

An aerial photograph of a football stadium, likely Swindon Town's home ground, showing the pitch, stands, and surrounding area. A large red box with a white border is superimposed at the top, containing the club's name.

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CLUB NOTES

By virtue of the draw at Mansfield on Monday, 13th April, and the splendid win at Southend on Saturday, we are at last quite free from relegation worries.

The game at Mansfield was played on a hard dry ground with a strong wind blowing down the pitch. A 0—0 draw was a fair reflection of the game, although Swindon were rather fortunate when Barry Thomas, centre forward, hit the underside of the bar with a cracking shot.

At Southend the conditions were much different; a wet, muddy pitch. This sort of ground has not suited our team so far this season. However, Swindon was by far the better side, especially in the first half. The forward line played much better than for a long time, even better than at Bournemouth. John Richards, who has had rather a lean time since his operation for the removal of a cartilage, scored both goals, one in each half. It is good to see John with his name on the score sheet, as it may easily have been at Norwich.

The Reserves, with a very young side, lost rather heavily at Mansfield, although the score was not a true reflection of the game.

Mansfield lost at Swindon on Good Friday by 5 goals to 0, so not only were they out for revenge, but they were also very keen to win as they stand a chance of promotion to Division I of the London Combination.

Mansfield treated the Swindon party extremely well. We trust we can return the hospitality this evening.

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4 to 0 in our favour. It is hoped to stage several more games on the County Ground before the end of the season.

Gates such as the one on Saturday Justify such a move.

Tonight we welcome newcomers (to some of us almost old friends) in Mansfield. Like us they have been near the danger zone, but now seem quite safe with 40 points. We trust everyone will see an excellent game, and may the better team win.

Mansfield has a large number of professionals and has enjoyed quite a good season when both the First Team and the Reserve Side are considered. Their supporters run one of the largest competitions in the country, with a membership of 96,000. A great help to the Club indeed.

On Saturday we play our last home league game of the season, and this against Norwich City. We trust supporters will turn up in large numbers to pay tribute to one of the outstanding teams of the season. Every Club in Division III was most disappointed when Norwich just failed to qualify for the F.A. Cup Final.

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| C.H.—Bradley | 5 | 10 | 11 | 10 | West Brom. | Nottingham |
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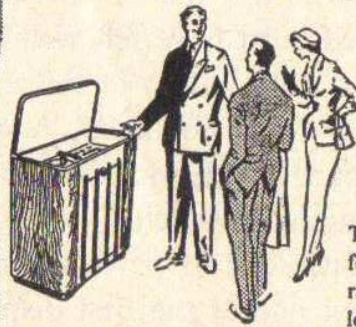
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Those of us who saw the 'A' Team's game on Saturday against Calne & Harris United must have felt well rewarded. Not only was it a lively match (with the usual ration of missed penalty kicks!), with periodical reassuring news from Southend, but we had the opportunity to see some of the younger players, of whom we hear good reports, but rarely have an opportunity to watch.

It may be invidious to particularize, but Summerbee at inside right must have given one of the best displays by an inside forward seen on the County Ground this season. We hope to hear and see more of him in the not too distant future.

It was certainly good to hear of the gratifying win at Southend, and to know that John Richards was amongst the goals again.

We know of one professional Club (at least), whose Chairman is in the habit of watching only his first team play, and it must therefore

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