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### UNITED BULLETIN

GOOD evening and welcome to the first of our Monday evening floodlit games. Under the lights with the extra atmosphere of a slightly larger crowd, soccer always looks that bit better and if we are in our recent form tonight's match should be a cracker.

Currently we are in the middle of a busy stage. On Saturday we had Oldham Athletic in town (these notes were written before the match) and on Friday we have the long haul up to Scunthorpe.

Not that we will fail on fitness. All season it's been noticeable that at times late on, when the opposition has tired, we have been going like steam engines—a credit to ever-popular John Anderson.

The lads are in tremendous heart, playing up to the ability they clearly possess and with that all-important confidence.

After that disappointing start with odd goal defeats to Middlesbrough and Shrewsbury plus that unfortunate and luckless fall from grace in the League Cup, we have really clicked. The draw at Oxford made it four games without defeat—all matches against top-grade opponents—and let's hope the sequence was continued against Oldham and the good work carried on tonight.

Swindon are always a good team to watch and their Reserves incidentally were visitors to Layer Road in those Southern League pre-war days.

We have come out of our meetings with the Town fairly well down the years, our best-ever season against them being our first in League football in 1950-1. We drew there 1-1 and routed them 4-1 at Layer Road.

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Our recent 1-1 draw with them on their spacious County Ground was a great display and Swindon directors paid us the compliment of ranking it as good a game as when they played in the Second Division. As a matter of interest our last meeting with Swindon here was on Monday, 6th May, 1963 when they won 2-0.

Our team that evening was: Ramage; Forbes, Fowler; McCrohan, Rutter, Rumney; Grice, Hunt (R.), King, Stark, Wright.

At the time of writing our two main injured players were still Bobby Blackwood and Arthur Kaye. Let's wish them speedy recoveries. Both are such devoted professionals and keen enthusiasts that it must be galling for them to be sitting on the sidelines.

After our Friday trip to Scunthorpe we have an away match at Reading on Saturday, 8th October. It's only a shortish journey so give the lads some support and make it a day out.

The support at Oxford recently was most encouraging but we could do with even more.

Next home League games:

Saturday, 15th October v. Doncaster Rovers (kick-off 3 p.m.).

Monday, 17th October v. Leyton Orient (kick-off 7.30 p.m.).

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# TERRACE TOPICS

By TERRACTE

ANOTHER one of the infrequent, but very popular, "Fanny by Gaslight" matches tonight. It's a pity, perhaps, that we can't have a few more of them, as there usually seems to be better support, and personally I like them, as everything seems concentrated down on the playing area, and you can see what's going on better. The only snag, of course, is that Neil has to climb up all those pylons to light the candles and the cost of matches is something shocking.

Now this is an appeal to an old matey of mine Bernard Green. He's sent me a most interesting letter when he was in Scotland, and I can't answer it, as he lives somewhere in Chelmsford, and he didn't give his address—the nit! Lots of interesting gen., however, he gives for one and all, in a Scots paper he sends, giving details of the "race to sign Dundee United right back, Tommy Millar". It says that Liverpool and Hibernian were bidding for him and a verbal bid of £10,000 had been made! If that's true, Bernard suggests, U's should get a delayed "cut", and I should like to see it! It also says that Tommy is back at his trade of bookbinder having not yet re-signed (this was in August), anybody know what has happened since?

My correspondent also gives his U's team spread over 25 years of happy watching—how does this fit in with your ideas? George Wright; Bill Bower, George French (does he mean Fisher?); Harry Bearryman, Reg Stewart, Bill Layton; Len Jones, Bob Curry, Arthur Turner, Augie Scott, Peter Wright—substitutes Bob Allen and Johnny McKim, (of whom Bernard says "In his day, supreme—but his day was so rare!). Argue that lot out, meanwhile many thanks Bernard, and don't forget to let me have your address!

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ONE of the most experienced full-backs to be acquired by Colchester for several seasons Denis Mochan signed on a free transfer from Nottingham Forest only a few weeks ago, really strengthens our hand for this interesting season.

In his four years at Forest, taking in over 120 First Division matches, Mochan has played successfully against some of the best wingers in the country.

The odd thing is that Denis, aged 30 and born near Falkirk, played much of his early football as a forward and indeed scored many goals for his first senior Club, East Fife. He joined them after a promising schoolboy career from Kilsyth, the Scottish Juniors and indeed has been playing football since he was eight.

Mochan comes from a football mad family. His father was a prominent player in the Scottish junior ranks and two of his three brothers are in senior football, the best-known being Neil Mochan once with Middlesbrough and now player-coach at Glasgow Celtic.

From East Fife Denis moved on to Raith Rovers and then into English football and it cost Forest all of £12,000 to bring him to Nottingham, where he spent four memorable seasons.

His first game for the Forest was a third round F.A. Cup tie against Wolves in 1963 and since then he has been more or less an automatic choice until November of last year. It's not surprising that several clubs including Crystal Palace, Doncaster Rovers and Lincoln City have been keen on his services.

Of the many star wingers he has opposed Denis reckons Ian Callaghan of Liverpool, who was in England's World Cup squad, one of the very best.

Standing 5ft. 7in. and weighing 11 stone 2 lb. Denis hopes to move into a Colchester Club house shortly. He's married and he and his Scottish wife Rose have four bonny children Janet (7), John (4½), Helen (3) and William (5 months).

The Mochan family will no doubt soon feel at home what with fellow Scottish families the Duncan Forbes', the Bobby Blackwoods', the John Fowlers' and the John Andersons' in town.

