

## Swindon's ten gain victory

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI beat Newbury 2-0 on Saturday. They opened with some forceful hockey and were soon invading the Newbury goal. One of these attacks paid off. The right winger raced down the line and put over a fine centre to N. Tompkins, who scored from the edge of the circle.

Soon afterwards J. Oliver met with a leg injury and had to retire from the game.

The Swindon defence played well against fast moving Newbury forwards.

T. Little, in goal, made some good saves and encouraged his ten men to play even harder. This resulted in a second goal from M. Tompkins in a goal-mouth struggle. Team: T. Little; Loder, Fergusson; Edgington, N. Tompkins, Sutton; Rainey, Wittenbaker, Oliver, Deacon, M. Tompkins

## Fell away in second half

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI drew 2-2 with Wallingford at Moredon on Saturday.

The game opened at a brisk pace and during a goal-mouth scramble Scott pushed the ball into the net to put them in the lead.

Ten minutes later, from a short corner, Tomkins increased the lead with a magnificent shot, high into the goal.

After the interval Swindon fell away and the Wallingford attacks became more frequent and penetrating. The visitors were rewarded with two good goals late in the game.

In the Swindon defence Sutton and Tomkins were always prominent. Little, in goal, made some good saves and did well to only concede two goals.

In the forward line Oliver and Manuel tried hard but did not have the necessary support. Team: Little (capt.); Tomkins, Loder; Sutton, Worts, Baxter; Loveday, Manuel, Oliver, Scott, Rainey. Umpire, T. Welch.

## SWINDON HOCKEY

# Costly ten minutes after the interval

SWINDON HOCKEY CLUB'S 1st XI were beaten 3-0 by a finer and more forceful Stroud team at Stroud. Stroud repulsed their inside left.

Swindon pressed again with Tomkins, playing his first game after a three-week lay-off for injury, in the unaccustomed position of centre half, and Loveday at inside right being outstanding.

Shortly before half-time the tireless Oliver at centre forward had a good shot half-saved, and Loveday rushed in to equalise.

Swindon should have been ahead by the interval but they failed to score from three successive short corners.

Stroud scored twice in the first ten minutes of the second half while Swindon appeared to be having a siesta in the hot afternoon sun.

After this the tide turned. Loder and Edgington really began to get into the game at full back, but Sutton and Baxter at wing half, having tied down their wings, seemed to lack the confidence to give their forwards the support they so badly needed.

### FINAL ASSAULT

After a number of near misses, particularly from Oliver, the Swindon forwards re-grouped for a final assault.

Loveday went to the right wing to fire more punch in that direction, and Wittenbaker moved across to join left wing Rainey in a happy combination which showed match winning potential.

But although Swindon showed increasing confidence and co-ordination, Stroud survived. Wittenbaker and Oliver being unlucky with their attempts.

So the final whistle blew, giving relief to a hard-pressed but victorious Stroud team.

Swindon: Little (capt.); Edgington, Loder; Sutton, Tomkins, Baxter; Wittenbaker, Loveday, Oliver, Scott, Rainey. Umpire: A. J. Wood

## Swindon gain a deserved away victory

SWINDON Hockey Club XI won 3-2 against the Boffins at Farnborough on Saturday.

The first goal came after ten minutes when Loveday provided a perfect pass for Scott to push into the empty net.

The Boffins replied two minutes later with a well taken goal from their centre forward whose snap shot from the edge of the circle rocketed into the goal.

Swindon soon went ahead again when Loveday scored from a penalty flick.

The second half saw Swindon well on top and Oliver scored their third goal after Rainey had put in a good shot.

Swindon forwards found the empty net three more times but on each occasion these attempts at scoring were disallowed.

Ten minutes from the end the Boffins centre forward exploited a defensive error and scored their second goal.

Swindon gave an encouraging display with Oliver always trying in the attack and Ferguson giving a sound display in defence.

Team: Little; Ferguson, Loder; Wittenbaker, Tomkins, D. Edgington, Loveday, Scott, Oliver, P. Edgington and Rainey.



## Hockey

# Equaliser in the last minute

SWINDON'S Hockey XI was held to a 2-2 draw by Marlborough, who saved the game in the last minute.

A brilliant movement by Oliver and Scott brought Swindon their first goal. They had the Marlborough defence in a tangle with their short quick passes and Scott finished off the move.

After this Swindon put on the pressure and it was one way traffic. They had enough chances to have been four goals up, but luck was against them.

Marlborough broke away and got the equaliser through right inner Whatley near half time.

