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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

WALSALL

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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NEWS and VIEWS

Well, are we safe from relegation? We sincerely hope so, and judging from the league position, we should be out of danger. The league table is very even, with few points dividing the teams. At present we occupy fourteenth position with 37 points. Leyton Orient is in twentieth place with 35 points. Darlington is fourth from bottom with 34 points, so we are not quite out of the wood yet.

What a great week we have had to date (this is being written prior to the Workington game). Three resounding wins in succession. The result at Grimsby was excellent. Those two points could make all the difference. They put us well up the table above several clubs with 36 points.

The match itself was a splendid one, from every angle (maybe Grimsby Town were a little disappointed, and rightly so, by losing in the last minute). Good football was displayed by both sides — grand entertainment. It seemed a pity one team had to lose, but it was real excitement to the final whistle. From our point of view, it was good to see the goal scoring shared by four players, and the inside forwards coming into the reckoning.

On the Saturday we entertained one of our bogey teams, Gillingham. This time however we came out on top, winning by two goals to nil, scored by the wingers — Rogers and Walker.

On Tuesday we really saw the climax — a grand game in every sense of the word. In the first half we played some wonderful football, and it looked as if Mansfield Town would be swamped by goals. It was not to be. By virtue of good defence and goalkeeping the score was kept down to one goal, and that scored in the 14th minute. A splendid goal, from a fine move, and so well taken by Roger Smart. (How this lad

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

works. I don't think he stopped running throughout the game, and this is how England won the World Cup, by the work rate of every player in the team.)

When Mansfield Town equalised two minutes after half-time, many wondered just how the game would go. Would Mansfield Town gain confidence and Swindon Town lose heart? Not a bit of it — again the great fighting spirit showed itself, and every man threw himself into the game, with renewed energy, and a sigh of relief went up when Rogers scored in the 58th minute. He certainly hammered the ball home, but much credit must go to Dawson for his determined run almost to the bye-line, and Penman, who retrieved the ball and slid it across in front of goal. The game was completely decided in the 67th minute when Terry headed in a fine corner from Walker.

In every way a very satisfactory game for the large crowd. This kind of football will bring them again.

What wonderful support we enjoy. 13,280 people present last Tuesday, and it was quite a cold night, yet the following day the gate at Reading (who are above us in the league), was only just over 4,000. How fortunate we are to have such a loyal band of supporters. Apart from the enthusiasm of the cup-ties, some of our games, especially since Christmas, have not been all that entertaining. To everyone we say "Thank you". It is grand to have such fine support, but oh! how we wish you would keep off the pitch after the game.

One final word on the Mansfield Town game. We thought Mr. J. Yates refereed extremely well. It was a match which could have got out of hand. Much depended upon the result — relegation; promotion. It was a hard, fast game, but the referee (a new man to us) was always near at hand, without any showmanship, or mannerism.

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Walsall. Constantly struggling in competition with First Division clubs near them, but always hospitable.

We missed them for several seasons, because unfortunately they became members of the new Fourth Division in Season 1957-58. However, in 1959-60 they won that league, and so gained promotion to Division III. It was in that season they defeated us in the first round of the Cup, at Swindon, 3 goals to 2, after being three up at the interval. In 1960-61, they gained promotion to Division II (just one season in Division III). They remained in that league two years, and were relegated at the end of the season in 1963, the year Swindon gained promotion, so we did not meet until 1965-66, where we were again members of Division III, with the following results:

4th September, 1965.

Swindon (0): Downsborough; Butler, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Atherton; Weaver, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers.

Walsall 0.

19th February, 1966.

Walsall (5): Carling; Gregg, Harris; Sissons, Bennett, Atthey; Riley, Clarke, Kirby, Summers, Taylor.

Swindon Town (0): Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Richardson; Henderson, Smart, East, Rogers, Weaver.

This season we drew at Walsall 1—1 on Wednesday, 18th October, 1966. This game began a very successful run for Swindon Town which continued right up to Christmas and fortunately as is now proved, gained a number of points.

