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# GILLINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. III

SATURDAY

February 10th, 1968

v.

# SWINDON

TOWN

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 6d.

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## GREETINGS TO SWINDON TOWN

Today we greet Swindon Town, and offer a cordial welcome to their players and officials.

We have a good record against the men from Wiltshire. The two meetings at Priestfield have resulted in single goal victories for us, and at the County ground we have taken three of the six points at stake.

Last week's trip to Reading produced a severe disappointment. We played well, certainly much better than the tired home team and yet goals were conceded in three fleeting raids on our goal.

The injury to Bill Williams weakened us after five minutes play, but at half-time David Quirke sub-

stituted and, ably supported by Mel Machin, he made a very creditable impression.

We have had a bad time since early December, and without attempting to minimise our own failings, we think that the neutral observer would be hard pressed to explain our lack of success. There was a pleasing return to form of several players last week, but we were still not able to maintain the mid-field superiority that we established in the first half-hour. Let us hope the ball will run more kindly for us today and, for 'the Robins', a good result at Sheffield to add to their home triumphs against Salisbury, Luton Town and Blackburn Rovers.

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## NEXT HOME FIXTURES—

Saturday, February 24th—Football League, Div. III

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC



# SUPPORTERS' NOTES

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was due to take place on Tuesday, 6th February, too late to be included in these notes; a full report will be made in the next Home match programme.

**JOHNNY SIMPSON TESTIMONIAL.** We stated in our last notes that tickets for the holiday draw would be on sale on that day: This was too optimistic. They are however available today from the Association Hut. The dance at the Aurora on January 30th was pronounced a real success by those fortunate enough to be present.

**PRIESTFIELD PRESS.** The response to our appeal for letters for the magazine has been disappointing to say the least. The present issue is now with the printers, but there is still one more issue before the end of the season if you would like to see your name (and your views) in print.

**REFRESHMENT BAR.** Visits to other grounds in the Third and other Divisions has not destroyed our belief in the fact that we sell the best cuppa in the Football League.

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## GOLDEN GOAL

TORQUAY, Saturday, January 20th, 1968

1st Prize. 16 mins. 11 secs.—£9.0.0.	Not yet claimed
2nd Prize. 16 mins. 10 secs.—£5.8.0.	Not yet claimed
3rd Prize. 16 mins. 12 secs.—£3.12.0.	Not yet claimed

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## "BLUE AND WHITES"

### JOTTINGS BY THE WAY

We are having an unusual run of injuries to key players, which has upset form and performances, resulting in our lack of success of late. This has meant a fall from a challenging position to one of peril in the space of just a few weeks, which emphasises the points made previously regarding the very slight gap between top and bottom of our division.

A return to winning ways from today on, could reverse the position in our favour, and we welcome our visitors today, Swindon Town, and especially our former player, Pat Terry.

### GUEST OF THE DAY

Our guest today is Mr. Graham Sessions, of "Sonning", Grain Road, Wigmore. Aged 19, Graham has been a supporter for six years, and feels that the attacking style of play suits us better, but feels a good striker is essential and would be the answer for promotion. Favourite player — John Simpson.

### TEAM MASCOT

Our Mascot today is Master John Somerset, of 22 Ferndale Road, Gillingham. Making his second appearance this season, John is most keen and is an ever present on our away trips. Well done, John.



# TODAY'S VISITORS

Peter DOWNSBOROUGH (goal-keeper)—signed from his home town, Halifax Town, in August, 1965.

Roderick THOMAS (full-back) — born Merthyr Tydfil, signed professional forms in July, 1964.

Norman TROLLOPE (full-back) — a local product, signed in season 1960-61.

Joe BUTLER (utility defender) — signed from his native Newcastle United in August, 1965.

Mel NURSE (centre-half) — Welsh caps whilst with Swansea Town and Middlesbrough; signed in September, 1965.

Stan HARLAND (wing-half) — Liverpool lad; played for Everton, Bradford City and Carlisle; signed in August, 1966.

Don HEATH (outside-right) — a native of Stockton. Middlesbrough and Norwich City were his previous clubs; signed in September, 1967.

Willie PENMAN (inside-forward)—from Fifeshire; previously with Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle United; signed in September, 1966.

Pat TERRY (centre-forward) — very much a Londoner; arrived at Swindon via Charlton, Newport, Swansea, Gillingham, Northampton, Millwall and Reading; signed in February, 1967.

Roger SMART (inside-forward) — a local lad, signed in season 1960-61.

Dan ROGERS (wing-forward) — a Bristolian, signed in season 1962-63.

## TEAMS AND RESULTS

Friday, 26th January — Football League, Div. III. Scunthorpe Utd. (away). Lost 1-2.

Simpson; Furie, Hunt; Machin, Williams, Bailey; Woodley, Gibbs, Riddick, Brown, Thear. Sub. Yeo.

Goal-scorer—Gibbs.

Saturday, 3rd February — Football League, Div. III. Reading (away). Lost 1-3.

