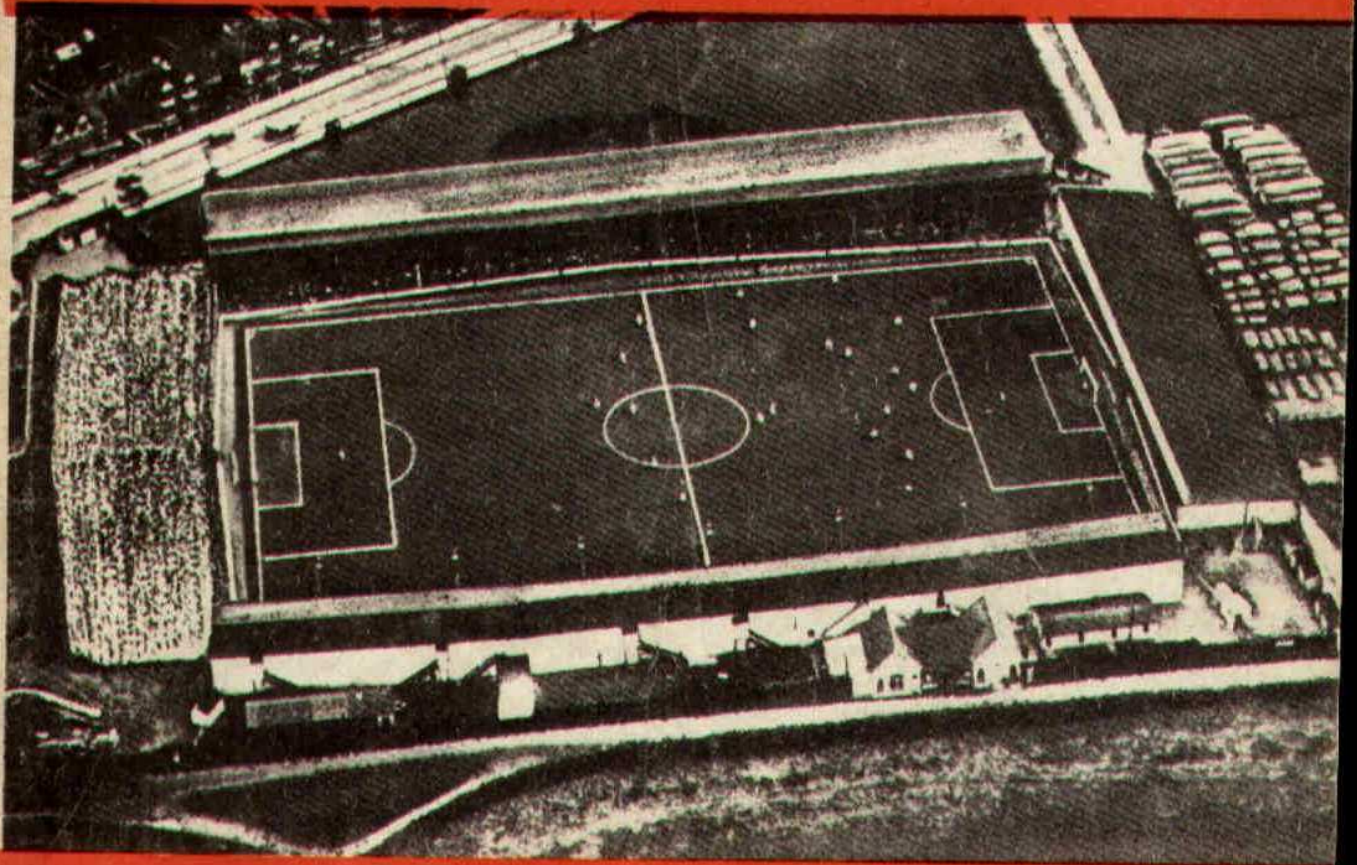




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CLUB NOTES

After the disappointment and the excitement of the cup-tie, we can return to League Football. The job confronting us now is to make great efforts to improve our position in every respect, including the playing and the financial sides. The early exit from the F.A. Cup brings many problems.

Nevertheless, we feel we have a large enough body of real and loyal supporters to enable the club to go forward and strengthen its position. Unfortunately at this period of the season, the weather, and the early kick-off, affects the attendance. We trust, you our supporters, will continue to attend all games, and we can only hope the team will soon click into gear, and provide you with first-class enjoyment each Saturday.

The most pleasing feature to date has been the form of the Reserve team. Despite frequent changes due to injuries, and demands of the First Team, the side has won seven of the last eight games, and four of those away from home. It appears the team plays better away from home — what can be the reason?