It was Scott who put Swindon ahead again.

Swindon kept up the pressure with P. Edgington and D. Loveday feeding the forwards well. They gained four short corners from one of which Scott should have completed his hat trick.

Marlborough broke away and Daly brought off a good save but the equaliser came in the last minutes.

Scott and Oliver were Swindon's best raiders, and in defence P. Edgington and Smith were outstanding.

Swindon team: Daly; Smith, Loder; Sutton J. Loveday (capt.), Edgington P., Wittenbaker, Clarbone, Oliver, Scott, Raney.

## Hockey

# Ran riot after the interval

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI crushed St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 8-0 on Saturday, scoring seven of the goals in the second half.

The visitors are the strongest hockey college in the University but were under strength on Saturday, a number of their best players being absent.

Swindon took command from the first whistle but it was not until midway through the first half that Oliver opened their account.

Swindon changed ends hanging on to this slender lead, but they had wasted a number of chances.

Eventually Scott put them further ahead with a fine goal from then on the only doubt was how many goals Swindon could score in the time available.

Oliver snatched two more to complete his hat trick. N. Tomkins helped himself to a couple when he moved up from centre half to take a pass from the left, and one from a short corner.

### FOUR FROM OLIVER

P. Edgington took a well deserved goal from a pass from M. Tomkins who had been playing steadily on the right wing. Near the end Oliver boosted his personal tally to four and the teams total to eight.

Swindon thoroughly deserved their win, and even if the opposition was not as good as usual it was encouraging for them to be getting the ball in the net.

Team: Little (capt.); Ferguson, Loder; Wittenbaker, N. Tomkins, D. Edgington; M. Tomkins, Scott, Oliver, P. Edgington, Raney. Umpire, J. Ferguson.

## Hockey

# Lucky to escape so lightly

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI were fortunate to escape with only a 1-0 defeat by Yeovil at Moredon on Saturday.

Whereas 12 months ago Swindon played some of their finest hockey to draw 2-2 with Yeovil, on Saturday they were at low ebb, and if Yeovil had scored from even half the openings they made they would have won by a far higher margin.

Fortunately for Swindon, Yeovil were weak at finishing though strong in midfield.

The only goal came mid-way through the second half when Yeovil's inside right netted from close range after the inside left had burst through the Swindon defence.

Up to this time Yeovil had been the better side and fully deserved their success.

Swindon did have their moments, and under pressure the Yeovil defence looked penetrable.

### OLIVER TRIES HARD

Centre forward Oliver got through a lot of work, and was a constant menace to the Yeovil defence, and if only his colleagues had given him more opportunities goals would have come.

Scott, at inside left, was out of touch and Wittenbaker was lost playing out of position at inside right.

The defence, taking all things into consideration played with determination, Loveday being the stalwart at centre half.

Swindon, as a whole, however, have not yet settled down to teamwork.

Team: Little; Smith, Edgington; Sutton, Loveday, Baxter; Ryan, Wittenbaker, Oliver, Scott, Colborne. Umpires; Messrs. Harland and Tomkins.

## HOCKEY

# Schemer needed by Swindon

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI opened their programme at Salisbury on Saturday and lost 1-3 after putting up a keen fight.

Salisbury had the advantage of already having played two matches and were fitter and quicker on the ball.

For the first 20 minutes play was evenly contested with defences on top. The Swindon forward line was disjointed and Scott (inside left) was switched with J. Oliver (centre forward). This brought about some improvement with J. Oliver working like two men.

Salisbury took the lead with a brilliant goal from G. Bailey near half-time. Receiving on the halfway line, he beat three defenders before placing the ball in the net.

Swindon fought back keenly in the second half and J. Oliver equalised with a well-taken goal, but immediately, the Salisbury right winger received a pass from G. Bailey to regain the lead for his side.

### PENALTY SAVED

E. Little, in the Swindon goal, saved a penalty shot.

Shortly afterwards Salisbury scored a fortunate third goal when a clearance by Little hit a Swindon defender which left an open goal for Salisbury. Swindon worked hard to reduce the arrears but to no avail.

M. Smith, deputising for F. Loder at left back, had a good game, and M. Tomkins and D. Loveday were both outstanding. With Loveday now in the half back line Swindon badly need a schemer at inside forward.

Swindon: E. Little; N. Tomkins, M. Smith; L. Baxter, D. Loveday, D. Edgington; A. Wittenbaker, T. Adams, J. Oliver, M. Scott, R. Colborne