

### NINE-GOAL MATCH

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI entertained Cheltenham on Saturday and lost 6-3.

Cheltenham, with six successive wins, and Swindon, with four, promised to put on an exciting game. Unfortunately, no umpires arrived, but the game was played in a good spirit, with both teams stopping play when a fault had been committed.

Particular mention must be made of L. Baxter (Swindon) and W. Morris, the Cheltenham captain, who shared the umpiring between them while playing.

A rearranged Swindon team took time to settle down and soon found themselves three goals behind. From a penalty corner R. Loder opened the scoring for Swindon, who were 1-4 down at half-time.

Swindon put everything into attack in the second half, scoring twice through Oliver. Cheltenham, however, took advantage of an open defence and increased their lead in break-aways.

J. Rainey had a good game for Swindon at half-back. A. Wittenbaker and M. Tompkins formed a good right wing, and from one of their combined moves, Swindon scored their second goal. Swindon team: S. Daly; D. Edgington, R. Loder; J. Ferguson, L. Baxter, J. Rainey; M. Tompkins, A. Wittenbaker, J. Oliver, W. Harland, R. Colborne.

## Loveday hits vital goal for Swindon

SWINDON 1st XI defeated the Boffins from Farnborough, 1-0 on Saturday. Both teams opened with hard hitting and following-up as the pitch did not lend itself to intricate ball play.

The Boffins fared slightly better in these exchanges, but they failed to take advantage of this superiority. Oliver was unlucky to have a goal disallowed in the first half.

The Boffins started the second half with great pressure but the Swindon defence, although not quite so sound as usual, managed to keep the line intact.

Swindon continued to attack whenever possible and from a good movement D. Loveday scored.

The Boffins retaliated, but failed to score because of over-eagerness.

Swindon team: Little, Tomkins, Loder; Ferguson, Baxter, Harland; Wittenbaker, Loveday, Oliver, Barnett, Colborne.

## HOCKEY Swindon's forwards off colour

SWINDON Men's Hockey XI visiting Marlborough lost by two goals to nil.

The pitch was bone hard and it was often difficult to control the ball.

The Swindon forwards combined well early in the game and a shot from J. Oliver was cleared off the line by the Marlborough full back J. Horton.

Richman scored for Marlborough half-way through the first half, Little making a great effort to save the inside right's shot.

In the second half the Swindon forwards were off colour with the exception of Witton-Baker who had a good game on the right wing. Swindon really never looked like scoring.

Flecker scored a second goal for Marlborough with a rather lucky shot.

The Swindon defence was sound, Harland and Tomkins coming out well when under pressure.

The Harding brothers formed a sound half back line for Marlborough, and K. Richman, at inside right, had a good game but he was given too much room in which to move.

Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; J. Sutton, L. Baxter, W. Harland; A. Witton-Baker, D. Loveday, J. Oliver, J. Barnett, R. Colbourne.