The game at Plymouth on November 14th was almost a classic from the type of football played, and the important fact was, that of the team which played 9 were local boys. In addition, 2 players were 23 years of age; 1 was 21 years; 4 were 19 years; 1 was 18 years; and 1 16 years old. Surely the future is bright, when a side so young can win at Plymouth.

The home game against Notts County last Saturday was not so good from the football point of view, but all present surely must agree, that the second half in particular provided us with a game full of spirit, determination, thrills and excitement. The score was 3—2 in our

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favour, but credit must be given to the Notts goalkeeper Stone, who gave a great display, and also to Roby, the outside right, who scored both goals, and was dangerous every time he had the ball.

The Senior side did extremely well to bring back a point from Colchester. Points are always difficult to obtain away from home, especially so at grounds like the one we played on last Saturday. It is rather small, and spectators are very near to the players; our opponents, also like ourselves, lost at home 2—3 the previous week.

May we welcome today very old friends from Southend. Like Swindon, they have been members of the league for many years. They always provide tough opposition and there is no doubt today's game will not be an exception.

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Hungerford Town ...	12	6	2	4	38	33	14
Headington United ...	12	5	3	4	38	31	13
Luton Town Colts ...	12	6	1	5	37	32	13
Thame United ...	13	6	1	6	33	31	13
Stokenchurch ...	11	6	0	5	29	21	12
Kidlington ...	13	6	0	7	30	42	12
Amersham Town ...	13	5	1	7	32	35	11
Bicester Town ...	12	5	1	6	26	32	11
Pressed Steel (Cowley) ...	13	5	1	7	24	45	11
Witney Town ...	9	3	4	2	26	18	10
Newbury Town ...	13	4	1	8	25	41	9
Wallingford Town ...	10	4	1	5	18	33	9
Chipping Norton Town ...	14	2	2	10	26	43	6
Wantage Town ...	13	1	1	11	24	54	3

WILTSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swindon Town 'A' ...	13	8	3	2	50	29	19
Devizes Town ...	11	7	3	1	42	15	17
Westbury United ...	10	8	1	1	40	15	17
Warminster Town ...	8	6	1	1	28	17	13
Chippenham Town Res. ...	14	5	2	7	37	31	12
Swindon B.R. ...	10	5	1	4	21	14	11
Melksham Town ...	9	4	2	3	26	20	10
Purton ...	10	5	0	5	22	18	10
Pinehurst Y.C. ...	9	4	1	4	31	22	9
Calne and Harris ...	8	4	1	3	29	23	9
Wootton Bassett ...	5	3	2	0	20	11	8
Frome Town Res. ...	11	3	1	7	26	37	7
Chippenham Utd. Res. ...	14	3	0	11	20	53	6
Bulford United ...	11	3	0	8	29	64	6
Spencer Moultons ...	11	0	0	11	10	60	0

LEAGUE—DIVISION III

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Bury	21	13	2	6	29	15	28	30
Southampton	21	11	6	4	56	37	28	30
Shrewsbury Tn.	20	10	6	4	53	35	26	
Norwich City	20	11	4	5	40	29	26	27
Bournemouth	21	12	2	7	41	35	26	27
Coventry City	21	10	5	6	38	26	25	27
Grimsby Town	21	9	7	6	45	33	25	27
Queen's Park Rangers	21	9	5	7	35	24	23	27
Halifax Town	20	9	5	6	27	25	23	27
Brentford	20	9	4	7	38	31	22	27
Barnsley	21	8	5	8	30	29	21	27
Colchester United	21	8	5	8	36	37	21	27
Newport County	20	9	3	8	35	36	21	27
York City	21	7	7	7	27	29	21	27
SWINDON TOWN	21	8	4	9	30	38	20	27
Port Vale	20	9	1	10	30	38	19	
Tranmere Rovers	21	6	5	10	35	35	17	
Bradford City	20	6	5	9	31	36	17	
SOUTHEND UNITED	20	7	2	11	34	40	16	
Reading	20	5	5	10	39	38	15	
Accrington Stanley	21	5	4	12	26	53	14	
Chesterfield	19	6	1	12	31	47	13	
Wrexham	21	5	3	13	32	53	13	
Mansfield Town	20	4	4	12	36	56	12	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Watford	17	13	1	3	53	20	27
Norwich City	15	11	2	2	44	20	24
Swindon Town	16	10	1	5	42	24	21
Fulham	14	9	1	4	41	21	19
Reading	16	8	3	5	34	27	19
Cardiff City	13	8	1	4	27	20	17
Queen's Park Rangers	16	8	1	7	25	28	17
Northampton Town	15	7	2	6	20	23	16
Colchester United	16	7	1	8	45	40	15
Plymouth Argyle	16	5	5	6	32	32	15
Bristol Rovers	14	7	1	6	29	29	15
Brentford	16	5	5	6	28	37	15
Mansfield Town	15	4	5	6	24	26	13
Crystal Palace	18	5	3	10	27	40	13
Notts County	14	5	2	7	26	27	12
Shrewsbury Town	16	5	2	9	32	40	12
Millwall	14	5	1	8	26	32	11
Aldershot	13	3	4	6	16	30	10
Coventry City	15	2	5	8	17	41	9
Gillingham	17	2	2	10	20	51	6

