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NEWS and VIEWS

Today we play our last home game of the season. A very eventful season, and in many ways one of the most exciting and entertaining for a long long time.

Certainly one of varying fortunes. On the 8th October, 1966, we were in bottom position having gained only 4 points from 9 games, and the goal average of 11 for and 16 against.

On the 5th January, 1967, we were fifteenth in the league table, with 22 points from 23 games, and a goal record of 44 for and 34 against. So the 14 games from 8th October to 5th January produced 18 points and 33 goals scored. During that period we lost only two games 0—1 away to Gillingham, on the 12th November, 1966, and 1—2 at Darlington on the 31st December, 1966.

Then came 5 league defeats in succession, and on 25th February, 1967, we were in the danger zone, in third place from the bottom with the following record, played 28; goals for 45, against 42; points 22. So compared with the position on the 5th January, we had not obtained another point, scored only one goal and had 8 scored against us. That figure in itself is quite good, considering 5 defeats. Nevertheless, the outlook was rather poor.

Yet during this latter period, we enjoyed one of our finest "cup-runs" ever, certainly the most famous. Swindon Town was talked of wherever football was played. Known throughout the country, not only for the fighting spirit, but the football displayed. Some of our games were the absolute highlight of television seen and admired in all Britain.

Still in the minds of many of us there still persisted the nagging fear of relegation.

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just wondered what would happen—would there be a reaction after all the noise and glamour of the Cup? No, not a bit of it, our lads helped by the wonderful team spirit at the County Ground, from the manager down set about the job of rehabilitation, and improving our league position. Actually we played 15 games and lost only two, 1—3 at Shrewsbury, on 25th February and 0—1 at Torquay on 27th March, 1967.

Today, 4th May, 1967, we are tenth in League table having played 44 games and gained 45 points. Goals for 76, against 58. This was surely our finest hour, the peak period because from 25th February to 1st May, we played 15 games, gained 23 points, scored 33 goals and had 17 scored against us. What is more we played some great football.

Why have we had such a feast of football, interspersed with two blue patches? Certainly our players are fit. They must be to have lasted such an exhausting season having played 44 Division III games, 5 League Cup and 8 F.A. Cup games. No team has outplayed us, no team is as fast or such runners as Swindon. No team lasts the full ninety minutes better. Surely a great tribute to the manager, his training schedule; and his assistants. Many work in the background, and are never in the limelight but contribute much to the success of a club. This season, we owe much to our new doctor, (probably the most enthusiastic supporter we have) for his service and attention. Whenever possible, although he is a very busy man, he has travelled with the team to away games. This has not only given the side greater confidence, but immediate and correct medical advice has helped considerably in keeping our players fit. Many others help in the smooth running of the club, the organization of the third and fourth team. Often players have to be found almost at the last minute for either of these sides. One man in particular, Eddie Buckley must have driven hundreds of miles, to help

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with these teams and keep the wheels turning.

So we could go on, but we do hope the players appreciate what has been done for them. They have had an excellent season and the management has shown them every consideration. No one could be more helpful, kind and sympathetic as our manager.

We must not forget the office staff. Theirs is an onerous task, and this year, with the cup-ties and tickets, they have spent many weary hours at the County Ground. No forty-hour week for them, often from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and later, and frequently seven days a week. Serving the public in such a season as this, has been no easy task. Demands are frequent and not always made in the most polite way. Despite it all, the office staff plods quietly and efficiently on.

Amidst all the glory of the Senior Team, let us not forget the wonderful season of the Reserve Team. Playing in the First Division of the Combination, mostly against Division I clubs, they enjoyed some excellent games and at present are in fourth position. The team is composed mainly of young lads, apprentice professionals and amateurs (no strengthening of team, for results, by members of the first team). The club has stood by its young players and how well they have responded. The coach and trainer, Jack Conley and Maurice Owen have great faith in these lads. They have helped them and it is due to their training and work this excellent young team has been produced. It augers well for the future. We only hope they will not disappoint us.

