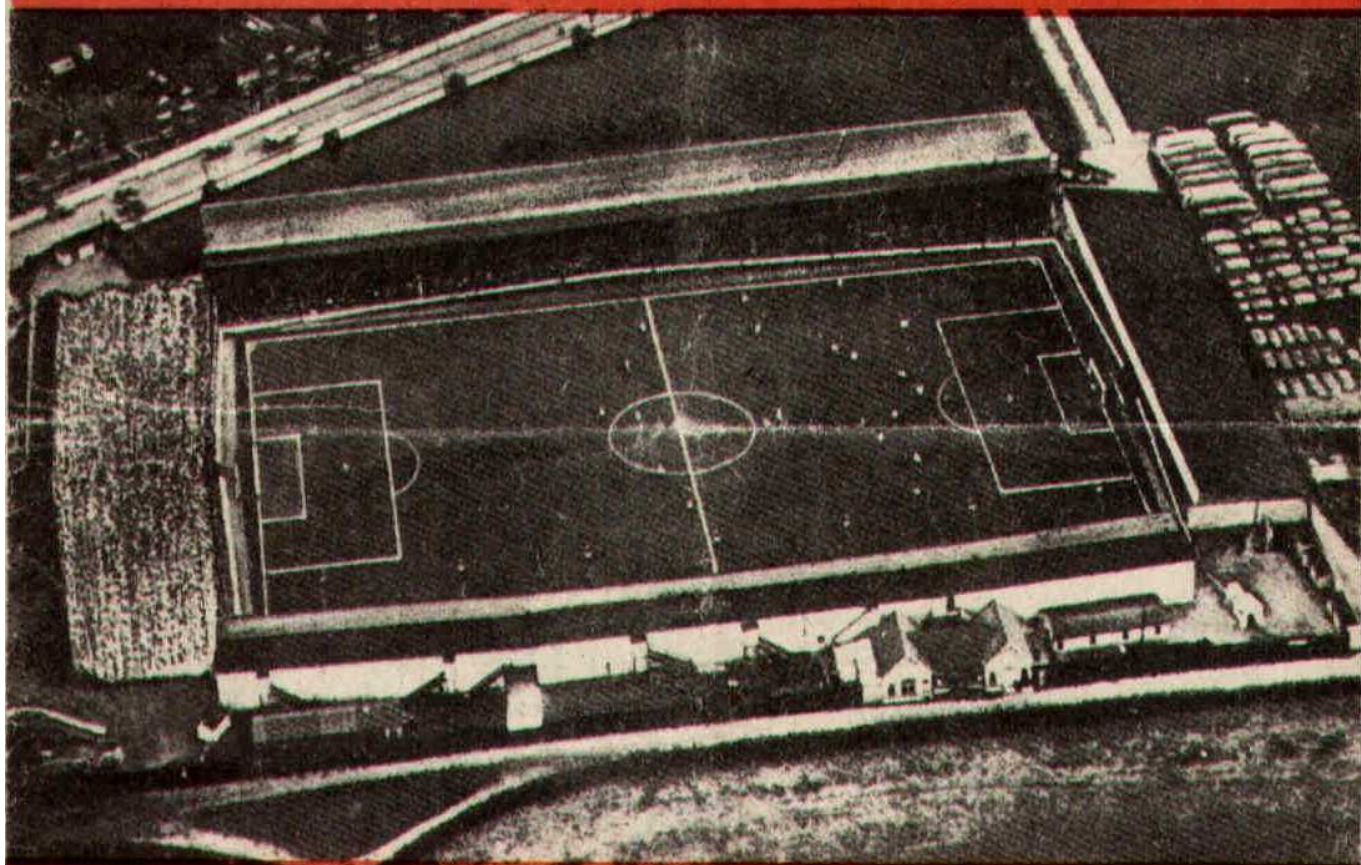




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CLUB NOTES

It seemed strange not to see or hear the name of Swindon Town, when the football results were announced on Saturday.