Away from soccer one of Mochan's main hobbies is golf. We wish him a long and successful association with the Club.

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## PEN PORTRAITS

**Peter Downsborough** (Goalkeeper). Born Halifax. Signed at the commencement of last season from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football. A fearless, agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence.

**Norman Oakley** (Goalkeeper). Born Norton-on-Tees. Joined the Club from Hartlepool United in March, 1964.

**Tony Hicks** (Goalkeeper). Born Swindon. He has been with Swindon for five years. He joined the Club as a schoolboy and progressed through the ranks of the junior teams before becoming one of the three senior goalkeepers.

**Owen Dawson** (Right-back). Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth four years ago, and has been a regular First Team player ever since. A Youth International.

**John Trollope** (Left-back). Born Swindon. Another local player who joined the Swindon groundstaff from school. Was selected for the First Team at the beginning of the 1960-61 Season when he was just 16 years old, and was ever-present during that season. A strong player who has proved his worth in a good defence.

**Keith Morgan** (Right-half). Born Trowbridge. A tall, fast, attacking player who progressed through the Club's junior teams after joining Swindon ground staff at the age of 16. He has been a regular player for the Town's First Team.

**Mel Nurse** (Centre-half). Signed from Middlesbrough at the beginning of last Season. He is a strong forceful player and is an International with Wales. His ability and experience have done much to strengthen the team's defence.

**Stan Harland** (Left-half). Born Liverpool. Signed during close Season from Carlisle United. He is a forceful player and is able to go upfield to back up the forwards in attack.

**Eric Weaver** (Outside-right). Born Rhymney. Joined the Club from Southern League Trowbridge Town after his service with the R.A.F. He played Representative football in the services, and since becoming a professional with Swindon he has proved his worth, being able to play in most positions in the forward line.

**Roger Smart** (Inside-right). Born Swindon. Another local-born player who joined the Club direct from Swindon Schoolboys team. At 17 he was appearing regularly at centre-forward in the Reserve team, but he excels as a deep-lying inside-forward or wing-half.

**Keith East** (Centre-forward). Born Southampton. A strong, forceful player. He joined the Town from Portsmouth in 1964. Last season he was the Club's top goal scorer with 25 goals.

**Dennis Brown** (Inside-left). Born Reading. Joined the Club from Chelsea for a very large fee in November 1964. A fast inside-forward with a deadly shot.

**Donald Rogers** (Outside-left). Born Paulton. A player of outstanding ability. He has long been the target for many of the English First Division Clubs. He has played for England Youth Team and also the England Under 23 XI.

**Joe Butler** (Full-back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August, 1965. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply makes up for his lack of inches. He joined the Club's Junior Team and graduated to the senior ranks before joining the Town.

**Jimmy Lawton** (Centre-forward). Born Middlesbrough. When Swindon played Darlington in the Football League Cup last season Lawton was one of the outstanding players in the Darlington team. As a result of his performance Swindon immediately signed this player. A strong forceful leader. He scored 28 goals in the Darlington First Team in Season 1964-65.

**Ken Skeen** (Inside-forward). Born Cheltenham. He played originally as an amateur with the Club but subsequently joined Trowbridge Town and re-joined Swindon as a professional in September 1964.

**Jimmy Giles** (Centre-half). Born Kidlington. A versatile player who has played at centre-forward for the Robins where he proved to be a strong, forceful leader, and also centre-half where his strength did much to add to the defence.

**Rod Thomas** (Full-back). Born Glyncorrwg. A former youth player with the Club, whose speed and strength have made him a reliable defender. Made his debut in the First Team last Season.

**Bruce Walker** (Outside-left). Born Westwood Lay. Joined Swindon from County football. Though he is not a big player his ability and speed make him a menace to any defence.

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Fancy our old friend Bobby Hunt going to Millwall! I well remember when we played them up there last time, Bob was put right through, and one of the Millwall defence "played the man and not the ball" and the scoring chance was gone. Afterwards Bob told me that the player in question came straight at him and punched him in the stomach! I don't know if the bloke is still there, but if so, in my mean little way, I'd welcome the chance of playing against him in a practice match! Still, Bobby seemed to take it all very philosophically, so perhaps he wasn't over-worried!

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TEN YEARS AGO—Monday, 24th September, 1956. Colchester United 4, Exeter City 0.

A gala evening. Our great win with goals from Benny Fenton, Kevin McCurley, and Ken Plant (2), sent us soaring to second place in the Third Division table. Exeter were outclassed and we completed a double, having beaten them 2-0 away the previous Wednesday. Our team, roared on by a 6,754 crowd, was: Ames, Fisher, Fowler, Fenton, Milligan, Dale; Hill, Plant, McCurley, Smith, Wright.

LAST SEASON—Saturday, 2nd October, 1965: Colchester United 3, Stockport County 2.

A crowd of 4,968 saw this thriller in which County were a shade unlucky not to have taken a point. But two fine goals by Reggie Stratton swung the balance. Ted Phillips bagged the other. White and Haydock were Stockport's marksmen. Our team: Kennon; Forbes, Hall; Trevis, Loughton, Blackwood; Grice, Jones, Stratton, Phillips, Fowler.



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Loughton .. .. .	7	—
Martin .. .. .	7	—
Raine .. .. .	5	—
Shires .. .. .	5	—
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4. Which clubs do the following ex Colchester United players play for now: Billy Stark, John Docherty, David Laitt ?
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**ANSWERS: See next Programme.**

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