Simpson; Miller, Hunt; Riddick,

Williams, (Quirke), Machin; Woodley, Gibbs, Yeo, Brown, Meredith.

Goal-scorer—Gibbs.

Saturday, 3rd February — Football Combination, Div. I. Chelsea (home). Drew 2-2.

Bellotti; Furie, G. Chapman; J. Ribbins, Arnott, Moffat; Osborn, D. Peach, Thear, Gilbert, R. Tydeman.

Goal-scorers: Osborn, Thear.

### JOHN SIMPSON TESTIMONIAL FUND

The collection at half-time today is towards the John Simpson Testimonial Fund. We are sure you will be generous towards the club's longest serving player, and one who deserves your every support!

Thank you.

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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIV. III.**

Up to and including Tues., 6th Jan.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Torquay	28	14	8	6	39	33	36
Bury	28	13	7	8	60	41	33
Walsall	28	13	7	8	49	39	33
Stockport	28	13	6	9	39	35	32
<b>Swindon</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>
Shrewsbury	27	11	9	7	41	37	31
Oxford	28	10	10	8	45	38	30
Reading	27	13	4	10	42	42	30
Watford	28	12	5	11	47	31	29
Brighton	28	9	11	8	32	31	29
Bournemouth	28	11	7	10	31	32	29
Peterborough	28	12	4	12	44	45	28
Barrow	28	11	5	12	38	35	27
Southport	27	11	5	11	43	43	27
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>
Oldham	28	12	2	14	39	41	26
Northampton	27	9	7	11	34	40	25
Tranmere	27	9	6	12	45	51	24
Bristol	26	9	6	11	36	41	24
Colchester	27	8	8	11	33	46	24
Mansfield	27	8	6	13	33	41	24
Orient	25	7	8	10	28	35	22
Scunthorpe	28	7	8	13	34	51	22
Grimsby	27	6	5	16	28	44	17

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division III**  
**Appearances and Goalscorers**

	App.	Sub.	Goals
Arnott	4	—	—
Bailey	25	—	—
Brown	28	—	10
Crickmore	15	—	5
Furie	10	—	—
Gibbs	28	—	10
Hall	9	—	1
Hunt	16	1	1
Machin	13	—	2
Meredith	27	—	2
Miller	17	—	—
Moore	17	—	—
Quirke	—	1	—
Riddick	27	—	2
Ryder	1	—	—
Simpson	28	—	—
Thear	1	—	—
Weston	15	—	—
Williams	21	—	—
Woodley	2	—	—
Yeo	4	4	1

Football League Cup—  
Crickmore 2, Gibbs, Riddick, Yeo.

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIV. I.**

Up to Monday, 5th February

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Res.	12	9	1	2	35	12	19
Birmingham Res.	11	8	1	2	26	12	17
Southampton Res.	14	7	2	5	27	23	16
Chelsea Res.	13	7	2	4	21	19	16
Plymouth Res.	10	7	1	2	20	10	15
<b>Gillingham Res.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>
Coventry Res.	13	5	3	5	26	22	13
Walsall Res.	14	6	1	7	24	23	13
Ipswich Res.	13	6	1	6	21	25	13
Arsenal Res.	12	5	2	5	12	10	12
West Ham Res.	12	5	2	5	24	24	12
Leicester Res.	10	3	4	3	23	21	10
Peterborough Res.	12	3	3	6	19	29	9
Northampton Res.	13	1	3	9	19	42	5
Swindon Res.	14	1	2	11	9	35	4

Goal-scorers: (League and Cup)  
Harrison, 5; Thear, 5; Gilbert, 4;  
Moffat, 4; Moore, 2; Ryder, 2; Yeo  
2; Osborn, 1; D. Peach, 1; R. Tyde-  
man, 1; Opp. O.G. 1.

**SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE**  
**Div. I.**

Up to Sat., Feb., 3rd 1968 (Inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	18	15	1	2	70	27	31
Q.P.R.	19	15	1	3	60	26	31
Orient	18	12	4	2	63	27	28
Ipswich	18	12	1	5	45	20	25
West Ham	19	10	5	4	53	31	25
Tottenham	18	11	2	5	38	27	24
Charlton	19	10	3	6	41	29	23
Crystal Palace	19	10	2	7	54	43	22
Millwall	19	5	8	6	39	30	18
Brighton	19	5	4	10	45	59	14
Watford	18	3	7	8	28	35	13
Luton	18	4	4	10	32	61	12
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>
Fulham	19	3	3	13	23	67	9
Oxford	20	2	3	15	23	71	7
Bexley	17	2	1	14	23	64	5

Goal-scorers:  
G. Bray, 15; D. Peach, 6; N. Beau-  
champ, 2; T. Ludlow, 2; M. Daley,  
1; M. Humphrey, 1; W. Johnson, 1;  
M. Paull, 1; D. Pullen, 1; Opp. O.G.  
1.