A blank Saturday was most unfortunate following so soon after the cup dismissal. This, as all supporters know, reacts most unfortunately on the club finances. In fact, the position is so serious, that every saving in expenditure possible must be observed. In such circumstances assistance comes from various sources.

A short while ago two players helped by transporting members of a certain team. To complete the numbers two other cars from the club made up the complement.

Incidentally the team won, so the driving did not appear to place undue strain on the players. On the same day two other officials of the club motored the whole team to another game. On that day travelling expenses were reduced to an absolute minimum.

In addition to the saving of money, the players in these Junior teams, felt people in the club were taking much greater interest in the games in which they were concerned, and also in the players themselves.

Suggestions have been put forward, not only for reducing expenditure, but also for increasing revenue.

One idea is to form what might be termed "A Season Ticket Holders' Club." The scheme is to convert the hut at the rear of the Old Stand into a clubroom, possibly at first providing comfortable seating accommodation and tea, etc. at half-time. Should this work out well, developments may take place to form a social club, with a licence. Comments would be welcomed by supporters (Yes, provide more comfortable and roomy seats in the stand itself).

It was very pleasing to note that a fortnight ago Wiltshire Youth Team defeated Somerset, and Swindon Town F.C. provided eight of the team. Congratulations also to Swindon Boys who defeated Swansea Boys 2 goals to 1 on Saturday last. It was a close game with the winning goal coming from a penalty five months from time.

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Supporters will be pleased to know that Maurice Owen is now playing regularly in the Hellenic League team, and last week occupied the left-half berth. Unfortunately George Hudson has a spine injury, but has left hospital with his neck in plaster. All followers will no doubt wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Our opponents this afternoon are still in the F.A. Cup Competition, having defeated Q.P.R. in a replay on Monday. In the next round they visit Cardiff, and we wish them well.

Mention of the Cup and Cardiff revive memories of the 1951-52 season when Swindon defeated Cardiff 1-0 after a draw 1-1 away the previous Saturday. The Swindon team on that occasion was Uprichard; Hunt, May; Kaye (Capt.), Hudson, Gray; Lunn, Onslow, Owen, Betteridge, Bain. Maurice Owen scored both Swindon goals. Alf Sherwood now with Newport County was captain of Cardiff at the time. Now to the game, which we hope will go our way. Despite our poor spell, Swindon is still only 5 points below third place in the league. May we climb rapidly, and yet be in the running for promotion. Then most of our troubles will disappear.

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Swindon Town 'A'	17	12	1	4	54	26	25
Thatcham	13	9	3	1	43	22	21
Hungerford Town	14	7	2	5	43	36	16
Luton Town Colts	14	7	1	6	42	35	15
Bicester Town	14	7	1	6	32	35	15
Stokenchurch	12	7	0	5	33	23	14
Headington United	14	5	4	5	41	36	14
Thame United	14	6	2	6	34	32	14
Kidlington	15	6	1	8	30	44	13
Witney Town	11	4	4	3	30	24	12
Newbury Town	15	5	2	8	32	44	12
Amersham Town	14	5	1	8	33	40	11
Wallingford Town	12	5	1	6	21	37	11
Pressed Steel (Cowley)	15	5	1	9	26	52	11
Chipping Norton Town	16	2	2	12	28	52	6
Wantage Town	14	1	1	12	26	57	3

WILTSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Westbury United	12	10	1	1	47	18	21
Swindon Town 'A'	14	9	3	2	52	29	21
Devizes Town	11	7	3	1	42	15	17
Warminster Town	9	7	1	1	30	17	15
Melksham Town	11	6	2	3	32	21	14
Swindon B.R.	12	6	1	5	31	17	13
Calne & H. Utd.	10	5	2	2	34	26	12
Chippenham Tn. Res.	15	5	2	8	37	36	12
Purton	11	5	0	6	22	20	10
Pinehurst	11	4	1	6	32	24	9
Wootton Bassett	7	3	3	1	22	16	9
Frome Tn. Res.	13	4	1	8	31	43	9
Chippenham Utd. Res.	16	3	1	12	24	58	7
Bulford Utd.	12	3	1	8	28	66	7
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LEAGUE—DIVISION III

