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TEAM MANAGER'S NOTES

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

'A SIDE which has only three front runners, or strikers, whichever you prefer, is a defensively-minded outfit.' This statement has been made to me on a number of occasions recently.

But does it necessarily follow? If you have five forwards up, the opposition will have at least six defenders marking. But what usually happens with a small number of attackers? Yes, there are less defenders, so obviously more space to operate in. Your front runners are always marked tight, this is what makes it the most difficult position to play in and why every Manager seems to be trying to buy one. Why are they marked so heavily? Because they are the nearest to the goal. But if you only have a limited number of players in advanced positions you should have more players able to break through from behind. This type of game demands a high degree of mobility in not only your players running, but also in their thinking. The overlap that a defender does when everyone in the main stand can see what he is about is not half as effective as the defender who suddenly arrives on the scoring scene after being nowhere near the initial build-up in the play. A great exponent of this is Ian Lawler of Liverpool.

When things are not going well, perhaps the home side are drawing at home or even losing, it takes a great deal of control for players to stick with their team method. They, like the fans, get frustrated, if the home players start rushing forward or commence pumping long, high balls towards their opponents' goal, there is only one result that can follow. But on the other hand if they believe in their team method and have sufficient self and team control, often the game swings dramatically their way in the later stages of the match. Football is a game of habits, good ones take time, bad ones are hard to get rid of, but overall character of players and team comes through in the end.

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LIVERPOOL have been playing for seventy-seven years, Leeds United have been going since 1920. Until last week neither had ever won a match by a 10-goal margin—then they both created club records on successive nights! Liverpool cracked ten into Dundalk's net in the Fairs Cup, Leeds thrashed Lyn Oslo 10—0 in the European Cup. And, on the night Liverpool enjoyed their goal storm, Fulham recorded the largest away victory in the Third Division since that section was formed in 1958. Halifax, their victims, hadn't conceded a goal at home before Fulham went there!

It's strange how these freaks turn up in batches. Though Dundalk and Lyn have never ranked among the more powerful clubs, both are seasoned campaigners in European competitions and neither had previously conceded 10 goals in a European tie.

The last time we had a comparable goals spate was on Boxing Day 1963 and Fulham were also involved on that occasion. They crushed Ipswich 10—1 in a First Division match. On the same day, Blackburn Rovers won 8—2 at West Ham, Manchester City trounced Scunthorpe 8—1 and West Bromwich drew 4—4 with Spurs.

Perhaps the most fantastic scoring coincidence of all time occurred on 5 September 1885. Dundee Harp ran off the field revelling in the fact that they had easily created a new scoring record in the Scottish Cup. They defeated Aberdeen Rovers 35—0—20 goals better than the previous record. Then news filtered through of another first round tie played that same afternoon—Arbroath 36, Bon Accord 0!!!

First Round F.A. Cup results of 1890—91 looked like something from the world of fiction—Sheffield Wednesday 12, Halliwell 0; Aston Villa 13, Casuals 1; Clapton 0, Nottingham Forest 14. And, as if that wasn't enough to satisfy even the most goal-gluttonous fan, a replay the following week resulted: Darwen 13, Kidderminster 0!

Hearts cornered a special place in the record books for their efforts in the Scottish Cup in 1938—39. In the first round they disposed of Penicuik Athletic 14—2, then went one better in the next round, hitting Elgin City 14—1.

The current First Division top score was established and equalled within eight days in 1892—and has stood ever since. On 4 March West Bromwich thrashed Darwen 12—0; then Aston Villa hit Accrington 12—2 on 12 March.

