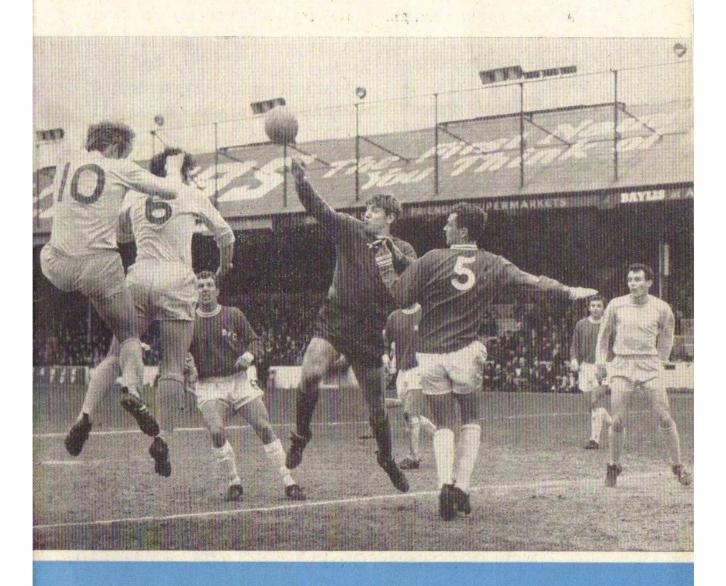
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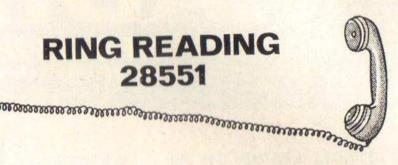
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Elm Park Viewpoint

TONIGHT'S the night—the night Reading and Swindon supporters have been looking forward to for weeks. Certainly from our club's point of view no league game is so eagerly anticipated as this one, and there is little doubt that, weather permitting, we shall draw our largest league gate of the season.

The match has added incentive this year, for both clubs are well concerned in the promotion race—in fact a win would put us joint second in the table, a handy position

to be in at this stage.

Both clubs are in a successful streak. We have lost only once in the last eight games, and Swindon have been showing the sort of ability which makes them one of the most

respected sides in the division.

When it comes to pre-match planning then both camps should have everything worked out in intricate detail. Our manager and several officials have been to many matches at Swindon this season, and Town manager Danny Williams has seen plenty of us at our Friday night matches.

Danny, in fact, was here to see us beat Gillingham on Friday, and although we won, he must have gathered some satisfaction from what he saw, for Gillingham caught us napping in the first half to score a couple of excellent goals.

Fortunately our attack was equal to the task of covering these defensive errors, but clearly there are faults which must be

eradicated.

The sort of defensive efficiency we should like is similar to that we displayed at Swindon earlier in the season. We drew 0-0 and limited Swindon to a minimum of chances. In fact had we taken our own chances at the other end we might well have come away winning.

But a point at the County Ground is quite satisfactory for Swindon do not

allow many teams such a luxury.

We mentioned earlier that we expected a large crowd tonight. It is unfortunate, but true, that large crowds, especially "mixed" ones, go hand in hand with disturbances these days. To our own supporters, and our friends from Swindon we say: "Cheer, shout and sing all you want to—but please keep it clean, and please, no physical violence". Thank-you in anticipation of your good sense.



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TT WILL be a tense, exciting and hardfought game. That much we can always say when Reading and Swindon meet. There have been many fine encounters between the clubs over the years, and the big crowd which always turns out for these local derbys usually gets value for money.

Earlier in the season we took a point away from the County Ground after a hard-fought game which saw us on the defensive for long periods. Tonight we

intend to go one better.

The man responsible for keeping our forwards at bay is Swindon goalkeeper Peter Downsborough, signed from Halifax in 1965.

full-back long-serving Swindon's partnership of Owen Dawson and John Trollope was first broken up by Rod Thomas, who stepped in when Dawson was injured, and kept his place on merit.

Then Trollope had the misfortune to break his arm after completing well over 300 consecutive league appearances.

Keith Morgan was at one stage club captain, but lost his first-team place through injury.

Roger Smart was a reserve-team regular at the age of 17, joining the club direct from the Swindon schoolboys team.

Centre-half Frank Burrows joined Swindon from Scunthorpe, and has filled the vacancy left by the departure of Mel

John Smith and Don Rogers are both former England Under-23 internationals. Rogers joined Swindon when he was 15, but Smith has seen service with Orient (then Leyton Orient), West Ham, Spurs and Coventry.

Willie Penamn cost a big fee when he joined Swindon from Newcastle, the club who also transferred Peter Noble to the County Ground.

Liverpool-born Stan Harland signed from Carlisle, winger Don Heath from Norwich.

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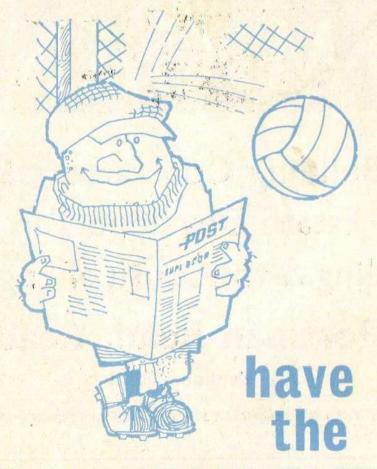


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