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bury	22	14	2	6	32	16	30
Southampton	22	12	6	4	60	39	30
Coventry City	22	11	5	6	40	27	27
Grimsby Town	22	10	7	5	47	34	27
Norwich City	21	11	5	5	41	30	27
Bournemouth	22	12	3	7	42	36	27
Shrewsbury Town	21	10	6	5	54	32	26
Queen's Park Rangers	22	9	6	7	37	26	24
Newport County	21	10	3	8	40	37	23
Colchester United	22	9	5	8	39	39	23
Halifax Town	21	9	5	7	28	30	23
Brentford	21	9	4	8	39	33	22
Barnsley	22	8	6	8	31	30	22
Swindon Town	22	9	4	9	32	38	22
York City	22	7	7	8	29	32	21
Port Vale	21	9	2	10	32	40	20
Bradford City	21	6	6	9	32	37	18
Tranmere Rovers	22	6	5	11	37	39	17
Southend United	21	7	2	12	34	42	16
Reading	21	5	5	11	40	40	15
Chesterfield	21	7	1	13	34	49	15
Wrexham	22	6	3	13	34	54	15
Mansfield Town	21	5	4	12	37	55	14
Accrington Stanley	23	5	4	14	28	59	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Watford	19	14	1	4	59	29	29
Norwich City	16	12	2	2	49	20	26
Swindon Town	18	10	2	6	46	29	22
Fulham	16	10	1	5	46	24	21
Reading	18	9	3	6	36	31	21
Cardiff City	15	9	2	4	33	24	20
Queen's Park Rangers	18	9	1	8	29	39	19
Colchester United	18	8	2	8	49	41	18
Northampton Town	17	8	2	7	26	26	18
Bristol Rovers	16	8	1	7	41	37	17
Plymouth A.	18	6	5	7	38	38	17
Mansfield Town	16	5	5	6	27	28	15
Brentford	18	5	5	8	30	47	15
Notts County	16	6	2	8	33	38	14
Millwall	16	6	1	9	38	36	13
Shrewsbury Town	18	5	3	10	38	47	13
Crystal Palace	18	5	3	10	27	40	13
Aldershot	15	4	4	7	19	37	12
Coventry City	17	3	5	9	23	45	11
Gillingham	17	2	2	13	20	51	6

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Sproson	(LB)	6. 0	12.0	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Leake	(RH)	5.11	12.7	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Ford	(CH)	6. 0	12.0	Stoke City	Stoke-on-Trent
Miles	(LH)	5. 9	10.7	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Jackson	(OR)	5. 7	10.7	Liverpool	Walton/Thames
Steele	(IR)	5. 7	11.0	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Poole (H.)	(CF)	5. 8	11.0	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Barnett	(IL)	5. 9	10.7	—	Stoke-on-Trent
Portwood	(OL)	5. 8	11.0	Preston	Preston

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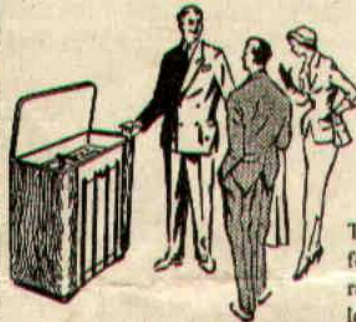
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Quite a lot of publicity has been given recently to the "falling-off" of attendances at football matches throughout the country. The Press writers have devoted considerable space to this theme, and there have been television and radio programmes on the same subject.