Lastly, we must thank our spectators. Support this year has been outstanding. Yes I know the cup-ties created great interest, but the attendance at our league games have invariably been near the highest in the Division, and higher than many in Division II.

Thank you very much, hope to see you all next season, and please can the team begin, where it has left off!

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OUR VISITORS



BRIAN SHERRATT (Goalkeeper)

An injury to regular choice Jim Barron in January this year resulted in another opportunity for Brian to take over between the sticks. And his form has kept him in favour ever since. The 23-year-old 'keeper signed from Stoke City in 1965 but Barron's arrival in March 1966 temporarily cut short his first team career after eleven games. Born in Stoke. 5ft. 11ins. and 11st. 8lbs.

CYRIL BEAVON (Full back)

Now playing his eighth season with the club and since their entry into the League has never made less than 40 appearances—in fact has only missed nine League matches over the last four years. Launched his career with Wolverhampton Wanderers. Born in Barnsley 29 years ago. 5ft. 10ins., 11st. 9lbs.

JOHNNY LLOYD (Full back)

Started with the club on a month's trial in October 1964 after being on Swindon Town's payroll. Introduced to the first team last season when he had one dozen games and has developed so well this season that he is now automatic choice. He's 23.

RODNEY SMITHSON (Half back)

Due to positional changes in the side caused through injuries his first team chance has arisen at wing-half. Following his capture from Arsenal in 1964 he had been patiently understudying skipper Atkinson, although he did fit in a debut appearance in 1965-66. Rodney is 24.

MAURICE KYLE (Centre half)

Like the club skipper he is another member of the old brigade, having been at Oxford since 1959. Also made his soccer start with Wolverhampton Wanderers. Was absent from only one League match during the club's 1964-65 promotion year from the Fourth Division. A native of Darlington, he's 6ft. and 12st. 8lbs.

RON ATKINSON (Half back)

Club skipper and has been the driving force in the team ever since his signing from Aston Villa in 1959. In the previous two seasons he never missed a match. He's a bulkily built player but has proved this is no handicap to his mobility. From Liverpool, he's a six-footer and 13st. 9lbs.



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MICHAEL MORRIS (Winger)

Age 22. Only his second full season as a regular first team selection. Previously an amateur with Faversham Town. His untiring energy sometimes bewilders his own team-mates.

JOHN EVANSON (Half back)

Began as an amateur in 1964 after his form with Towcester in the Northamptonshire League had rated careful attention. Switched to pro' the following year and this is his first season to make the League grade.

KEN HALE (Inside forward)

Signed from Coventry City in March 1966, completing 18 League games for United last term and these produced nine goals. He was also with Newcastle United, and he is a north-easterner from Blyth. Will most likely finish the season as the club's leading goal-scorer. 5ft. 6½ins., 11st. 2lbs.

GRAHAM ATKINSON (Centre forward)

Younger brother of the wing-half, he arrived at the Manor Ground one year later from another Midland's club, Birmingham City. He's 23 years old—four years younger than Ron and he became a first team regular last winter, missing only one match. In fact, he was leading marksman with 19 goals. Is 5ft. 10ins.

TONY JONES (Inside forward)

Holds the clubs' goal-scoring record. Another capture from Birmingham City and also a member of the club's long-serving group of players—he joined them in 1959. Made all the appearances in 1964-65, the promotion year, and was also ever-present in 1963-64. Aged 29, he's Birmingham-born and 6ft., 11st. 6lbs.

COLIN HARRINGTON (Winger)

The family tradition of sprint training and athletics undoubtedly makes 23-year old Colin the fastest player on the club's books. Spotted while playing for Wolverhampton Wanderers, his transfer was clinched in 1962. He has commanded a fairly regular place ever since. From Bicester, another six-footer in the side and 12st 6lbs.

COLIN CLARKE (Half back)

Has had limited opportunity for first team games due to the regular choice of Jones. Stepped into the side on three occasions last season, his first games for the club. Was on Arsenal's books until 1965. Aged 20, hails from Penilee, G.W. 6ft. 1in., 11st. 10 lbs.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Event 1. 5 Lap Scratch.

