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## CLUB NOTES

After a long, quiet spell, we return to Division II football, with a most attractive fixture versus Portsmouth, always welcome visitors to the County Ground. For many years great rivalry existed between the two clubs, especially in the old Southern League games, but Portsmouth forged ahead to reach Division I and even win the Championship of that League on two occasions since the War.

Now we meet again, but this time in Division II of the League, with little difference in the records of the two teams for this season.

To date the table reads as follows:

5th position Swindon. P. 22, G.F. 33, A. 25, Points 26.

6th position Portsmouth. P. 23, G.F. 43, A. 35, Points 25.

It is evident from the figures quoted that Portsmouth play open, attacking football: goals scored 43, goals against 35. No question of purely defensive play. Everyone present this afternoon should, therefore, see a most entertaining game of football.

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## CLUB NOTES—CONTINUED

Our lads will no doubt be keen to get back on the goal-scoring and winning standard. The last two games, both away, have resulted in two 0-3 defeats, so we have much for which to strive. On both those occasions—Swansea and Scunthorpe—Swindon received great praise from the home clubs and also the Press, insomuch that all stated the games were by far the best this season. Unfortunately, that gives us little consolation, and, of course, no goals or points. However, it is good to read in the National Press such reports as:

“Swindon deserved better fortune. They rarely fumbled, never let up, and did much to make this one of the **cleanest** and best home games this season. Swindon, a real bunch of sportsmen, battled on with no sign of dejection. They would certainly have reduced the margin had they had better luck with their best shots.”

Surely that means much; if we can continue to play in such a manner the tide will turn. Unfortunately, our young lads feel this loss of form acutely. They are more concerned than anyone, and we fear they will try too hard (seems Irish, but nevertheless true) and forget their cultured, academic style of play.

With the coming of Christmas and three outstanding home fixtures, we will return to the crest of the wave. Portsmouth today, Norwich City on Saturday, 28th December, and then the 4th Round of the F.A. Cup, Manchester City on 4th January, 1964.

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We seem to be very much concerned with Portsmouth at the moment. Last Saturday their Reserves won on the County Ground by 3-1. The visitors brought a strong, experienced side which played good football. They probably deserved their victory, but for a long period in the second half our lads were right on top, but missed scoring on several occasions because of the excellent display of the visitors' goalkeeper.

Swindon did not show their usual form, and because of that the game itself was not such a spectacle as the previous week, when we drew 3-3 with Birmingham City in what was one of the most attractive games played on the County Ground this season.

On Monday, our Youth Team visited Fratton Park to contest the 4th Round of the Youth Cup. At half-time the score was 4-0 in our favour. Shortly after the interval Portsmouth scored, but Swindon quickly made it 5-1. Then followed a great Portsmouth revival, which brought the score to 5-4 ten minutes before the end of the game. Only great work by the Swindon defence, especially the goalkeeper, prevented a draw, and, of course, the replay.

Thus the clubs have met twice within the past week, having won one game each, and that away from home. Today we have the decider. Surely it is the turn of the home team to win.

## CLUB NOTES—continued

Now to something which appears to be of a controversial nature—music before the match. There is a great difference of opinion between our supporters on this matter. It has been decided to ask for requests for certain records to be played. If you have a favourite record or prefer a type of music (be it “pop”, military marches, old tunes, musical comedy) please let us know. While we cannot comply with all requests at the following home games, we will endeavour to obtain the record requested and play it before a match.

A great deal of thought has gone into this business of music, both before the game and at the interval. The wider the choice and variety the better.



As this is the last programme before Christmas, may we wish everyone — Supporters, Players, Management and Directors — A Very Happy and Enjoyable Christmas.

To the players especially: Good Luck, lads! We are still with you. Keep playing the game in the right spirit, and all will be well!



