

OPEN TACTICS PAID

Swindon II beat the College II 3-0. In the early phases of the game the sides indulged in close passing on a pitch that was unsuitable for this type of play.

As a result defences were generally predominant, with Cockram and Ladyman finding their men well with hard clearances. Oliver and Gadsby combined well to open the score for Swindon after a shot from Barnett had hit the post.

Favouring the more open style of play in the second half Swindon went further ahead when Gadsby carefully placed the ball wide of the goalkeeper. The College fought back and Wood was called upon several times to clear his lines with powerful kicks before Oliver scored a third goal for Swindon. Swindon team: Wood; Ladyman, Fergusson; Parker, Cockram, Fergusson; Tomkins, Oliver, Barnett, Gadsby, Deacon.

Hockey Swindon on top at Newbury

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI won 3-0 at Newbury on Saturday.

Newbury were quickly on the attack but found the Swindon defence strong, particularly on the left—where Edgington's crisp clearances were a feature.

Quickly Swindon's left winger Rutter fastened on to a pass on the half-way line and raced away to score.

Ten minutes later Oliver cut inside from the right to score a second goal, and this was soon followed by No. 3 from Phipps.

Swindon: S. Daly; M. Smith, D. Edgington; J. Fergusson, N. Tomkins, R. Colborne; J. Oliver, L. Phipps, T. Packer, K. Gadsby, E. Rutter.

TOO SLOW

Swindon 2nd XI lost to Moreton in the Marsh 2-4. They were much slower on the ball and lacked the zest of previous weeks.

Moreton went into the lead through their centre forward who soon added a second taking advantage of a defensive mix-up.

Deacon reduced the arrears, this goal being the result of a fine solo run. Within three minutes Moreton had increased the lead to 3-1. Ten minutes from the end Deacon again scored for Swindon making it 2-3. Swindon's hopes were soon dashed when Moreton scored their fourth. Team: Wood; Baxter, Loader; Cockram, Parker, T. Fergusson; Tomkins, Rainey, Scott, Deacon, Willey.

EASY FOR READING

Swindon were beaten 7-1 by Reading. The Berks side scored within two minutes, but they only added one more before half time. During this period, Swindon played thoughtfully, in the main constructively, but the Reading defence was very sound.

Reading began the second half in forceful fashion, and with their forward line, particularly Norris at centre forward and Dodd at inside right, getting into top gear immediately they began to make gaps in the Swindon defence.

Four goals were added in 15 minutes, and another just on time. J. Oliver scored Swindon's goal in one of the few breaks from Reading attacks.

Swindon's defence stood up well against some excellent forwards who were ably supported by a half back line, which in the second half completely dominated the centre of the field. The Swindon forwards allowed themselves to be rushed back on defence, with the result that, when the ball was cleared by defenders, there was no one up field to receive it, with the inevitable result that Reading were once again out on the attack. Reading played good open hockey, the combination of their centre forward and inside right being of the highest class. Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loader; W. Harland, L. Baxter, N. Fergusson; M. Tomkins, J. Oliver, L. Phipps, M. Scott, A. Packer.

HOCKEY Hat tricks for Swindon teams

SWINDON HOCKEY CLUB'S 1st XI visited Salisbury on Saturday and won a good game 4-0.

Swindon were one up within 30 seconds. Phipps took the ball from the bully off into the Salisbury circle, and gave Oliver a pass from which the latter made no mistake.

The remainder of the first half was even, Salisbury being a little unlucky on several occasions.

Oliver scored immediately after half-time, and soon completed a well deserved hat trick.

Swindon were by now well in control and Roberts made the score four.

Territorially the game was fairly even, especially in the first half, but the Swindon forwards were much more effective than those of the home team.

The Swindon defence was also in sound form, the covering again being of a high standard.

This was a good performance by Swindon, with all players showing up well.

The Salisbury half back line had a busy afternoon, and Blatcher tried very hard in their forwards, but the latter were somewhat disoriented and were never allowed to combine effectively.

Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, W. Harland; E. Cockram, L. Baxter, T. N. Fergusson; L. Read, J. Oliver, L. Phipps, E. Walker, E. Roberts.

SWINDON MEN WIN

Swindon men's 1st XI defeated Stroud 4-2 at Moreton. In the second minute D. Gladwin missed a good opportunity after G. Roberts had centred the ball from the right. It was left to Walker to open the score for Swindon when he volleyed the ball into the net following an attempted clearance by the Stroud goalkeeper.

Stroud replied almost immediately through their centre forward but Phipps got a second for Swindon before the interval.

In the second half Swindon increased their lead through Oliver and Phipps.

Stroud reduced this lead when a Swindon defender deflected the ball into his own goal. Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loader; M. Casey, L. Baxter, W. Harland; G. Roberts, J. Oliver, L. Phipps, G. Walker, D. Gladwin.

PLAYER TAKES A 'DIP'

Visiting Stroud, Swindon men's 2nd XI won 3-2. Packer put them in the lead but the Stroud centre forward soon equalised.

Stroud took the lead with a well taken goal, but with a fine opportunity a minute later the inside right crashed the ball over the bar from three yards.

Spurred on by their hard hitting defenders pressed for an equaliser and several players had a hand in the goal that Scott scored.

Swindon took the lead from a corner when Scott's powerful shot hit the net and rebounded back onto the field. The scorer's joy, however, was short-lived for he was soon on the way to hospital with a cut eye.

The ten remaining players held on to their lead tenaciously and the game finished on a light note as one of the Stroud players fell headfirst into the river that skirts the pitch.

Swindon team: Wood; Ladyman, Leighton; Colborne, Cockram, Daly; Oliver, Scott, Packer, Parker, Tomkins.

SWINDON HOCKEY

Draw after being twice in arrears

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI drew 1-1 at Cheltenham. It was a game notable only for its leisurely pace.

In general Swindon dictated the game but Cheltenham opened the scoring with a fortuitous goal. Swindon replied with a deftly taken goal by A. W. J. Packer.

In the second half play remained scrappy Cheltenham scoring from an awkward deflection and Swindon from one of the many goal-mouth scrimmages which marred the game.

For Swindon the defenders were unspectacular, but sound. Roberts was the gist of a forward line that was inclined to be lethargic.

J. Oliver tried hard in attack but should remember to tackle back and make some effort to get into an unmarked position.

Team: E. J. Little; N. Tomkins, W. Harland; M. Casey, L. Baxter, T. Fergusson; M. Tomkins, J. Oliver, A. W. J. Packer, G. Walker, M. G. Roberts.

HOCKEY

COLLEGE 'KEEPER SHINES

SWINDON Hockey Club were held to a 1-1 draw by Edmund Hall College, Oxford. It was a good, fast game played with great spirit on a fine playing surface.

Swindon, using their wingers well, were mainly on the offensive, with Roberts, on the left fast and dangerous.

An opportune stop on the Swindon goal line by Loader saved Swindon from going into arrears. Shortly afterwards Swindon went ahead through Oliver.

College hit back and equalised almost immediately the shot being one of only three at the Swindon goal during the game, reflecting the excellent covering and hitting of the Swindon defence. The forwards inter-passed well, with Phipps in masterly form, but due to some fantastic stops by the College 'keeper Swindon could not increase the score.

Nothing came of a number of short corners against the College and with time running out Tompkins moved unfield to prompt his forwards with intelligent passes. Swindon territorially dominated the game and this seemed to cause a number of the College players to become over robust in their enthusiasm.

Rutter and Ferguson gave Swindon good service. Team: Daly; Loader, McNamara; Colbourne, Tompkins, N. Ferguson; Roberts, Rutter, Oliver, Phipps, Scott M.

HOCKEY

Swindon strong in defence

MARLBOROUGH, who arrived late—the game was completed in bad light—were beaten 2-1 by Swindon Hockey Club on Saturday.

