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PROGRAMME NOTES

SWINDON TOWN

Our displays against Middlesbrough proved disappointing for us, but the breaks never came. The Boro got that vital early goal in the first game and in the second we were just as good a side until that first penalty for their first goal.

It seemed a particularly harsh decision on Trevor Atkinson who says the ball struck his arm and he could not do anything about it.

Then came the Alan Sproates incident which again seemed very harsh. To all who know Alan it seemed improbable that he would react as alleged. He himself says he certainly did not mean to kick Horsfield, and the evidence of the very long gash down Alan's shin was proof that the M'bro. player's tackle was less than soft.

However, it would be stupid to deny M'bro's. superiority in the two games. The side did not show their best, and we must hope for better things soon.

After the bleakness of the holiday programme, the Quakers now face a hard struggle for the rest of the season. The recent losses have meant a further slide down the table and, though we still retain the same position as we did before the Christmas games against M'bro., other clubs have made up ground.

But manager Jimmy Greenhalgh is still confident that the side can turn the corner of this present slide. Certainly something will have to be done fairly quickly, but we are confident that the club's fortunes will improve and that the players have the ability to do it.

Today we welcome Swindon, league opponents for the first time at Feethams but met several times before in the Cup and League Cup. Older fans will remember them as the side which knocked us out of the F.A. Cup after the Quakers' astounding run from the qualifying rounds to the last 16 in 1910-11.

This season the sides met down at the County Ground and Swindon won pretty comfortably 4-0. But it was the Quakers first away game in the Division and understandably the side were very nervous. Since then the Town have slumped but lately have risen again with some powerful performances in their last few games.

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		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Q.P.R.	21	9	1	1	37	10	4	5	1	22	11	32
Mansfield	22	7	2	3	28	23	6	3	1	21	14	31
Watford	22	8	1	2	16	4	3	5	3	14	12	28
Bristol R.	24	8	3	1	28	16	3	3	6	16	24	28
Oldham	22	8	1	1	32	8	3	2	7	17	25	25
Shrewsbury	22	8	2	2	24	14	2	3	5	13	15	25
Torquay	24	7	3	1	25	9	2	2	9	10	22	23
Grimsby	21	8	2	1	26	8	2	1	7	7	24	23
Walsall	20	8	2	1	20	6	2	1	6	11	27	23
Reading	22	6	4	2	23	11	3	0	7	12	19	22
Gillingham	22	5	5	1	16	7	2	3	6	10	23	22
Peterborough	21	4	4	2	20	15	2	5	4	16	18	21
Brighton	21	6	3	2	20	12	2	2	6	9	15	21
Bournemouth	21	5	2	4	13	16	3	3	4	8	13	21
Middlesbrough	21	6	1	3	21	10	2	3	6	18	29	20
Colchester	21	6	1	3	25	17	2	3	6	14	24	20
Doncaster	21	7	2	2	24	20	1	2	7	8	31	20
Swindon	20	5	3	2	27	11	1	3	6	10	19	18
Scunthorpe	22	4	2	4	11	11	3	2	7	11	26	18
Oxford	21	3	4	3	17	13	2	3	6	6	12	17
Darlington	23	4	2	5	11	14	3	1	8	10	29	17
Leyton	20	3	5	2	15	13	1	3	6	11	23	16
Workington	20	4	1	4	20	15	1	2	8	8	25	13
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sunderland	12	10	1	1	50	17	21
Hull City	14	8	3	3	28	16	19
South Shields	12	8	2	2	36	19	18
Rotherham United	13	8	1	4	35	27	17
Middlesbrough	14	6	2	6	36	32	14
Ashington	10	4	3	3	29	20	11
Carlisle United	13	5	1	7	18	39	11
Doncaster Rovers	12	3	4	6	19	24	10
Gateshead	11	3	1	7	18	26	7
Darlington	14	2	2	10	22	45	6
Bradford Park Ave.	14	2	2	10	13	39	6

