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CLUB COMMENTS

We could hardly have had more attractive opponents for the last game of this season than Danny Williams's Swindon Town, already Football League Cup winners. At the time of writing the Watford-Luton match had not been decided or I might have been able to add 'promotion' congratulations!

Be that as it may, we shall be all out, of course, to win—and wind up our season on a really tip-top note. We took Town very close indeed at the County Ground (on a pitch like a swamp) on February 22, and have, I'm sure, improved since then.

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The past several days have been important for me and I am very happy indeed to have had the confidence of the board in being given a two-year contract as manager. I can only promise my absolute maximum effort to do always what I believe is best for the club, players and supporters. There will be times when those three objects are mighty hard to satisfy simultaneously. I will do my best.

Until August, then, all of us at Millmoor wish all of you a pleasant and enjoyable 'close season' (unless by chance there should be a County Cup replay with Doncaster, in which case we'll see you again soon!).

JIMMY McANEARNEY

GOSSIP FROM THE MILLER MAN

Finale visitors this evening, postponed from March, only 72 hours after that Wembley triumph, are Swindon Town who have not been here since 1965.

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That was the year Danny Williams, now their manager, left us after three years as our manager (and a footballing lifetime as a Miller player). That previous occasion was a black one for Town; the fixtures were the Easter games and with a win each, Swindon went down.

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Since then they have rightly earned a name for adventurous attacking football and this season have swept to League Cup final success and pace-setting in the promotion-stakes.

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If the Luton-Watford match on Wednesday went the right way for Danny, Town will already be up; if not, a point tonight will be vital. It has certainly been a good Third Division finish after all. At one time it looked as though Watford (already up) and Town would go quite clear of the field well before the end of the term.

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Of course, we all want Dan's team to 'make it' but our business this evening is to get 'em beaten. It will take some doing, for Swindon and Watford are, without doubt, two of the best teams to go from Division III for many seasons.

"MAC"



The decision of the board of directors to offer Jimmy McAnearney a two-year contract as manager has been widely welcomed wherever Rotherham football has interests.

The 34-year-old Scot from Dundee—he was 34 a few days ago—has in fact, of course, been manager since Tommy Docherty left in November. The directors decided then that they would 'review the position' at the end of the season. Such was their satisfaction with the manner of Mr. McAnearney's administration of all matters concerning players and team affairs, that they made their decision ahead of schedule.

It remains for us to wish Jimmy every success in the two years that lie ahead.

"DAN"



WELCOME BACK, DANNY!

Millmoor is delighted to have you back for the first time as boss of another team and to add a special tribute for your team's Wembley feat in the Football League Cup final.

Let's hope promotion goes with it (indeed, may have done by the time this is read) although you know better than anyone else that there will be nothing but a special effort to beat you on the field of play tonight. Nor would you want it otherwise.

Every Millers' supporter echoes the sentiments of the directors in the presentation they plan to make you this evening. Again, welcome, Danny.

*Cartoon drawing by the late Harry Heap, of "The Star", Sheffield, recalls Danny as we remember him in his Millmoor playing days.

