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On Saturday last, we made another of our long journeys to the north of England to meet Chesterfield, where we suffered defeat by two goals to one.

The home side took up the initiative from the kick-off and in the seventh minute, opened the scoring through Maddison.

This lead was short-lived however, for Jimmy Wheeler equalised five minutes later from George Buck's cross.

The remainder of this half was fairly even with both goalkeepers being constantly in action, and at the interval the score was still one all.

The second half saw the home side immediately take up the attack and within two minutes they had scored again, and I did feel that there was an element of luck about this goal.

This gave Chesterfield the necessary confidence, but our defence was very sound and gave nothing away.

We did come back into the game shortly before the end, but our efforts were all thwarted and we could not find the net.

The Football Combination team entertained Millwall at Elm Park, and won by two goals to one.

This game did not produce such a high standard of football as we saw the previous week.

Millwall took the lead mid-way through the first half, which they retained until about ten minutes from the end when Dougie Webb equalised and a few minutes later the same player scored again to give us the points and keep us in the Combination League promotion race.

The Club's present position from a financial and playing point of view, is causing grave concern to the Directors and Officials of the Club, and I can assure you that every effort is being made to strengthen the present playing staff.

Many inquiries have been made for players and in most cases, exorbitant transfer fees are being asked, but if the right player can be found, the Club is prepared to negotiate.

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The Club's Manager is Mr. Bert Head, who formerly assisted the Bury and Torquay United Clubs.

Appended are Pen Pictures of the Club's Players.

'SAM' BURTON—Product of local football joining Swindon in 1945. Played for Wilts. Junior eleven which reached final of Counties Tournament 1944-45.

JOHN HIGGINS—Signed from Hibs. during the 'Close Season'. Born in Kilmarnock. Previously he was with the Scottish club St. Mirren.

WALTER BINGLEY—Signed in the early part of the 1958 season, making his league debut then for the "Robins". Walter came from Sheffield Wednesday.

JOHN FOUNTAIN—Born in Leeds joined the "Town" in 1957 from Sheffield United.

PETER CHAMBERLAIN—Became a Swindon player in 1957 coming from Leicester City. Peter also plays in the forward line.

KEITH MORGAN—Another teenager produced through the ranks of the "Robins" youth teams. A County Youth player he made his debut last season playing a dozen League games.

DAVID CORBETT—Product of the "Robins" youth teams making his League debut last season playing over twenty games. County Youth Player.

WILLIAM MARSHALL—Signed from Bradford City last Season scoring seven goals in 14 appearances.

DAVID LAYNE—Signed from Rotherham United during the "Close Season" made a dozen appearances for the Second Division Club.

JIMMY GAULD—Joined Swindon Town during last close season, when he was transferred from Plymouth Argyle. Previously assisted Charlton Athletic and Everton.

ARNOLD DARCY—Born at Blackburn joining the "Robins" from Wigan during 1956/7 season. Played as an Amateur for Accrington Stanley during 1952-53 season.

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up to and including Monday, 29th February, 1960

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|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Southampton .....    | 32 | 20 | 6  | 6  | 83 | 53 | 46   |
| Bury .....           | 34 | 19 | 5  | 10 | 52 | 33 | 43   |
| Norwich .....        | 33 | 17 | 6  | 10 | 60 | 45 | 40   |
| Coventry .....       | 32 | 16 | 7  | 9  | 60 | 43 | 39   |
| Grimsby .....        | 34 | 13 | 12 | 9  | 66 | 53 | 38   |
| Colchester .....     | 34 | 14 | 9  | 11 | 58 | 52 | 37   |
| Bournemouth .....    | 34 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 56 | 53 | 37   |
| Shrewsbury .....     | 32 | 14 | 8  | 10 | 73 | 55 | 36   |
| Q.P.R. ....          | 32 | 14 | 7  | 11 | 55 | 39 | 35   |
| Bradford City .....  | 32 | 13 | 9  | 10 | 57 | 48 | 35   |
| Port Vale .....      | 33 | 15 | 5  | 13 | 58 | 55 | 35   |
| York .....           | 33 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 43 | 48 | 33   |
| Newport .....        | 33 | 15 | 3  | 15 | 58 | 61 | 33   |
| Barnsley .....       | 34 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 50 | 55 | 33   |
| Swindon .....        | 33 | 13 | 6  | 14 | 46 | 52 | 32   |
| Brentford .....      | 33 | 12 | 7  | 14 | 54 | 51 | 31   |
| Halifax .....        | 32 | 12 | 7  | 13 | 46 | 54 | 31   |
| Southend .....       | 33 | 12 | 6  | 15 | 52 | 57 | 30   |
| Tranmere .....       | 34 | 10 | 8  | 16 | 59 | 61 | 28   |
| <i>READING</i> ..... | 32 | 10 | 7  | 15 | 64 | 66 | 27   |
| Chesterfield .....   | 32 | 11 | 4  | 17 | 48 | 64 | 26   |
| Wrexham .....        | 33 | 9  | 4  | 20 | 52 | 81 | 22   |
| Mansfield .....      | 31 | 8  | 5  | 18 | 55 | 84 | 21   |
| Accrington .....     | 33 | 8  | 4  | 21 | 43 | 85 | 20   |

