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## Club Notes

We are very pleased to welcome Swindon here tonight as one of the season's star opponents. They have created immense interest and enthusiasm in the football world by their exploits in the Football League Cup.

This reached a climax when Swindon won at Burnley in the first leg of the semi-final last Wednesday. They now only need a home draw against the Lancashire club to carry the Third Division flag at Wembley in the final against either Arsenal or Spurs.

But the cup is not their only ambition. Swindon have been among the top group of clubs all the season in Division Three and are making a strong fight for promotion.

Our supporters must have been disappointed that we are drawn away in the F.A. Cup, for we were hoping for another home tie. As it is we must visit Brighton, who beat Kidderminster in the replay last Wednesday after drawing the first game on their own ground.

The Cobblers will be all-out to get into the hat for the third round. Our record away from home is a useful one and we will be trying hard for success. The Cobblers have twice drawn at Brighton in the League Cup in recent years, and we hope for a similar result at least.

On Saturday we had a curtain-raiser for the cup tie when we visited Brighton in the league. The result was a 1-1 draw and gave little real clue how the next game will go except that it will be a very hard keen game.

We went ahead in six minutes. Bob Hatton was unfortunate to have a scoring shot fisted over the bar by a defender, but Frank Rankmore made no mistake with the consequent penalty kick. Incidentally Frank was playing under the handicap of having his right wrist bandaged, and having had six stitches in his chin, during a training accident.

Our defence played well and held out until the last 15 minutes when the home team got on terms. Our own forwards enjoyed a fair share of pressure and came near to a goal several times.

Our cup tie with Margate, the last home match, brought an entertaining struggle, with John Roberts scoring twice, and John Fairbrother getting the other goal in a 3-1 success.

We commend our supporters to reserve games. The 772 who turned out to watch the match with a powerful Birmingham reserves team last Tuesday were well rewarded.

The youngsters not only gave a highly entertaining performance, but won by the convincing score of 4-1. Dennis Brown scored twice and young Peter Hawkins got the other two.

The reserves possess some highly promising youngsters who are well worth supporting.

Last week we appointed Charles (Mac) McCormick to be our new trainer. We wish him a happy and successful stay at the County Ground. He is already well known for his numerous sporting activities in the town and county.

Apart from his work as manager of Wellingborough, Mac has a background of being 21 years the head remedial gymnast at Northampton General Hospital and before that 12 years in the Army Physical Training Corps.

Tuesday, 26th November

# NORTHAMPTON TOWN v SWINDON TOWN

Football League Div. III

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

MORRITT	1		1	DOWNSBOROUGH
FAULKES	2		2	DAWSON
FAIRFAX	3		3	THOMAS
TOWNSEND	4		4	BUTLER
RANKMORE	5		5	BURROWS <i>BLICK</i>
FLOWERS	6		6	HARLAND
WEAVER	7		7	HEATH
<i>KIERNAN</i> BYRNE	8		8	SMART
HATTON	9		9	SMITH
ROBERTS	10		10	NOBLE
<i>LINES</i> FAIRBROTHER	11		11	ROGERS
<i>BROWN</i> LINES	12		12	JONES <i>PENMAN</i>

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# Today's Visitors

**PETER DOWNSBOROUGH** (goal-keeper). Born Halifax. Signed in Aug. 1965 from Halifax Town where he was a product of local football. Height 5' 10½", weight 13st 2lbs.

**OWEN DAWSON** (right back). Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth in June 1962. He was a former Youth International. Height 5' 9½", weight 11st 12lbs.

**ROD THOMAS** (full back). Born Glyncoirwg. Signed from Gloucester City in July 1964. Height 6', weight 12st 10lbs.

**FRANK BURROWS** (centre half). Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the Club from Scunthorpe Utd. for whom he played for 3 seasons. Height 6' 1", weight 12st 8lbs.

**CHRIS JONES** (centre forward). Born Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City. Height 5' 11", weight 11st 12lbs.

**PETER NOBLE** (inside forward). Born Sunderland. Joined the Club from Newcastle in Jan. 1968. Height 5' 8", weight 10st 10lbs.

**JOE BUTLER** (full back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle Utd. in Aug. 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior Team. Height 5' 7½", weight 11st.

**STAN HARLAND** (left half). Born Liverpool. Was signed from Carlisle Utd. in July 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. Height 6', weight 12st 5lbs.

**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. Height 5' 10½", weight 12st 10lbs.

**DON HEATH** (outside right). Born Stockton. Signed from Norwich in Sept. 1967. Formerly with Middlesbrough. Height 5' 8", weight 11st 8lbs.

**JOHN SMITH** (inside forward). Born London. Signed from Torquay Utd. in June 1968. Former England Under 23 International. Height 5' 8", weight 13st.

## THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 3

	P	HOME					AWAY					Pts.
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Bournemouth ..	18	9	0	1	20	2	2	3	3	11	11	25
Watford ..	19	5	2	2	11	4	5	3	2	13	8	25
Barrow ..	19	7	3	0	17	6	4	0	5	15	19	25
Stockport ..	19	7	2	1	28	16	2	4	3	4	9	24
Luton ..	18	9	1	0	28	7	1	2	5	4	10	23
Swindon ..	17	7	1	0	16	2	3	2	4	8	11	23
Tranmere ..	19	7	1	3	17	11	3	2	3	11	13	23
Torquay ..	19	7	1	1	20	6	2	2	6	8	15	21
Plymouth ..	20	6	3	2	17	8	2	2	5	5	11	21
Reading ..	18	6	0	3	16	7	1	5	3	12	15	19
Rotherham ..	19	5	3	1	14	8	1	4	5	8	15	19
<b>Northampton</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
Barnsley ..	20	4	4	2	16	10	1	4	5	7	18	18
Gillingham ..	19	5	3	1	20	7	2	0	8	9	21	17
Southport ..	19	6	2	1	24	10	1	1	8	8	24	17
Orient ..	18	4	4	1	13	8	1	3	5	10	19	17
Walsall ..	20	3	5	1	12	7	1	4	6	7	16	17
Hartlepool ..	19	2	7	1	10	11	2	2	5	5	18	17
Mansfield ..	19	5	2	2	15	7	1	2	7	10	19	16
Bristol Rovers ..	19	6	1	2	19	12	0	3	7	11	24	16
Brighton ..	20	3	3	3	16	11	2	2	7	10	23	15
Shrewsbury ..	19	4	3	2	8	6	1	1	8	8	23	14
Crewe ..	18	4	1	4	17	14	0	4	5	7	20	13
Oldham ..	18	1	2	6	8	14	1	1	7	4	23	7

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	F.L. App. Goals	F.L. CUP App. Goals	F.A. CUP App. Goals	F.C. App. Goals
BARRON .. ..		2		14
BROWN .. ..	2	2 1		9 2
BYRNE .. ..	16 1	2	1	2
CHATWIN ..				9
CLARKE .. ..	6	2		7
CREAMER ..				
FAIRBROTHER ..	16 7	2	1 1	4 2
FAIRFAX .. ..	17	2	1	3
FAULKES .. ..	8		1	8
FELTON .. ..	5		1	8
FLOWERS ..	15 1	1		
HATTON	6 2		1	
HAWKINS.. ..				13 7
KIERNAN ..	1			13 1
KNIBBS .. ..				2
KNOX .. ..	3	2		11 3
LINES .. ..	12 3			6 1
MACKIN .. ..	9		1	8
MORRITT.. ..	17		1	
NEAL .. ..	4			11
PERKINS .. ..				7
PRICE .. ..				6 2
RANKMORE ..	14 1	2	1	1
ROBERTS .. ..	14 2	1	1 2	1
TOWNSEND ..	2			14 1
TREACY .. ..				2
WALKER .. ..	9	2		4
WEAVER .. ..	13	2	1	4
WORTHINGTON ..				4 1
YOUNG .. ..				2

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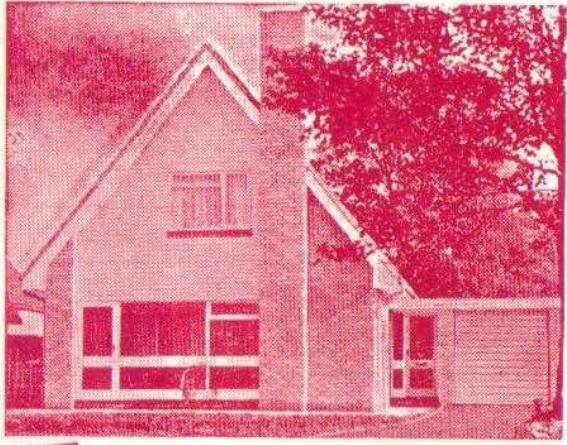
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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. III		
Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 14	League Cup I Crewe A. ...	1 1
		... 0 1
16	Reading ...	0 1
27	<b>Stockport County</b> (9,622)	1 1
31	Walsall ...	1 0
Sept. 7	<b>Bournemouth</b> ... (7,812)	1 3
10	<b>Watford</b> ... (6,824)	2 0
14	Crewe Alexandra ...	2 2
17	<b>Bristol Rovers</b> ... (8,002)	2 2
21	<b>Hartlepoons Utd.</b> (6,749)	0 0
28	Plymouth Argyle ...	1 0
Oct. 5	<b>Rotherham Utd.</b> (8,602)	1 0
7	Stockport County...	0 1
12	Orient ...	Postponed
19	<b>Tranmere Rovers</b> (7,359)	2 1
26	Luton Town ...	1 2
Nov. 2	<b>Torquay United</b> (7,279)	1 1
5	<b>Gillingham</b> ... (5,545)	0 1
9	Mansfield Town ...	2 0
16	<b>Margate (F.A. Cup)</b> ...	3 1
23	Brighton & Hove ...	1 1
26	<b>Swindon</b> ...	Home
30	<b>Barnsley</b> ...	Home
Dec. 7	F.A. Cup-2nd Round ...	
14	<b>Orient</b> ...	Home
20	Tranmere Rovers ...	Away
26	Rotherham United ...	Away
28	<b>Luton Town</b> ...	Home
Jan. 4	<b>Barrow</b> ...	Home
11	Torquay United ...	Away
18	<b>Mansfield Town</b> ...	Home
25	Gillingham ...	Away
Feb. 1	Southport ...	Away
8	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b> ...	Home
15	Barnsley ...	Away
22	<b>Oldham Athletic</b> ...	Home
Mar. 1	Swindon Town ...	Away
3	Barrow ...	Away
8	<b>Reading</b> ...	Home
11	<b>Southport</b> ...	Home
14	Watford ...	Away
18	Oldham Athletic ...	Away

