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news&views

Today we welcome complete newcomers to Swindon. This is the first occasion the two teams have met, either in League or Cup football. One of the reasons is the fact that Chester has played in Division 3 (North) and Division 4.

Although the Club was formed as long ago as 1884, Chester did not come into League football until 1931. They were elected along with Mansfield Town, chiefly because of their fine record in the Cheshire League. Strange as it may seem, they can still claim League seniority over such later arrivals as Aldershot, Ipswich Town, Colchester, Scunthorpe, Shrewsbury, Working-

ton, Peterborough and Oxford United.

Chester's League history is very much an enigma. In their first nine seasons the Club averaged 50 points. The final placings were 3rd, 4th, 10th, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd, 9th, 6th and 3rd. It can be seen that on several occasions they only just missed promotion to Division 2. Remember only one club from Division 3 (North) moved up to a higher Division each season. Then came a slump and Chester were never in a position above 12th in the next eleven seasons. Twice re-elected as bottom club their final positions were 20th, 18th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 24th, 24th, 17th, 21st and 21st. The last total meant becoming members of Division 4 on its formation in 1958. Still the bad patch pursued them, and again they had to seek re-election. However the Club struggled on (what heroes are the officials of these smaller clubs) and last season came the long awaited revival. This has continued during the current year, and there is great heart in the Club, and a tremendous fighting spirit in the team, as instanced by their victory over Bristol City (a hard team to defeat) in the last round of the F.A. Cup.

At present Chester occupy 9th, position in Division 4, having gained 28 points from 27 matches, and they have won five games away from home. Swindon in comparison are in 6th position in Division 2, with 32 points from 28 games, and have won three and drawn six games on opponents' grounds — twelve points against eight by Chester. Cup-ties often produce surprise results. This could be a very hard game indeed. Our opponents

must have learned much from their encounter with Bristol City.

Chester play on a delightful ground at Sealand Road, which they have occupied since 1906. They play in sky-blue from top to toe, although their former colours were blue and white stripes, and prior to 1930 were black and white.

The only connections we have had with Chester were very slight. Mr. Louis Page after leaving Swindon became its manager, and Mr. John Harris (now manager of Sheffield United) is the son of one of our former managers, Mr. Neil Harris, and for a period lived in Swindon, and still has many friends here. His first post as a manager was at Chester. Two former players had short spells there, namely Johnny Thomas, a right winger, and Ken Brandon, outside-left. Some of our older supporters will remember them being on our books in the early fifties. Brandon came to us from the Royal Army Pay Corps stationed at Devizes, and played as an amateur for a short period.

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Supporters' Club Notes

Today we welcome to the County Ground the team, officials and supporters of Chester. Cup-ties never fail to stir the imagination of fans or bring out the best performances of teams. Disparity in League positions, or Leagues themselves, cannot be relied upon to give any guide as to which team will eventually win. Chester must be afforded the respect due to any team reaching today's Cup-tie. So lots of vocal support to the final whistle from all Swindon supporters here this afternoon.

Today's Supporters' Club donation of £2,000 to the Chairman of the Swindon Town Football Co. is the first donation from this year's Supporters' Club Weekly competition. Until the end of the season, to facilitate the Football Club, the full General Committee has arranged to donate a monthly cheque of £400 — all from the Competition. We would very much like to increase these amounts, and this cannot really be achieved without more agents, despite the sterling work of our present agents. With the improvements to the ground, starting with the work on the new stand in March, we welcome anyone who will join us to help improve facilities and raise the County Ground to the standard required in the coming decades. So contact our promoter, Mr. Phil Hart, at our H.Q.'s office under the Town End stand any Friday evening or Saturday afternoon, or phone him at Purton 601.

Mr. Harris, the Hon. Secretary of the Swindon Hospital Broadcasting Society, thanks all those who contributed towards the collection on Saturday, 10th January, which amounted to £97. There will be many listening to today's Cup-tie, in Hospital wards throughout Swindon, thanks to your generosity.

Finally, here are the final details of the Annual Supporters' Club Dinner and Dance at McIlroy's Ballroom, Regent Street:

Date: Wednesday, 11th March. Dinner: 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Menu: Minestrone Soup; Halibut au Gratin; Roast Beef, with

appropriate vegetables; Pear Hélène; Cheese and Biscuits; Coffee.

Tickets: Dinner and Dance 30/-; Dance only 7/6. Obtainable from the Social Secretary, Mrs. B. Ranger, Swindon 5158, any Committee member or Club officer.

Face in the crowd – is it you?



In all future editions of this Season's programme we shall publish a photograph of a small section of the crowd at a previous match, one member of which will be clearly indicated by means of a circle. This person will be entitled to a free seat at the next match on producing the programme at the office.