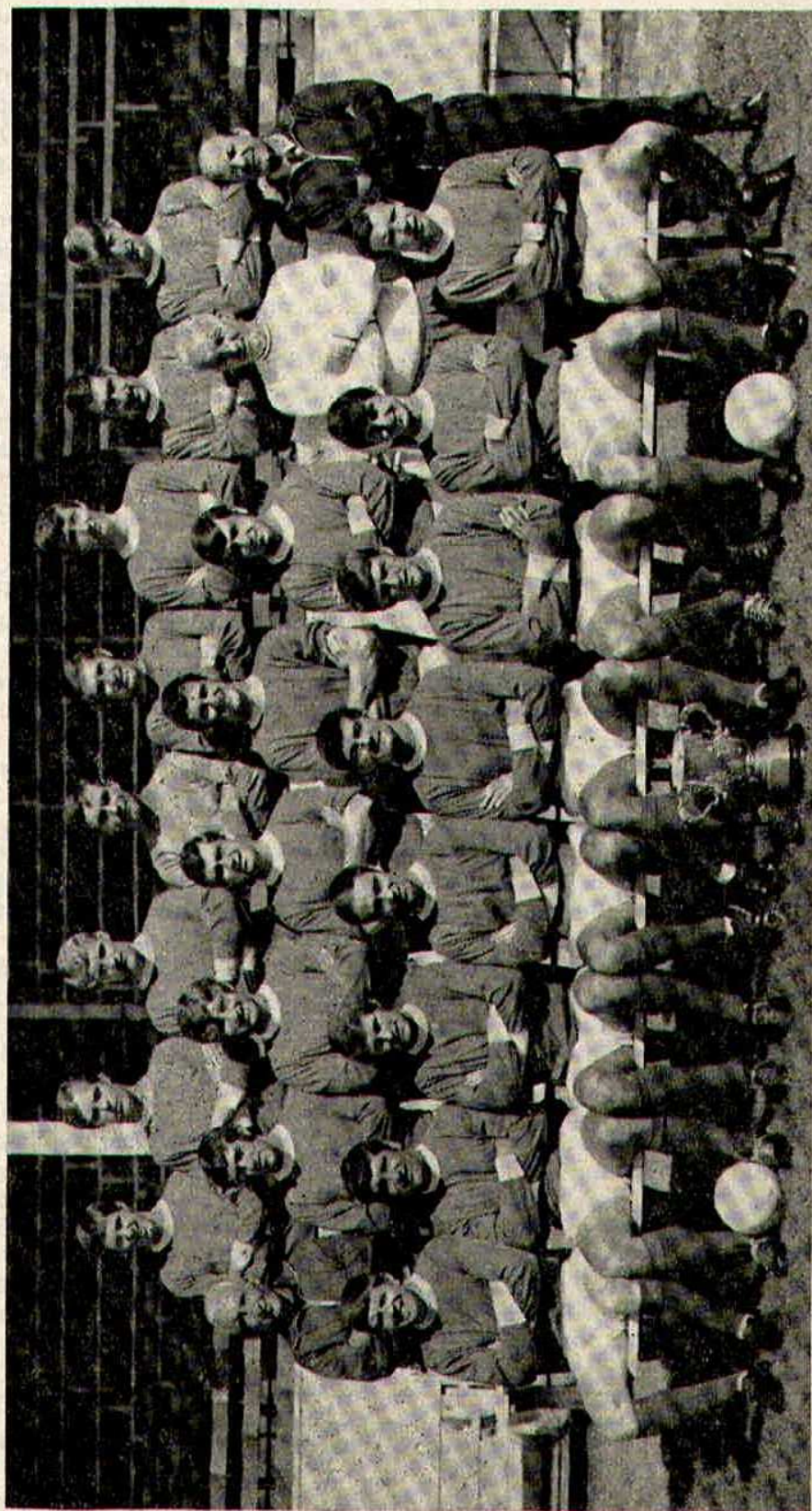
There is probably some psychological tie up between many of these events. As Leeds piled on the goals against luckless Lyn last week, they must undoubtedly have appreciated the growing possibility of emulating their arch rivals Liverpool's record of the previous day. A similar motive force is more commonly in evidence in League football. How often have we watched a game creak on for some seventy-odd minutes without a goal, watched one team break through to take the lead, only for the opponents to storm back with two or three goals in as many minutes? One naturally asks why, if the same zeal had not been shown from the kick-off, the winning team might not have won 10—0 instead of 3—1. The manager who finds the answer to that problem will quickly become a national hero. Generally, these things need some other event to trigger them off.

One classic example of incentive spurring a side to a very special effort can be found in the case of two F.A. Cup meetings between Everton and Crystal Palace many years ago. In 1922, when Everton were a mighty First Division force and Palace humble members of the Second Division, the London club were drawn to travel to Goodison Park. They won 6—0—a result which, to this day, is still considered the most humiliating defeat Everton have ever suffered. Eight years later, the two sides were drawn together again—this time meeting in London. In normal circumstances Everton would have been delighted to cruise to a 2 or 3 goal victory. But honour demanded better—and they duly ran out 6—0 victors.

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OUR VISITORS—SWINDON TOWN

By Tony Pullein

MEMORIES of Swindon's sensational Wembley League Cup final victory over Arsenal last season will remain indelibly inscribed in the minds of all who saw it for many years. In one of the finest games ever played at Wembley, the Wiltshire side completely outplayed their First Division opponents to win 3—1 in extra time.

Swindon followed that triumph by crushing Italian first division side AS Roma 5—2 on aggregate in the first of what could become a series of challenge matches between the Italian and English League Cup winners. Swindon won their home leg in magnificent style, cruising to a 4—0 victory a couple of weeks ago.

Tonight Swindon face the second obstacle in their endeavours to retain the League Cup. Having disposed of Swansea, by 3—1 on the Fourth Division club's ground, in the last round they now face our challenge here at The Manor. If we can recapture the spirit of our display when we held Swindon to a goalless draw on their own ground in a League game ten days ago then we must stand a good chance of success tonight.

