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SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1967

Kick-off 3 p.m.

LAYER ROAD GROUND, COLCHESTER

THIRD DIVISION

Colchester United v. Swindon Town

UNITED BULLETIN

Two indifferent results and the injury blow to Mick Loughton have combined to lower our League position.

We have dropped to ninth place, but these are still early days and the competition is deadly keen this season.

Nevertheless, Saturday evening's 4-0 crash to Shrewsbury at Gay Meadow even though the score line flattered the Shropshire lads, was a terrific disappointment coming as it did on the goalless draw at home to Brighton.

Our big failing is still a lack of punch and bite near goal. At Shrewsbury we had plenty of chances and played some delightful football. An equaliser was always on the cards but, alas, they grabbed a second in a breakaway and, well on top in the closing stages, rubbed it in with two late goals. So we suffered our third League defeat and the heaviest reverse of the season.

We have, of course, been badly hit by the injury bug. Luckless Loughton must wonder when and where his bad luck is going to end. To break his nose twice in the space of five weeks was a bitter disappointment and one can only commiserate with poor Mick in his idle frustration.

Ken Hodgson is another who is taking time to recover and of course Johnny Martin is only just approaching match fitness.

Let's hope the tide changes and the luck too today when we have another tough match on our hands, Swindon Town being one of the more attractive sides in the Division and big spenders too. Nevertheless the lads are determined to get a welcome Layer Road win and repeat their performance of last season when they beat the Town 2-1 in one of the best games of the season. We had drawn 1-1 at the County Ground in another fine display and the Layer Road victory gained with goals by Brian Hall and Hodgson with Willie Penman replying, was a game to remember on the night of Monday, 26th September. As a matter of interest the teams lined up:

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UNITED BULLETIN—cont.

UNITED: Buck; Forbes, Mochan; Raine, Loughton, Trevis; Hall, Bullock, Hodgson, Stratton, Martin.

SWINDON: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Brown, East, Butler, Rogers. The gate was 7,874.

Highly valued Don Rogers, surely one of the best wingers in the Division is, of course, still with the Town and two newcomers to the attack are Pat Perry the former Reading and Millwall leader who scored a hat-trick against Bournemouth last Saturday, and winger Don Heath whom the Wiltshire club recently bought from Norwich City for a big fee.

Swindon finished last season strongly after a poor start and of course enjoyed plenty of success in the F.A. Cup. They have not made the expected successful start this term but seem to be running into form and today's clash looks like being a pretty hectic one.

We have some hard matches just ahead, too, and Tuesday's visit to Watford and then next Saturday's trip to Reading will be exacting tests. These are followed by the visit of Torquay United here today fortnight.

The Reserves and "A" team have had some good results recently. In the London Mid-Week League a fine 6-3 win against Charlton Athletic at the Valley was spotlighted by four goals from Peter Bullock.

The "A's", who must be hot favourites for the Mercia League Championship, defeated Ipswich Town here 3-1 and delighted with some superlative soccer.

The "A" team today were due at Cambridge United and next Wednesday go to Romford.

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	P	HOME			Goals		AWAY			Goals		Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Walsall	12	5	1	0	20	5	3	1	2	10	10	18
Torquay	12	4	3	0	10	4	2	2	1	5	5	17
Peterborough United ..	12	5	2	0	17	4	2	1	2	6	10	17
Bury	12	4	1	1	17	7	2	2	2	11	11	15
Barrow	12	2	3	1	7	4	4	0	2	8	6	15
Reading	12	4	2	1	17	9	2	0	3	5	9	14
Oxford United	12	5	0	1	15	8	0	3	3	4	9	13
Gillingham	12	4	2	1	11	6	1	1	3	5	9	13
Northampton Town ..	12	3	2	1	10	6	2	1	3	7	10	13
Colchester United ..	12	2	4	0	6	4	2	1	3	9	15	13
Swindon	12	4	1	1	15	5	0	3	3	5	9	12
Watford	12	4	1	1	16	4	1	1	4	4	12	12
Stockport	12	5	1	0	11	2	0	1	5	3	13	12
Tranmere	12	4	0	2	14	9	1	1	4	6	12	11
Brighton	12	3	1	2	7	4	1	2	3	6	10	11
Southport	12	3	0	2	7	6	2	1	4	11	15	11
Grimsby	12	4	2	1	13	6	0	1	4	1	11	11
Shrewsbury	12	3	2	1	10	4	0	3	3	4	13	11
Bournemouth	12	4	1	1	12	6	0	2	4	3	15	11
Bristol Rovers	12	2	2	1	8	5	1	2	4	5	13	10
Scunthorpe	12	1	3	1	8	10	1	1	5	9	16	8
Mansfield	12	2	2	2	10	11	0	2	4	4	11	8
Orient	12	2	1	2	6	4	0	3	4	6	16	8
Oldham Athletic ..	12	1	0	4	6	9	0	2	5	5	13	4

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PEN PORTRAITS

Peter Downsborough (Goalkeeper). Born Halifax. Signed in August 1965 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. Height 5ft. 10½in. Weight 12 st. 5 lb.

Owen Dawson (Right Back). Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth in June 1962. He was a regular first team player until he was unlucky to lose his place through injury. A fast tenacious player. He was a former Youth International. Height 5ft. 10in. Weight 11 st.

John Trollope (Left Back). Born Swindon. A local player who joined the Swindon Ground Staff from school. He 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. Together with his partner that year, who was also 16, they were the youngest full backs ever to appear as a pair in League Football. During last season he celebrated 300 consecutive League appearances for the Club. Height 5ft. 10in. Weight 11 st.