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The Club was founded in 1885 being an amalgamation of two local clubs, Chester Rovers and Kings School Old Boys.

Friendly fixtures were played until season 1890 when Chester became one of the founder members of the now defunct Football Combination. They remained members of this League until season 1910/1911 when they were admitted to the Lancashire Combination. During membership of the Football Combination they won the Championship on one occasion in season 1908/09. The previous season, 1907/08, they became holders of the Welsh Cup for the first time, an honour which has been repeated on two occasions since in seasons 1932/33 and 1947/48.

The most memorable day in the history of the Club was the 1st June, 1931, when application was made for membership of the Football League (Northern Section). Clubs seeking re-election were Rochdale and Nelson with Chester and Manchester Central as the new applicants. Rochdale obtained 47 votes, Chester 27, Nelson 27 and Manchester Central 4. At the second ballot Chester obtained 28 to Nelson's 20 and they were duly elected. The first Football League game was against Wigan on 25th August, 1931, before a crowd of 12,625, resulting in a 4—0 win, all the goals coming in the second half. Chester have been members of the Football League since that date but regrettably have not won promotion either from the old Northern Section or the present 4th Division.

Chester's first encounter in the F.A. Cup was against Wrexham in 1888 which Wrexham won 1—0. Chester have had some memorable games in this Competition but the most exciting was the 3rd Round tie against Fulham in season 1932/33. Chester had beaten Rotherham and Yeovil in the previous rounds and Fulham, then a 2nd Division team were drawn at Sealand Road in the 3rd Round. Chester were given little chance by the pundits of beating the famous Fulham side but before a crowd of 14,328 spectators, Fulham were demoralised, being defeated 5—0. Outside-left, Hedley, scored four goals and inside-right, Mercer, one, in this wonderful victory. Many who witnessed this game considered this was the best-ever side and for the record the team was: Johnson; Bennett, Herod; Pitcairn, Skitt, Bell; Armes, Mercer, Mantle, Creswell, Hedley. There was anti-climax in the 4th Round when, after a goal-less draw at Chester they lost the replay at Halifax 3—2. The most recent achievement in the F.A. Cup was in season 1964/65, when Chester were drawn away to Manchester United in the 3rd Round. There were 45,000 spectators at this game and after 11 minutes Jimmy Humes gave Chester the lead. It took all the experience and guile of Manchester United to save the game, which they did late in the second half, eventually winning 2—1.

The ground record was established in 1952 when after holding Chelsea to a 2—2 draw at Stamford Bridge, the replay took place at Sealand Road on 16th January, 1952, when 20,500 spectators watched a game which Chester lost 2—3. This record still stands though the record receipts were against Newcastle United in the F.A. Cup 3rd Round on 22nd January, 1966, 19,800 spectators paying £6,339 to watch the game.

TERRY CARLING (Goalkeeper)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs. Born Otley, Yorks. Signed in December 1966 from Walsall. Also had spells with Leeds United and Lincoln.

CLIFF SEAR (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 104 ins. Weight 10st. 3lbs. Born Rhostyllen, North Wales. Cliff signed for Chester in April 1968 from Manchester City, with whom he had played for several seasons.

BARRY ASHWORTH (Wing-half)

Height 6ft. Weight 11st. 7lbs. Born Stockport. Signed from Tranmere Rovers in August 1967. Formerly with Hartlepools and Southend.

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MICHAEL SUTTON (Wing-half/Forward)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st. 8lbs. Born Norwich. Signed for Chester in close season 1967/68 from Norwich, with whom he had been since leaving school.

GRAHAM TURNER (Centre-half)
Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Signed for Chester from Wrexham in January 1968. Turned professional whilst with Wrexham.

WILLIAM DEARDEN (Forward)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 10st. 2lbs. Born Oldham. Signed for Chester in June 1968 from Crewe Alexandra, after previously being with Oldham.

ANDREW PROVAN (Forward)

Height 5ft. 5ins. Joined Chester from York City in August 1968. Previously with Barnsley. Consistent goal scorer. Born Greenock, Scotland.

ROY CHEETHAM (Wing-half/Full-back)

Height 5ft. 101ins. Signed during season 1968/69 on return from America. Previous club, Manchester City, who he joined from school. Born Barton.

DEREK DRAPER (Inside-forward)

Height 5ft. 7ins. Fee paid to Bradford season 1968/69. Previous clubs, Swansea and Derby County. Under 23 Welsh International. Born Swansea.

ALAN CAUGHTER (Full-back) Height 5ft. 8ins. Signed part-time professional in season 1968/69. Schoolmaster. Born Bangor, North Wales.

NIGEL EDWARDS (Centre-half/Full-back)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Signed full-time professional in season 1968/69. Welsh Youth International. Born Wrexham.