On Saturday we entertain Scunthorpe United. This is followed by away games at Mansfield and Oldham. We then have two home games, Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday, 2nd May, and Oxford United, 6th May. The last game is Scunthorpe United away on the 12th May. We trust all our problems will be safely resolved by then.

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Nick was signed as apprentice professional on leaving school and became a full professional in 1963. Although small in stature he is noted for his non-stop power-house performances. Born in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ALLAN BAKER (Inside forward)

Allan, a much sought after Schoolboy footballer, was signed from Aston Villa during the last closed season. He is equally at home on the wing. Born in Tipton.

KEITH BALL (Goalkeeper)

Keith, born in Walsall, first signed for the Saddlers' as an amateur in 1957 and became a professional in 1959. Transferred to Worcester City in 1962 he rejoined the Saddlers' in 1965.

STAN BENNETT (Centre half)

A Birmingham boy who also served his apprenticeship with Walsall. Stan seized his chance when Trevor Smith, the Club's International centre half, was seriously injured. A consistent whole-hearted player.

TERRY CARLING (Goalkeeper)

The Saddlers were fortunate in obtaining Terry through an exchange deal with Lincoln City in 1965. A native of Otley, Yorks.

ROY CROSS (Centre half)

Roy is a Schoolboy International who recently signed full professional forms. A native of Walsall.

MICK EVANS (Full back)

Mick, a West Bromwich boy, signed amateur forms in 1963 and became a full professional in 1964. A strong and fearless player.

CLIVE FORD (Forward)

Clive was signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1964. Although comparatively young he has seen considerable experience. At home on the wing or an inside berth. Born in Oldbury, near Birmingham.

FRANK GREGG (Full back)

Another local boy who signed apprenticeship forms on leaving school. Frank became a full professional in 1961. A sturdy intelligent player noted for his distribution. Born in Wordsley, near Stourbridge.



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GERRY HARRIS (Full back)

Gerry, born in Claverley, near Wolverhampton, joined the Saddlers after some years of experience with Wolverhampton Wanderers. He was signed during April 1966.

JOHN HARRIS (Full back)

John was signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1965. A particularly experienced player with an uncanny positional sense. Born in nearby Upper Gornal.

COLIN HARRISON (Wing Half)

Yet another local boy who signed for the Saddlers as an amateur and turned professional in 1963. Also at home at inside forward.

ROGER JONES (Centre forward)

A very young well-built player of distinct promise. Previously an amateur with the Saddlers, Roger became a full professional in May, 1966. Born in Stafford.

GEORGE KIRBY (Centre forward)

George, who was signed from Swansea in 1965, previously served several well known clubs, including Everton and Sheffield Wednesday. A strong forceful player and prolific goal scorer. A native of Liverpool.

TREVOR MEATH (Wing half)

Another local boy signed from nearby Darlaston as a professional in 1964. Well-built, fearless and strong in the tackle.

HARRY MIDDLETON (Inside forward)

Signed in March 1966 to replace Alan Clark, who was transferred to Fulham for a record fee. Harry has had a wealth of experience with several clubs including Wolverhampton Wanderers and Portsmouth. He was secured from Mansfield Town. Well known for his goal-snatching prowess. Born in Birmingham.

COLIN TAYLOR (Outside left)

Colin joined Walsall from nearby Stourbridge in 1958 and is the one remaining member of the team which took Walsall from the 4th to the 2nd Division in consecutive seasons. After being transferred to Newcastle United he returned to Walsall in 1964. Particularly well known for his terrific shooting. A native of Stourbridge.

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SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

With the four points collected from Mansfield Town and Workington last week, relegation, which has been the fear of quite a large section of our members, is fast disappearing over the horizon. All supporters will, however, be pleased to see the rapid rise up the League continued to the end of the season. End of season matches, when promotion or relegation is not near, can be most frustrating. This was rather noticeable last season, and it is to be hoped that this year will see the tempo taken right up to the last minute of the last game, particularly at away games. Supporters who regularly travel to away games should surely be rewarded by a full measure of effort, irrespective of the final result. Such away trips to support the team are by no means inexpensive.

