

Sports Chat
By Chiltern

IT WAS THE BIGGEST-EVER GATE

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Over 26,000 Saw Town's Triumph Over 'Spurs

The Town's ground record was broken on Saturday. The first official figures issued by the club before the end of the match with Spurs were 25,113, but a re-check yesterday revealed the fact that the attendance was 26,362.

This beats the previous record set up when Swindon were the visitors in a Cup-tie in 1938 by 516. Previous best League gate was 25,349 against Aston Villa on September 1, 1937.

All gates were closed just before the start of the match, and Phil Coley, the secretary, estimates that there were only about 150 people who failed to gain admission to the ground.

ARRANGEMENTS for packing the crowd seemed to work smoothly, and there was a good response to the Chief Constable's appeals.

There appeared to be some overcrowding in the corner nearest the stand at the Oak-road end, and I hear that there were some complaints from late-comers to the enclosure in front of the stand who found that they could not see the game.

Most of these were found positions in other parts of the ground, and only one man was so completely dissatisfied that he asked for his money back

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