Swindon's last visit to The Manor was on Good Friday 1968:

United 0

Swindon 0

17,751

United: Barron; Smithson, Lloyd; Atkinson (R.), Kyle, Clarke; Sloan, Atkinson (G.), Bullock, Shuker, Harrington.

Swindon: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Dawson, Harland; Heath, Noble, Giles, Smart, Rogers.

The Swindon club was founded in 1881 by a clergyman. They were one of the original members of the Southern League in 1894, later winning the championship on two occasions, and it wasn't long before they won national acclaim. In 1910 they fought their way to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, defeating First Division Spurs (3—2), and two Second Division sides, Burnley (2—0) and the divisional champions-to-be Manchester City (2—0) on the way before succumbing to the reigning Football League champions, Newcastle United, 0—2 at Tottenham.

In 1911, as Southern League champions, they met Football League champions Manchester United in the F.A. Charity Shield, losing a goal feast by 8 goals to 4. A year later they again reached the F.A. Cup semi-final.

Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all the other Southern League first division sides, in 1920. And they made a flying start to their League career, finishing in fourth place—a position they were unable to improve upon until winning promotion forty-three years later!

It was during the early 'sixties that the Swindon club instilled itself with great ambition. Players, who were to become international stars, were discovered in a region never previously renowned for its soccer talent and, in 1962—63, a highly eloquent Swindon side gained deserved promotion to the Second Division.

For a while they threatened to move further up into Division One. They led the Second Division for several weeks before their confidence mysteriously drained away. A bad spell took them well down the table; the following season they returned to Division Three. There they remained until regaining their place this year.

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SWINDON TOWN *Men in Action*

Peter Downsborough (*Goalkeeper*) A bargain £3,000 buy from Halifax in 1965, Peter joined Halifax from school and made the first-team before signing professional in 1960. He has turned in many outstanding performances for Swindon—none better than at Wembley in last season's League Cup final.

Rod Thomas (*Right-back*) Rod is the only man in post-war soccer to win his first seven full international caps while playing in the Third Division. Swindon picked Rod up from Gloucester City, put him in the senior side in 1965–66 and now he is a regular choice for Wales.

John Trollope (*Left-back*) A broken arm probably cost John a fabulous League record. His injury, at Hartlepool last season, ended a run of 360 consecutive League appearances for the club—only forty-one short of the League record which he would most certainly have cracked.

Joe Butler (*Right-half*) Joe kicked-off with Newcastle, his home town club. Originally a full-back, he made his League debut in 1963–64, moved to Swindon in 1965 and has now been developed into a very fine wing-half.

Frank Burrows (*Centre-half*) A Scot who began his career with Raith Rovers, Frank cost Swindon £12,000 when they persuaded Scunthorpe to part with him last season.

Michael Blick (*Centre-half*) While Burrows has been out through injury his place was taken by young Michael, who made his League debut two seasons ago but has had only some half-a-dozen chances in the first-team.

Stan Harland (*Left-half*) Skipper Stan was a Burnley amateur but turned professional at New Brighton. He moved to Everton but didn't make the League grade until signing for Bradford City in 1961. He put in two seasons at Carlisle before joining Swindon three years ago.

John Smith (*Outside-right*) Former England youth and under-23 cap John kicked off with West Ham as a wing-half. After holding a regular place for four years, he moved to Tottenham in 1960. But it was a bad move for John rarely got a League game with Spurs. Consequently, he shifted to Coventry, then had short spells with Orient and Torquay before linking with Swindon last year.

Chris Jones (*Inside-forward*) Chris developed in Manchester City's junior teams, rising to their First Division side in 1966–67. But he didn't manage to shift any of the big stars on a permanent basis so he moved to Swindon last season.

Roger Smart (*Inside-forward*) Roger is a product of Swindon schools football who got his first taste of League football in 1961–62. He helped Swindon into the Second Division for the first time in 1963 when he really began to establish himself as a regular and now looks back on over 200 League games for them.

Peter Noble (*Inside-forward*) A native of the North-east, Peter started with Newcastle and cost Swindon £10,000 in January 1968. He recently bagged hat-tricks in successive games against Charlton (League) and Swansea (League Cup).

Arthur Horsfield (*Centre-forward*) Middlesbrough spotted Arthur in Newcastle junior soccer and he continued his scoring ways in their reserve teams until given his chance in the League team in 1963–64. All-told he scored 51 goals in 107 full League games for Middlesbrough—including 22 in 1966–67—before he moved to Newcastle last January. Swindon signed him in May.

Don Rogers (*Outside left*) See special article elsewhere in programme.

