



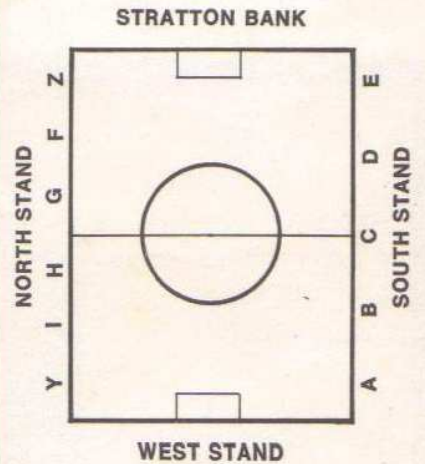
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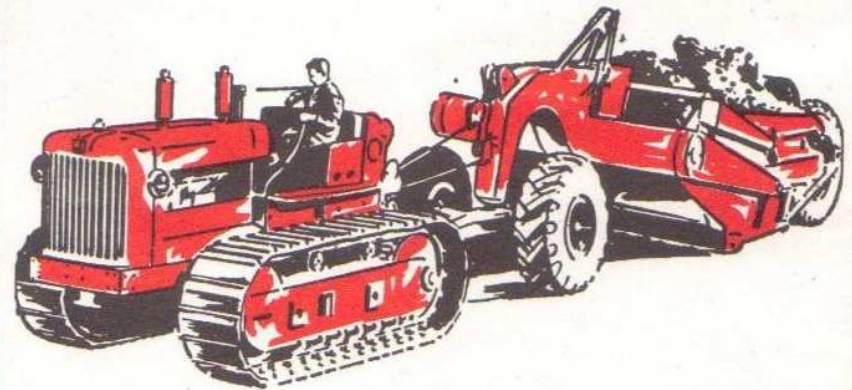


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SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, 1968

DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

SOUTHPORT

Kick-off 3 p.m.

REFEREE:

MR. W. J. GOW (Swansea)

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NEWS and VIEWS

Almost a third of the season over and here we are — Swindon occupying the top position in the League Table. Some may think it is much too early in the season to be in the "hot seat" (every game becomes a cup-tie). It doesn't always pay to be the "pace-maker", in football, but one has to take all the points possible, whatever the period of the season. A good lead established now, may quite easily clinch the matter.

The most pleasing features of our recent run of success have been the high standard of football displayed, the excellent away form (three league games won, and the draw at Coventry) and the great improvement in the matter of scoring goals.

Earlier, we had a wonderful defensive record, but with few goals scored. This has certainly been rectified, as the figures denote. Nineteen goals scored with eight against (two of those last Saturday). Another pleasing feature is the fact that the whole of the forward line is participating in the scoring.

These notes have to be compiled before the Derby game (can we do another Coventry, it will be hard and dour), but since the defeat at Bristol Rovers on 21st September, we have gone forward in no uncertain manner. Including the League Cup games against Blackburn and Coventry, we have played nine games with the following record:

				Goals	
P	W	D	L	F	A
9	8	1	0	18	6

Surely championship form as two games were against a Division I team, and another against one of the top teams in Division II.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Whatever has happened at Derby, we must maintain this standard, and promotion will be assured. Remember Queen's Park Rangers were at the top of Division III for a whole season, and also won the League Cup. We have now won our last six league games, surely there is no reason why this cannot continue.

Now to the matters of the moment—today's game against Southport is most important. This will be a hard game to win. Our opponents, to date, are in sixteenth position with quite a good record:

P	W	D	L	Goals		P
				F	A	
15	6	1	8	26	14	13

Certainly they know the way to goal. Remember our game with them last year and the scoring spree on that occasion?

The game was played on 13th April, 1968 and was televised as "Match of the Day". Comments received from various parts of the country spoke very highly of the game. It was very good for television, as it was full of incident, with six goals scored and one disallowed (to many of us this seemed a perfectly legitimate goal).

Rogers opened the scoring with a free kick after twelve minutes, but Redrobe equalised in twenty-three minutes. Half-time saw one goal each. Few expected the fluctuations in the second half. Three minutes after half-time Smart scored, and Swindon seemed set for victory, enjoying most of the play. However, the whole tempo changed, a quick breakaway by Southport produced goal number two, scored by Harkin—a few minutes later another breakaway, and Russell scored, only for the goal to be disallowed. After seventy-three minutes, Andrews scored a third goal for Southport. Thus after twice taking the lead, Swindon were in arrears. Desperately

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

as we struggled, defeat seemed inevitable but fortunately, in the last few minutes, Rogers scrambled the goal to make a draw.

