



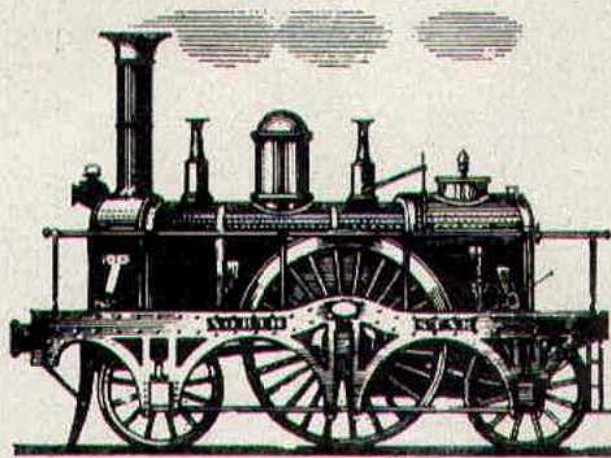
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## NEWS & VIEWS

After we have remarked on how quickly fortunes can change in football. Less than a year ago, on the 30th November 1974 to be precise we entertained our visitors of today. At that time both the teams had their sights set on promotion. Swindon occupied the second position in the League table with 25 points from 20 games. Colchester was in third place with 23 points from 20 games.

The match was therefore looked upon as a very vital one. If anything today's game is even more important. Our visitors are in fourth place from the bottom of the table with 3 points from 6 games while we are just one position above them with 4 points from 6 games.

Today's result is of much consequence to both clubs.

Reverting back to last season, our home game resulted in a resounding win by 4 goals to one, after being 2-1 in the lead at half-time. The away fixture was rather a disaster. The game due to be played on 18th January 1975 was abandoned just after half-time, because of heavy rain, and the state of the pitch, much to the disgust of Colchester as they were leading by three goals to nil at the time. However on the 4th March 1975, they gained the desired result by two goals to nil.

During the close-season; the Colchester Manager Mr. Jim Smith moved on to Blackburn Rovers and was replaced by Mr. Bobby Roberts, the former Leicester mid-field player.

Like us, our visitors have had to cope with a crop of injuries, and with both clubs carrying rather small staffs, this creates problems - something common to many clubs this season.

Criticism has been made regarding the Town's financial position and its policy of endeavouring to cut expenses and reduce the great burden of a massive overdraft.

Personally, I cannot see the logic of increasing the overdraft by something like £2000, as that amount would be of little account.

It is essential to save every penny possible, to ensure the financial stability of the club. Some of us can remember when Directors and Officials of the Club transported the third team to away games to save money.

Little would be gained if promotion was won, but the club become insolvent.

Regarding administrative costs, I shouldn't like to hazard a guess as to how other clubs are staffed, but I do know that until one has worked behind the scenes, it is quite impossible to realise, how much is involved in running a football club, which is also a Limited Company.

Now for quite another matter. Earlier in the season, a mistake regarding a result was made in these notes. For this I wish to apologise most humbly. What was most pleasing to me was the fact, that not only do great numbers of you buy a programme and study the contents, but you are willing to go to the trouble of writing to the Club about the matter. Thank you all very much.

Please don't be hard on me for having been a supporter for over sixty years, and being responsible for this article, for almost twenty years. I sometimes tend to get the various seasons, and different matches a little confused. So please be tolerant - Thank you.



# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Today we meet our friends from Colchester who, like ourselves, are finding early points hard to get. They too have had their injury problems and like practically all third division sides have to rely on a first team squad that only includes one or two experienced players outside of the twelve chosen for the day.