Don Heath (*Forward*) Don first signed professional for Middlesbrough but he never managed to get a League game with them. He moved on to Norwich City where he won himself a regular place in the senior team in 1964–5. For three years he was a member of the senior squad, then he shifted to Swindon in September 1967.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Grd.	F.	A.	Att.	Score
1969						
August						
S. 9	Huddersfield	H	1	2	9897	
W. 13	League Cup 1, N'ampton	H	2	0	7158	
S. 16	Birmingham	A	3	1	27067	
W. 20	Bristol City	H		P		
S. 23	Portsmouth	H	0	2	10853	
Tu. 26	Charlton	A	0	1	11814	
S. 30	Preston N.E.	A	1	0	10058	
September						
W. 3	League Cup 2 Bury	H	4	1	8349	
S. 6	Watford	H	2	1	12620	
S. 13	Swindon	A	0	0	21903	
W. 17	Sheffield United	H	0	0	10856	
S. 20	Middlesbrough	H	1	1	9389	
W. 24	League Cup 3 Swindon	H				
S. 27	Norwich	A				
October						
S. 4	Millwall	H				
W. 8	Birmingham	H				
S. 11	Hull	A				
W. 15	League Cup 4					
S. 18	Bolton	A				
S. 25	Aston Villa	H				
W. 29	League Cup 5					
November						
S. 1	Leicester	A				
S. 8	Carlisle	H				
Tu. 11	Bristol City	A				
S. 15	Cardiff (1) FAC	H				
W. 19	League Cup Semi-Final					
S. 22	Blackpool	A				
S. 29	Blackburn	H				
December						
W. 3	League Cup Semi-Final					
S. 6	Queen's P.R. (2) FAC	A				
S. 13	Swindon	H				
S. 20	Watford	A				
Fri. 26	Portsmouth	A				
S. 27	Preston	H				
1970						
January						
S. 3	F.A. Cup 3					
S. 10	Middlesbrough	A				
S. 17	Norwich	H				
S. 24	F.A. Cup 4					
S. 31	Millwall	A				
February						
S. 7	Hull (5)	H				
S. 14	Huddersfield	A				
S. 21	Carlisle (6)	A				
S. 28	Bolton	H				
March						
S. 7	Blackpool (LCF)	H				
S. 14	Blackburn (SF)	A				
S. 21	Queen's Park Rangers	H				
Fri. 27	Leicester	H				
S. 28	Cardiff	A				
Tu. 31	Aston Villa	A				
April						
S. 4	Charlton	H				
S. 11	F.A. Cup Final					
Tu. 14	Sheffield United	A				

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Score			Att.
1969					
August					
S. 9	Gillingham	A	2	1	
W. 20	Crystal Palace	A	4	3	
W. 27	Reading (Cup)	H	1	1	976
September					
Th. 4	Swindon	H	0	2	747
S. 6	Norwich	A	0	2	
W. 10	Tottenham	H	0	2	5363
Th. 18	Bournemouth	H	3	0	
S. 20	Bristol Rovers	A	0	1	781
October					
W. 1	Chelsea	H			
W. 15	Peterborough	H			
S. 18	West Ham	A			
W. 29	Bristol City	H			
November					
M. 3	Fulham	A			
W. 12	Southampton (Cup)	H			
W. 19	Plymouth	A			
W. 26	Birmingham	H			
December					
W. 3	Cardiff	A			
W. 10	Swansea	H			
W. 17	West Ham (Cup)	H			
Fri. 26	Reading (Cup)	A			
W. 31	Southampton (Cup)	A			
1970					
January					
S. 3	Bournemouth (Cup)	A			
W. 14	Walsall	H			
Tu. 20	Northampton	A			
W. 28	Ipswich	H			
S. 31	Arsenal	A			
February					
W. 4	Bournemouth (Cup)	H			
M. 9	West Ham (Cup)	A			
W. 11	Leicester	H			
M. 16	Fulham (Cup)	A			
W. 18	Fulham (Cup)	H			
March					
S. 7	Luton	A			
Tu. 10	Queen's Park Rangers	A			
April					
W. 1	Reading	A			
S. 25	Southampton	H			

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Spotlight on Star Visitor DON ROGERS



Don Rogers, Swindon's 'Ace' marksman

THOUGH just about every top club has tried to tempt DON ROGERS away from Swindon, he has turned them all down. Happily settled, with a good sports goods business behind him, Don has shown little apparent interest in a move. Yet, not so many years ago Don was refusing to join Swindon with almost the stubbornness that he refuses to leave today!

Swindon made several approaches to Don when he was fifteen but he kept turning them down because he wanted to join Bristol City. When there was no approach from Ashton Gate, Don reluctantly took up Swindon's trial offer. When he returned home, after signing for Swindon, he found a Bristol City official waiting with signing-on forms!