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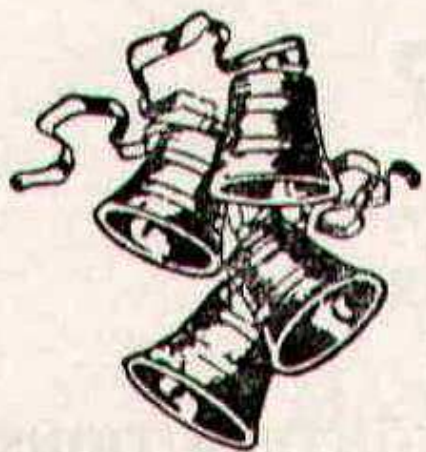
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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
<b>1963</b>			
August 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(H)	3-0
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	(A)	2-1
31	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	4-1
September 3	GRIMSBY TOWN	(H)	2-1
7	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(H)	3-1
10	MANCHESTER CITY	(H)	3-0
14	LEEDS UNITED	(A)	0-0
18	MANCHESTER CITY	(A)	0-0
21	SUNDERLAND	(H)	1-0
25	CHELSEA (League Cup)	(H)	3-0
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)	0-4
October 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)	2-2
5	BURY	(H)	2-1
12	PRESTON NORTH END	(A)	0-1
16	SOUTHEND (League Cup)	(H)	3-0
19	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)	5-0
26	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)	4-2
November 2	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)	1-2
9	MIDDLESBROUGH	(A)	1-1
16	(1) NEWCASTLE UNITED	(H)	0-0
19	WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup)	(H)	3-3
23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(A)	0-2
25	WEST HAM UNITED (League Cup)	(A)	1-4
30	DERBY COUNTY	(H)	0-0
December 7	(2) SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	0-3
14	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(A)	0-3
21	PORTSMOUTH	(H)	.....
26	NORWICH CITY	(A)	.....
28	NORWICH CITY	(H)	.....
<b>1964</b>			
January 4	(3)	.....	.....
11	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(A)	.....
18	LEEDS UNITED	(H)	.....
25	(4)	.....	.....
February 1	SUNDERLAND	(A)	.....
8	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(H)	.....
15	(5) BURY	(A)	.....
22	PRESTON NORTH END	(H)	.....
29	(6) NEWCASTLE UNITED	(A)	.....
March 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(H)	.....
14	(S.F.) CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(A)	.....
21	MIDDLESBROUGH	(H)	.....
27	CARDIFF CITY	(H)	.....
28	LEYTON ORIENT	(A)	.....
30	CARDIFF CITY	(A)	.....
April 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	(H)	.....
11	DERBY COUNTY	(A)	.....
18	SWANSEA TOWN	(H)	.....
25	SOUTHAMPTON	(A)	.....
May 2	(FINAL)	.....	.....

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leeds United .....	22	13	8	1	39	15	34
Sunderland .....	23	14	5	4	41	22	33
Preston N.E. ....	22	12	8	2	43	28	32
Charlton Athletic .....	22	11	5	6	44	40	27
<b>Swindon Town</b> .....	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Portsmouth .....	23	9	7	7	43	35	25
Southampton .....	20	9	5	6	42	35	23
Middlesbrough .....	21	9	4	8	38	24	22
Manchester City .....	21	8	6	7	36	33	22
Newcastle United .....	22	10	2	10	40	40	22
Northampton Tn. ....	22	9	3	10	32	35	21
Rotherham United .....	21	8	4	9	44	42	20
Cardiff City .....	21	7	6	8	32	38	20
Swansea Town .....	22	7	6	9	30	36	20
Norwich City .....	22	7	5	10	39	42	19
Derby County .....	21	7	5	9	24	32	19
Leyton Orient .....	21	7	5	9	23	33	19
Huddersfield Town .....	22	7	3	12	30	39	17
Bury .....	21	6	3	12	29	40	15
Scunthorpe United .....	20	5	5	10	18	25	15
Grimsby Town .....	22	4	7	11	25	41	15
Plymouth Argyle .....	23	2	6	15	22	47	10

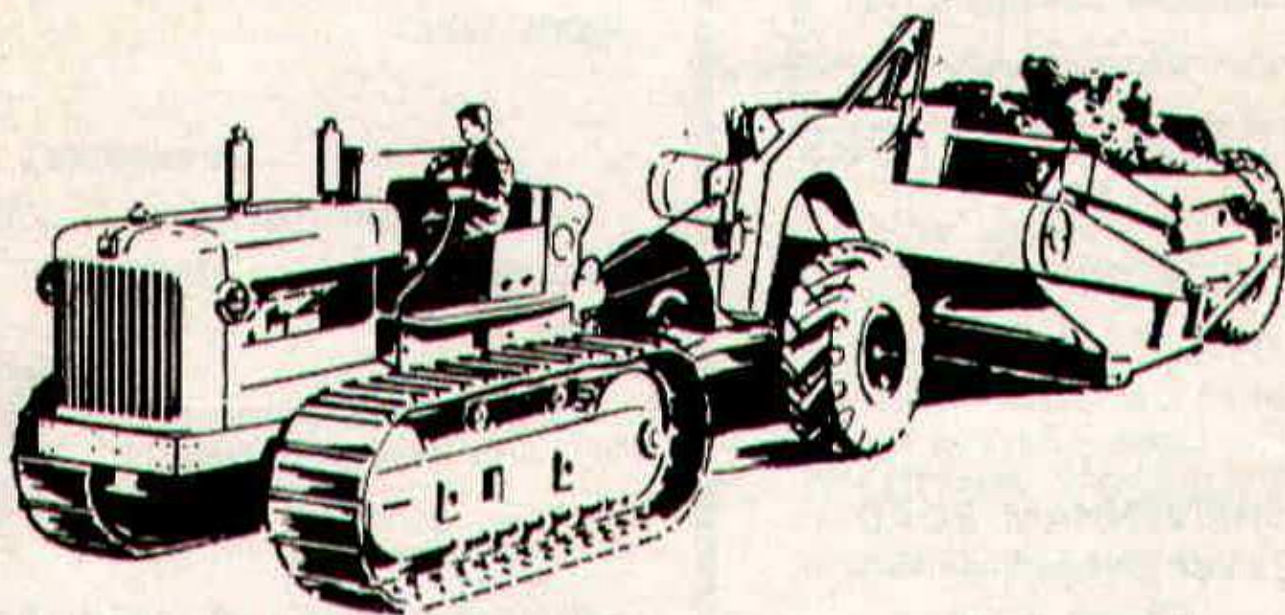


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These notes are being written on the eve of our Dinner and Dance, during the course of which the Football Queen will be chosen, and we shall refer in detail in our next notes to the proceedings.