If you have been reading the comments of Bob Spivey in last weeks "Pink" you will see, that he believes that the Board of Directors are "totally unable or unwilling" to use his words, to see how difficult it is for a manager to cope with these small playing staffs, when injuries come along. I would like to point out that having had a life time concerned with these problems, we feel as a Board that not only are we aware of the difficulties placed with the manager, but that we are also very much aware of the present difficulties of keeping even our club in existence. Mr. Spivey asks why were all the economies made on the playing side, while the club maintained one of the biggest administrative staffs in the third division. This is totally untrue, because our admin. staff of Ron Morse and Bob Jefferies is only backed up by a lady shorthand typist and Mr. Bert Middleton who looks after the ticket sales, mans the telephone and a hundred and one other jobs.

Mr. Spivey was including our Fund raising Manager and his staff, but of course the larger the staff you can carry on fund raising, the higher the clubs income will be.

It was also stated that our playing staff was cut by six, but it was not made clear that of this six, three were the young professionals, neither was it pointed out that Danny added three young professionals to the staff, plus re-engaging one of the players released.

It must be pointed out that the Directors are responsible to the Company, to see that the club remains solvent and the only way that this can be done must be very obvious to the most simple minded people. If our income from gates is not sufficient to meet the out-goings, then further money saving activities must be explored and carried out. This we do at Swindon as all clubs have to do.

We at Swindon in consultation with our manager first of all explore the expenditure needed for the playing staff. This is number one, inspite of the thoughts of our sports writer. After the needs of the playing staff we have to get down to such items as travelling, police charges, flood-lighting, ground upkeep etc. etc.

We have certain items in our budget that we cannot exclude such as rent, rates, electricity etc.

Many people may say what have we done with all the money that we have received from our sale of players over the years and the answer to that one, is quite straight forward, but these notes do not give me enough space to set out the answers, but we have the answers in our expenditure over the years.

Over the last two seasons we have speculated over two hundred thousand pounds in the hope that we could weather the financial difficulties and build up a team worthy of the top division. We have built up one of the most promising sides that we have had for years, but the inflation of the times have made it difficult for you our supporters as well as for ourselves and we are now facing the most critical economic time that has ever been met by the Club before.

In these stringent times, we the Board, spend many hours exploring every possible way to economise without affecting the running of the teams, but with ever rising costs clubs have to cut there staffs to a minimum.

Some football league clubs try and run on just a squad of first team players and do without a reserve team. Some clubs are even now working with part time players in their squad, so serious is the position getting.

The Football League Management Committee officers have already had talks with the Players Union Members concerning freedom of contract. Suggestions from these meetings if carried out would mean even more trouble for the ordinary league clubs.

One of the propositions put forward that players might have the right to move to wherever they can get a better deal whatever the

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# The Town **Focus** On

## COLIN PROPHETT

**Name:** Colin Prophett  
**Birthplace:** Crewe  
**Height:** 6ft.  
**Married:** Yes  
**Wife's name:** Cathy  
**Children:** Yes  
**Child's Name:** Emma  
**Previous Clubs:** Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich City  
**Favourite Players:** Colin Suggett, Colin Todd  
**Favourite Team:** Liverpool  
**Biggest Disappointment:** Missing Wembley by one goal  
**Most memorable match:** League Cup semi-final v Wolves 1974.  
**Biggest football thrill:** Playing well  
**Favourite food:** Steak and Prawn Curry  
**Favourite T.V. Shows:** Sportsnight, Two Ronnies, Porridge.  
**Favourite Singer:** Diana Ross.  
**Favourite Actress:** Susan George.  
**Pet Likes:** Cricket, Golf, Family reunions.  
**Pet Dislikes:** Long coach journeys and injuries.  
**Biggest influence on career:** Father, Gerry Young, Ron Saunders.  
**Professional ambition:** To win at Wembley  
**Personal ambition:** To be successful  
**If not a footballer what would you like to be:** Professional cricketer.  
**Which person would you most like to meet:** Denis Lillee.



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**MIKE WALKER (Goalkeeper).** Mike was a one-time Reading reserve who commenced his League career with Shrewsbury but didn't get a regular game until transferring to York in 1966. He played for the Welsh under-23 team against England twice, and Northern Ireland, and in 1968 he was transferred to Watford. He joined Colchester in 1973. League record: Reading nil aps.; Shrewsbury 7 aps.; York 60 aps.; Watford 137 aps.; Charlton (loan) 1 ap.; Colchester 98 aps.