Swindon: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Dawson, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Bailey substituted for Penman after seventy-three minutes.

Southport: Reeves; Pearson, Curwen; Peat, Molyneux, Clarke; Russell, Andrews, Harkin, Field, Redrobe.

Attendance: 10,929.

Referee: Mr. K. A. Winn (Wolverhampton).

Earlier in the season—18th November, 1967—we drew one each at Southport. On this occasion Walker came on as substitute and scored almost immediately. The only other change in the Swindon team was Nurse at centre-half instead of Dawson.

This is the second season in Division III for our opponents. Supporters will remember their fine run in the F.A. Cup last season.

By virtue of their geographical position, Southport have a hard task in running such a successful club. They face tremendous opposition from four of the most successful clubs in the country, Manchester United, Manchester City, Everton and Liverpool.

We certainly admire the directors, officials and players in their endeavours and wish them every success.

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OUR VISITORS



SOUTHPORT F.C.

JOHN ARMSTRONG (Goalkeeper)

Thirty years of age, 5ft. 10½in., 11st. 10lb., ex-Portsmouth and Notts Forest, joined Southport F.C. at the beginning of last season, on a "free transfer" from Portsmouth. Born Airdrie.

BRIAN REEVES (Goalkeeper)

Aged 28, 5ft. 11in., 11st., ex-Blackburn and Scunthorpe. Born Ormskirk. Joined Southport F.C. in 1965-66 season.

COLIN ALTY

Twenty-three years old, 5ft. 9in., 11st., ex-Preston North End, played in every position apart from "keeper", joined Southport F.C. in season 1964-65. Utility player. Born Southport.

ERIC CURWEN (Full Back)

Aged 20, 5ft. 9in., 12st. Signed from Everton 1967. Born Blackpool.

ARTHUR PEAT (Half Back)

Twenty-seven, 5ft. 8in., 12st, ex-Everton, signed 1961-62 season. Born Liverpool.

AMBROSE CLARKE (Half Back)

Twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 9in., 11st., ex-Everton, joined Southport in season 1965-66. Born Liverpool.

FRED MOLYNEUX (Centre Half)

Aged 24, stands 5ft. 11in., and weighs 11st. 9lb., ex-Liverpool, joined Southport in season 1965-66. Born Wallasey, Club captain.

GEORGE ANDREWS

Aged 26, 6ft., 11½st., ex-Cardiff and Luton, signed in February, 1967, for a record fee. Born Dudley.



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ERIC REDROBE (Inside or Centre Forward)

Aged 24, 6ft. tall, weighs 14st. 10lb., ex-Bolton. Born Bolton.

TERRY HARKIN (Inside Forward)

Twenty-six years of age, 6ft. 0½in., 12st., signed from Notts County at the beginning of last season. Irish Under 23 International. International 1967-68. Born Londonderry.

ALEX RUSSELL (Inside Forward)

Aged 24, 5ft. 8in., 10st. 7lb., ex-Everton, joined Southport F.C. 1963-64 season. On transfer list at own request. Born South Shields.

ALAN SPENCE (Inside Forward)

A part-time schoolteacher aged 28, stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 11st. 12lb., ex-Sunderland and Youth International, holds club's post-war goal scoring record. Born Seaham.

STUART SHAW (Right Winger)

Aged 22, 5ft. 8in., 11st., ex-Everton, signed from Crystal Palace in season 1966-67 for £3,000. Born Liverpool.

DAVID PEARSON (Full Back)

Twenty-one years old, stands 5ft. 10in. Welsh International 1967-68, ex-Everton. Born Shotton.

MALCOLM RUSSELL (Full Back)

Twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 9in., 11st. 2lb. Signed from Halifax, his only professional club, in August, 1968. Born Halifax.

TONY FIELD (Inside Forward)

Aged 24, height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 2lb. Signed from Barrow in 1968.