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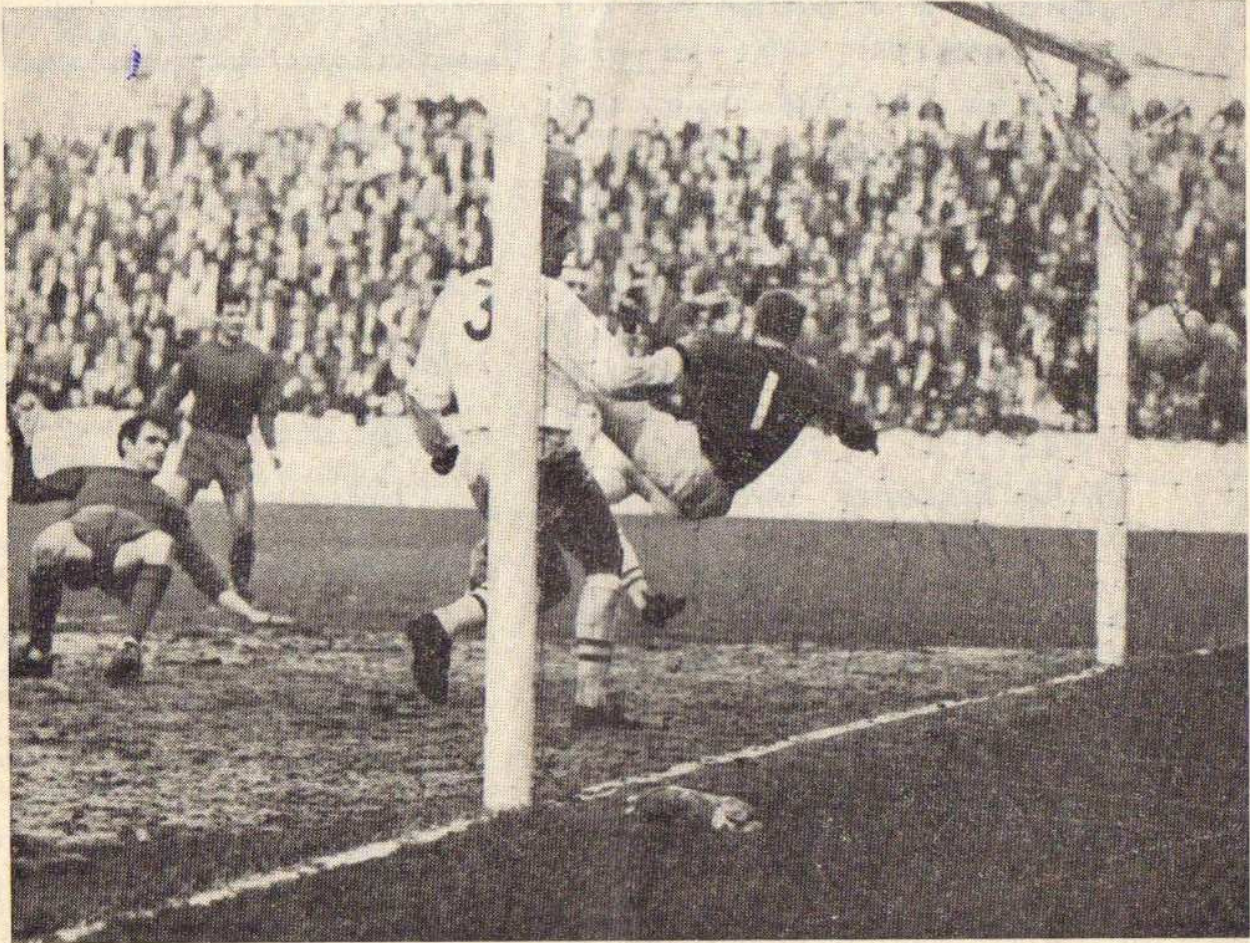
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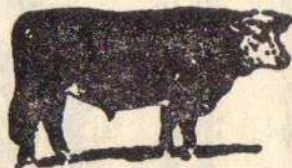
MEMORIES . . . are made of goals like this one by Jim Storrie, a highlight of the season which ends, for us, this evening. Occasion was the Bournemouth match and the goal was No. 4 in Jim's 14 (up to this evening).
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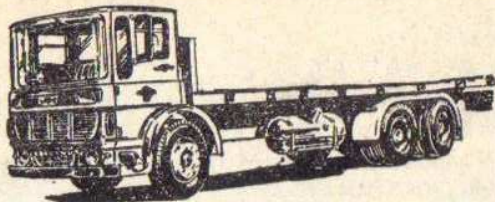
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 3—**LEIGH, D.**