TERRY BRADBURY (Half-back)

Height 6ft. Signed during close season. Regular member of Wrexham's first team last season. Previous clubs, Chelsea, Orient and Southend. Born in London.

NEIL GRIFFITHS (Half-back)

On ground staff last season, showing great promise in Cheshire League team. Signed as full-time professional in July 1969. Born Stoke-on-Trent.

KEITH WEBBER (Centre-forward/Inside-forward)

Height 5ft. 91ins. Born Cardiff. Signed during close season from Doncaster Rovers. Previous clubs, Brighton, Everton and Wrexham.

ALAN SPENCE

Signed recently from Oldham. Had previous service with Southport, for whom he was leading post-war goal scorer.

ALAN TARBUCK

Signed October 1969. Local boy who went direct from school to Everton. He joined Crewe Alexandra from Everton in season 1967/68. Season 1967/68 he scored 10 goals in 29 appearances and in season 1968/69 he scored 6 goals in 37 appearances.

GRAHAM BIRKS

Born Sheffield. Signed from Southend United in October 1969. Previous clubs, Sheffield Wednesday and Peterborough.

STEPHEN STACEY

On temporary transfer from Ipswich.

Division I I

Fixture List

Appearances

1969	
August	
9 Blackburn Rovers	(A) 0—2
13 Cardiff City	(A) 2-2
16 Carlisle United	(A) 2—2 (H) 2—2
19 Cardiff City	(H) 2—1
23 Aston Villa	(A) 2-0
30 Charlton Athletic	(H) 5—0
September	THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF
2 League Cup(2) Swans	ea(A) 3-1
6 Blackpool	(A) 2-3
13 Oxford United	(H) 0-0
16 Middlesbrough	(A) 0-0
20 Queen's Park Rangers	(A) 0-2
24 League Cup (3) Oxford	
27 Leicester City	(H) 1—1
30 Millwall	(H) 2—1
October	
4 Bolton Wanderers	(A) 1—0
7 Carlisle United	(A) 2—2 (H) 2—1
11 Sheffield United	(H) 2—1
18 Hull City	(H) 1—0
25 Portsmouth	(A) 1—3
November	
1 Norwich City	(H) 2-0
8 Birmingham City	(A) 0—2
15 Watford	(A) 0—0
22 Huddersfield Town	(H) 2—1
29 Preston North End	(A) 1—3
December	
6 Bristol City	(H) 1—1
13 Oxford United	(A) 0—0
20 Blackpool	(H) P
26 Aston Villa	(11) 1-1
27 Charlton Athletic	(A) 1—1
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January	
3 F.A. Cup Blackburn	100 100
10 Queen's Park Rangers	(H) 0—0
17 Leicester City	(A) 2—0
24 F.A. Cup (4) Chester	(H) 2
31 Bolton Wanderers	(H)
February	
7 Sheffield United	(A)
14 Blackburn Rovers	(H)
21 Portsmouth	(H)
28 Hull City	(A)
March	
7 Huddersfield Town	(A)
14 Preston North End	(H)
21 Bristol City	(A)
28 Watford	(H)
30 Norwich City 31 Birmingham City	(A)
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14 Middlesbrough	(H)

Name Name	Div. II	League Cup	F.A. Cup	Cup Winners Cup
Downsborough	28	2	1	2
Thomas	28	2	1	2
Trollope	28	2	1	2
Butler	28	2	100	2
Burrows	27	2	1	1
Harland	28	2	1	2
Smith	14 (1) 2	1	2
Horsfield *	27	2	1	. 2
Smart	28	2	1	2
Noble	25	2	1	2
Rogers	22	2	1	2
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Trollope	1			
Thomas	1			
Smart	2			
Butler			1	
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League Table - Division II

(up to and including Tuesday, 20th January, 1970)

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Sheffield United			29	15	5	9	54	25	35
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Cardiff City			27	14	6	9 7	45	24	34
Queen's Park Ranger	'S		29	14	6		49	38	
Swindon Town			28	9	12	9 6	35	29	34
Middlesbrough			27	13	6	0			32
Blackpool		•••	27	12			36	30	32
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Bolton Wanderers	***	***	28	9	7	12	39	47	25
Dortemouth	***	2.00	28	8	8	12	40	44	24
Manuich City	***	***	28	8	8	12	41	52	24
Millwall	***	***	27	10	4	13	26	33	24
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Oxford United	- PARS		26	8 5	8	10	21	27	24
Charlton Athletic		***	28	5	13	10	25	47	23
Hull City		***	26	9 7	4	13	40	45	22
Preston North End	***		27	7	7	13	29	38	21
Watford	1,000	***	28	6	7	15	30	36	19
Aston Villa			26	4	9	13	22	41	17

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G—Grimsby Town v. Swansea Town
H—Oldham Athletic v. Bradford

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Forthcoming Matches on This Ground

SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1970

Division II

SWINDON TOWN v. BOLTON WANDERERS Kick-off 3 p.m.

