton	H	4 1
"	28—Bradford City	A	2 1
Mar.	7—Hull City	H	P'p'd
"	14—Brentford	A	1 3
"	21—Swindon Town	H	
"	27—Wrexham	A	
"	28—Mansfield Town	A	
"	30—Wrexham	H	
April	4—Notts County	H	
"	11—Halifax Town	A	
"	18—Newport County	H	
"	20—Colchester Utd.	A	
"	25—Chesterfield	A	
"	29—Accrington	H	
May	2—(Final)		

## Combination

1958			
Aug.	23—Plymouth A.	A	2 2
"	27—Norwich City	H	1 5
"	30—Northampton	H	3 1
Sept.	10—Crystal Palace	A	1 3
"	13—Aldershot	H	7 1
"	20—		
"	27—Norwich City	A	3 3
Oct.	4—Watford	H	P'p'd
"	11—Millwall	A	1 3
"	18—Southampton	H	3 4
"	25—Coventry City	A	2 0
Nov.	1—Notts County	H	5 3
"	8—Gillingham	A	Can'd
"	15—Mansfield Town	H	3 1
"	22—Brentford	A	2 4
"	29—Swindon Town	H	5 1
Dec.	6—Southampton	A	2 2
"	13—Millwall	H	P'p'd
"	20—Plymouth A.	H	3 1
"	26—Southend United	A	1 3
"	27—		
1959			
Jan.	3—Northampton	A	1 2
"	10—Bournemouth	H	2 0
"	17—Crystal Palace	H	P'p'd
"	24—		
"	31—Aldershot	A	2 3
Feb.	7—Bournemouth	A	0 7
"	14—		
"	21—Watford	A	1 0
"	28—Coventry City	H	6 1
Mar.	7—Notts County	A	2 1
"	14—Brentford	H	2 2
"	18—Watford	H	1 0
"	21—Mansfield Town	A	
"	27—Southend United	H	
"	28—Gillingham	H	
April	4—Swindon Town	A	
"	11—Q.P. Rangers	A	
"	18—		
"	25—Q.P. Rangers	H	

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In view of the various statements which have appeared in the Press recently, we think that Football Supporters generally should know just what opportunities there are for the professional footballer in The Football League who makes a success of his career.

In addition to his basic weekly wage, the maximum of which is £20 per week, the player is *entitled* to the following payments under Football League Regulations.

In all League and Friendly matches, bonus of £4 for a win and £2 for a draw.

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Round 2 .....	£4	Round 6 .....	£10
Round 3 .....	£5	Semi-final .....	£20
Round 4 .....	£6	Final .....	£25

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In the case of Friendly matches, an extra payment of £2 minimum and £3 maximum is paid to each player, plus a further £2 if that particular match is televised .

In addition to all these *entitlements*, Clubs may, and in most cases do, pay removal expenses, when players are transferred, plus an additional sum of up to £300 if the player is transferred at the request of his Club.

When on tour outside England and Wales, the players receive an extra £2 per day out of pocket expenses.

Benefit money as a reward for loyal service equal to a maximum of £150 a year during his first five years and £200 a year for succeeding years of service with the same club.

Finally, the Football League Provident Fund puts aside a sum equal to 8 per cent of all these earnings each year which is paid to a player, free of Income Tax, on the 1st January following his thirty-fifth birthday, or following his retirement from League football, whichever is the later.

The Football League Vocational Training Scheme also encourages a player and pays the whole or part of his expenses and fees whilst studying for some other trade or occupation.

The League organisation also absorbs many of its professional players into Managerial, Secretarial, Training and Coaching appointments when their playing career is ended.

The Football Association pays to the star player in representative matches substantial fees and expenses, and also pays to over 200 leading players, who have qualified themselves as coaches, fees for Coaching Courses both at home and abroad.

From this, it will be seen that the oft repeated claim that "a player can only receive £20 a week" is misleading, and that there is every incentive for a player to reach the top and receive ample reward for his efforts from the game itself. It is not necessary for us to remind anyone of the further opportunities which success in the game opens in the field of Television, Newspaper Writing, Advertising, etc.

A. DREWERY, *Chairman of The Football Association*

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A	Mansfield Res. v. Reading Res.
B	Chelsea v. Preston N.E.
C	Newcastle v. Arsenal
D	Tottenham v. Manchester City
E	West Ham v. Bolton
F	Brighton v. Lincoln
G	Charlton v. Ipswich Town
H	Huddersfield v. Leyton
J	Sheffield U. v. Fulham
K	Bournemouth v. Hull City
L	Bury v. Southampton
M	Colchester v. Brentford
N	Doncaster Rovers v. Newport
P	Norwich City v. Bradford C.
Q	Plymouth v. Chesterfield
R	Q.P.R. v. Accrington Stanley
S	Rochdale v. Halifax Town
T	Southend v. Wrexham
U	Stockport v. Mansfield
V	Tranmere Rovers v. Notts County