At Workington last Saturday, two points were collected to the delight of the small band who travelled up overnight. With a gate of only 1,611 the busload made themselves heard to good effect. Their trip was clouded, however, as one of the party lost his wallet during the match, but the ever present Harold Brown soon had the Workington office staff taking details, and helped search the terraces before leaving, albeit without success. There was a sad air of resignation at Workington, as the 4th Division is now a certainty. Yet, early in the season, the Club was around the top of the table. It does credit to their players that, despite the situation, they still played cleanly and openly. Injuries have taken toll — three of the team on Saturday would not normally have been fit to play, but there was no-one to take their place.

Supporters at the Reserve game saw the West Ham Club lose again. This win puts the Reserves in third position, and the team fully justify the increased support this season.

A telegram of congratulations and best wishes was sent on

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behalf of all Supporters' Club members to Rod Thomas, who was suddenly called for last Tuesday morning to play for Wales against Ireland. Rod has rightly become a firm favourite with all supporters and we are all quite sure that this is only the first of many international caps.

Younger members of the Supporters' Social Club have had the blessing of the Management Committee to set about forming a football team from Social Club members, and have already set the wheels in motion to get a pitch allocated, and hope to be admitted into the Sunday League.

The players have formed a very successful cricket team, and a suggestion has been made that perhaps the Social Club members might follow suit. It is, perhaps, too late to arrange affairs for this season, but any members interested are asked to contact the Hon. General Secretary, or any Management Committee member.

Tomorrow night, as far as I know at the moment, F/Sgt. Brown, of the R.A.F. at Brize Norton — for a long time a member of No. 216 Squadron, R.A.F. Lyneham — will be showing about a two-hour edited show of colour slides covering, for this evening, Malta, Gibraltar, Venice and Moscow. There must be many ex-servicemen — and women — amongst our members who would like to re-visit places they may have seen during the war. The show is free, except for the usual charge of 6d. for any visitors brought along by members, and will start at 8 p.m. F/Sgt. Brown has about ten hours viewing, which he has built up over the years, and we hope to see more of the world, by way of his camera, in due course.

Don't forget the BINGO session next Friday, the Party Night next SATURDAY — music by the SWINDON MUSIC CENTRE, and the BINGO and singsong next Sunday — the music makers for that evening will be in next Saturday's programme.