Swindon defenders had to be alert throughout, due to the quick passing of the Marlborough forwards Little (goalkeeper) came to the rescue on several occasions. Nevertheless, Marlborough took the lead midway through the first half, J. Faithful being the scorer.

Swindon drew level shortly after half-time, N. Tomkins scoring with a splendid shot following a short corner.

From then onwards Marlborough did most of the attacking, and the Swindon goal had some narrow escapes. Ten minutes from the end Swindon outside right, J. Read, receiving the ball 30 yards from goal, ran through to score the winning goal. All the Swindon defenders played well, especially Little Tomkins and Loader. The forwards should have moved the ball a little quicker, and J. Oliver could have used his fast winger more frequently. For Marlborough P. Hardin and K. Richmond were outstanding.

Swindon team: E. Little; N. S. Tomkins, R. Loader; M. Casey, L. C. Baxter, W. Harland; J. A. Reed, J. Oliver, D. Gladwin, M. Scott, M. G. Roberts.

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HOCKEY

Hat trick against stragglers

CIVIL SERVICE AND NALGO Hockey Club's men's XI beat Stroud Stragglers in Swindon 3-0.

Nalگو opened strongly and were two goals up at half-time. The forwards worked well together and the defence was rarely hard pressed. David Pitt completed his hat-trick just before full time.

In a friendly eight-a-side game against OHA Nalگو Women won 5-2. Geraldine Cottrell scored three and Beryl Carter two goals.

The Mixed team lost 2-1 to Pinehurst Y.C. Bernard Williams scored just before full time.

Swindon's 1st XI won 2-1 at Cheltenham despite the fact that they were a player short. Walker and Oliver scored after Cheltenham had taken the lead.

After weeks of inactivity Swindon II defeated Cheltenham II 1-0.

In an evenly contested first half Swindon took the lead with an opportunist goal by Barnett.

In defence Clanchy and Parker were prominent for Swindon, but the Cheltenham side had only themselves to blame for being a goal down at the interval. Twice the Cheltenham forwards had fine opportunities, which they failed to take. Wood smothering one shot from close range.

A feature of the second half was the determined running of right winger Cockram, but his centres were not improved upon, due to lack of aggression by the inside forwards.

Towards the end of the game Swindon were in complete command after two of the Cheltenham players were taken to hospital with injuries, and Ferguson went close to increasing the lead.

Swindon team: Wood; Clanchy, Ferguson, Daly, Parker, Colborne; Barnett, adoby, Ferguson, Deacon, Cockram.

P. Latouche celebrated his return to the Swindon BR side by scoring four goals against Calne & Harris. J. Austin scored a fifth.

BR team: Slade; Segust, Smith; Manners, Powell, Ponting; Austin, Latouche, Hunt, Hounsell, A. N. Other.

King Alfred's School, Wantage beat Reading School 3-1. Southern (2) and Child scored.

Swindon hockey team draw

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI drew 1-1 at Wallingford.

The game was disappointing, due mainly to poor pitch conditions. There were, however, occasions when intelligent hockey was played, particularly from J. Barnett, who played well on the left wing and I. Baxter at centre half who held the defence together.

J. Oliver scored Swindon's goal after a good forward movement. Team: A. Wood; N. Tomkins, M. Smith; J. Ferguson, I. Baxter, R. Colborne; M. Tomkins, J. Nowell, J. Oliver, M. Deacon, J. Barnett.

HOCKEY

Swindon too good for Devizes

SWINDON Hockey Club defeated Devizes 4-0 on Saturday but the finishing in the first half had been less lagged the score would have been higher.

Swindon did most of the attacking in each half, and when Devizes did get going, their efforts broke down against a solid Swindon defence. The score at half-time was 1-0, the goal being scored by Len Phipps soon after the start.

The same player scored again just after the resumption, the other goals being scored by M. Scott and J. Oliver.

A most encouraging feature of the last two games from Swindon's point of view, has been the improved play of the inside forwards, Scott and Oliver.

Oliver is fast and determined but is inclined to wander too much at times.

