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#### **CLUB NOTES**

This afternoon, we entertain another team from the north. If Bradford City provide such tough opposition as Barnsley, the game will be a very hard one indeed.

Tradition still makes Barnsley a rugged side, but whilst they were quick and hard in the tackle, they also played good fast football, using the ball on the ground.

In many ways, from the home team point of view the game was disappointing. Obviously the team has not yet knitted together in a smooth working unit, but in the first half Swindon had the greater portion of the game, and the goal was all against the run of the play, and was undoubtedly the result of a misunderstanding. Richards also hit the bar with the goalkeeper out of his goal.

The second half was a keen hard struggle with Swindon fighting back, perhaps a little too hard. Barnsley were always dangerous in their quick direct breakaways. It looked as if the equaliser would not materialize, but ten minutes from the end, after a scramble in the goalmouth, Stephens netted.

So the game ended in a draw, not quite what the 14,000 crowd had hoped for, but let us give credit to the fighting spirit of the whole team, and also surely, the outstanding fearless display of Goalkeeper Leeson.

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The Reserves journeyed to Gillingham, and although they dominated the game, by sheer good football, they failed in their scoring efforts. Swindon could only score one goal, and that by half-back Woodruffe, to the two for Gillingham.

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Last season, the first in the newly formed Third Division they experienced one of their worst injury runs ever and as a result at Easter faced the prospects of relegation. But they rallied in fine style to finish in 11th position and end the season with an unbeaten run of nine matches.

Despite their bad luck through injuries the team nevertheless scored 84 goals—their second highest in post war soccer. Of these 37 were gained away from home, a feat bettered only by Norwich City in the Third Division.

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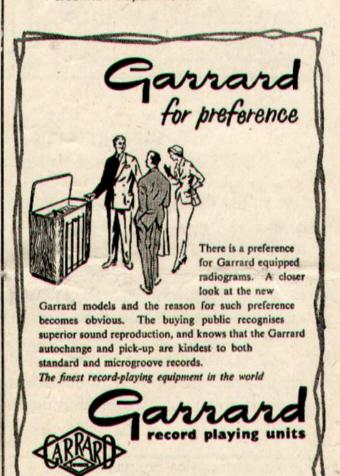
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Supporters may, perhaps, remember that it was our intention to resume publication of a Handbook this season. The printing dispute made it obvious, however, that the book could not be on sale by the

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