Those few hours cost City a £100,000 investment, and that's only a conservative estimate of Don's value today. He went into the first-team in 1962-63 and won a regular place the following season when he was also picked for the England Youth XI. He added bigger honours when chosen for England Under-23s versus Yugoslavia in 1965 and again two years later against Wales when he hit England's winning goal.

For the past three seasons he has been Swindon's leading scorer and perhaps his finest game so far was at Wembley when he scored two glorious goals in the rout of Arsenal.

Introducing FRED FORD (Swindon's Manager)

FRED FORD'S disappointment in having his playing career severely hampered by injuries and the war has been well compensated by a very good career in club management.

He was a First Division player with Charlton before the war but he was continually troubled by leg injuries. When war came he joined the Royal Engineers and was mentioned in despatches. He was chosen for his regiment v. All-England XI and when the war ended he picked up the threads of his career after transferring to Millwall.

In 1947 he moved to Carlisle and it wasn't too long before his damaged legs forced him to retire from the playing side. Carlisle appointed him club trainer, a job he filled until Bristol Rovers asked him to join them as chief coach in 1955.

At that time he was appointed trainer to the England Under-23 side, travelling with the team on foreign tours. He got his first chance in club management in 1960 when he took charge of Bristol City. The Ashton Gate club had just lost its Second Division place, but Mr Ford rebuilt the team and took them back into Division Two in 1965.

Two years later he was relieved of his position and spent some months coaching at Swindon. Then Bristol Rovers asked him to fill their vacant manager's chair so he returned to Bristol until accepting his latest post with Swindon during the summer.

Today's Referee

REG PAINE (Hounslow)

'Come on mister—ref. our game for us!' It was appeals like this, from hordes of grubby little soccer-mad urchins, that started REG PAINE on the road to a refereeing career. He was a youth club leader at the time (in 1949) and, there being a tremendous shortage of referees, he was persuaded to step in.

He worked initially in junior football, reaching the old London Mid-Week League in 1952. Eventually he became a referee in the Athenian League, then the Football Combination. Promotion to the Football League came in 1964 after two years as a linesman.

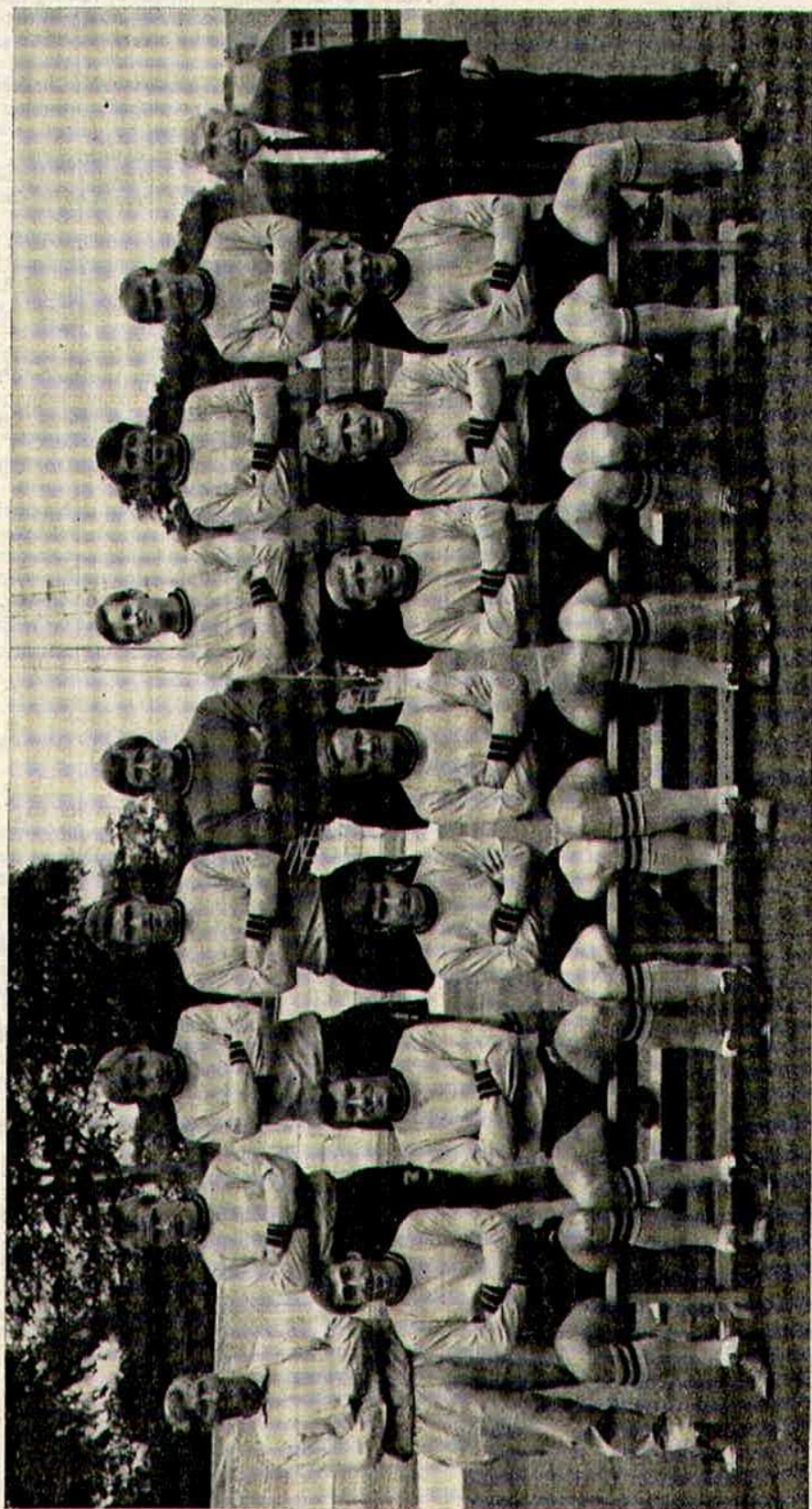
Sometimes his League appointments take him on marathon journeys. 'I reckon I travelled further than any other referee last Easter,' he said. 'I was at Torquay on the Saturday and Burnley two days later—a total trip of 864 miles.'