Scott stops to ball well and passes intelligently but could use a little more speed. Both insides combine well with Len Phipps who seems much happier at centre forward than elsewhere.

Although J. Read is, unfortunately, not able to play regularly, his speed at outside right adds bite to the attack when he does.

In the defence N. Tomkins, the captain, has regained this season, some of the good form he showed two seasons ago, his anticipation being of a high standard.

T. N. Ferguson has played some sound games at half-back but he should get rid of the ball much more quickly, especially after a successful tackle. Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loader, W. Harland, L. Charles, Baxter, T. N. Ferguson; J. Read, J. Oliver, L. Phipps, M. Scott, R. Colborne.

SANFORD ON TOP

Swindon 2nd XI lost 3-2 to Sanford Y.C.

Swindon scored first through Ferguson, but Sanford soon equalised. Swindon's defence was hard pressed and conceded two more goals before Walker scored for Swindon.

Sanford's team work, especially their defensive covering, was better than Swindon and they gained a well deserved victory. Swindon team: Wood; Ladymann, Scott; Walker, Cockram, Gladwin; Tomkins, Ferguson, Packer, Walker, Oliver.

Swindon women 1st XI defeated Pressed Steel at Oxford 6-0.

In the first half honours were fairly even, neither side making the most of their opportunities, but Swindon led 3-0.

The most outstanding feature of the second half was the break-away by A. Fuller on the right wing which resulted in a beautiful timed goal from the edge of the circle.

Throughout the game the defence combined well frustrating all Oxford's attempts to score. On the other hand many promising movements by the Swindon forwards were ruined by thoughtless and unnecessary offside decisions.

Scorers were: M. Farrant (4), A. Fuller and M. Leach. Team: J. Tyler; A. Baxter, K. Goodie, R. Finch, R. Tomkins, J. Baxter, A. Fuller, M. Farrant, M. Lee, M. Leckie, J. Fleming.

CLUBS GET

HOCKEY Swindon too good for Chippenham

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI defeated Chippenham 4-0.

Both sides played some good hockey in the first half, and at the interval Swindon led 2-0, the goals being scored, rather luckily, in the first five minutes by Oliver and Roberts.

Swindon were still in control in the second period, but Chippenham made occasional attacks, only to find Wood safe in goal.

Towards the end the game deteriorated into a scramble with too much uncontrolled hitting and Swindon seemed anxious to prove their versatility. N. Tomkins, the right full back several times appeared on the right wing, and L. Baxter, the right half, spent a lot of time among the forwards. The centre forward, L. Phipps, finding no room in his rightful position, nevertheless managed quite well as a sort of assistant centre half. The goals this half were scored by Oliver and L. Phipps. Swindon team: A. Wood; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; L. Baxter, M. Casey, W. Harland; J. Read, E. Walker. L. Phipps, J. Oliver, G. Roberts.

Swindon BR entertained Westinghouse (Chippenham) and were

Hockey Swindon player injured

SWINDON HOCKEY CLUB, after several weeks of enforced idleness entertained Wallingford and drew 3-3.

Wallingford scored first and held the lead for about 20 minutes. Then Read scored a good goal on his own, following a splendid cross-field pass from Harland. Swindon took the lead immediately afterwards though Scott, only for Wallingford to equalise before half-time.

The game became over robust in the second half. After Wallingford had taken the lead, Oliver equalised for Swindon who were, unlucky not to score at least twice, with the Wallingford defence at sea.

Wallingford played their usual game of hit hard and run after it. With the extreme speed of two of their forwards, coupled with the bumpy pitch, this type of game is difficult to combat.

The Swindon defence was shaky under pressure at times, and was unlucky to lose N. Tomkins 20 minutes from the end owing to a badly cut eye. Nevertheless Swindon were unlucky throughout.

Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; M. Casey, L. C. Baxter, W. Harland; J. Read, J. Oliver, N. Phipps, S. Walker, M. Scott.

SWINDON HOCKEY Phipps was live-wire leader

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI visiting Oxford, beat St. Edmund Hall 4-2.

