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Football League — Third Division

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VERSUS

SWINDON TOWN

Saturday 24th August 1968

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

News and Views

This afternoon we welcome Swindon Town on their first-ever visit to the Victoria Ground.

Swindon finished 9th in the Third Division last season with 49 points. They have been in the Third Division ever since 1920 except for a brief spell in Division Two from 1963-65. In their side today we expect to see Don Rogers at outside-left, regarded by many as being one of the finest wingers in the country. Rogers has been top scorer for Swindon for the last two seasons with 25 goals each time.

We hope that our lads will record their first victory in Division Three this afternoon. They have been unfortunate in the games so far. Against Bournemouth a fortnight ago a great Terry Bell goal seemed likely to win us both points until the Hampshire side equalised with six minutes remaining. Then in the League Cup game at Bradford City, the home side quickly adapted themselves to the rain-drenched surface and were two goals up inside thirty minutes. But despite a creditable fight back with two goals from John McGovern, Bradford made it 3-2 in the 78th minute to deny us a replay on our own ground.

Last Saturday we visited Crewe Alexandra who were promoted with us at the end of last season. Although Crewe were undefeated on their Gresty Road ground in 26 games we should have come away with at

least a point. This defeat marked the end of our great run of 17 League games undefeated — our last League defeat being at Barnsley on 10th February this year. This run of League games undefeated was a new club record—a truly great achievement—and without it we would still be in the Fourth Division.

Our Reserve Team commences its Wear-side League fixtures today with an away game at Annfield Plain. Their first home game will be next Wednesday night when Murton will be the visitors (kick-off: 7.15 p.m.)

The F.A. Diary is now available, price 5s. 6d., by direct application to The Football Association, 22 Lancaster Gate, London, W2.

Our next game is on Monday night when Plymouth Argyle will be the visitors, kick-off: 7.15 p.m. We then have two away games on successive Friday nights at Reading and Bristol Rovers, and return to the Victoria Ground with a game against Shrewsbury Town on Friday, 13th September, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

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 Towns defence.

ROD THOMAS

Born Glyncoerwg. A former youth player with the Club. He was signed from Gloucester City in July 1964. Took over the fullback position last season when Owen Dawson was injured, and maintained his position through out the season. Has gained Welsh Under 23 Caps and Full Welsh Caps.

JOE BUTLER

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.

JOHN TROLLOPE

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 completed 322 consecutive League appearances for the Club.

ROGER SMART

Born Swindon. Another local player who joined the Club direct from Swindon School-boys 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.

JOHN SMITH

Born in London. Signed from Torquay United in June 1968 and previously played for Leyton Orient, West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry. Former England Under 23 International.

FRANK BURROWS

Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the Club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played 3 seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in Third Division football.

STAN HARLAND

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.

DON ROGERS

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 28 goals.

PETER NOBLE

Born Sunderland. Joined the Club from Newcastle in January 1968 for whom he played for four years. Prefers to play an attacking role.

CHRIS JONES

Born Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City. for which club he played in their touring team in America.

