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Watford v. Swindon Town

PROGRAMME 3d.

VOICE OF WATFORD

IN view of the present weather conditions and the further possibility of matches being postponed, it has been decided to print this smaller programme for today's match.

After a break of eight weeks we hope to return to League football today and what better way to restart than with a match against Swindon Town who are at present in second position. Their success is largely due to a great home record of eleven wins out of thirteen matches. Away from home, they have only won one League match but have drawn seven. Everything points to an interesting encounter and it is hoped that after such a long break we will not be disappointed. To Manager Bert Head and the representatives of Swindon we offer a warm welcome this afternoon but warn them that we will be all out to reverse the result at the County Ground earlier in the season.

TWTMTW. There are no prizes for solving this puzzle, but after 13 postponements the third round F.A. Cup tie with Rotherham United was finally played and decided on Wednesday afternoon. The decision to play in the afternoon instead of an evening was a difficult one to make for it was realised that many supporters would be unable to see this long-awaited fixture. However, as the weeks rolled by, it was obvious that it was almost impossible to stage an evening match, when following a thaw during the day, severe frost was icing up the pitch. Therefore it was decided to kick-off at 3 p.m. to avoid further congestion of fixtures. At the present time we are well over 20 matches behind schedule and even with the extended season it will be difficult to fit them all in. As for the match itself, full marks are due to the 22 players for their performance in conditions which were far from ideal. At one stage it looked as though we were due for a replay but a fine goal by Bobby Howfield late in the second half gave the encouragement to our players to press on and George Harris popped up in the last minutes to make victory certain. In the Fourth Round we meet Southampton and travel to The Dell on Wednesday of next week for a 7.30 p.m. kick-off. Tickets are available at the following prices: 7s. 6d., 6s. 6d. and 6s., and can be obtained from the Secretary's Office.

The reserves travelled to Brisbane Road on Wednesday to meet Leyton Orient and were defeated 2-0. Bryn Jones, our latest signing made an impressive debut at right back. He is the possessor of seven Welsh Amateur International caps and we wish him well in the future.

All outstanding League matches have now been re-arranged and the complete list is as follows:—

Tues.	Mar. 26	Bristol C.	Home	Sat.	May 4	Brighton	Away
Wed.	Apl. 3	Reading	Away	Sat.	May 11	Shrewsbury	Away
Tues.	Apl. 9	Wrexham	Home	Mon.	May 13	Q.P.R.	Away
Tues.	Apl. 30	Millwall	Home	Sat.	May 18	Port Vale	Home

On Tuesday evening, the Juniors entertain Arsenal in the semi-final of the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup. The kick-off is at 7.30 p.m.

Welcome to our Visitors—SWINDON TOWN

John Trollope (L.B.). A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Was selected for the First Team at the beginning of the Season 1960/61, when he was 16 years old and was ever present during that season and last season.

Keith Morgan (R.H.). A strong, attacking wing-half, who joined Swindon as a youth player from Westbury. Played in every first team game during 1960/61 and missed only three games last year through injury.

Maurice Owen (C.H.). The team captain and oldest member of the team. Formerly a centre-forward, he has had a long and outstanding period of service with the Club. Has played in several representative games.

Ernie Hunt (I.R.). Joined the Club's ground staff from school. A member of the First Team at 16 years old, he is a player of outstanding ability for whom the Club has had many offers. A local boy, he was top goal scorer 1960/61 and again last year.

Mike Summerbee (O.R.). Born in Cheltenham, he is another product of the Swindon Youth policy. Formerly played at Centre-forward, but has now made the Outside Right berth his own. Another of the players wanted by several Clubs.

Cliff Jackson (I.F.). Swindon born, he joined the club direct from school. He was a schoolboy international and made his debut in Swindon's First team at the age of 17. Has a very powerful shot.

Bob Woodruff (W.H.). Another local born player who came to the town direct from the Swindon Schoolboys' team. Has played at centre-forward and inside-forward in the senior side and his performances have made him a target for several transfer offers.

Arnold Darcy (O.L.). Joined the Club in November, 1956, from Wigan Athletic. In spite of his lack of inches he is a strong forceful winger with a powerful shot.

Ken McPherson (C.H.). Signed from Newport County in August, 1961, he is a player with a reputation for hard work. Originally a centre-forward he has proved he has the ability to take over in defence.

Jack Smith (C.F.). Joined the Robins from Watford during the 1960/61 close season. He was formerly with Hartlepoons United. A strong, forceful player with the ability to get the unexpected goal.

Mike O'Hara (G.). Joined Swindon from Luton Town last season and was a regular first team keeper until he was injured at the end of the season. Just 18 he is also available for the Youth team.