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It was felt, by a majority, that such an amateur club as was contemplated would have small chance of winning public favour from the powerful Southend Athletic, whose successes had been the feature of the two preceding seasons, and it was there and then decided to form a professional club.

To their everlasting credit, the promoters displayed instantaneous initiative and drive. The name Southend United was adopted, a company formed, a lease obtained on a field at Roots Hall in West Road, Prittlewell, and entry secured into Division II of the old Southern League and Division II of the South Eastern League.

In all these preliminary negotiations, the driving force came from Mr. Oliver Trigg, the then licensee of the Blue Boar, who may truly be called the founder of Southend United F.C.

An admirable choice of professionals was made, with Mr. Robert Jack as player-manager, and on 1st September, 1906, the new Club entered its first season, a remarkable one indeed, for in all it played 65 matches, won 50, drew 8, lost 7, and scored 222 goals against 58. It won both the championship of the Southern League (Div. II) and that of the South Eastern League (Div. II) but, unfortunately, the town did not support the new venture, and there was a financial loss on that first season of £1,142. The total home gates amounted to £875, less than what is usually derived from a single first-team match these days, and the largest gate of the season was £93 on Easter Monday, 1907.

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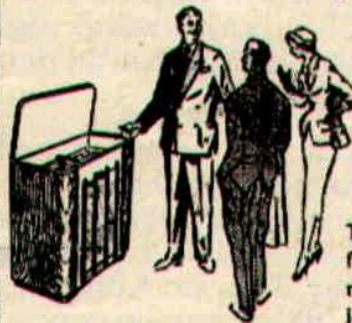
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Prior to that, of course, substantial amounts were raised by other means, for ground improvements and other purposes.

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First Team v. Colchester United

Burton; Higgins, Bingley; Fountain, Hudson, Woodruff; Darcy, Richards, Gauld, Edwards, Hoskins.

Result: Draw 0—0.

Reserve Team v. Notts. County

Chandler; Lyons, Thompson; Morgan, Mellor, Tilley; Corbett, Marshall, Layne, Woolford, Stephens.

Result: Won 3—2. Scorers: Layne (2), Woolford.

Wilts. Premier League Team v. Chippenham Utd.

Ayres; Wollen, Trollope; Holder, Amer, Prosser; Skull, Wyatt, Gillespie, Peyman, Gardiner.

Result: Won 5—1. Scorers: Peyman, Wyatt, Gardiner, Prosser, 1 own goal.

Hellenic League Team v. Newbury Town

Medlock; Marks, Puffett; Reeves, Hawkins, Morris; Bates, Hunt, Davies, Jackson, Wall.

Result: Lost 4—3. Scorer: Hunt (3).

'B' Team v. Faringdon

Grey; Newton, Summerbee; Hughes, Findlay, Smart; Kilby, Cousins, Sainsbury, Robinson, Pflieger.

Result: Won 14—2. Scorers: Cousins (4), Pflieger (5), Robinson (3), Sainsbury, Findlay.

Junior Team v. Marlborough

Hudd; Newman, Brown; Morgan, Wall, R., Westlake; Hayter, Head, Shergold, Walsh, Mitchell.

Result: Won 7—1. Scorers: Shergold (4), Walsh (2), Morgan, A.

OUR VISITORS—Continued

Despite being worthy champions, the application for inclusion in Division I of the Southern League was rejected, but the United refused to be ignored and after winning Division II again in 1907-8 it was admitted to the top grade. The opening never-to-be-forgotten home match with Millwall in 1908-9, when the United astonished the football world by winning 3-0, was proof that the promotion was justified, for the Club finished halfway up the League when the season concluded.

Robert Jack, the guiding light of those pioneer seasons, returned to his former club, Plymouth Argyle, as manager soon afterwards, and the conduct of affairs entrusted to Mr. Joe Bradshaw, who as player-manager controlled its interests till World War I applied the closure in 1914.