## Football League goalscorers:

|                      |                     |                   |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Jimmy Wheeler, 16.   | Peter Shreeve, 4.   | Maurice Evans, 3. |
| Bill Lacey, 12.      | Ray Reeves, 4.      | Johnny Walker, 2  |
| Jimmy Whitehouse, 7. | John McIlvenny, 4.  | David High, 2.    |
| Bobby Ayre, 5.       | George McLuckie, 3. | George Buck, 1.   |

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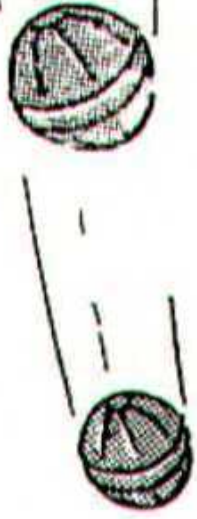
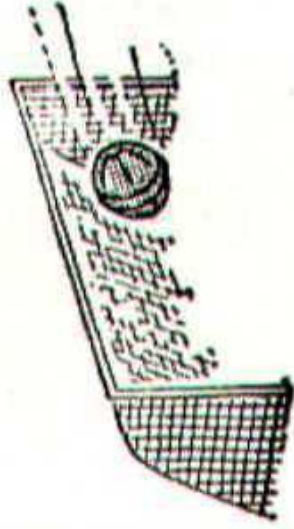
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# FIXTURES 1959-60

## Football League

| 1959  |                           |   |        |
|-------|---------------------------|---|--------|
| Aug.  | 22—Port Vale              | H | 2 3    |
| "     | 24—Newport County         | A | 2 3    |
| "     | 29—Norwich City           | A | 2 4    |
| Sept. | 2—Newport County          | H | 0 1    |
| "     | 5—Brentford               | H | 3 3    |
| "     | 9—Shrewsbury Town         | H | 2 3    |
| "     | 12—Colchester United      | A | 2 4    |
| "     | 14—Shrewsbury Town        | A | 2 3    |
| "     | 19—Southend United        | H | 4 1    |
| "     | 23—Accrington Stanley     | H | 2 0    |
| "     | 26—Mansfield Town         | A | 4 4    |
| "     | 28—Accrington Stanley     | A | 0 0    |
| Oct.  | 3—Halifax Town            | H | 1 1    |
| "     | 6—Bury                    | A | 0 1    |
| "     | 10—Chesterfield           | H | 6 3    |
| "     | 14—Bury                   | H | 0 1    |
| "     | 17—Swindon Town           | A | 4 0    |
| "     | 24—York City              | H | 1 0    |
| "     | 31—Bournemouth            | A | 1 1    |
| Nov.  | 7—Bradford City           | H | Post'd |
| "     | 14—(1) Norwich City (1 1) |   | 2 1    |
| "     | 21—Grimsby Town           | H | 1 2    |
| "     | 28—Wrexham                | A | 1 2    |
| Dec.  | 5—(2) Kings Lynn          | H | 4 2    |
| "     | 12—Coventry City          | H | 4 2    |
| "     | 19—Port Vale              | A | 1 4    |
| "     | 26—Barnsley               | A | 3 3    |
| "     | 30—Barnsley               | H | 3 2    |
| 1960  |                           |   |        |
| Jan.  | 2—Norwich City            | H | 0 2    |
| "     | 9—(3) Notts. Forest       | A | 0 1    |
| "     | 16—Brentford              | A | 2 2    |
| "     | 23—Colchester United      | H | 2 1    |
| "     | 30—(4) Tranmere Rov.      | H | 5 4    |
| Feb.  | 6—Southend United         | A | 0 2    |
| "     | 13—Mansfield Town         | H | 3 2    |
| "     | 20—(5) Halifax Town       | A | Post'd |
| "     | 27—Chesterfield           | A | 1 2    |
| Mar.  | 5—Swindon Town            | H |        |
| "     | 12—(6) York City          | A |        |
| "     | 19—Wrexham                | H |        |
| "     | 26—(S.F.) Bradford C.     | A |        |
| April | 2—Q.P. Rangers            | H |        |
| "     | 9—Grimsby Town            | A |        |
| "     | 15—Southampton            | H |        |
| "     | 16—Bournemouth            | H |        |
| "     | 18—Southampton            | A |        |
| "     | 23—Tranmere Rovers        | A |        |
| "     | 30—Coventry City          | A |        |
| May   | 7—(Final)                 |   |        |