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS
(to Saturday, 26th October, 1968)

Name	Appearances		Goals	
	1st Team	Reserves	1st Team	Reserves
Allen K		8		
Bailey J		4		
Blick M	2	10		
Burrows F	18	1		
Butler J	18	2	1	
Claypole D		1		1
Dangerfield D		8		
Dawson O	14	2		
Desmeules R		12		
Downsborough P	20	1		
Fry D		11		
Giles J		6		
Handrick R		1		
Harland S	20	1		
Heath D	19	1	1	
Hubbard T		10		
Jones C	8	3		2
Jones R		12		
Lowes B		9		1
McAteer T		1		
Mascia V		12		2
Matchwick P		3		
Morgan K		7		
Noble P	20	1	7	3
Penman W	2	7	1	2
Rogers D	20	1	10	3
Sikorski G		1		
Smart R	17	1	8	1
Smith J	20	1	2	
Thomas R	20	1		
Trollope N	3	1		
Wetson R		3		
Own Goals			2	

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Date	Opponents	1968	Ground	Result
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)		14,702 (H)	2-1
17	Stockport County		13,350 (H)	1-0
24	Hartlepool		5,732 (A)	0-0
27	Reading		16,765 (H)	0-0
31	Plymouth Argyle		12,302 (H)	3-0
September 4	Bradford City (League Cup)		7,806 (A)	1-1
7	Watford		8,709 (A)	0-0
10	Bradford City (League Cup Replay)		12,214 (H)	4-3
14	Walsall		10,593 (H)	1-0
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic			0-2
21	Bristol Rovers			1-2
24	Blackburn Rovers (League Cup)		15,402 (H)	1-0
28	Shrewsbury Town		12,087 (H)	3-0
October 5	Orient		12,450 (H)	1-0
9	Reading		17,450 (A)	1-0
12	Brighton & Hove Albion			3-1
16	Coventry City (League Cup)			2-2
19	Torquay United			2-1
21	Coventry City (League Cup Replay)			3-0
26	Oldham Athletic		4,238 (A)	3-2
30	Derby County (League Cup)			0-0
November 2	Derby County (League Cup Replay)			
5	Luton Town			
9	(1) F.A. Cup			
16	Mansfield Town			
23	Barrow			
30	(2) F.A. Cup			
December 7	Brighton & Hove Albion			
14	Torquay United			
18	Orient			
26	Oldham Athletic			
28		1969		
January 4	(3) Gillingham			
11	Southport			
18	Luton Town			
24	Tranmere Rovers			
25	(4)			
February 1	Barnsley			
8	(5) Mansfield Town			
15	Barrow			
22	Rotherham United			
March 1	(6) Northampton Town			
5	Gillingham			
8	Stockport County			
11	Barnsley			
15	Hartlepool			
18	Rotherham United			
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle			
29	Watford			
April 4	Crewe Alexandra			
5	Shrewsbury Town			
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic			
12	Bristol Rovers			
15	Crewe Alexandra			
19	Walsall			

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Tables of Results to Tuesday, 29th October, 1968 (Not Inclusive).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	4	4	0	0	16	1	8
Bristol Rovers	4	4	0	0	12	5	8
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	11	4	7
Birmingham City	5	3	0	2	13	5	6
Queen's Park Rangers	4	2	2	0	10	4	6
West Ham United	5	1	4	0	11	5	6
Fulham	4	3	0	1	9	5	6
Cardiff City	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Peterborough United	4	1	3	0	6	3	5
Oxford United	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Crystal Palace	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Northampton Town	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Bristol City	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Gillingham	4	2	0	2	4	4	4
Swansea Town	5	1	2	2	7	13	4
Leicester City	5	2	0	3	6	12	4
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	9	8	3
Ipswich Town	4	0	3	1	6	9	3
Reading	4	1	1	2	5	13	3
Southampton	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Walsall	4	1	0	3	10	12	2
Norwich City	3	0	1	2	5	7	1
Bournemouth & B.A.	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
Plymouth Argyle	4	0	1	3	2	7	1
Swindon Town	4	0	0	4	2	9	0
Luton Town	4	0	0	4	3	19	0