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DRYSDALE Brian	3	TROLLOPE John
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GILL John	5	BURROWS Frank
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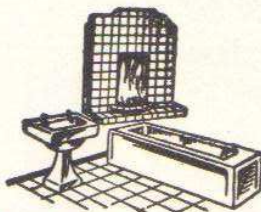
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THIRD DIVISION				WEARSIDE LEAGUE			
1968		F	A	1968			
Aug.	10—Bournemouth & B.A.	h	1	Aug.	24 Annfield Plain	a
	14—Bradford City (F.L.C.)	a	2		28 Murton	....	h
	17—Crewe Alex.	a	0		31 South Shields Res.	....	h
	24—Swindon Town	h		Sept.	3 Blackhall	....	a
	26—Plymouth Argyle	h			7 Reyrolle	....	h
	30—Reading	a			11 Ryhope	....	a
Sept.	4—League Cup 2				14 Silksworth	....	a
	6—Bristol Rovers	a			21 Hylton C.W.	....	h
	13—Shrewsbury Town	h			28 Boldon C.W.	....	a
	16—Watford	h					
	21—Northampton Town	a					
	25—League Cup 3						
	28—Stockport County	h					
Oct.	4—Mansfield Town	h					
	9—Plymouth Argyle	a					
	12—Luton Town	a					
	16—League Cup 4						
	18—Barnsley	h					
	26—Orient	a					
	30—League Cup 5						
Nov.	1—Barrow	h					
	6—Southport	h					
	9—Rotherham United	a					
	16—F.A. Cup 1						
	20—League Cup Semi-Final						
	23—Oldham Athletic ...	a					
	29—Tranmere Rovers ...	h					
Dec.	4—League Cup Semi-Final						
	7—F.A. Cup 2 ...						
	14—Luton Town ...	h					
	21—Barnsley ...	a					
	26—Mansfield Town ...	a					
	28—Orient ...	h					
1969							
Jan.	4—Torquay United ...	h					
	11—Barrow ...	a					
	18—Rotherham United	h					
	25—Southport ...	a					
Feb.	1—Gillingham ...	a					
	8—Oldham Athletic ...	h					
	14—Tranmere Rovers ...	a					
	22—Brighton & Hove A.	h					
Mar.	1—Bournemouth & B.A.	a					
	3—Torquay United ...	a					
	7—Crewe Alexandra	h					
	10—Gillingham ...	h					
	15—Swindon Town ...	a					
	19—Brighton & Hove A.	a					
	22—Reading ...	h					
	28—Bristol Rovers ...	h					
Apr.	4—Walsall ...	h					
	5—Stockport County...	a					
	7—Watford ...	a					
	11—Northampton Town	h					
	15—Walsall ...	a					
	19—Shrewsbury Town	a					

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Division Three HARTLEPOOL VERSUS PLYMOUTH ARGYLE Monday, 26th August, 1968 Kick-off 7-15 p.m.	Wearside League HARTLEPOOL RESERVES VERSUS MURTON Wednesday, 28th August, 1968 Kick-off 7-15 p.m.
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Full Backs			
BIRCUMSHAW, TONY	4.7.66	Mansfield	Notts County
DRYSDALE, BRIAN	23.7.65	Wingate	Lincoln City
GOAD, ALAN	20.7.67	Hailsham, Sussex	Exeter City
WHITE, DENNIS*	30.10.67	Hartlepool	Amateur
Half-Backs			
GILL, JOHN	7.2.66	Wednesbury, Staffs.	Mansfield Town
HEPPLEWHITE, WILSON	3.7.67	Washington	Carlisle United
McLEOD, BOBBY*	15.11.65	Inverness	Amateur
PARRY, TONY	12.11.65	Burton-on-Trent	Burton Albion
SHERIDAN, JOHN	2.7.66	Ramsgate	Notts County
TUNSTALL, ERIC‡	6.11.67	Hartlepool	Amateur
Forwards			
ATKINSON, DAVID‡	16.1.68	Hull	Hull City
BELL, TERRY	4.7.66	Nottingham	Nuneaton
BLOWMAN, PETER	9.10.67	Thornaby-on-Tees	Amateur
CUMMINGS, BOBBY	2.2.68	Ashington	Darlington
McGOVERN, JOHN	3.9.66	Montrose	Amateur
SOMERS, MICK	4.7.66	Mapperley, Notts.	Torquay United
WRIGHT, CLIFF	23.6.64	Lingdale	Middlesbrough

* Part-time professionals

‡ Apprentice professionals

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(Up to and including Saturday, 17.8.68.)

	App's.		Goals			App's.		Goals	
	League	Cup	League	Cup		League	Cup	League	Cup
Bell, T.	2	1	1	-	McGovern, J.	2	1	-	2
Bircumshaw, T.	1	1	-	-	Parry, T.	2	1	-	-
Blowman, P.	1	-	-	-	Sheridan, J.	2	1	-	-
Cummings, B.	2	1	-	-	Smith G.	2	1	-	-
Drysdale, B.	2	1	-	-	Somers, M.	1	1	-	-
Gill, J.	2	1	-	-	Wright, C.	1	1	-	-
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