FIXTURES 1966/67—NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

1966	AUGUST	F	A	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	1967	JANUARY	MARCH	KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION	APRIL	MAY	
20	Carlisle	...a	1 3	12	Rotherham	...h	3 4			1	Rotherham	...h
27	Hull	...h	2 2	26	Sunderland	...a	1 12					
	SEPTEMBER			DECEMBER			1967 FEBRUARY					
3	Gateshead	...a	0 1	10	Gateshead	...h	3 4	3	Rotherham	...a	3 1	
10	S. Shields	...h	2 3	17	Doncaster	...h	1 5	31	Hull	...a		
17	Doncaster	...a	0 1	24	Ashington	...a					6	Knock-out Final Tie
24	Bradford	...h	2 0								13	Champions v. The Rest of the League
	OCTOBER			1967 JANUARY			MARCH					
1	Middlesbro'	...a	1 2	7	S. Shields	...a						Kick-off Times :
8	Rotherham	...a	1 5	14	Bradford	...a						Mid-Week 7.15 p.m.
15	Ashington	...h	3 2	21	Carlisle	...h						Saturday 3.15 p.m.
22	Hull	...a	1 4									
29	Middlesbro'	...h	2 2	11	Sunderland	...h			18	Doncaster	...h	

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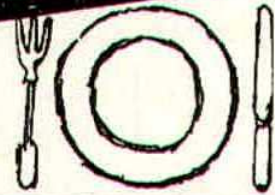
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Hutchinson ...	2		

F.A. Cup

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Conlon ...	2		

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Peverell ...	1	Cummings ...	1

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20	Watford	...h	1 0	5	Scunthorpe	...h	2 1	7	(2)	8	(6) Oldham	...h		
27	Swindon T.	...a	0 4	12	Oldham A.	...a	0 4	14	Doncaster R.	...h	10	Peterborough	...h	
SEPTEMBER				14	Brighton	...h	3 1	21	Mansfield T.	...a	15	Oxford U.	...a	
3	Reading	...h	0 1	19	Oxford U.	...h	1 2	28	(3)	22	Bristol R.	...h		
5	Swansea T.	...h	1 0	26	(1) Stockport	h	0 0	FEBRUARY				24	Peterborough	...a
9	Doncaster R.	...a	4 0	29	(1) Stockport	a	1 1	4	Grimsby T.	...h	29	(SF) Colchester	a	
17	Mansfield	...h	1 1	DECEMBER				18	(4) Torquay	...h	MAY			
21	Reading	...a	0 1	3	Colchester	...h	0 4	25	Bournemouth	...a	6	Shrewsbury	...h	
24	Grimsby T.	...a	1 4	5	(1) Stockport	...h	4 2	MARCH				20	(F)	
27	Swansea T.	...a	1 1	10	Shrewsbury	...a	0 3	4	Leyton O.	...h	Kick-off Times :			
OCTOBER				17	Watford	...a	0 2	11	Walsall	...a	Mid-Week	7.15 p.m.		
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4	Bristol R.	...a	0 3	27	Middlesbrough	...a		24	Q.P.R.	...a				
8	Bournemouth	...h	1 2	31	Swindon T.	...h		25	Workington	...h				
15	Leyton O.	...a	2 1	LEAGUE CUP				27	Q.P.R.	...h				
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PEN PICTURES—SWINDON TOWN

DOWNSBOROUGH, Peter (Goalkeeper)—Born Halifax. Signed at the commencement of last season from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football.

DAWSON, Owen (R.B.)—Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth four years ago. A Youth International.

TROLLOPE, John (L.B.)—Born Swindon. Another local player who joined Swindon from school. Was selected for the first team when he was just 16 years old.

MORGAN, Keith (R.H.)—Born Trowbridge. Progressed through the Club's junior teams after joining Swindon ground staff at the age of 16.

NURSE, Mel (C.H.)—Signed from Middlesbrough at the beginning of last season. Welsh International.

WEAVER, Eric (O.R.)—Born Rhymney. Joined the Club from Southern League

Trowbridge. Played representative football in the Services.

SMART, Roger (I.R.)—Born Swindon. Another locally born player who joined the Club direct from Swindon School-boys' team.

EAST, Keith (C.F.)—Born Southampton. Joined Town from Portsmouth in 1964.

ROGERS, Donald (O.L.)—Born Poulton. Has played for England Youth Team and the England Under-23 XI.

BUTLER, Joe (F.B.)—Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in 1965. Graduated from the Club's Junior Team.

LAWTON, Jimmy (C.F.)—Born Middlesbrough. When Swindon played Darlington in the Football League Cup last year Lawton was outstanding for Darlington.

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