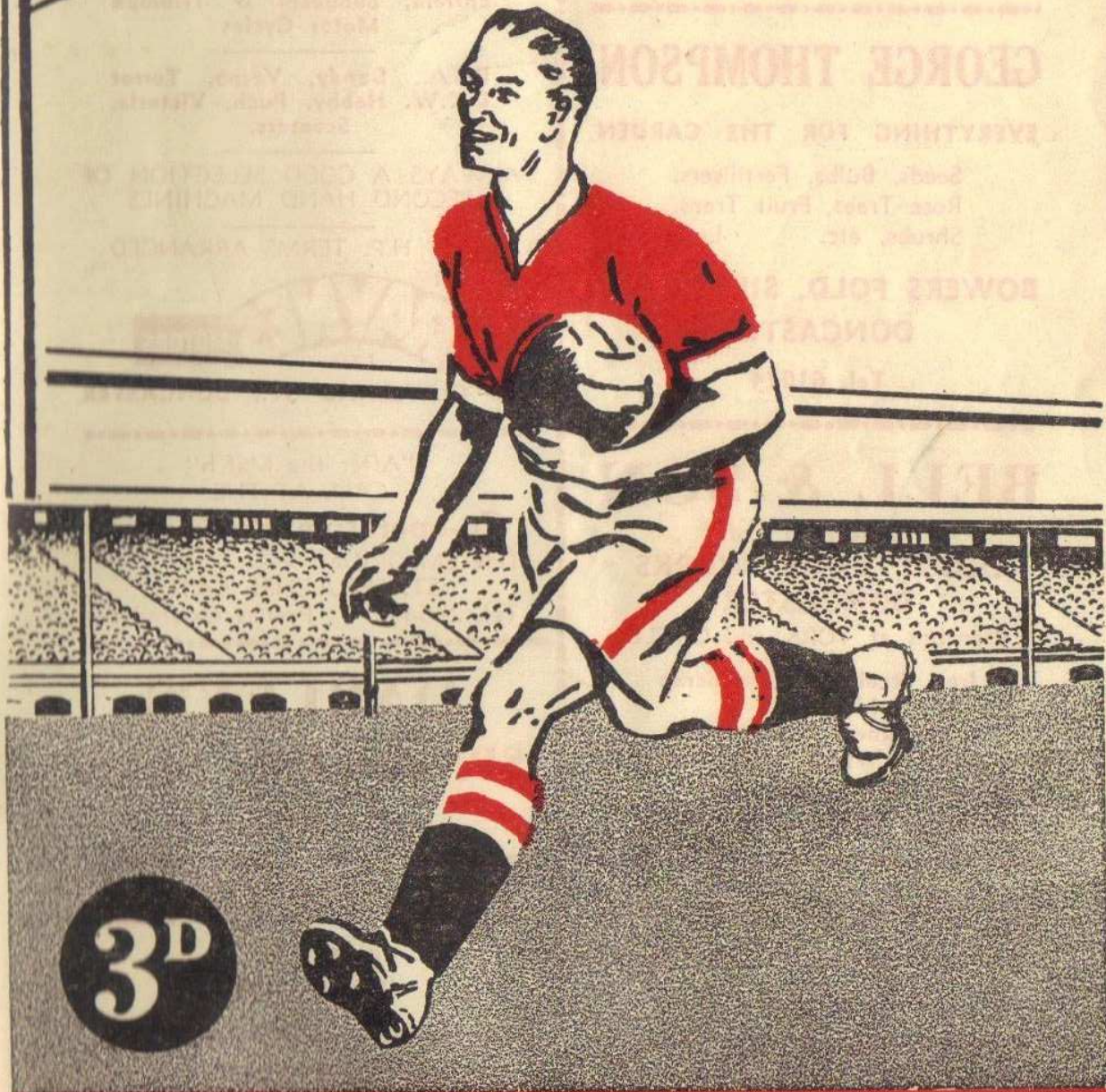


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## Notes and News

Last Saturday's match against Newport County may not have satisfied the super-critic so far as the finer points of Soccer are concerned, but we took both the points, and on merit, too.

And it was a remarkably fine goal from Jimmy Fletcher which won this game to keep us still in the fight against relegation.

On the whole we were the better team. We had more of the play and there were several 'near-misses' which could easily have produced goals.