In the meantime we would just express our thanks for the kindness and co-operation shown by various officials of Messrs. McIlroy Ltd. (including the Manager of the Hairdressing department for his concessions to the Queen contestants) and by Messrs. Deacon and Co. Ltd., of Wood Street, Swindon, for their assistance in connection with the Cup and the Queen's tiara.

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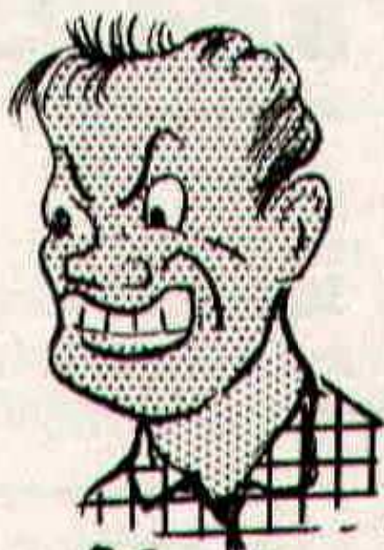


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## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—CONTINUED**

We have not yet been drawn into the Trading Stamp War!

A few weeks ago we referred to the record set up by J. Dickinson, the Portsmouth and former England half-back, and hope to have the privilege of seeing him in action today, and also to meet some old friends amongst the Committee of Portsmouth Supporters' Club.

We offer our good wishes for Christmas to all at the County Ground, Directorate, Management and Players, and trust that this will be preceded by a return to winning form today.

To our supporters and members we extend similar greetings and thanks for their patronage of our efforts. We shall hope to merit their continued support during the second half of the season.

As a result of representations made by a section of supporters, the announcement "Here they come!" was dropped before a recent match, but restored prior to the following game, at the request of another faction.

The matter seems very trivial, but we think that an appeal for better behaviour by some of the younger element might be justified.

It is ill-mannered to greet the visiting team with boos and jeers and the small minority creates a bad impression of the crowd in general; we hope that this thoughtless conduct will cease immediately. It has led to adverse comment by visiting officials, players, supporters and Press representatives on several occasions.

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## **JOHNNY GORDON (Inside Right)**

A local boy who joined the Club as a youth; was transferred to Birmingham for £16,000. Portsmouth bought him back to help stave off the drop into the Third Division in March 1961. The Club were relegated but he played a big part in helping the Club to regain 2nd Division status last year.

## **RON SAUNDERS (Centre Forward)**

Portsmouth paid a large fee for this player in September 1958 to Gillingham. Started his professional career with Everton, and remained with them for several years. Had a short spell in the Southern League with Tonbridge before joining Gillingham.

## **ALBERT McCANN (Inside Right)**

Joined the Club September this year from Coventry. Learned his football with his local club Maidstone United. First football league club was Luton Town. Transferred to Coventry during the summer of 1961.

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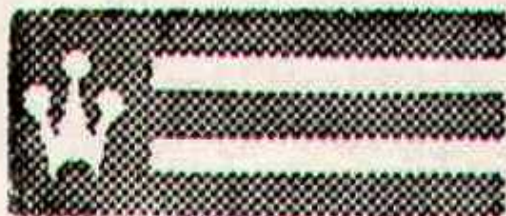
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### **BOB CAMPBELL (Right Half)**

A Liverpool lad who joined his local club as a school boy. Spent seven years with Liverpool, playing many times in the first team. At the end of season 1961 was listed. After two months with Wigan Athletic jumped at the opportunity of coming back to League football.

### **PETER SHEARING (Goal Keeper)**

Joined the Club from West Ham United in the summer of 1961. Played at Wembley in the Amateur Cup Final for Hendon when they beat Kingstonians 2—1 in season 1959-60. Gained the first team position at the start of this season, when Dick Beattie was transferred to Peterborough United.

### **CYRIL RUTTER (Right Back)**

Until two years ago he played all his football as a centre-half. Regular in the team that won the 3rd Division Championship last season. Joined the Club as a schoolboy 12 years ago. Played for England in Youth Internationals.

### **ALEX WILSON (Left Back)**

A Scot from Aberdeen. Joined the Club direct from school 12 years ago. Regular choice in last year's Championship team. Has represented Scotland in full Internationals.

### **ALLAN BROWN (Right Half)**

Probably best remembered as a goal scoring inside forward with East Fife, Blackpool and Scotland. Transferred from Luton Town before the deadline date in March, 1961. Another very good example of a top inside-forward being converted to a good half-back.

### **TONY BARTON (Outside Right)**

Joined Fulham as a schoolboy. Made rapid progress, and won his way into the Fulham first eleven whilst still in his teens. Transferred to Notts Forest for a large fee, but never maintained his true form; was transferred to Portsmouth at Xmas 1961 and played a big part in the Championship. Scored several valuable goals and appears to have regained his youth form; has been ever present since joining the Club.

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