The game opened with some strong attacks by the College, and had their play near the circle been a little better they would have doubtless scored. Swindon fought back and after 15 minutes were awarded a short corner. In the ensuing scramble J. Oliver scored.

For the remainder of the first half the Swindon defence survived strong pressure. The second half was only a few minutes old when Phipps put Swindon further ahead.

From this stage the game gradually deteriorated, both sides indulging in a considerable amount of ineffective big-hitting.

The College were eventually rewarded with two well deserved goals, one scored from the edge of the circle, and the other from a short corner.

Phipps, who was in devastating form, scored two more goals for Swindon. One from a fine centre by Tomkins and the other, a cracking shot, chest high, off the goal-post.

On the whole it was a good game in which the home-side had the better of the play, but lacked the finishing power of Swindon.

Swindon owed their victory to Phipps (centre-forward) and to Loder, N. Tomkins and Harland in defence.

Swindon team: E. J. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; L. Baxter, M. Casey, W. Harland; M. Tomkins, J. Oliver, L. Phipps, M. Scott, D. Oliver.

HOCKEY Hat trick performed by Oliver

SWINDON 1st XI made an encouraging start to the season by defeating City of Oxford 4-0. The game began at a fast pace, both sides going close, in the opening minutes. The City were awarded a penalty bully when the ball was stopped on the goal line by Tomkins's feet, but Tomkins saved the bully.

This seemed to put life into the Swindon forwards. In a burst of attacking, three goals were scored, two by Oliver and the other by Len Phipps.

The second half was more even, when Oliver completed his hat trick.

The City were unlucky on at least three occasions, when certain goals were saved by the Swindon defenders, more or less by accident, but a little more care would probably have increased Swindon's score.

The game was played with great enthusiasm throughout. The Swindon forwards showed up much better than Oxford's, and it is to be hoped that the determined following up and pressing home attacks will be a feature of the team's displays.

The Swindon defenders were sound with Tomkins playing splendidly at right back.

Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; M. Casey, L. Baxter, W. Harland; J. Read, J. Oliver, A. Phipps, S. Walker, G. Roberts.

Chippenham men scored a 3-0 home victory over Swindon BR. Bennett, Dann and Kingsbury scored.

Swindon II beat City of Oxford III 3-1. Swindon team: A. Wood; O. Ladyman, T. Ferguson; S. Daly, E. H. Cockram (capt); R. Colbourne; M. Tomkins, M. Deacon, A. J. Packer, M. Scott, D. Oliver.

HOCKEY The margin flattered Swindon

SWINDON hockey club's first XI were flattered by their 3-1 victory over Royal Agricultural College (Cirencester) as there was little between the sides throughout. Swindon led 1-0 at half-time, the goal coming from a good solo effort by J. Read.

RAC pressed hard in the second half and thoroughly deserved to equalise, but their finishing was slow, and also they found Little, the Swindon goalkeeper in fine form.

L. Phipps put Swindon further ahead following good work by J. Read, and Harland scored the third goal just on time.

There was a good deal of hard hitting not all of it well directed, from both sides but the game was fast and open and the Swindon defence had a busy time, as the RAC forwards were thrustful and determined.

At the other end the RAC backs had plenty to do and, with so little between the teams, the deciding factor was the goalkeeping of Little who showed up much better than his opposite number. Swindon team: E. Little; N. Tomkins, R. Loder; L. Baxter, M. Casey, I. N. Ferguson; J. Read, J. Ferguson, L. Phipps, W. Harland, E. Walker.

NINE FOR 2nd XI

Swindon 2nd XI beat RAC II at Cirencester 9-1.

RAC went close at the start, Wood being fully extended to intercept a ball going across the goal.

Hard clearances by J. Scott and Clanchy relieved pressure, however, and the Swindon forwards ably led by the youthful Packer soon settled into a penetrating combination. It came as no surprise when Swindon took the lead. As a result of good anticipation by M. Scott and J. Oliver, following runs by winger D. Oliver, Swindon increased their lead to 3-0 at half-time.

