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GOOD AFTERNOON . . .

Ladies and Gentlemen

We welcome Swindon Town to the Stadium for to-day's League Division Three fixture.

I have no doubt that you are all disappointed following our defeat at Shrewsbury last Saturday in the F.A. Cup.

We have no excuses to offer for the defeat; it is always a bitter pill to swallow when you make a Cup exit so early in the competition.

Getting back to the bread and butter of the League to-day, I am sure the lads will be back on form. I can only say that the performance of the team throughout November was tremendous; the spirit that was shown to get us from the bottom of the League to the safer pastures of mid-table, and also the brand of football that the lads produced, was excellent, so we start off to-day with determination to continue our rise up the table.

Over the past month the support you have given to the team has been much appreciated, so on behalf of the players and staff, I thank you most sincerely, and wish you all a happy Christmas, and hope you carry on the good work in encouraging the lads. I know they will respond.

"THE WHISTLER"

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

PETER REEVES (Leicester)

A sales director for a hosiery manufacturer, he started refereeing in the Leicestershire Senior League, and served in the Football Combination for four years before going on the League line, the Supplementary List and the full list three years ago. Refereed a Texaco Cup semi-final match last season, and was on the line for one of last season's F.A. Cup semi-finals. A linesman for a UEFA Cup match in Belgium in the 1973-74 season. Enjoys cricket, squash, tennis, doing crossword puzzles and gardening. Played for England schoolboys and as a professional with Leicester City and Mansfield Town.

LIGHTING UP THE SEALS

The Floodlights for to-day's game have been kindly sponsored by

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"STADIUM" DIARY

LEAGUE DIVISION III

Saturday, December 27th, 1975

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Chester v. PRESTON N.E.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Saturday, 3rd January, 1976

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Chester v. ALTRINCHAM

LEAGUE DIVISION III

Saturday, 10th January, 1976

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Chester v. MANSFIELD

Lancashire League

Saturday, 17th January, 1976

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Chester v. BRADFORD CITY

INTRODUCING SWINDON TOWN F.C.

Swindon Town became a professional club in 1894, having been formed in 1881.

County Ground, Swindon, now has a capacity of 31,500, though the record attendance was 32,000 against Arsenal, in the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup in 1972.

Dave Mackay, present Manager of Derby County, was in charge at Swindon prior to leaving for the Baseball Ground. Louis Page, who later had a spell at Sealand Road, also was Manager of Swindon.

Highlight in recent years was Swindon's success in the League Cup final in season 1968-69, and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970.

Two famous players of Swindon Town—Don Rogers, whose transfer brought in £150,000 when he moved to Crystal Palace, and Rod Thomas, at present with Derby County, and who has featured at right-back for Wales for the past ten seasons and is certain to hold his place when Wales play in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

A Swindon player, Harold Fleming, played eleven times for England before World War I, when Swindon were still a non-League side.

To-day is Swindon's first visit to the Stadium in the Football League.

Swindon's League positions last ten seasons:—

1974-75 4th Div. 3; 73-74 22nd Div. 2;
72-73 16th Div. 2; 71-72 11th Div. 2;
70-71 12th Div. 2; 69-70 5th Div. 2;
68-69 2nd Div. 3; 67-68 10th Div. 3;
66-67 8th Div. 3; 65-66 7th Div. 3.

Average attendances: 1972-73 10,267,
1973-74 7,299, 1974-75 8,280.

PEN PICTURES

JIM BARRON—

born Tantobie, Co. Durham, Jimmy signed for Swindon in July 1974 from Nottingham Forest; formerly with Wolves, Chelsea and Oxford United, he has shared the goalkeeping spot with Allan this season.

TREVOR ANDERSON—

born in Belfast, Trevor joined Swindon on 1st November, 1974, from Manchester United; a Northern Ireland international.

WILF DIXON—

born in London, Wilf joined Swindon from Reading in September 1973.

FRANK BURROWS—

Frank joined Swindon from Scunthorpe United; previously with Raith Rovers, he has been a regular member of the squad since 1968; played in Football League Cup final winning team of 1968-69.

JOE BUTLER—

born Newcastle, he joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965, where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team; a tenacious player whose speed and ability make up for his lack of inches; played in League Cup team of 1969.

PETER EASTOE —

born in Tamworth, Staffs, Peter was signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers on 13th March, 1974, having signed Wolves as an apprentice; last season he was the club's top goalscorer with 22 goals.

TERRY HUBBARD—

born in Newport, but Terry has been with Swindon since he left school; a professional since 1969, he has now established himself as a regular first-team and Welsh under-23 player.

TOM JENKINS—

signed from Southampton in October of 1972, after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace; Tom was formerly with Orient and Reading; he also had a spell with Southern League Margate.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN—

born Edmonton, London, John is a former England Youth international who joined the club from Colchester on 3rd December, 1973, and has since made the left-back position his own.

DAVID MOSS—

born Witney, David was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional forms for Swindon in 1969.

COLIN PROPHETT—

a former Sheffield Wednesday star, Colin joined Swindon in November, 1974.

