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## CLUB NOTES

This afternoon we extend to our friends Norwich City a very hearty welcome, and congratulate them on their outstanding successes this season. It is some consolation for us to think we started them on their long cup run with two hard games in Round 2.

Congratulations too, to inside-left Hill, on not only obtaining his first International Cap, but also playing such an excellent game against Wales.

It is fitting indeed that we end our home games with this fixture. We trust the gate is very large, to prove to Norwich the great interest taken in them by all football followers.

We wish to thank all our spectators, not only for their presence at the game today, but also for their splendid support throughout the season. The average gate has been over 11,000, and this in spite of the fact that up to Christmas many spectators had to suffer great inconvenience due to the delay in the erection of the New Stand. In February and March also, the First Team especially had a poor run, and we thank supporters for their help during that lean period. At such times is when we need support most.

We trust you will all be back next season, and others will join you. The New Stand itself is now complete, but much more work has to be carried out in the summer, including the provision of new entrances and lavatory accommodation.

All of this will, of course, involve the Club in much expense, and it is therefore with great pleasure that we welcome the little ceremony due to take place prior to this afternoon's game—the handing over by the Chairman of the Supporters Club to our Chairman, Mr. Castle, a cheque for £5,000, proceeds of the Lottery for February and March.

May we take this opportunity of thanking all concerned with this great fund-raising scheme : the organisers, the agents, and the members who contribute every week. Without this magnificent help the Club



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would find it very difficult to function, and certainly improvements could not be made, either to the team or the ground.

Almost every Club which visits the County Ground admires it, and in the opinion of many it is certainly one of the best in Division III.

Following the game on Wednesday evening the Directors and Officials of the Club were invited to the Mayor's Parlour. The party greatly appreciated the Mayor's very fine gesture and really enjoyed the function.

The Board felt very honoured because in addition to his Worship the Mayor, there was present the Deputy Mayor (Coun. Diment), the Mayor Elect (Coun. Jefford), Chairman of Finance (Ald. Bown), and the High Sheriff of Gloucester. Thank you Mr. Mayor for your great interest in Swindon Town F.C. We appreciate very much that you pride yourself as the supporter with most years of service; 65 years since you first saw Swindon play.

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United, however, proved no obstacle to Norwich. Following their convincing 3—0 win over Manchester they went on to the Semi-Final, being beaten 1—0 in a replay by Luton Town.

From all the reports of the game against Luton, Norwich City should have been going to Wembley next Saturday.

Nevertheless, nothing can detract from the glory that is rightfully theirs, and we are proud to pay this tribute to all of the players and Manager Archie Macauley. Well done Norwich! We are proud to receive you as our visitors today.

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The writer, being a more or less moribund member of the Committee (apart from literary efforts and collection of money by threat and persuasion), would like to pay tribute to those really useful members of the Committee (all the rest, in fact), whose regular duties—programme sales, collections, the running of the Competition and the other matters which keep the wheels turning.

However, the writer intends now to turn over a new leaf—about 60 of them in fact—during the summer, and we hope that the result will be on sale early next season in the shape of the Swindon Town F. C. Handbook. We hope that supporters will welcome the revival of this venture, and will patronise this effort of the Committee, which, while it

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At this time of the year we have to say goodbye to some of the players—at the time of writing we know not whom—but, wherever they may find themselves in the future, we wish them the best of luck.

From a playing point of view the season has been generally disappointing. Early promise did not reach the desired result and plans went astray and, no doubt, the players have felt as frustrated as the spectators. But football supporters have short memories, and it is certain that we shall all roll up again in August, full of hope for the future.

It would be ungracious to end without referring to the cordial relations existing between this Club and the Football Club, and to thank the Directors and Management for many courtesies extended to us during the season.

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