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Walsall	39	17	7	15	58	60	41
Colchester United ...	41	16	8	17	69	65	40
Scunthorpe United ...	41	16	8	17	53	63	40
Swindon Town ...	39	15	9	15	67	52	39
Oxford United ...	40	14	11	15	56	54	39
Gillingham	41	12	15	14	46	52	39
Brighton & Hove A.	40	13	11	16	56	60	37
Peterborough United	40	12	13	15	56	63	37
Leyton Orient ...	39	11	15	13	48	57	37
Grimsby Town ...	40	15	6	19	53	63	36
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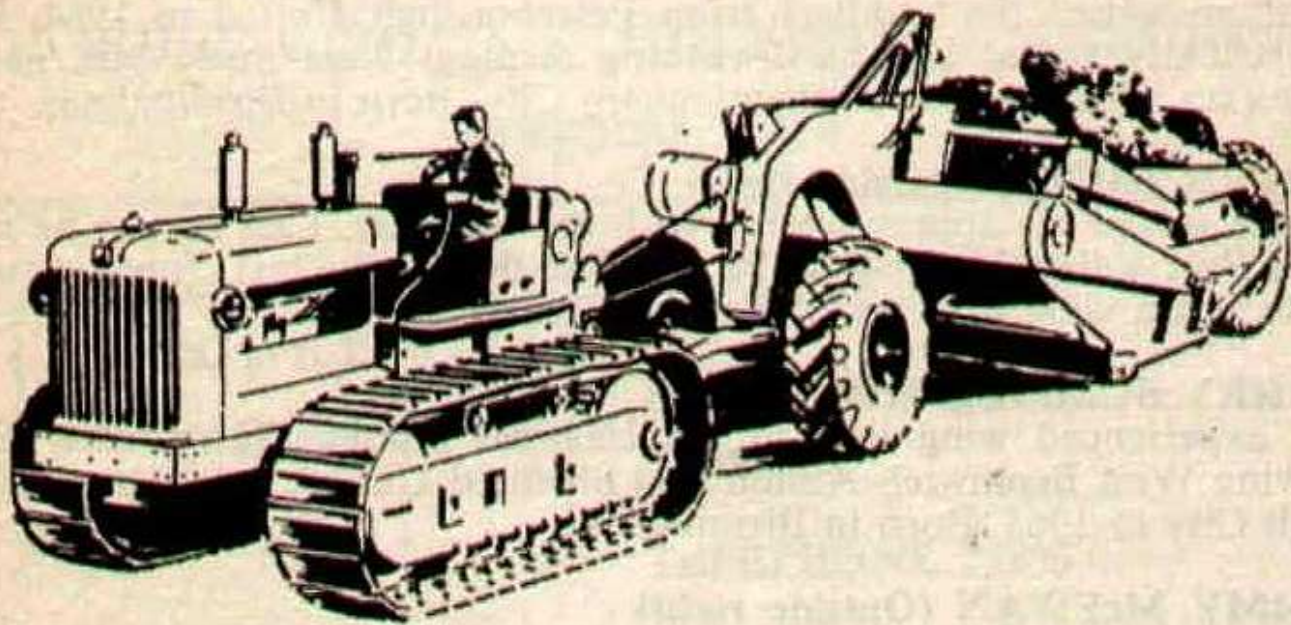
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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
1966				
August 20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)	1,434	(H)	2—3
September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)	1,833	(H)	2—0
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	0—3
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	2—1
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	2—1
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)	1,286	(H)	1—1
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	2—3
8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(A)	3—2
15	FULHAM	1,852	(H)	3—1
22	GILLINGHAM		(A)	3—2
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	1,884	(H)	4—2
November 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(A)	1—0
23	READING		(A)	1—0
26	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3,905	(H)	0—2
December 3	FULHAM		(A)	1—0
10	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1,076	(H)	2—0
17	WEST HAM UNITED		(A)	0—3
24	LEICESTER CITY	2,317	(H)	1—1
31	SOUTHAMPTON	2,596	(H)	0—0
1967				
January 14	ARSENAL	2,753	(H)	3—1
24	COVENTRY CITY		(A)	1—2
February 4	LEICESTER CITY		(A)	0—3
11	CHELSEA	9,786	(H)	5—1
25	GILLINGHAM	4,402	(H)	0—3
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(A)	1—0
March 7	IPSWICH TOWN	2,153	(H)	1—1
11	CRYSTAL PALACE	1,209	(H)	2—1
18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1,666	(H)	1—1
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	1,608	(H)	2—2
April 1	READING	2,083	(H)	2—1
4	COVENTRY CITY	2,131	(H)	4—1
8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(A)	0—5
15	WEST HAM UNITED		(H)	2—1
19	SOUTHAMPTON		(A)	
29	IPSWICH TOWN		(A)	
May 9	ARSENAL		(A)	
To be arranged	CHELSEA		(A)	
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OUR VISITORS—continued

DEREK PACE (Centre forward)

Derek was signed from Notts County at the start of this season. An experienced player who has also served Aston Villa and Sheffield United. Born in Essington, near Wolverhampton.

HOWARD RILEY (Outside right)

Signed from Leicester City in 1965, Howard was a member of their F.A. Cup final team of 1963. A fast, direct winger. Born in Leicester.

KEN SATCHWELL (Outside right)

Ken was signed from nearby Nuneaton in 1965. Fast and clever. Many admirers prefer to see him fill the centre forward berth in which position he has been equally successful. Born in Birmingham.