Right-half
 4—**QUINN, J.**

Centre-half
 5—~~WATSON~~, **D. SWIFT**

Left-half
 6—~~SMITH~~, **HAGUE**

Outside-right
 7—~~BROOKES~~, **GRIFFIN**

Inside-right
 8—**STORRIE, J.**

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 9—**WOMBLE, T.**

Inside left
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2—**DAWSON, O.**

Left-back

3—**THOMAS, R.**

Right-half

4—**BUTLER, J.**

Centre-half

5—**BURROWS, F.**

Left-half

6—**HARLAND, S.**

Outside-right

7—**HEATH, D.**

Inside-right

8—**PENMAN, W.**

Centre-forward

9—**SMITH, J.**

Inside-left

10—**NOBLE, P.**

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11—**ROGERS, D.**

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PEN PICTURES OF SWINDON TOWN F.C.

- Peter DOWNSBOROUGH** (goalkeeper). Born Halifax. Signed in August, 1965, from Halifax Town, where he was a product of local football. Height 5ft. 10½in. Weight 13st. 12lb.
- Roy JONES** (goalkeeper). Born Clacton-on-Sea. Signed for the club in October, 1967, after obtaining his release from the R.A.F. Made 19 first team appearances last season. 5ft. 11in. 11st. 12lb.
- Owen DAWSON** (right-back). Born Hatfield. Joined the club from Portsmouth in June, 1962. A former Youth international. 5ft. 9½in. 11st. 12lb.
- Rod THOMAS** (full-back). Born Glyncoirwg. A former youth player with the club. Signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964. Has gained Welsh Under-23 and full international caps. 6ft. 12st. 10lb.
- Joe BUTLER** (full-back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August, 1965, where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team. 5ft. 7½in. 11st.
- John TROLLOPE** (left-back). A local player who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. Made his first team debut at the beginning of the 1960-61 season. 5ft. 10in. 11st. 13lb.
- Keith MORGAN** (right-half). Born Trowbridge. Progressed through the club's junior teams after joining Swindon ground staff at the age of 16. Formerly club captain. 6ft. 1in. 13st.
- Roger SMART** (right-half/inside-forward). Born Swindon. Another local player who joined the club direct from Swindon Schoolboys' team. 5ft. 11½in. 12st. 11lb.
- Jimmy GILES** (centre-half). Born Kidlington. A versatile player who has also played at centre-forward for the Robins. 6ft. 1½in. 12st. 11lb.
- Frank BURROWS** (centre-half). Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United, for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. 6ft. 1in. 12st. 8lb.
- Stan HARLAND** (left-half). Born Liverpool. Signed from Carlisle United in July, 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City. Made his debut at the beginning of the 1966-67 season. 6ft. 12st. 5lb.
- Don ROGERS** (outside-right or left). Born Paulton. Signed by Swindon when only 15. Gained many England Youth international caps and subsequently played in the England Under-23 team. 5ft. 10½in. 12st. 10lb.
- Don HEATH** (outside-right). Born Stockton. Signed from Norwich in September, 1967. Formerly with Middlesbrough, where he served as an apprentice professional. 5ft. 8in. 11st. 8lb.
- Willie PENMAN** (inside-forward). Born Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle United in September, 1966, for a considerable fee. Formerly with Glasgow Rangers. 5ft. 8in. 10st. 10lb.
- Peter NOBLE** (inside-forward). Born Sunderland. Joined the club from Newcastle in January, 1968, for whom he played for four years. 5ft. 8in. 10st. 10lb.
- John SMITH** (inside-forward). Born 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. 5ft. 8in. 13st.
- Chris JONES** (centre-forward). Born Altrincham. A close season signing from Manchester City, for which club he played in their touring team in America. 5ft. 11in. 11st. 12lb.
- John BAILEY** (inside-forward). Born Oxford. Joined the club in August, 1966, as an apprentice professional and signed as a full-time professional in August, 1968. 5ft. 11in. 12st.

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