Those seasons prior to the great conflict were full of anxiety, and only the generosity of Directors, friends of the club, and the institution of a Supporters' Committee as it was called, saved the club from extinction. There are many stories, both grave and gay, concerning the difficulties experienced in those lean times. When the club finally closed down in 1914 it was heavily in debt and the only real asset was the membership of the Southern League.

It was in 1920 that the Football League formed the Third Division (South) and Southend United were admitted to membership, a position they have held ever since.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS TO DATE

DIVISION III

Aug.	22	Q.P.R.	(a)	0-2
	26	Barnsley	(h)	1-1
	29	Bradford C.	(h)	5-3
Sept.	3	Barnsley	(a)	3-0
	5	Coventry C.	(a)	1-3
	9	Grimsby T.	(h)	3-2
	12	York C.	(h)	1-1
	15	Grimsby T.	(a)	0-3
	19	Bury	(h)	1-0
	23	Wrexham	(h)	4-1
	26	Chesterfield	(a)	3-1
	30	Wrexham	(a)	2-1
Oct.	3	Newport C.	(h)	1-0
	7	Accrington S.	(h)	0-1
	10	Southampton	(a)	1-5
	12	Accrington S.	(a)	1-3
	17	Reading	(h)	0-4
	24	Shrewsbury T.	(a)	0-3
	31	Halifax T.	(h)	1-1
Nov.	7	Norwich C.	(a)	2-3
	14	Walsall	(h)	2-3
	21	Colchester U.	(a)	0-0
	28	Southend U.	(h)	
Dec.	12	Port Vale	(h)	
	19	Q.P.R.	(h)	
	26	Bournemouth	(a)	
	28	Bournemouth	(h)	
1960				
Jan.	2	Bradford C.	(a)	
	9	Brentford	(h)	
	16	Coventry C.	(h)	
	23	York C.	(a)	
	30	Mansfield T.	(a)	
Feb.	6	Bury	(a)	
	13	Chesterfield	(h)	
	20	Newport C.	(a)	
	27	Southampton	(h)	
Mar.	5	Reading	(a)	
	12	Shrewsbury T.	(h)	
	19	Southend U.	(a)	
	26	Norwich C.	(h)	
Apr.	2	Brentford	(a)	
	9	Colchester U.	(h)	
	15	Tranmere R.	(a)	
	16	Halifax T.	(a)	
	18	Tranmere R.	(h)	
	23	Mansfield T.	(h)	
	30	Port Vale	(a)	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Northampton T.	(h)	3-0
Gillingham	(a)	1-2
Shrewsbury T.	(a)	1-1
Coventry C.	(h)	4-0
Q.P.R.	(a)	2-4
Gillingham	(h)	7-2
Fulham	(a)	2-5
Bristol R.	(a)	2-3
Aldershot	(a)	3-0
Colchester	(h)	3-1
Brentford	(a)	2-0
Mansfield T.	(h)	3-0
Crystal P.	(a)	3-1
Norwich C.	(h)	1-2
Plymouth A.	(a)	2-1
Notts County	(h)	3-2
Reading	(a)	
Dec. 5 Cardiff C.	(h)	
Colchester U.	(a)	
Millwall	(h)	
Millwall	(a)	
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	
Watford	(a)	
Coventry C.	(a)	
Watford	(h)	
Q.P.R.	(h)	
Fulham	(h)	
Aldershot	(h)	
Mansfield T.	(a)	
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Norwich C.	(a)	
Plymouth A.	(h)	
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It is not so in every town, however, and we know of one Football Company which is now about to pay a dividend to Shareholders, as a result of profits made, largely through substantial donations having been made by the Supporters' Club.

In this case the members of the latter, being by no means identified on a large scale with the shareholders of the former, are quite justifiably feeling rather disgruntled, that the fruits of their work are not being used for the purpose intended.

We would emphasise that in Swindon the money raised by us is used by the Directors and Management in the normal course of the Football Club's affairs. Individual supporters may not agree with the

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D—Brighton	v.	Sheffield U.
E—Huddersfield	v.	Liverpool
F—Ipswich T.	v.	Plymouth A.
G—Leyton Orient	v.	Charlton A.
H—Lincoln C.	v.	Bristol C.
I—Swansea	v.	Middlesbrough
J—Bournemouth	v.	Barnsley
K—Chesterfield	v.	Mansfield
L—Grimsby Town	v.	Shrewsbury
M—Barrow	v.	Notts C.
N—Darlington	v.	Oldham
O—Doncaster R.	v.	Bradford
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actual way in which it is being spent. Nevertheless, we can state quite definitely that it stays in the Club. We know that Directors and Shareholders would not wish otherwise.

With the unfortunate early exit from "the Cup", our efforts will be all the more necessary and we appeal, quite confidently, to our members to give us their continued support.

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