# FIXTURES 1967-68

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

1967		F.	A.
<b>August</b>			
Sat. 19	<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>	2	0
Tues. 22	The Orient (LC)	3	1
Sat. 26	Walsall	0	3
<b>September</b>			
Sat. 2	<b>SOUTHPORT</b>	1	4
Mon. 4	Tranmere Rovers	1	2
Sat. 9	<b>GRIMSBY TOWN</b>	1	0
Wed. 13	<b>TORQUAY UTD. (LC)</b>	2	2
Sat. 16	Torquay Utd.	1	2
Wed. 20	Torquay Utd. (LC) Replay	0	2
Sat. 23	<b>READING</b>	3	0
Wed. 27	<b>TRANMERE ROVERS</b>	1	1
Sat. 30	Swindon Town	2	2
<b>October</b>			
Wed. 4	<b>STOCKPORT CO.</b>	3	1
Sat. 7	Oldham Ath.	1	0
Wed. 11			
Sat. 14	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	0	0
Sat. 21	Barrow	1	0
Mon. 23	Stockport	1	1
Sat. 28	<b>OXFORD UTD.</b>	2	1
<b>November</b>			
Sat. 4	Bury	2	3
Sat. 11	<b>BOURNEMOUTH &amp; B.</b>	0	0
Mon. 13	Southport	1	4
Sat. 18	Colchester Utd.	2	2
Sat. 25	<b>PETERBOROUGH</b>	3	2
<b>December</b>			
Sat. 2	Mansfield T.	1	0
Sat. 16	Northampton Town	1	1
Mon. 18	Newport F.A. Cup 1st Round	0	3
Sat. 23	<b>WALSALL</b>	0	1
Tue. 26	Brighton & Hove	0	3
Sat. 30	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE</b>	1	1
<b>1968</b>			
<b>January</b>			
Sat. 6	(2)		
Sat. 13	Grimsby Town	P	P
Sat. 20	<b>TORQUAY UTD.</b>	1	1
Fri. 26	Scunthorpe Utd.	1	2
Sat. 27	(3) The Orient	P	P
<b>February</b>			
Sat. 3	Reading	1	3
Sat. 10	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>		
Sat. 17	(4) Shrewsbury Town		
Sat. 24	<b>OLDHAM ATH.</b>		
<b>March</b>			
Sat. 2	Bristol Rovers		
Sat. 9	(5) <b>THE ORIENT</b>		
Sat. 16	<b>BARROW</b>		
Sat. 23	Oxford Utd.		
Sat. 30	(6) <b>BURY</b>		
<b>April</b>			
Sat. 6	Bournemouth & B.		
Sat. 13	<b>COLCHESTER UTD.</b>		
Mon. 15	<b>SCUNTHORPE UTD.</b>		
Sat. 20	Peterborough Utd.		
Wed. 24	<b>WATFORD</b>		
Sat. 27	(SF) <b>MANSFIELD</b>		
<b>May</b>			
Sat. 4	Watford		
Sat. 11	<b>SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>		
Sat. 18	Final		

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION 1

1967		F.	A.
<b>August</b>			
Sat. 19	Walsall	1	3
Wed. 23	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b>	1	2
Sat. 26	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	1	3
<b>September</b>			
Sat. 2	Northampton Town	4	1
Wed. 6	<b>ARSENAL</b>	0	0
Sat. 9	Birmingham	0	2
Sat. 16	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	1	0
Sat. 23	Chelsea	1	0
Sat. 30	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	1	1
<b>October</b>			
Sat. 7	<b>COVENTRY CITY (C)</b>	3	1
Tue. 17	Ipswich Town	0	1
Sat. 21	<b>WALSALL (C)</b>	0	1
Tue. 24	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	3	0
Tue. 31	Birmingham City (C)	0	3
<b>November</b>			
Tue. 14	Coventry City (C)	1	1
Sat. 18	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY (C)</b>	1	0
Sat. 25	Tottenham H. (C)	0	2
<b>December</b>			
Sat. 2	<b>TOTTENHAM H. (C)</b>	2	3
Tue. 12	Walsall (C)	*5	2
Sat. 16	<b>WALSALL</b>	5	2
Wed. 20	Plymouth Argyle	1	2
<b>January 1968</b>			
Sat. 6	Arsenal	P	P
Sat. 13	<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	P	P
Sat. 20	Swindon		
<b>February</b>			
Sat. 3	<b>CHELSEA</b>	2	2
Sat. 10	Southampton		
Sat. 17	Tottenham H.		
Sat. 24	Peterborough		
<b>March</b>			
Sat. 2	<b>WEST HAM</b>		
Sat. 16	Leicester		
<b>April</b>			
Tue. 2	Coventry		
Sat. 6	<b>TOTTENHAM H.</b>		
Sat. 20	<b>PETERBOROUGH</b>		
Sat. 27	West Ham		
<b>May</b>			
Sat. 4	<b>LEICESTER</b>		
Wed. 8	<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>		
(C) Combination Cup			
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12. To be nominated.

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11. Don Rogers
12. To be nominated.

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