The big disappointment was, of course, the attendance. It was a big disappointment on such a pleasant Saturday, and when I tell you that this was the lowest figure registered at Belle Vue since the Second World War you can imagine how we feel about it. It is difficult to understand why only 3,907 spectators should be attracted to Belle Vue for a League game, especially in view of the fact that we have given some quite good performances on our own ground this season and actually gained maximum points from the last three encounters.

Our Chairman, Mr. J. S. Garnham, says: "It is one of the worst 'gates' I can remember since joining the directors." I think that all our loyal supporters will agree with him when he says "I don't think we deserve such treatment," and when he adds "We deserve better support when you compare our position and performances with other clubs which get bigger attendances."

I hope that the sporting public of Doncaster will respond and give us their support during a trying period.

We have received the report of the Management Committee of the Football League about our floodlights which were temporarily improved for the visit of Reading on February 24. It will be recalled that the lights were inspected by the League's



At a glance . . .  
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## THIRD DIVISION FIXTURE LIST

1958	Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Aug 23	Tranmere Rovers	Away	0	3
" 28	Brentford	Home	1	0
" 30	Stockport County	Home	4	1
Sept. 2	Brentford	Away	1	0
" 6	Reading	Away	0	2
" 9	Queen's Park Rangers	Home	2	0
" 15	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	1	3
" 20	Bournemouth and Bos. A.	Away	0	1
" 22	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0	4
" 27	Norwich City	Home	0	1
Oct. 2	Plymouth Argyle	Home	4	6
" 4	Southend United	Away	0	5
" 9	Bury	Home	0	1
" 11	Mansfield Town	Home	0	2
" 16	Colchester United	Home	2	1
" 18	Notts County	Away	2	2
" 25	Chesterfield	Away	0	2
Nov. 1	Newport County	Away	1	3
" 8	Halifax Town	Home	1	2
" 22	Bradford City	Home	0	3
" 29	Wrexham	Away	1	2
Dec. 13	Hull City	Away	1	5
" 20	Tranmere Rovers	Home	2	0
" 26	Rochdale	Away	0	1
" 27	Rochdale	Home	1	1
1959				
Jan. 1	Bury	Away	0	5
" 3	Stockport County	Away	0	2
" 24	(4) Southampton	Home	3	2
" 31	Colchester United	Away	0	1
Feb. 4	Norwich City	Away	0	3
" 7	Bournemouth and Bos. A.	Home	5	1
" 21	Southend United	Home	2	1
" 24	Reading	Home	2	5
" 28	(6) Mansfield Town	Away	1	3
Mar. 7	Notts County	Home	2	1
" 11	Accrington Stanley	Away	0	2
" 14	(S.F.) Chesterfield	Home	2	1
" 21	Newport County	Home	1	0
" 27	Swindon Town	Home		
" 28	Halifax Town	Away		
" 30	Swindon Town	Away		
April 4	Accrington Stanley	Home		
" 11	Bradford City	Away		
" 18	Wrexham	Home		
" 23	Hull City	Home		
" 25	Southampton	Away		
May 2	CUP FINAL	Away		
Nov. 15	Consett (F.A. CUP—1st Rd)	Home	5	0
Dec. 6	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. CUP—2nd Rd)	Away	2	1
Jan. 19	Bristol City (F.A. Cup—3rd Rd)	Home	0	2
Feb. 14	Blackburn Rovers (Friendly)	Home	0	2

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## Notes and News *continued*

President (Mr. J. Richards, of Barnsley) and one of the vice-presidents (Mr. H. Shentall, of Chesterfield). The only fault they had to find was the glare from the lights, and we have taken the matter up with the electrical contractors concerned in the hope that this fault may be eliminated. I can say, however, that if it is going to be a costly affair that the matter will not be pursued for the time being.

We give a welcome this afternoon to our friends from Swindon who are paying their first visit ever to Belle Vue. They can count upon a good Yorkshire welcome.

Tomorrow the first team pays a visit to Halifax for the first time for many seasons; while our Reserves will be at home to Darlington Reserves in the North Regional League. I should like to see them well supported.

On Easter Monday the seniors play the return game with Swindon Town, and again our Reserves will be seen in action, with York City Reserves as visitors.