KEN STROUD—

born London, Ken signed for Swindon as an apprentice in 1967, and joined the professional ranks in 1970; this skilful player is rapidly becoming contender for a regular first-team place.

DAVE SYRETT—

born in Salisbury, Dave joined Swindon as an apprentice in July 1972, and became a professional in November 1973; during the past season he became a member of the first-team squad, and was also a member of the England Youth team.

JOHN TROLLOPE—

born Wroughton, near Swindon, John signed for the 'Robins' from school, and has become their longest-serving professional, making his debut in August 1960; since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon.

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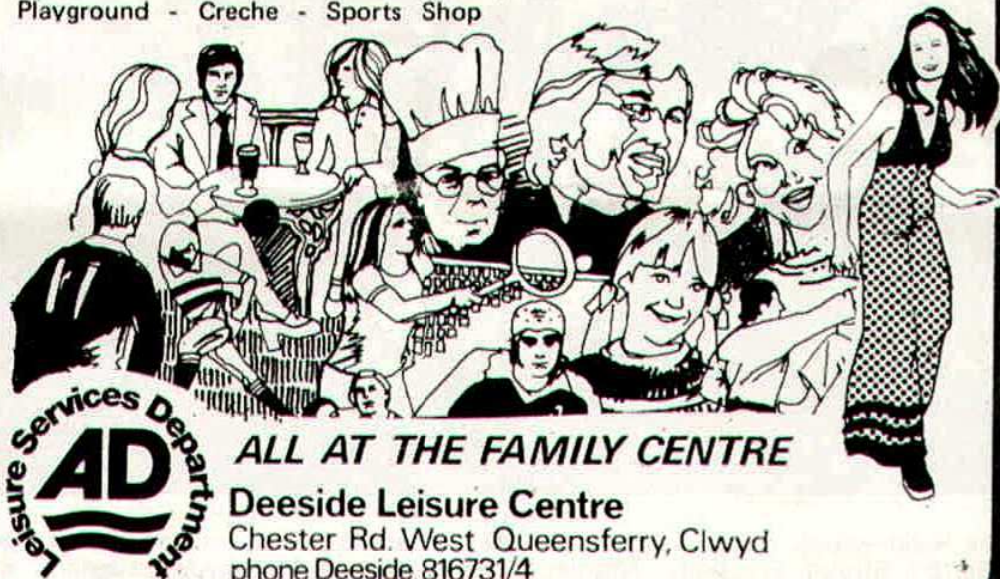
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STADIUM 'SNIPITS'

We are still unbeaten in the Northern Floodlit League competition, having drawn 1-1 at Wrexham last Monday night. Phil Williams notched the goal that maintained an unbeaten record. Our record now reads:—

P. 5 W. 2 D. 3 For 7 Against 5
Points 7.

Scorers: Crowley 2, Daniels 2,
Phil Williams 2, Andy Clark 1.

We have still not been able to arrange our outstanding game at Crewe in the Floodlit League Challenge Cup. A draw in this outstanding game, and we qualify for the semi-finals, along with Wrexham, Shrewsbury and Hereford.

There has been little demand for tickets from our allocation for the League Cup final to be played on February 28th at Wembley. To-day is the closing date — written application to the Secretary immediately, please.

Seen at Shrewsbury last Saturday: John Evans, who was the full-back partner of Malcolm Starkey, now Secretary of Shrewsbury Town, at Sealand Road in the early sixties. John is now an electrical contractor in the City.

Another former Stadium favourite, Mike Sutton, contacted us during the week. He has just completed a three-year course at Loughborough College, and is now a qualified teacher of physical education. Not content, he has now embarked on a further year's study to obtain a degree.

The game at Wrexham on Boxing Day takes place in the afternoon; kick-off at 3.00 p.m. Stand and Ground admittance is by payment through the turnstiles—there is no advance booking for this game.

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Appearances and Goalscorers

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Player	Division III		League Cup		F.A. Cup		Welsh Cup	
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals
CRAVEN, M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CROSSLEY, P.	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
DANIELS, B.	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
DELGADO, R.	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
DRAPER, D.	11	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
DUNLEAVY, C.	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
EDWARDS, N.	18	1	2	—	3	1	—	—
JAMES, J.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
LENNARD, D.	18	3	2	—	3	—	—	—
LOSKA, T.	16	—	1	—	3	—	—	—
MATTHEWSON, R. ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MASON, S.	13	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
MILLINGTON, G.	13	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
MOORE, G.	10	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
OWEN, T.	13	6	—	—	3	—	—	—
PUGH, G.	17	1	2	—	3	—	—	—
SEDDON, I.	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
STORTON, I.	18	2	1	—	3	—	—	—
REDFERN, J.	16	2	1	—	3	1	—	—
WATLING, B.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WHITEHEAD, N.	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	20	12	7	1	36	16	31
Brighton	19	11	2	6	38	22	24
Peterborough	19	8	8	3	32	22	24
Hereford	17	9	5	3	28	21	23
Cardiff	19	8	5	6	29	20	21
Bury	19	7	7	5	22	17	21
Preston	19	8	5	6	24	20	21
Shrewsbury	19	8	4	7	28	26	20
Rotherham	19	7	6	6	22	22	20
Walsall	21	7	6	8	27	30	20
Aldershot	19	6	7	6	29	31	19
Colchester	20	6	7	7	18	23	19
Grimsby	19	8	3	8	27	37	19
Wrexham	19	8	2	9	21	24	18
Millwall	19	6	6	7	23	29	18
CHESTER	19	6	6	7	18	27	18
Port Vale	19	5	7	7	19	17	17
Chesterfield	19	6	5	8	32	30	17
Halifax	19	5	7	7	22	27	17
Gillingham	19	4	8	7	23	27	16
Sheffield Wed.	19	4	7	8	24	26	15
Southend	17	5	4	8	30	30	14
Swindon	19	5	2	12	20	37	12
Mansfield	17	3	4	10	21	31	10