Mr Paine, married with three children, is a local government administrative officer in Hounslow. He is a qualified F.A. Coach. As he is now approaching the compulsory retirement age of 47 this will, unfortunately, be his last season as a League referee.

Don Rogers' League Career:

Swindon	...	1962-63	7a	2g
		1963-64	36a	7g
		1964-65	42a	9g
		1965-66	46a	18g
		1966-67	46a	25g
		1967-68	46a	25g
		1968-69	45a	22g
			268a	108g

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OXFORD UNITED F.C. Season 1969-70



Like Swindon's Fred Ford, our new Team Manager, Gerry Summers, has only recently taken over the reins, and all eyes will be upon him in his first managerial role

LEADING LEAGUE CUP SCORERS

John Byrom (Bolton)	...	...	5
Ron Massey (Colchester)	...	...	4
*Sammy McMillan (Southend)	...	...	4
*Andy Lochhead (Leicester)	...	...	3
*Peter Noble (Swindon)	...	...	3

* Denotes club still in competition

LEAGUE CUP CROWDS

THE official first round attendance was 293,115 at thirty-eight games for an average 7,714 per game. Official figures for the second round were not available at the time of going to press, though the unofficial total was given as 668,154. This gives an average of 16,296 for the forty-one games. Highest attendances so far this season were:

40,303	Aston Villa v. West Bromwich
38,888	Manchester U. v. Middlesbrough
34,017	Wolves v. Tottenham
26,356	Arsenal v. Southampton
24,790	Coventry v. Chelsea
24,232	Brighton v. Birmingham
22,101	Sheffield U. v. Newcastle
21,149	Watford v. Liverpool
21,111	Southampton v. Arsenal
20,797	Leicester v. Bristol City

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS— HOW THEY FARED

TRADITION FAVOURS SWINDON

NOT since 1963 have the League Cup holders been eliminated prior to the fourth round the following season. Birmingham City were surprisingly beaten in the second round at Norwich (0—2). Two years earlier, the first winners Aston Villa crashed at home in round three to Ipswich Town (1—3). All other winners have fared quite well.

Two have gone on to reach the final again, both suffering defeats on the big day—Leicester (v. Chelsea) in 1964 and West Bromwich (v. Queens Park Rangers) in 1967. Chelsea, 1964 winners, didn't enter the following season.

The 1967 and 1968 winners were both put down in round four.

Competition records appear to favour Swindon progressing a little farther before taking their leave. On the other hand, though, after six years maybe the law of averages will begin to operate in our favour—and doom the current holders to an early exit!

This is the second time we have been drawn against the League Cup holders, curiously against the only two winners from Division Three. Two years ago we faced Queens Park Rangers in this corresponding round and went down 1—5 at Shepherd's Bush.

The record for the most successive unbeaten ties in the League Cup is 11 by Leicester and West Bromwich. Swindon has chalked up 8 so far. To create a new record they would need to return to Wembley again this season.

Until last season—when they beat Burnley at Turf Moor and West Bromwich, then Arsenal at Wembley—Swindon had never won an away game in the League Cup. Now they look back on four consecutive away victories and are unbeaten in their last seven away ties.

Naturally, we are looking for the win which would take us into the fourth round for the first time in our history. And—who knows?—one step closer to our first appearance at Wembley!