In a recent television programme numerous factors were suggested—and those appearing seemed unanimous that the scarcity of outstanding stars is probably one of the main reasons.

That being so it appears that a suggestion to play League matches on a Sunday afternoon would not be a permanent means of restoring support, and would have the detrimental effect of causing work for police, transport workers and others who, otherwise, would be free.

Rather the solution would appear to be to try to raise the standards of the game and to discover the stars who are said to be missing.

We were speaking to a former player, who undoubtedly could have been classed in this category, and, rather surprisingly, he attributed the absence of outstanding players at the present time to the fact that all players get more coaching nowadays. This, he said, has not only a "levelling-up" but also a "levelling-down" effect, and,

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Reserve Team v. Cardiff City

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

Result: Draw 3—3. Scorers: Layne, Marshall (2).

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Hellenic League Team v. Chipping Norton

Ayres; Wollen, Trollope; Jackson, Prosser, Owen; Bates, Hunt,
Woodruff, Hoskins, Gardiner.

Result: Won 5—0. Scorers: Woodruff (3), Bates (2).

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Wilts. Premier League Team v. Purton

Saysom; Marks, Puffett; Reeves, Hawkins, Morris; Skull, Richards,
Davies, Hobbs, Wall.

Result: Won 2—0. Scorers: Richards, Skull.

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'B' Team v. Trinity Methodists

Grey; Newton, Miles; Robinson, Moncrieff, Findlay; Kilby, Cousins,
Sainsbury, James, Pflieger.

Result: Won 4—3. Scorers: Sainsbury (2), Cousins, Pflieger.

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Junior Team v. Walcot

Hudd; Newman, Brown; Wall, Smart, Westlake; Hayter, Head,
Shergold, Walsh, Morgan, A.

Result: Won 12—2. Scorers: Shergold (4), Morgan (2), Walsh (2),
Smart (2), Hayter, Head.

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)	2-0
Dec.	12	Port Vale	(h)	2-3
	19	Q.P.R.	(h)	2-3
	26	Bournemouth	(a)	2-3
	28	Bournemouth	(h)	2-3
1960				
Jan.	2	Bradford C.	(a)	0-1
	9	Brentford	(h)	0-1
	16	Coventry C.	(h)	2-0
	23	York C.	(a)	0-1
	30	Mansfield T.	(a)	0-1
Feb.	6	Bury	(a)	3-0
	13	Chesterfield	(h)	1-1
	20	Newport C.	(a)	0-3
	27	Southampton	(h)	0-3
Mar.	5	Reading	(a)	0-3
	12	Shrewsbury T.	(h)	0-3
	19	Southend U.	(a)	3-2
	26	Norwich C.	(h)	3-1
Apr.	2	Brentford	(a)	1-1
	9	Colchester U.	(h)	1-1
	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)	1-2
Dec. 5 Cardiff C.	(h)	3-3
Colchester U.	(a)	
Millwall	(h)	
Millwall	(a)	
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	
Watford	(a)	
Coventry C.	(a)	
Watford	(h)	
Q.P.R.	(h)	
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Plymouth A.	(h)	
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while faults of some players may be eliminated, so are individual ideas and in some cases outstanding ability, in order to produce a general pattern which often has resulted in mediocrity.

He used as examples, some former Swindon players, omitting Harold Fleming, who he said, was such a law to himself that he could not be used as a criterion in any event. He pointed out, however, that such goal-scoring wingers as Bert Denyer, Bert Davies, Frank Peters and Eddie Jones would always concentrate on attack, attack and more attack, and, as inside forwards, cited such players as Jack Johnson and Joe Eddleston, who always played as though to score two goals themselves was better than preventing their opponents from getting one.

As a further illustration he asked four members of the company which match at the County Ground they regarded as outstanding of late. All agreed on the Bradford City match which ended 5-3, and he emphasised that, when teams, generally, realise that attacking football is the most interesting to watch, supporters will return.

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