FIXTURES, RESULTS, ATTENDANCES AND CASH

1975		Result.	Attendance.	Cash.
Sat., August 16—CRYSTAL PALACE	Away	0-2	13,083	£8,800
Wed., August 20—WREXHAM Lg.Cup 1st Leg	Away	0-3	8,267	£5,627
Sat., August 23—SOUTHEND UNITED	Home	1-1	4,781	£2,323
Wed., August 27—WREXHAM Lg.Cup 2nd Leg	Home	0-0	6,361	£3,866
Sat., August 30—MANSFIELD	Away	1-1	6,164	£2,715
Sat., September 6—GRIMSBY TOWN	Home	1-2	4,091	£1,919
Sat., September 13—BRIGHTON and HOVE ...	Away	0-6	7,903	£3,900
Sat., September 20—PETERBOROUGH	Home	1-1	4,093	£1,895
Wed., September 24—COLCHESTER	Home	1-0	3,954	£1,884
Sat., September 27—HALIFAX	Away	2-5	2,240	£1,128
Sat., October 4—HEREFORD	Home	0-1	4,144	£1,973
Sat., October 11—ALDERSHOT	Home	1-0	3,375	£1,521
Sat., October 18—WALSALL	Away	0-1	4,164	£1,741
Tues., October 21—SHEFFIELD WED.	Home	1-0	6,284	£3,282
Sat., October 25—CARDIFF	Home	1-1	5,348	£2,615
Sat., November 1—SHREWSBURY	Away	0-2	4,567	£2,540
Tues., November 4—ROTHERHAM	Away	1-0	4,282	£1,900
Sat., November 8—MILLWALL	Home	3-1	5,058	£ 2,353
Sat., November 15—PORT VALE	Away	1-0	3,908	£1,754
Sat., November 22—F.A. CUP 1 Darlington.....	Away	0-0	2,628	£1,456
Wed., Nov. 26—F.A. Cup 1 (Replay) Darlington	Home	2-0	5,238	£3,022
Sat., November 29—CHESTERFIELD	Away	1-1	4,338	£2,001
Sat., December 6—GILLINGHAM	Home	2-2	4,457	£2,154
Sat., December 13—F.A. CUP 2 Shrewsbury ...	Away	1-3	6,063	£3,848
Sat., December 20—SWINDON	Home	—	—	—
Fri., December 26—WREXHAM	Away	—	—	—
Sat., December 27—PRESTON N.E.	Home	—	—	—
1976				
Sat., January 3—BURY (3)	Away	—	—	—
Sat., January 10—MANSFIELD	Home	—	—	—
Wed., January 14—LEAGUE CUP S.F. (1) ...	—	—	—	—
Sat., January 17—PETERBOROUGH	Away	—	—	—
Wed., January 21—LEAGUE CUP S.F. (2) ...	—	—	—	—
Sat., January 24—BRIGHTON (4)	Home	—	—	—
Sat., January 31—SHEFFIELD WED.	Away	—	—	—
Sat., February 7—ROTHERHAM	Home	—	—	—
Sat., February 14—MILLWALL (5)	Away	—	—	—
Sat., February 21—PORT VALE	Home	—	—	—
Wed., February 24—COLCHESTER	Away	—	—	—
Sat., February 28—CARDIFF	Away	—	—	—
Sat., March 6—SHREWSBURY	Home	—	—	—
Wed., March 10—HEREFORD	Away	—	—	—
Sat., March 13—ALDERSHOT	Away	—	—	—
Wed., March 17—WALSALL	Home	—	—	—
Sat., March 20—CHESTERFIELD	Home	—	—	—
Sat., March 27—GILLINGHAM	Away	—	—	—
Tues., March 30—SWINDON	Away	—	—	—
Sat., April 3—CRYSTAL PALACE	Home	—	—	—
Wed., April 7—HALIFAX	Home	—	—	—
Sat., April 10—GRIMSBY	Away	—	—	—
Fri., April 16—BURY	Home	—	—	—
Sat., April 17—WREXHAM	Home	—	—	—
Mon., April 19—PRESTON N.E.	Away	—	—	—
Fri., April 23—SOUTHEND	Away	—	—	—

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12 Sub.

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Shirts:

Red with White Trim.

Shorts:

White

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