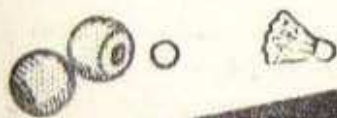
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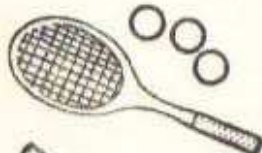
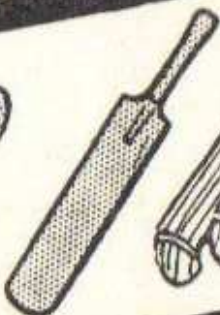
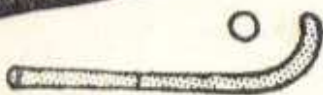
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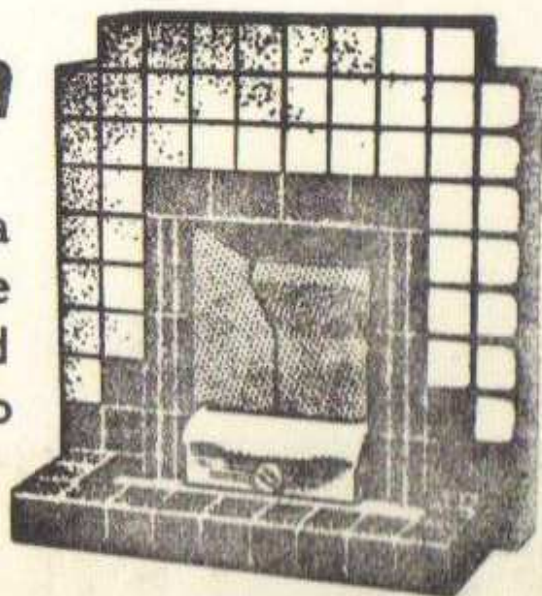
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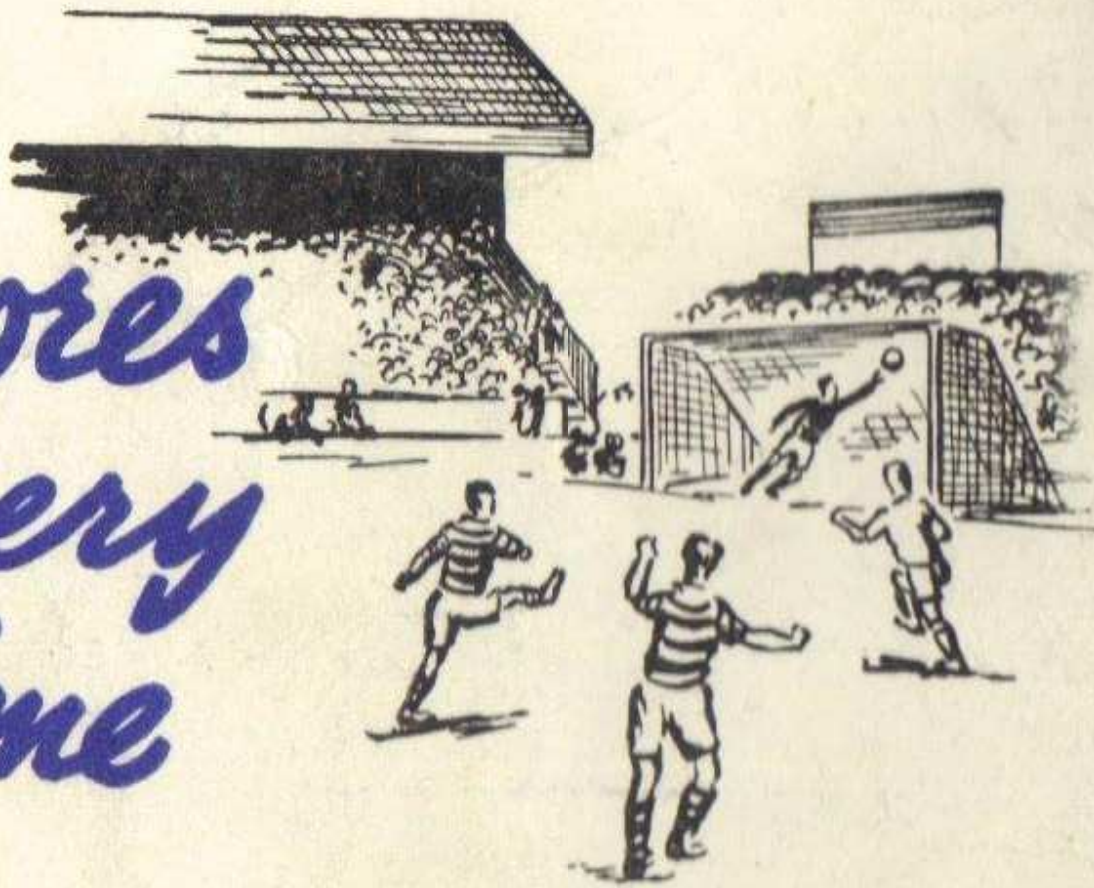


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