FIVE YEARS AGO

ON 23 September 1964, we visited Craven Cottage for a second round Football League Cup-tie:

FULHAM (1) 2
O'Connell
Key

UNITED (0) 0
8,334

FULHAM: Underwood; Cohen, Langley; Robson, Keetch, Callaghan; Key, Brown (S.), Marsh, Haynes, O'Connell.

UNITED: Fearnley; Beavon, Quartermain; Atkinson, Kyle, Jones; Morris, Havenhand, Calder, Booth, Harrington.

At the time of that meeting, Fulham were twelfth in the First Division, United lay third in Division Four. How quickly our respective fortunes have changed!

In five years that Fulham team has fallen apart, only Fred Callaghan, Stan Brown and ever-loyal Johnny Haynes remaining today. Bobby Robson is now Ipswich Town's manager, Jimmy Langley is in charge of Southern League Hillingdon Borough. Bobby Keetch emigrated to South Africa and now plays for Durban City.

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Do not suffer unruly hooligan behaviour. Call the police on duty and get offenders ejected.



Downsborough safely collects the ball with Ken Skeen and Graham Atkinson (8) in close attendance in the recent league game with Swindon



A flying header just fails to connect from Davy Jones in the 0—0 draw with Swindon

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OXFORD		Miles		
Leave by A423, A43 and A421 for Bicester		12½	Again leave by A45 Roundabout	
7½ miles on keep right Buckingham		23½	Take first road and leave along A11 through Newmarket, Thetford, Attleborough, Wymondham Cringleford for the	
Leave by A422 at Old Stratford, turn right along A5, 1 mile on Stoney Stratford turn left for Newport Pagnell		38½	Norwich Ring Road (Roundabout) turn right and follow Ring Road A1074 for 2½ miles. Roundabout, keep left along Bracondale Road (A146) then bear right along King Street, ½ mile on turn right into Carrow Road for	140
Continue by A428 for Bedford		51		
Again leave by A428 'A1' Roundabout		59		
Take first road along A1 for Eaton Socon		61½		
Leave by A45 through St. Neots, Eltisley for Cambridge		79½	NORWICH CITY FOOTBALL GROUND	143½
			143½ miles	

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FROM THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HAVE the Football League and the Italian League found the answer to player and crowd tensions in European football?

The lesson learned in the recent Inter-League Cup Winners Cup matches between the two countries, when Swindon Town scored a smashing 5—2 aggregate success over Roma F.C. suggests that they may have.

Despite the tensions on and off the field engendered in both legs of this prestige-packed fixture there were no troubles, either among the players or on the terraces.

Did the fact that an Englishman refereed the game in Italy, which Roma won 2—1 and an Italian officiated in Swindon when Town won 4—0 have anything to do with it?

The Football League think so. They say: 'Without detracting any credit from the players of both clubs the fact remains that this refereeing experiment was a complete success in games which provided the cut-and-thrust of top competition. Might it not be worth while trying the same experiment in other European competitions?'

It is also worth recording that Swindon's success against a top Italian First Division Club emphasizes yet again the strength in depth of League football in England, proving that many Second and some Third Division Clubs here compare most favourably with First Division standards on the Continent.

This year's fixture was the first between the League Cup winners of the Football and Italian Leagues and its success was helped by Watney Manns who paid for the travel and accommodation of both teams in a sparkling first for sponsored football in England.

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MANCHESTER UNITED have been selected to stage the important Under-23 International between England and Russia at Old Trafford on Wednesday, 22 October (7.30).

Reserved seats for the game can be bought in advance from the Club at 15/—, 12/6 and 10/—.

Applicants should enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with their remittance which should be addressed to: The Secretary, Manchester United F.C., Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RA. Envelopes should be marked 'U.23' in the bottom left-hand corner.

Admission to the ground side and the paddocks will be by payment at the turnstiles on the night of the match at usual Football League prices.

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THE fact that this season, referees are sometimes travelling several hundred miles from their homes to officiate in League matches has already prompted the question: 'Why this extra expense . . . is it worth it?'

The latest issue of the *Football League Review* stresses that extra travelling by referees is inevitable if the new system for appointing referees is to be a success.

'The appointments are planned at League Headquarters in such a way that officials with the best current records from the Assessor's Panel and on Club markings are entrusted with matches regarded as most likely to be the most difficult to handle,' says the League.

'To achieve this it is inevitable that some referees have to be asked to travel long distances.'

The editorial emphasizes that the Clubs do not pay the expenses involved. 'That is the League's affair . . . and if it produces better results, then the new system is going to be well worth the inconvenience to referees, to the clubs and to the fans,' says the article.

BALL DONORS

LAST season the Club was favoured by many firms and individuals who kindly donated the cost of the footballs at each home match. I know there are a number who would like to help the Club in this manner, some of whom will be approached, but failing this, if they would like to contact Mr Ken McCluskey, the Secretary, at the office on the ground, he will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements with them. The balls cost around £10 each.