Date	Opponents	Ground
22	<b>Walsall</b> ...	Home
29	Bournemouth ...	Away
April 4	Bristol Rovers ...	Away
5	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b> ...	Home
8	<b>Shrewsbury Town</b> ...	Home
11	Hartlepool United ...	Away
16	Shrewsbury Town ...	Away
19	<b>Crewe Alexandra</b> ...	Home

## THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

### COMBINATION CUP

Aug. 10	Walsall ...	2 3
24	West Ham ...	0 3
27	Birmingham ...	0 2
Sept. 3	<b>West Ham</b> ... (1,290)	4 1
7	Leicester ...	1 3
11	<b>Q. P. Rangers</b> ... (756)	1 4
14	<b>Luton</b> ... (439)	2 3
21	Peterborough ...	1 3
24	<b>Walsall</b> ... (911)	1 2
Oct. 1	<b>Leicester</b> ... (1,077)	0 0

### COMBINATION FIXTURES

Oct. 5	Gillingham ...	1 3
15	<b>Leicester</b> ...	1 0
19	Luton ...	3 1
29	<b>Southampton</b> ...	0 3
Nov. 2	Oxford ...	0 3
19	<b>Birmingham</b> ...	4 1
30	Swansea ...	Away
Dec. 3	<b>Fulham</b> ...	Home
7	Tottenham ...	Away
11	Reading ...	Away
21	<b>Ipswich</b> ...	Home
28	Arsenal ...	Away
Jan. 7	<b>Bristol Rovers</b> ...	Home
14	<b>Chelsea</b> ...	Home
28	Walsall ...	Away
Feb. 4	<b>Q. P. Rangers</b> ...	Home
15	West Ham ...	Away
Mar. 4	<b>Plymouth</b> ...	Home
8	Bournemouth ...	Away
18	<b>Norwich</b> ...	Home
22	Cardiff ...	Away
April 1	Peterborough ...	Home
15	<b>Crystal Palace</b> ...	Home
19	Swindon ...	Away



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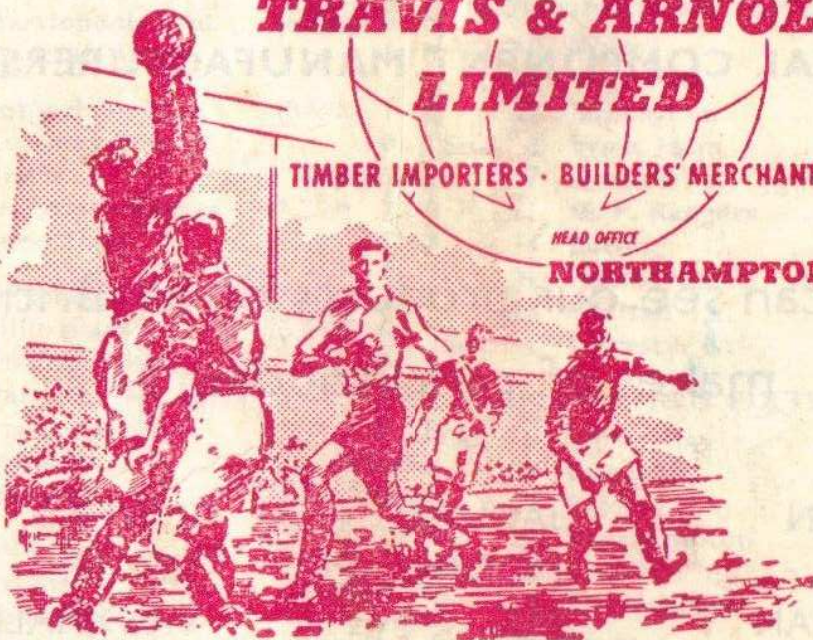
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