1st 2nd 3rd

Event 2. Devil take the Hindmost.

1st 2nd 3rd

Devil take the Hindmost

The last rider at the end of each lap is eliminated, until only 4 riders are left, these 4 then contest the final lap.

Event 3. Swindon v. Oxford Pursuit Match

1st

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Event 4. 15 Lap Scratch.

1st 2nd 3rd

ABOUT THE RIDERS

All the Swindon riders are in good form this season, but those to look out for, are Stan Siecaz, winner of many races over the last few years, Malcolm Bates and Ray Trueman, two up and coming riders who in this, their first season in Senior Competition, have already had several successes.

From Oxford, comes Mick Clever, Les Honor and Mike Carritt, all very strong riders who are well known for their road racing performances.

Chris Holloway who was 2nd in the British Best all-Rounder Competition a couple of years ago, is always ready to try his luck in a lone brake-away and fellow Bristolian Tony Robson an ace sprinter, is the one to watch in a close finish.

Two riders making the long trip from Birmingham, John Turner and Mick Scott, should find the small track to their liking as both are very experienced riders.

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Last Tuesday's match, preceeded by the awarding of the Giant Killer's Cup did not, perhaps, live up to it's promise. It took the Division's champions to the very last kick of the games—which saw the Cup Final, relegation and promotion it, so again one can draw some consolation from the result.

However, the thanks of the Supporters goes to all the lads for an exciting season — and I include the Reserve team for the very fine fare served up in many Combination League games—which saw the Cup Final, relegation and promotion all possible at one time or another. We look forward to seeing you next season continuing to ride the present wave of success.

On the 14th May, at the Shrivenham Road Ground which has been kindly put at our disposal by the Directors, the Supporters Club Football team play Chippenham, kick off at 11 a.m. On the following Sunday, 21st May, at the same place and time, the Supporters team play Exeter Supporters team. So come along and support the Supporters for a change — we don't charge for admission by the way.

I have also been asked to repeat last Tuesday's note to the effect that anyone wishing to play next season in the Supporters Club Football team should contact the Secretary of the Football Section, Mr. I. Hayward, at 19 Beechcroft Road, Upper Stratton. It is also emphasised that TWO teams will be run next season again. There seems to be some belief that the formation of the Social Club team will reduce the Supporters Club to one team. This is incorrect.