**DEREK HARRISON (Defender).** Derek was a close-season signing from Torquay United where he had been for five seasons, most of the time as a first-teamer. He learned his game with Leicester City, though he didn't play in their League team. League record: Leicester nil aps.; Torquay 124(3) aps.; Colchester 3 aps.

**MICKY PACE** arrived from his League de 69 but, when ago, he went League record Crewe (loan) 2 gls.

**BARRY DOMINEY (Defender).** Barry is a Colchester discovery who turned professional in January 1974 after he had already made several first-team appearances. He can play either in the centre of defence — his usual position — or at right-back. League record: Colchester 27(8) aps. 2 gls.

**MICHAEL COOK (Midfield).** Mike is one of Colchester's most successful discoveries in recent years. He has been a regular first-teamer since his debut in 1969/70, he was ever-present last season and, if he played at Chester on Wednesday, he will be making his 69th consecutive League appearance today. League record: Colchester 228(4) aps. 8 gls.

**TERRY ANDERSON (Midfield).** Terry has rejoined Colchester this season after spending a loan spell with them a couple of seasons back. He began his career with Arsenal but moved to Norwich in 1965. He became a familiar figure in the Canaries' side for several years until they released him in 1974. He spent last season with Scunthorpe and Bournemouth and also played abroad. League record: Arsenal 25 aps. 7 gls.; Norwich 218(18) aps. 16 gls.; Colchester (loan) 4 aps.; Scunthorpe 10 aps.; Colchester 4 aps.

**PAUL DYER (Midfield).** Paul, who was signed from Notts County this summer, didn't get many opportunities in Notts' League team. Indeed, all but one of his games were as substitute. Already he has played almost as many senior games for Colchester. League record: Notts Co. 1(6) aps.;

**JOHN FROGGATT (Striker).** John knew what it was like to be thrown on soccer's scrap heap ten years ago when Notts County released him after only two first-team appearances. He then drifted to Ilkeston and Buxton before linking with Boston for whom he scored 119 goals. Colchester gave him a come-back chance last season when he scored 17 gls. League record: Notts Co. 2 aps.; Colchester 51 aps. 17 gls.

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## COLCHESTER UNIT



**Back Row L to R**

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**Front Row L to R**

Mickie Cook, Steve Leslie, Ray Bunkell (Jimmy Lin Paul Dyer, Bobby Svarc, Mike Packer, Phil Thomas.



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**MICKY PACKER (Defender).** Micky arrived from Watford in 1973. He made his League debut for the Hornets in 1968/69 but, when he lost his place four seasons ago, he went on loan to Crewe Alexandra. League record: Watford 57(11) aps. 2 gls. Crewe (loan) 12 aps.; Colchester 67(1) aps. 2 gls.

**PHIL THOMAS (Defender)** Versatile Phil can play both in midfield and defence. This season he seems to have become more settled at right-back. He began his career with Bournemouth but didn't quite make the first-team at Dean Court. Since joining Colchester in 1972 he has been a regular member of their senior squad. League record: Bournemouth nil aps.; Colchester 102 (4) aps. 8 gls.

## CHESTER UNITED



(io) Ray Cole, Barry Dominey, John Williams, Mike Walker, melt, Lindsay Smith, John Froggatt, Steve Foley, Manager Bobby rts e Cook, Steve Leslie, Ray Bunkell (Jimmy Lindsay, now at Hereford), Oyer, Bobby Svarc, Mike Packer, Phil Thomas.

**JOHN WILLIAMS (Defender).** John arrived at Layer Road this summer following a very long and successful run with Watford. He first won his way into the Hornets' League team in 1964/65 and in 1969 he won a Third Division championship medal with them. League record: Watford 371(4) aps. 2 gls.; Colchester 5 aps.