With Colborne and Daly keeping a tight hold on the College wingers the Cirencester side were well contained, and in spite of Cockham having to leave the field with an injury Swindon further increased their lead at regular intervals. The College however, played good hockey throughout and they were rewarded when their inside right scored a fine goal. Scores for Swindon were: M. Scott (3), Packer (2), J. Oliver, Tomkins, J. Scott and Clanchy.

Swindon team: Wood; Clanchy, Tomkins, J. Oliver, Packer, M. Scott, D. Oliver.

HOCKEY Forwards lacked finish

SWINDON TOWN Hockey Club's 1st XI visited Bourne mouth and lost 3-0.

In the first 20 minutes Swindon's defence was unsettled by the quick passing and combination of the Bournemouth forwards and it was during this period that the home side scored a good goal. Swindon's defence settled down but Bournemouth scored again before half-time.

Swindon began the second half well, the whole team producing good constructive hockey, but the forwards lacked finish.

Bournemouth scored again near the end.

Swindon: Daly; Harland, Edgington; Baxter, Tompkins, Colborne; Cockram, Phipps, Rutter, Gadsby, Packer.

Swindon 1st XI beat the Royal Military College of Science 1-0 on Saturday. College had many short and long corners and should have saved the game.

Swindon: S. Daly; W. Harland, D. Edgington; T. Ferguson, L. Baxter, R. Colborne; M. Tomkins, L. Rutter, K. Gadsby, J. Barnett.

DEACON HAT-TRICK

Swindon II beat City of Oxford 4-0. They went straight into the attack and Oxford were kept in their own half. It was not long before Swindon opened the scoring through Packer.

This was soon followed by a goal from M. Deacon, the result of a fine solo effort. He beat three players before putting the ball out of reach of the goalkeeper.

Swindon kept Oxford under pressure and added another through M. Deacon before half-time.

After the interval Swindon held Oxford in their own half for long periods, and were unfortunate in only being able to add one more goal. This came from M. Deacon who thus completed a fine hat-trick.

In the second half the Oxford goalkeeper was outstanding and saved his side.

Swindon: Wood; Smith, Scott, Pope, Parker, Rainey; J. Deacon, Oliver, Packer, M. Deacon, Willey.

Hockey Swindon held by Cheltenham

SWINDON and Cheltenham hockey teams drew 1-1 at Moredon on Saturday. The pitch was in good condition and helped to provide a fast game.

Play swung from end to end for the first 20 minutes. Then Swindon were awarded a penalty corner, and after good work by Phipps, M. TOMKINS scored.

This goal put more fire into the Cheltenham forwards and the Swindon goal had two narrow escapes.

In the second half Cheltenham put on more pressure and after 15 minutes they equalised from a penalty corner, beautifully taken by their centre half, Mackintosh.

The Swindon defenders were getting through a lot of hard work and M. Casey, playing in the unaccustomed position of full-back, was notably sound.

For Swindon, Phipps worked hard in the forward line, as did Oliver, but not to the same effect. Swindon team: Little, Casey, N. Tomkins, Ferguson, Baxter, Harland, M. Tomkins, Oliver, Packer, Phipps, Rainey.

Swindon II beat Cheltenham II 2-0.

Playing strong, attacking hockey Swindon forced a series of corners and it came as no surprise when M. SCOTT scored with a powerful shot.

Cheltenham pressed and gained a corner but a quick clearance by J. Scott found R. COLBOURNE unmarked and he ran the length of the pitch to put the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Sound positional play by the Swindon defenders enabled them to hold the visiting attack and to feed their own forwards with good passes.

Owing to a second half injury, however, the shuffled forward line ceased to work effectively and Swindon had to be content with a win by two goals to nil.

Swindon team: Wood, Ladyman, Leighton, Colborne, Cockram, Daly, Smith, Scott, J. Scott, Ferguson, Gladwell.

SWINDON II BEATEN

Swindon II were beaten 2-0 by Reading II.