GRAHAM SISSONS (Wing half)

Graham joined the Saddlers from Peterborough United in 1964. His consistently sound and hard-working displays have made him many admirers. Has also served Birmingham City. Born in Birmingham.

ROGER SMITH (Outside right)

Roger served his apprenticeship with the Saddlers. Last season he was with Port Vale but rejoined the Saddlers during the last closed season. Also fills a wing half berth. Born in Tamworth.

GERRY SUMMERS (Wing half)

An experienced wing half in the classical mould. Gerry, after first serving West Bromwich Albion and Sheffield United, was signed from Hull City in 1965. Born in Birmingham.

JIMMY McEWAN (Outside right)

Jimmy joined the Saddlers from Aston Villa at the start of this season. A clever, direct player of great experience. Born in Dundee.

GEOFF MORRIS (Outside left)

Geoff served his apprenticeship with the Saddlers and signed full professional forms in February 1966, his 17th birthday. A clever ball player of promise. Born in Birmingham.

JIMMY McMORRAN (Inside forward)

Prefers the roll of goal-maker, but no mean shot. Jimmy joined Walsall from Third Lanark in 1965 after previously serving Aston Villa. A native of Muirirk, Scotland.

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	13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784	(H)	4—1
	17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	(A)	0—3
	24	READING	9,064	(A)	1—2
	26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	(A)	1—2
October	1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	(H)	0—1
	4	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	9,190	(A)	1—1
	8	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7,985	(H)	2—2
	11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)	8,147	(H)	4—2
	15	MIDDLESBROUGH	8,126	(A)	0—4
	18	WALSALL	9,027	(A)	1—1
	22	SWANSEA TOWN	8,638	(H)	4—0
	25	W. BROMWICH ALBION (League Cup)	16,254	(H)	0—2
	29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	6,333	(A)	4—1
November	5	LEYTON ORIENT	8,996	(H)	5—1
	12	GILLINGHAM	7,320	(A)	0—1
	19	WORKINGTON	9,497	(H)	3—0
	26	(1) HORSHAM	8,000	(A)	3—0
December	3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10,347	(H)	6—3
	10	OXFORD UNITED	10,037	(A)	0—0
	17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	9,900	(H)	1—1
	24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5,393	(A)	2—1
	26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	14,619	(H)	4—1
	31	DARLINGTON	5,060	(A)	1—2
January	7	(2) ASHFORD TOWN	12,079	(H)	5—0
	14	WATFORD	16,942	(A)	0—2
	21	BRISTOL ROVERS	15,479	(H)	0—1
	28	(3) WEST HAM UNITED	37,440	(A)	3—3
	31	WEST HAM UTD. (3rd Round Replay)	25,789	(H)	3—1
February	4	READING	16,964	(H)	0—1
	11	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,935	(A)	0—1
	18	(4) BURY	24,452	(H)	2—1
	25	SHREWSBURY TOWN	5,057	(A)	1—3
	28	GRIMSBY TOWN	11,458	(H)	3—1
March	4	MIDDLESBROUGH	14,200	(H)	4—1
	11	(5) NOTTINGHAM FOREST	47,500	(A)	0—0
	14	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	28,008	(H)	1—1
	18	SWANSEA TOWN	5,916	(A)	2—2
	20	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	52,600	(A)	0—3
	25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	14,099	(H)	1—0
	27	TORQUAY UNITED	9,924	(A)	0—1
	28	TORQUAY UNITED	14,327	(H)	0—0
April	1	LEYTON ORIENT		(A)	0—0
	5	GRIMSBY TOWN	4,743	(A)	4—3
	8	(6) GILLINGHAM	10,375	(H)	2—0
	11	MANSFIELD TOWN	13,280	(H)	3—1
	15	WORKINGTON	1,611	(A)	3—1
	18	WALSALL		(H)	————
	22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(H)	————
	24	MANSFIELD TOWN		(A)	————
	29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(A)	————
May	2	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS		(H)	————
	6	OXFORD UNITED		(H)	————
	12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(A)	————



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