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Watford	15	8	4	3	18	8	20
Luton Town	15	9	2	4	29	14	20
Bournemouth & B.A.	15	9	2	4	24	12	20
Torquay United	16	9	2	5	27	16	20
Barrow	15	9	2	4	24	19	20
Tranmere Rovers	16	8	2	6	22	22	18
Plymouth Argyle	16	7	3	6	20	17	17
Rotherham United	15	6	5	4	20	17	17
Stockport County	15	6	5	4	24	22	17
Reading	15	6	4	5	25	19	16
Northampton Town	13	5	4	4	14	13	14
Mansfield Town	15	5	4	6	22	21	14
Bristol Rovers	15	5	4	6	24	27	14
Barnsley	16	4	6	6	19	22	14
Southport	15	6	1	8	24	26	13
Walsall	16	3	7	6	16	18	13
Hartlepool United	15	3	7	5	9	21	13
Orient	14	3	6	5	19	24	12
Brighton & H. A.	16	4	4	8	21	28	12
Shrewsbury Town	15	4	4	7	13	21	12
Gillingham	15	4	3	8	19	25	11
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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Members will, no doubt, have read with some dismay of the setback in the affairs of the Supporters' Club. That this should have occurred at all is, to say the least, most regrettable. Those who have read the current Club handbook will have noted the very fine help given by the Club, in the figures quoted from 1950 to date. When one considers that £136,000 has been given to the parent Club in that time, with prizes in the Weekly Competition of approximately the same amount, one gets some idea of what scale the Supporters' Club operates on.

Add to this some £30,000 per season (certainly over the last five or six seasons) which has been handled in the process of selling programmes at home matches, the record is pretty good. To this can be added a Social Club, value now £7,500, with an increase in profit from £154 in the first nine months of it's life (25th August, 1966 to 31st May, 1967) to £1,032 excess of income over expenditure for the first full year (1st June, 1967—31st May, 1968), the record, despite the loss, would, I submit, compare quite favourably with any big business in and around Swindon—or elsewhere for that matter.

It is regrettable that the local press, in their heading and reporting of the A.G.M., may have given a somewhat misleading impression to anyone not reading the reports carefully. The headline on the front page stated that the Swindon Town Supporters' called in the police to probe the deficiency, although, in fairness, it was stated later in the report that it was, in fact, the officers and Committee who took this action as soon as the full facts were known.

Further, at the A.G.M., our Chairman and acting Hon. General Secretary made specific reference to, and emphasised

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that the Weekly Competition was, as always, separately and impeccably accounted for by the Club promoter, Mr. Phil Hart, in order to re-assure members in the Competition, that there was no question of the Competition income and prizes being involved. Also, that the deficiency was discovered because income had been recorded properly and so the loss was uncovered through the books themselves and not, repeat not, because of any effort by the Treasurer, or any other officer, to cover up a deficiency. For this reason alone, there was no hesitation in inviting the local press to attend and giving the representative a copy of the Accounts. It is regrettable that these two important facts should have been left out in the report. In fairness again, after the omission had been pointed out by the promoter, and followed by a letter from the Chairman, a paragraph was found in the next day's edition, drawing attention to the importance of the statement relating to the Weekly competition. At the A.G.M. of the Social Club, held on Monday last, the 28th October, the Chairman and Acting Hon. Gen. Secretary again emphasised the two points in question.

At the Social Club A.G.M., two new Management Committee members were elected—Mr. J. Tompkins, a long serving full Supporters' Club Committee member and founder Management Committee member and Mr. N. Gallagher. We would like to thank the two unseated members, Mr. and Mrs. Hook, for their unstinted efforts during their tour of duty on Committee, and appreciate the high standard they both set.

Finally (this being Wednesday morning), on behalf of all Supporters, many thanks to the team for their performance at Derby. Today's match hasn't the glamour, perhaps, but is far more important in its long term effect. Let's back the lads all the way by 90 minutes of full support.

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Saturday, 19th October, 1968.

Beat TORQUAY UNITED (Home) 2—1.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Sub: Penman.

Scorers: Noble, Rogers.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. M. V. Sinclair (Guildford).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FOURTH ROUND REPLAY

Monday, 21st October, 1968.

Beat COVENTRY CITY (Home) 3—0.

Team: Downsborough; Butler, Thomas; Penman, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Rogers, Smart, Penman.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. K. E. Walker (Maidstone).

DIVISION III

Saturday, 26th October, 1968.

Beat OLDHAM ATHLETIC (Away) 3—2.

Team: Downsborough; Butler, Thomas; Penman, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Noble, Smith, Smart, Rogers.

Scorers: Smart, Heath, Rogers.

Attendance: 4,238.

Referee: Mr. T. A. Pallister (Co. Durham).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 26th October, 1968.

Lost to GILLINGHAM (Home) 1—0.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Morgan; Mascia, Wetson,
Matchwick, Hubbard, Dangerfield.

Referee: Mr. A. H. Munday (Stroud).



Don Rogers scoring the first goal against Torquay United in the last home league game.

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