Reading scored in the early stages and again late in the second half.

Reading's fast-moving forward line was, without doubt, the best seen at Moredon this season, and but for the hard work of the Swindon defenders the score would have been different.

Left back David Edgington played his best game for Swindon so far, and combined well with his partner, M. Smith (right back).

Swindon showed that they could hit back and did well to keep Reading in their own half for 15 minutes early in the second half. J. Oliver went close on several occasions. A goal at this stage could have swung the game about, but Reading raced away towards the end to clinch the honours.

Team: A. Wood, M. Smith, D. Edgington, M. Casey, E. Cockram, L. Baxter, M. Tomkins, J. Ferguson, J. Oliver, M. Deacon, J. Barnett.

Hockey defeat for Swindon

Swindon Hockey Club's 1st XI lost to Bournemouth 1st XI 3-1 in Swindon yesterday.

Although rain had made the ground sticky a fast game resulted.

Bournemouth opened the scoring through their inside right following a goalmouth melee. At this early stage Bournemouth were much more dangerous and were frequently in the Swindon half. The home side, however, held out and changed round at half-time one goal down.

Immediately Swindon looked a better side and Rutter, after a fine effort, saw his shot hit the goalkeeper and go for a corner.

Swindon's wingers were more effective now and with a little luck Oliver would have scored. Bournemouth, however, increased their lead when their centre forward ran on to a through ball and scored.

Swindon came back and reduced the arrears from a penalty corner. For a short time Swindon pressed hard and it looked as though the equaliser was coming, but the visiting goalkeeper made many good saves and Bournemouth scored yet again from a breakaway.

Swindon's forward line worked hard, Rutter and Oliver being the most dangerous. Team: S. Daly, W. Harland, D. Edgington, L. Baxter, N. Tomkins, T. Ferguson, E. Cockram, E. Rutter, J. Oliver, K. Gadsby, J. Smith.

GOOD RECOVERY

Swindon II beat Bournemouth II 4-2 and well deserved their victory.

Bournemouth opened the scoring but Swindon quickly recovered. M. Smith and veteran Bob Clanchey closed the gaps well and set the forwards going. By half-time Swindon had scored two good goals through Rainey and Packer.

Soon after the interval centre forward Packer added another following some fine work by left winger Willie and inside left Rainey.

The Swindon halves played well, centre half S. Parker having his best game of the season. Bournemouth added a second goal and Swindon went further ahead through inside right Deacon in the last minute. Team: Hansell, M. Smith, B. Clanchey, R. Colborne, S. Parker, J. Ferguson, B. Willie, J. Rainey, S. Packer, M. Deacon, J. Sutton.

HOCKEY

Seven-goal defeat for Swindon

SWINDON Hockey Club's 1st XI lost 7-0 to Bristol at Bristol on Saturday.

Right from the start, in excellent conditions Bristol looked exceedingly dangerous in front of goal and it was no surprise when they scored from a penalty corner.

Swindon were not outplayed, but could make little impression on a sound defence. J. Oliver, Swindon's centre forward, always a trier, fastened on to some long through balls in the middle, but the sound covering of the Bristol left back, J. Atchley, saved the day.

Bristol added two more goals during relentless pressure before the interval.

Swindon gave everything they had in the first ten minutes of the second half and for a time there was a glimmer of hope with the inside trio of Oliver, Rainey and Deacon going close.

Bristol broke away, however, and scored a fourth goal.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

From that point it was one-way traffic with the Bristol forwards using the square pass and the through ball with great effect. They were ably backed up by a strong half back line which never allowed the Swindon defence a moment's respite.

It was to the credit of the Swindon defence generally that at this period when Bristol were playing copy book hockey, they conceded only three more goals with special mention for A. Wood the goalkeeper. He gave a sound display against overwhelming odds.

Swindon's team was: A. Wood, W. Harland, D. Edgington, T. Ferguson, N. Tomkins, L. Baxter, M. Tomkins, M. Deacon, J. Oliver, J. Rainey, R. Colborne.