LEAGUE CUP—HOW WE COMPARE

THE following is a record of all League Cup-ties played by United and Swindon.

UNITED						SWINDON					
						1960-61					
						2. Shrewsbury	...	...	...	(H) 1—1	
										(A) 2—2	
										(H) 0—2	
						1961-62					
						1. Birmingham	...	...	...	(A) 1—1	
						2. Preston	...	...	...	(H) 2—0	
										(A) 1—3	
						1962-63					
1. Torquay	...	...	...	(A)	0—2	2. Darlington	...	...	...	(H) 4—0	
						3. Notts County	...	...	...	(A) 0—5	
						1963-64					
1. Exeter	...	...	...	(H)	0—1	2. Chelsea	...	...	...	(H) 3—0	
						3. Southend	...	...	...	(H) 3—0	
						4. West Ham	...	...	...	(H) 3—3	
										(A) 1—4	
						1964-65					
1. Walsall	...	...	...	(A)	1—1	2. Swansea	...	...	...	(A) 1—3	
				(H)	6—1						
2. Fulham	...	...	...	(A)	0—2						
						1965-66					
1. Millwall	...	...	...	(H)	0—1	2. Darlington	...	...	...	(A) 1—2	
						1966-67					
1. Peterborough	...	...	...	(A)	1—2	1. Bournemouth	...	...	...	(H) 2—1	
						2. Portsmouth	...	...	...	(H) 4—1	
						3. Doncaster	...	...	...	(A) 1—1	
										(H) 4—2	
						4. West Bromwich Albion	...	...	...	(H) 0—2	
						1967-68					
1. Swansea	...	...	...	(H)	3—1	1. Newport	...	...	...	(H) 1—1	
										(A) 0—2	
2. Preston	...	...	...	(H)	2—1						
3. Queens Park Rangers	...	...	...	(A)	1—5						
						1968-69					
1. Brighton	...	...	...	(A)	0—2	1. Torquay	...	...	...	(H) 2—1	
						2. Bradford City	...	...	...	(A) 1—1	
										(H) 4—3	
						3. Blackburn	...	...	...	(H) 1—0	
						4. Coventry	...	...	...	(A) 2—2	
										(H) 3—0	
						5. Derby	...	...	...	(A) 0—0	
										(H) 1—0	
						Semi-Final. Burnley	...	...	...	(A) 2—1	
										(H) 1—2	
						(At West Bromwich)	...	...	...	3—2	
						FINAL. Arsenal (Wembley)	...	...	...	3—1	
						1969-70					
1. Northampton	...	...	...	(H)	2—0	2. Swansea	...	...	...	(A) 3—1	
2. Bury	...	...	...	(H)	4—1						
						Summary					
		Home						Away			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
United	13	5	0	2	17	6	0	1	5	3	14
Swindon	34	12	3	3	39	19	4	6	6	23	31

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Players	Appearances		Goals		Total Attendances To Date	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	Home	Away
Atkinson, Graham...	11		4		69,122	70,842
Atkinson, Ron ...	10	1				
Barron, Jim ...	11		1		Home Gate last Match	9,389
Clarke, Colin ...	11					
Clayton, R. ... S.1		5		2	Best Home Gate this Season	12,620
Clinch, Peter ...		8				
Crook, L. ...		6			Goals Scored at LONDON ROAD end	For 7 | Against 4
Evanson, John ... S.3		6				
Gaston, Ray ...		6		2	Goals Scored at CUCKOO LANE end	For 3 | Against 3
Gladwin, Robin ...	4	3				
Harrington, Colin ...		3			Corners	For 38 | Against 28
Hatch, Peter ... S.1	2	7				
Jones, David ...	10	1	1		Results Last Time we met Today's Opponents	Home 0—0 | Away 0—0
Kearns, Michael ...		8				
Kyle, Maurice ...	10	1			17,836	21,903
Lucas, Richard ...	11					
Pack Roy ...						
Shuker, John ...	7					
Skeen, Ken ...	11		5			
Sloan, David ... S.1	10		2			
Smithson, Rodney ...	11					
Way, Michael ...	1	5				
Banning, S. ...						
Clark, G. ...						
Flay, R. ...		3				
Hodge, J. ...						
Light, J. ...						
Lowe, N. ...		3				
Rex, C. ... S.1		3		4		
Travis, C. ...						
Thompson ...		7		2		
Austin ...		1				
Shepherd ...		6				
Parkin ...		5				

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Car Window Stickers	1	3		players		6	
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(Ladies and Gents)				Transistor Radios	5	0	0
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Club Key Rings	1	0		Birthday Cards for all occasions			

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Should tonight's match end in a draw we shall have transport for the replay at Swindon.

All the best,

JIM KNAPP

Secretary

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