DIVISION III

	Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Peterborough	28	8	3	3	33	17	6	3	5	33	30	34		
Swindon	26	11	1	1	38	10	1	7	5	14	21	32		
Northampton	25	6	3	1	29	9	6	4	5	28	28	31		
Watford	26	10	0	3	41	17	4	2	7	18	27	30		
Bournemouth	25	6	7	0	21	11	4	3	5	13	15	30		
Coventry	25	8	4	1	31	17	2	6	4	18	23	30		
Notts C.	26	9	2	3	23	19	3	4	5	14	21	30		
Southend	26	8	1	4	26	14	5	2	6	20	32	29		
Q.P.R.	25	5	4	3	26	17	6	2	5	25	21	28		
Port Vale	25	7	3	2	26	15	3	4	6	9	15	27		
Hull	25	7	3	3	26	14	4	2	6	20	26	27		
Shrewsbury	26	7	3	3	39	26	2	5	6	19	26	26		
Wrexham	24	8	1	2	31	17	4	1	8	18	33	26		
Bristol C.	26	5	5	3	29	23	4	2	7	27	30	25		
Barnsley	25	8	3	2	24	12	1	2	9	12	26	23		
Millwall	25	5	5	3	30	19	1	6	5	17	32	23		
Bristol R.	25	7	4	3	32	22	2	1	8	11	30	23		
Colchester	25	4	5	4	22	23	3	3	6	19	31	22		
Bradford	26	5	6	3	19	22	2	2	8	20	32	22		
Brighton	30	3	6	6	17	24	3	3	9	21	34	21		
Halifax	26	5	2	5	21	23	1	7	6	13	30	21		
Reading	24	8	1	3	29	17	1	1	10	12	26	20		
C. Palace	26	3	5	4	15	14	2	4	8	13	28	19		
Carlisle	24	4	3	5	16	24	0	4	8	12	27	15		

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Good afternoon members, it seems a long while since we had the pleasure of seeing the first team on a Saturday at home, and now we are in fourth place it is up to you, the Supporter, to help the boys run off winners just as you did against Carlisle. That sort of support will take the team to the Second Division alone, keep it up.

Have you thought about the idea of joining the Tote Scheme? This is a fine chance for you to take part in a scheme which can reward you with prizes each week to the tune of £200. The draw is made every Tuesday night, and result sheets are available inside of ten minutes of the draw, with prize winners being notified on the Wednesday. If you would like to contact one of the Committee on the subject and want to join, perhaps one of the following addresses will be near you, or, you may even work at the same firm and therefore be able to find out all you want to know on the spot. Here are a few more Watford areas which contain collectors who are Committee members. North Watford, Mr. C. Wells, 20 Ridge Street, Mrs. V. Tomlin, 30 Sandringham Road, Mr. L. Leach, 103 Sussex Road, West Watford, J. Aldridge, 288 Hagden Lane, Mr. F. Took, 253 Whippendell Road, Mr. J. Perry, 12 Princes Avenue. Bushey area, Mr. A. Darvill, 69 Oxhey Avenue, Mrs. D. Saunders, 54 Grover Road. There will be more addresses in the next issue, in the meantime, if your area has not been covered in these and previous notes come to the Headquarters and ask for the Promoter, Mr. W. Cottee, who will be only too pleased to assist you.

Perhaps some members are puzzled by the extra prize which appears on the Tote result sheet each week. The prize is now known as the Agents Draw. It has been introduced to act as an incentive to all Agents to get more Members on their Tote books and thereby increase, not only the Tote Membership, but the agents chance of winning more cash by enrolling more Members. A few new Members could make a difference of £1 in the winnings, and multiplied by 50 weeks in the year by say 70 collectors, could make a vast difference in the total returns of the Tote and in due course the prize money would go up. All this could happen if the Agents each obtained some new members for the Tote. If you do not hold a Tote ticket, why not contact a Committee Member, or come and see Mr. Cottee who will be pleased to tell you the name of your nearest collector. Over £200 is paid out each week, **get in and help yourself.**

The sharp bite of winter is still in the air, and no doubt you will soon be thinking of buying a scarf. Why not buy a Supporters' Scarf and as well as being kept warm, you will be adding the colours of Watford to all the grounds you choose to visit when we are playing away. In these notes you may have read again and again about these items for sale in the Headquarters, well, perhaps now is the time that you feel you need them, so here is the price list again. All wool scarves in gold and black are yours for the moderate outlay of 10/-, 100 per cent Terylene ties are 7/6, badges are 1/6, the bars to go with them are 9d. and the little golliwog favours also in gold and black are 9d. You can get all these goods in the Headquarters.