There is another holiday attraction. That takes place tomorrow morning when Doncaster Boys meet East Ham Boys here in the semi-final of the English Schools' Shield competition. I know that everybody will wish our youngsters well in their strong bid for honours. If they win through there is a strong possibility of an all-Yorkshire final, for Barnsley also play their semi-final tomorrow morning. The Doncaster Boys are back in form again, for last Monday they had a grand 3-0 win over Scunthorpe Boys, even though five of the places in the side were filled by reserves.

\* \* \*

With so many players having to receive treatment—there were no less than nine of them earlier in the week—it will be seen what a problem faced our secretary-manager Mr. Jack Crayston in picking teams for the stiff holiday matches. Two players, centre-half Barry Staton and inside-forward Malcolm Stephens, were definitely out of the reckoning, while there were extreme doubts, too, about Johnny Mooney and Brian Finney, but, at the time of writing, there were hopes that Peter Higham, Tommy Cavanagh, Charlie Williams and Dennis Lunn would be pronounced fit; also that Brian Makepeace might be able to turn out for the first time since he was injured in the cup-tie with Bristol City at Belle Vue on January 20th.



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In the present campaign, they have found progress more difficult and at the time of writing, they occupy seventeenth position in the table, with 32 points from the 34 games.

Here are pen-pictures of the Swindon team which played at Reading last Saturday and lost 3—1.

Goalkeeper **RAY CHANDLER** was signed by Swindon in the 1956 season after three year's service with the West Country club. He is a native of Bath, stands 6ft. and weighs 13 stones. Right-back **JOHN NEAL** is a keen tackler and fast in recovery. He joined Swindon from Hull City, after one season with Kings Lynn, in 1957. Represented South v North (Third Division) representative match last season. John has been a professional sprinter. Left-back **WALTER BINGLEY** is a Yorkshireman and born at Sheffield. He went to the County ground in the early part of the 1957-58 season, making his League debut for the "Robins" then and being an "ever present" since. Has had previous experience with Sheffield Wednesday and Bolton Wanderers.

Right-half **JOHN FOUNTAIN** is another Yorkshireman—this time from Leeds, but he was signed from Sheffield United in 1957, while centre-half **GEORGE HUDSON** was with Portsmouth before going to Swindon in September, 1948. This very strong player belongs to Havart in Hampshire. Left-half **MAURICE OWEN** is a defender in whom several First Division club have shown more than an ordinary interest. Maurice has been sought by Wolves and Arsenal. A native of Abingdon he has been on Swindon's staff since 1947.

Outside-right **JOHN SKULL** who scored his side's goal at Reading is a local player who has made good. He joined Wolves at 16 and stayed there for five years. By the way, he is a qualified physiotherapist. Inside-right **JOHN RICHARDS** was signed from the Army last season and he ended the campaign as the club's top scorer with 17 goals to his credit. A versatile player who can fill any of the forward positions.

Centre-forward **WILLIE MARSHALL** was signed only three weeks ago from Bradford City and he learned his football with a Scottish junior club, coming "over the border" three years ago. Inside-left **ANDY MICKLEWRIGHT** has had experience with both Bristol Rovers and Bristol City. He went to Swindon in the 1955-56 season. He is a Londoner, while outside-left **ARNOLD DARCY** hails from Lancashire. Born at Blackburn, he went south from Wigan Athletic in the 1956-57 season. An "ever-present" last season. Another player available is "**BILL**" **ROOST** who was previously with Bristol Rovers.



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### THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	Goals			Pts
				D.	F.	A.	
Plymouth Argyle...	37	20	6	11	81	51	51
Hull City .....	36	22	8	6	77	41	50
Brentford .....	35	17	7	11	58	35	45
Colchester U. ....	36	16	10	10	59	50	42
Southend U. ....	37	17	13	7	69	59	41
Tranmere R. ....	38	17	14	7	65	57	41
Reading .....	36	16	12	8	62	49	40
Bury .....	37	15	13	9	60	46	39
Norwich City ....	32	15	9	8	59	44	38
Southampton ....	37	13	14	10	75	68	36
Accrington S. ....	37	13	14	10	58	55	36
Newport Co. ....	37	14	15	8	59	59	36
Bournemouth ....	37	14	15	8	51	57	36
Halifax Town ....	34	15	14	5	54	61	35
Queen's Park R....	36	14	15	7	60	70	35
Chesterfield .....	37	12	16	9	56	57	33
Swindon Town ....	35	12	15	8	44	45	32
Bradford City ....	37	12	17	8	61	69	32
Wrexham .....	34	11	13	10	50	59	32
Mansfield T. ....	35	12	15	8	61	81	32
Stockport Co. ....	36	11	18	7	51	64	29
Notts County ....	37	8	17	12	50	75	28
<b>Doncaster Rov. ...</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>26</b>
Rochdale .....	37	7	21	9	31	64	23

### NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Goals			Pts
				D.	F.	A.	
Sunderland .....	29	22	6	1	93	34	45
Middlesbrough ...	28	18	5	5	73	31	41
Hull City .....	31	18	8	5	78	54	41
Lincoln City .....	29	13	8	8	67	55	34
Stockport County...	27	12	7	8	61	43	32
Bradford City .....	31	12	11	8	57	59	32
Rotherham Utd. ...	27	14	10	3	74	54	31
York City .....	27	12	10	5	54	45	29
Grimsby Town ...	28	10	9	9	54	48	29
Hartlepoons Utd. ...	28	12	11	5	62	71	29
Accrington St. ...	30	11	13	6	47	50	28
Workington .....	27	11	11	5	60	51	27
Carlisle United ...	28	9	11	8	37	50	26
Halifax Town .....	30	8	14	8	50	71	24
Darlington .....	28	7	13	8	32	44	22
<b>Doncaster Rovers...</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>
Gateshead .....	31	6	17	8	49	82	20
Barrow .....	27	7	17	3	34	80	17
Bradford (P.A.) ...	28	4	17	7	30	60	15

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Minton (2)  
Reeson (2)  
Stephens (2)  
Callan  
Jones  
Meredith  
Mooney

### SECOND TEAM

Stephens (7)  
Higham (6)  
Fletcher (5)  
Reeson (5)  
Clifton (4)  
Gavin (3)  
Jones (3)  
Mooney (3)  
Finney (2)  
Meredith (2)  
Bedford  
Ferne  
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Hymers  
Walker (B.)  
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It is believed that this is the first occasion Swindon Town have visited Belle Vue in a League game and we welcome them to Doncaster.

The Rovers average attendance to date for League matches is 6,783 and supporters who follow the team through thick and thin are perturbed about this poor support. When one considers that of the other 23 teams in the 3rd Division, only 6 have won more home games than the Rovers, this is particularly disturbing and we appeal to all members to do all they can to uphold the good name of Doncaster and District in supporting their team.

Don't forget the North Regional League games tomorrow (Saturday) and Monday, at Belle Vue. The Reserves brought off an excellent win at Accrington last Saturday by a Callan goal.

Why not visit the Supporters Club Office on the ground—it is open on all match days and we shall be pleased to see any home or visiting supporters.

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Aug. 23	Bradford	Home	2	1
" 30	Middlesbrough	Away	2	2
Sept. 2	Grimsby Town	Away	0	3
" 6	Hartlepoons United	Home	1	5
" 13	Stockport County	Away	0	5
" 15	Workington	Away	1	3
" 20	Lincoln City	Home	1	2
" 27	Rotherham United	Away	1	6
Oct. 4	Workington	Home	1	1
" 11	Hull City	Away	4	4
" 18	Bradford City	Home	2	2
" 25	Sunderland	Away	0	5
Nov. 1	Gateshead	Home	7	0
" 8	Halifax Town	Away	2	4
" 22	Darlington	Away	0	1
" 29	Carlisle United	Home	2	0
Dec. 6	Lincoln City	Away	3	7
" 13	Hull City	Home	3	2
" 20	Bradford	Away	1	0
" 26	Bradford City	Away	4	6
" 27	York City	Away	1	2
1959				
Jan. 3	Middlesbrough	Home	0	5
" 24	Barrow	Away	2	4
" 31	Stockport County	Home	2	0
Feb. 28	Sunderland	Home	0	3
Mar. 7	Gateshead	Away	1	1
" 17	Halifax Town	Home	2	2
" 21	Accrington Stanley	Away	1	0
" 28	Darlington	Home		
" 30	York City	Home		
April 4	Carlisle United	Away		
" 9	Rotherham United	Home		
" 11	Accrington Stanley	Home		
" 25	Grimsby Town	Home		
" 30	Barrow	Home		
	Hartlepoons United	Away		

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*Monday, April 6th*

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