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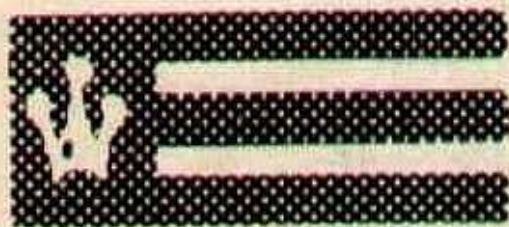
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Watford ...	43	19	12	12	57	44	50
Middlesbrough ...	43	21	8	14	80	61	50
Reading ...	44	20	9	15	72	55	49
Shrewsbury Town ...	44	19	11	14	73	59	49
Mansfield Town ...	44	20	9	15	82	74	49
Oldham Athletic ...	44	19	9	16	78	60	47
Swindon Town ...	44	18	10	16	76	58	46
Gillingham ...	44	14	16	14	55	57	44
Walsall ...	43	17	9	17	61	67	43
Scunthorpe United ...	44	17	8	19	57	68	42
Colchester United ...	43	16	9	18	72	69	41
Oxford United ...	43	14	13	16	58	58	41
Peterborough United	44	13	15	16	63	69	41
Grimsby Town ...	44	16	8	20	57	68	40
Bournemouth & B. A.	44	12	16	16	39	55	40
Brighton & Hove Albion	43	13	13	17	57	66	39
Leyton Orient ...	42	11	17	14	51	62	39
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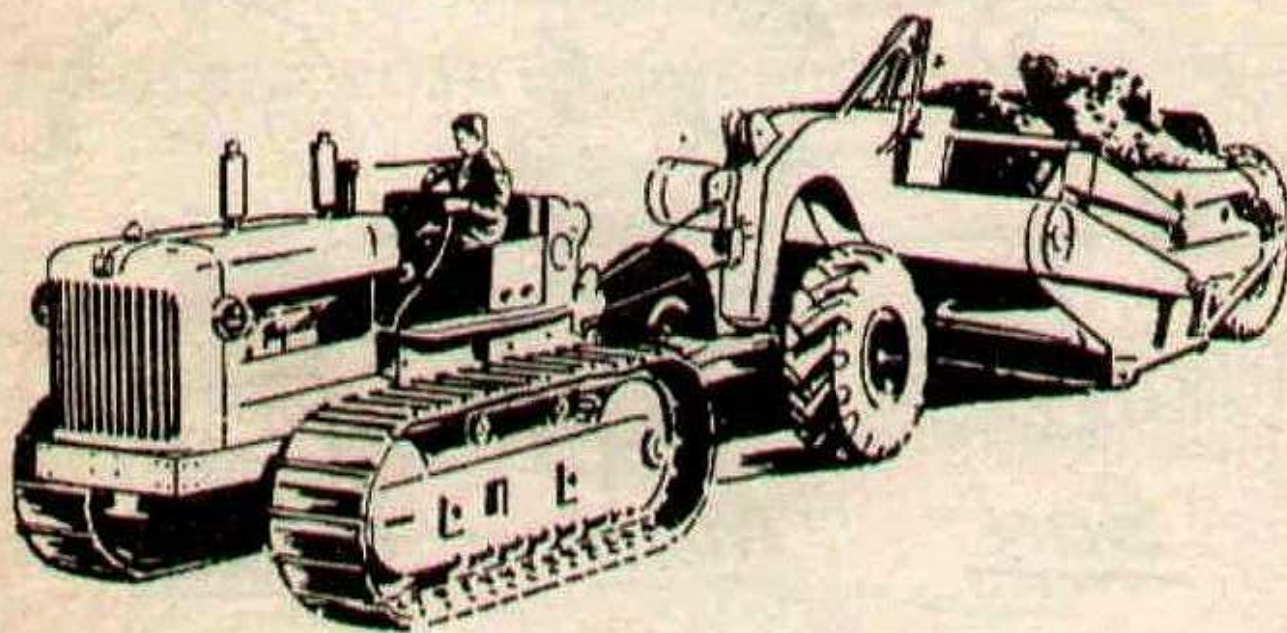
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	6	COLCHESTER UNITED	11,600(H)	1—1
	10	WATFORD	9,999(H)	1—2
	13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784(H)	4—1
	17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	.....(A)	0—3
	24	READING	9,064	.....(A)	1—2
	26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	.....(A)	1—2
October	1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	.....(H)	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	14,459	.....(H)	3—2
	22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	12,786	.....(H)	2—1
	24	MANSFIELD TOWN	7,836	.....(A)	3—1
	28	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	5,605	.....(A)	0—1
May	2	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	21,190(H)	1—1
	6	OXFORD UNITED(H)
	12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED(A)
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tottenham Hotspur	29	22	2	5	75	27	46
Arsenal	30	18	4	8	59	36	40
Swindon Town	30	15	6	9	45	42	36
West Ham United	30	15	5	10	57	38	35
Southampton	30	14	5	11	65	45	33
Leicester City	30	12	8	10	57	43	32
Peterborough United	29	13	6	10	54	53	32
Nottingham Forest	29	13	5	11	50	52	31
Coventry City	31	13	5	13	54	62	31
Nottingham Forest	29	13	5	11	50	52	31
Chelsea	30	10	6	14	55	70	26
Plymouth Argyle	30	10	5	15	56	55	25
Ipswich Town	31	10	5	16	43	53	25
Gillingham	31	10	5	16	47	70	25
Crystal Palace	30	10	4	16	47	68	24
Fulham	29	9	5	15	45	54	23
Reading	29	5	4	20	37	77	14

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