## Combination

| 1959  |                      |   |        |
|-------|----------------------|---|--------|
| Aug.  | 22—Norwich City      | A | 0 3    |
| "     | 26—Aldershot         | H | 2 3    |
| "     | 29—Crystal Palace    | H | 4 1    |
| Sept. | 5—Mansfield Town     | A | 3 2    |
| "     | 12—Brentford         | H | 5 2    |
| "     | 14—Plymouth Argyle   | A | 3 3    |
| "     | 19—Colchester United | A | 4 2    |
| "     | 26—Watford           | H | 0 0    |
| Oct.  | 3—Cardiff City       | A | 1 2    |
| "     | 10—Aldershot         | A | 2 1    |
| "     | 17—Gillingham        | H | 2 1    |
| "     | 24—Millwall          | A | 1 2    |
| "     | 31—Q.P. Rangers      | H | 0 0    |
| Nov.  | 7—Northampton T.     | A | 1 0    |
| "     | 14—Shrewsbury Town   | A | 1 3    |
| "     | 21—Coventry City     | A | 5 1    |
| "     | 28—Swindon Town      | H | 2 1    |
| Dec.  | 5—Fulham             | A | 0 3    |
| "     | 12—                  |   |        |
| "     | 19—Norwich City      | H | 3 1    |
| "     | 26—Notts County      | H | 3 2    |
| "     | 28—Notts County      | A | 1 4    |
| 1960  |                      |   |        |
| Jan.  | 2—Crystal Palace     | A | 2 6    |
| "     | 9—                   |   |        |
| "     | 16—Mansfield Town    | H | Post'd |
| "     | 23—Brentford         | A | 1 1    |
| "     | 30—                  |   |        |
| Feb.  | 6—Colchester United  | H | 2 1    |
| "     | 13—Watford           | A | 3 3    |
| "     | 20—Cardiff City      | H | 3 2    |
| "     | 27—Millwall          | H | 2 1    |
| Mar.  | 5—Q.P. Rangers       | A |        |
| "     | 12—Northampton T.    | H |        |
| "     | 19—                  |   |        |
| "     | 26—Coventry City     | H |        |
| April | 2—Swindon Town       | A |        |
| "     | 9—Fulham             | H |        |
| "     | 16—Gillingham        | A |        |
| "     | 18—Bristol Rovers    | A |        |
| "     | 20—Bristol Rovers    | H |        |
| "     | 23—Shrewsbury Town   | H |        |
| "     | 30—Plymouth Argyle   | H |        |

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and a very special welcome to Swindon Town and their many supporters who are here today.

May I remind Supporters that there are still a few handbooks available, these are selling out fast, thanks very much to the lads from Battle school who have so kindly been selling these for us, the price is only 6d. or 1/- post free.

On Easter Monday, Reading are playing the Saints at Southampton and we are sure that many supporters will want to see this match. If the support warrants it, the Supporters Club will run Coaches and also British Railways are prepared to run a special train. Will supporters desirous of making the trip book early.

There is to be a Supporters Club Dinner on Saturday, 2nd April, and here we have our usual problem, the seating accommodation. At the most we can only seat 200, naturally we have given our Competition Agents the opportunity to take up seats, but there will be others available and early application is advisable. Tickets are 15/- and application should be made to the Chairman of the Club, Mr. H. V. Kersley, at Elm Park, or Rosean, Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading. The Dinner will be followed by a Dance.

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**Today's  
Half  
Time  
Score  
Board**

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| A | Q.P.R. Res. v. Reading Res. |
| B | Chelsea v. Luton Town       |
| C | Newcastle v. Fulham         |
| D | Preston v. Arsenal          |
| E | Tottenham v. Sheffield Wed. |
| F | West Ham v. Everton         |
| G | Charlton v. Brighton        |
| H | Hull v. Leyton Orient       |
| J | Plymouth v. Portsmouth      |
| K | Barnsley v. Coventry        |
| L | Brentford v. Bournemouth    |
| M | Bury v. Bradford City       |
| N | Colchester v. Tranmere      |
| P | Halifax v. Q.P.R.           |
| Q | Mansfield v. Grimsby        |
| R | Norwich v. Accrington       |
| S | Port Vale v. Newport County |
| T | Shrewsbury v. Chesterfield  |
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| V | Southend v. Wrexham         |

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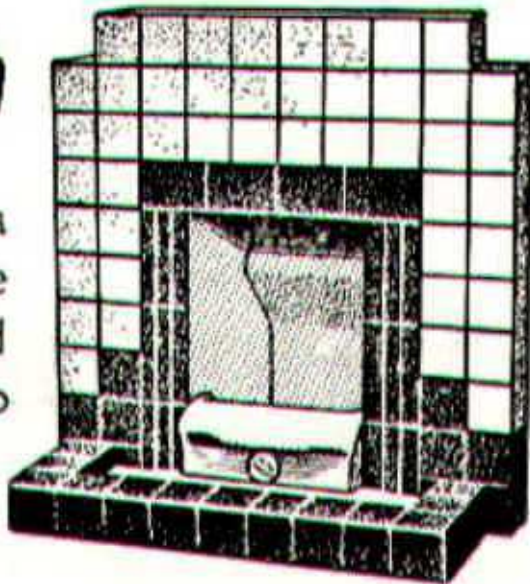
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