Rod Thomas (Full Back). Born Glyncorrwg. A former youth player with the Club. He was signed from Gloucester City in July 1964. Took over the full back position last season when Owen Dawson was injured, and maintained his position throughout the season. Last year was a successful one for this player as he gained a Welsh Under 23 Cap against Scotland, and also a Full Welsh Cap against Ireland. Height 6ft. 1in. Weight 12 st.

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 was formerly the Club Captain but was unlucky to lose his first team place last season through injury. Height 6ft. Weight 12 st. 8 lb.

Mel Nurse (Centre-Half). Born Swansea. Signed from Middlesbrough in August 1965. He played for Wales 12 times gaining 9 of his Caps while with Swansea Town where he did 7 years service before being transferred to Middlesbrough in September 1962. His ability and experience has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Height 6ft. 0½in. Weight 12 st. 12 lb.

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Joe Butler (Full Back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Height 5ft. 7½in. Weight 9 st. 13 lb.

Stan Harland (Left-Half). Born Liverpool. Was signed from Carlisle United in July 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. He has been a regular choice at left-half since making his debut at the beginning of the 1966-67 season. A forceful player who likes to go forward to back up the forwards in attack. Height 6ft. Weight 12 st. 7 lb.

David Harper (Right-Half). Born London. Signed during the Close Season from Ipswich Town where he made 37 League appearances last year. Was formerly with Millwall. A strong tenacious player who never gives up. He has brought strength to the Robins half-back line. Height 6ft. Weight 12 st. 1 lb.

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. Height 6ft. Weight 12 st.

Bobby Jones (Outside Left). Born Bristol. A West Country man who commenced his career with Birmingham City and joined Bristol Rovers while still a young player. He was formerly a member of the successful Bristol Rovers team and was signed by Swindon from Northampton when D. Brown joined that Club. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 12 st. 7 lb.

Willie Penman (Inside Forward). Born Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle United in September 1966 for a considerable fee. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. A clever ball playing inside forward who has also appeared at centre-forward with the Club. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 11 st. 7 lb.

Don Rogers (Outside Right or Left). Born Paulton. Probably the most sought after player in the team. He was signed by Swindon when only 15 and quickly came to the fore. Gained many England Youth International Caps and subsequently played in the England Under 23 International Team. Was the Club's top goal scorer last season with 33 goals.

Roger Smart (Inside Forward). Born Swindon. Another local 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. A versatile player who is able to play at wing-half. Height 5ft. 11in. Weight 11 st. 4 lb.

Bruce Walker (Outside Left). Born Newbury. Joined Swindon from County football. Though he is not a big player his ability and speed make him a menace to any defence. He has a particularly powerful shot. Height 5ft. 9in. Weight 11 st.

Pat Terry (Centre Forward). Born Lambeth. Signed last season from Reading where he was the leading goal scorer. Prior to this he played for Charlton, Swansea, Gillingham, Northampton and Millwall. A forceful leader who is particularly dangerous in the air. Height 5ft. 9½in. Weight 12 st. 6 lb.

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23—Brighton (A) (L.C.) 0-4
26—Bristol R. (A) 1-1

SEPTEMBER

2—BARROW (H) 3-2
4—Southport (A) 3-2
9—Oxford United (A) 1-3
16—BURY (H) 0-0
23—Bournemouth (A) 2-1
25—SOUTHPORT (H) 1-1
29—Tranmere R. (A) 2-4

OCTOBER

2—WATFORD (H) 2-1
7—BRIGHTON (H) 0-0
14—Shrewsbury T. (A) 0-4
21—SWINDON T. (H)
24—Watford (A)
28—Reading (A)

NOVEMBER

4—TORQUAY U. (H)
11—Grimsby (A)
13—Barrow (A)
18—GILLINGHAM (H)
25—Walsall (A)

DECEMBER

2—NORTHAMPTON (H)
9—(1)
16—Oldham Ath. (A)
23—BRISTOL R. (H)
26—Mansfield Town (A)
30—MANSFIELD T. (H)

JANUARY

6—(2)
13—OXFORD U. (H)
20—Bury (A)
27—SCUNTHORPE (H)

FEBRUARY

3—BOURNEM' TH (H)
10—TRANMERE R. (H)

17—Peterborough (A)
24—Brighton (A)

MARCH

2—SHREWSBURY (H)
9—Scunthorpe (A)
16—Swindon Town (A)
23—READING (H)
30—Torquay United (A)

APRIL

6—GRIMSBY T. (H)
12—STOCKPORT (H)
13—Gillingham (A)
15—Stockport (A)
20—WALSALL (H)
22—Leyton Orient (A)
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TEN YEARS AGO—Saturday, 19th October, 1957. Gillingham 2, United 3.

A great win at Priestfield Road sent our stock soaring and we moved up to seventh place in the table; previous results being a 1-1 draw at Watford and a 3-0 home defeat of Exeter. At Gillingham, player-manager Benny Fenton was at inside left and after trailing 2-1 we staged a great rally, Tommy Williams hitting the late winner. The other goals came from Kevin McCurley and Saunders scored both for the "Gills". Gate: 8,000.

LAST SEASON—Saturday, 22nd October, 1966. Mansfield Town 2, United 0.

For the first time in the season we failed to score. After this defeat we were eighth in the table. We had little luck near goal as Mansfield snatched two through Mitchinson (now with Aston Villa) and Brace. We lined up:

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Blackwood .. .	13	
Bullock .. .	13	4
Forbes .. .	13	
Fowler .. .	1	
Hall .. .	10	2
Hodgson .. .	9	2
Loughton .. .	10	
Mansfield .. .	6	
McKechnie .. .	7	5
Martin .. .	5	
Mochan .. .	13	1
Price .. .	7	
Stratton .. .	9	1
Trevis .. .	13	
Walker .. .	1	

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