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Football Combination Cup SWINDON TOWN v. ARSENAL Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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DIVISION II

SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1970

Drew with Queen's Park Rangers (home) 0-0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers.

Attendance: 18,219.

Referee: Mr. G. W. Hill (Leicester).

SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1970.

Beat Leicester City (away) 2-0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers, Sub. Heath.

Scorer: Horsfield (2).

Attendance: 24,378.

Referee: Mr. J. R. Taylor (Wolverhampton).

HELLENIC LEAGUE

SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1970

Lost to Amersham (away) 1-0.

Team: Grzadowski; Allen, Claypole; Ackling, Grubb, Dakin; Kale, Stroud, Baggaridge, Jellings, Moss.

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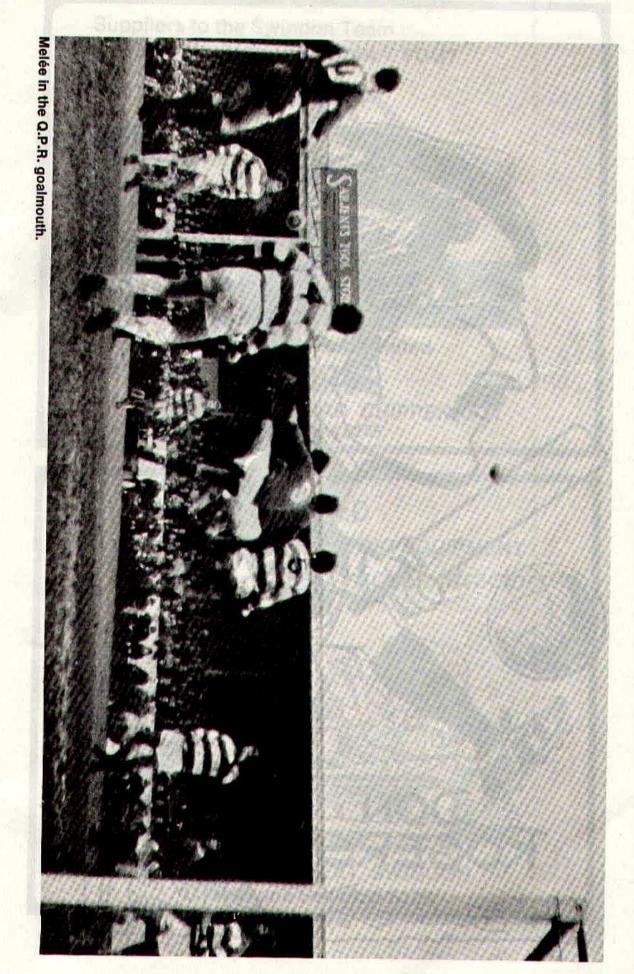
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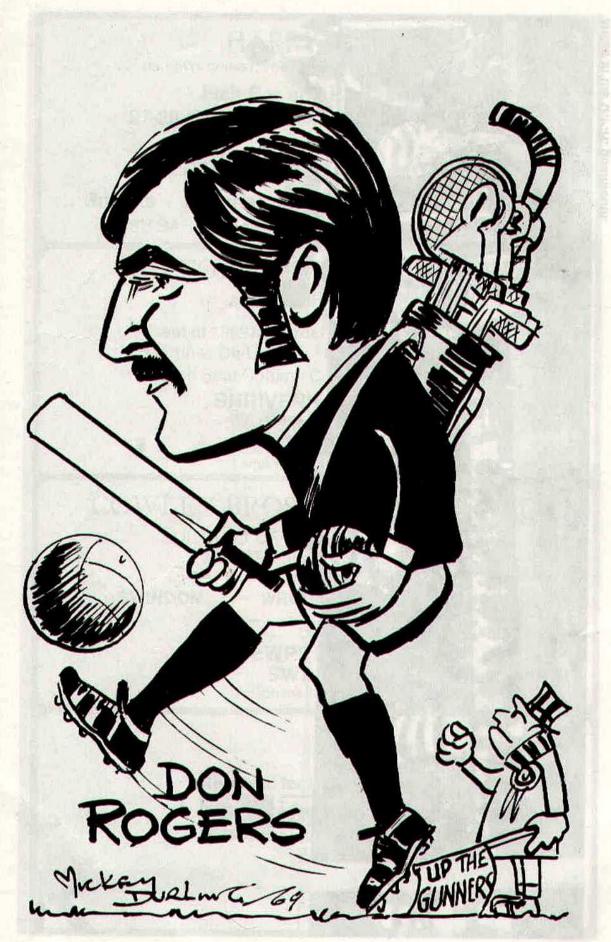
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