**RAY BUNKELL (Midfield).** Ray needs little introduction to Swindon fans for he spent almost three years with us and it was here that he really established himself in League soccer. We signed him from Tottenham in 1971 and he moved on to Colchester two seasons ago. League record: Tottenham nil aps.; Swindon 52(4) aps. 3 gls.; Colchester 32(7) aps. 2 gls.

**LINDSAY SMITH (Midfield).** Another Colchester find, Lindsay has been a fairly consistent member of the side since getting his first chance in 1971. League record: Colchester 104(25) aps. 6 gls.

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**BOBBY SVARC (Striker).** Bobby has been Colchester's top scorer for the past two seasons, grabbing 25 each time. Yet in 1972 he believed his League career was over when he joined Boston United. Earlier he had played for Leicester, Lincoln and Barrow. But when Boston's manager Jim Smith joined Colchester, he immediately signed Svarc for his new club. League record: Leicester 13 aps. 2 gls.; Lincoln 40(5) aps. 16 gls.; Barrow (loan) 15 aps. 3 gls.; Colchester 114 aps. 59 gls.

**STEVE LESLIE (Midfield).** Steve won England youth caps in 1970/71, the season he made his League debut. He has been a fixture in the team for the past four seasons. League record: Colchester 125 (10) aps. 24 gls.



# Third Division Scene by Tony Pullein

The average Third Division attendance is over 300 down per match over the same period last season. Up to last Saturday, a total of 437,256 spectators had watched 74 matches to average 5,909. At the same point last season the figure stood at 6,242.

Now Crystal Palace lead both the league table and the attendance chart by a huge margin. Saturday's 4-2 win at Shrewsbury gave them a four point lead over nearest rivals Bury. It seems likely, with this fine start behind them, that Palace's average crowd of 14,411 will increase as the weeks go by and perhaps match last season's final figure of 17,273.

This is how the clubs stood in the "gate" league last weekend:

1. C. Palace (aggregate 43,232 - average 14,411)
2. Sheff. Wed. (29,256 - 9,752)
3. Brighton (38,007 - 9,502)
4. Cardiff (25,178 - 8,393)
5. Swindon (21,454 - 7,151)
6. Preston (21,046 - 7,015)
7. Peterborough (19,980 - 6,660)
8. Mansfield (19,797 - 6,599)
9. Millwall (19,268 - 6,423)
10. Hereford (18,813 - 6,271)
11. Grimsby (17,458 - 5,819)
12. Shrewsbury (16,015 - 5,338)
13. Gillingham (15,935 - 5,312)
14. Southend (15,449 - 5,150)
15. Walsall (19,067 - 4,767)
16. Chester (12,936 - 4,312)
17. Bury (12,672 - 4,224)
18. Rotherham (11,671 - 3,890)
19. Chesterfield (11,467 - 3,822)
20. P. Vale (11,291 - 3,764)
21. Aldershot (10,393 - 3,464)
22. Wrexham (9,488 - 3,163)
23. Colchester (9,328 - 3,109)
24. Halifax (7,037 - 2,346)

Colchester registered their first victory of the season with their 2-0 home success over Brighton, leaving Chester and Peterborough the only sides without a win. These two sides met at Chester on Saturday when the home side looked certain to have broken their duck until Tommy Robson grabbed Peterborough's equaliser in the last minute. It was Peterborough's fifth draw in six League games.

Palace's David Kemp kept himself at the top of the scorers' chart with one of his side's goals at Shrewsbury. Leading positions:

	League	L. Cup	Total
Kemp (C. Palace)	5	2	7
Silvester (Southend)	6	1	7
Treacy (Preston)	5	2	7
Binney (Brighton)	5	1	6
Cullerton (P.Vale)	3	3	6
Eastoe (Swindon)	3	2	5
Evans (C. Palace)	5	-	5
Hill (Millwall)	5	-	5
Rowland (Bury)	3	2	5
Spence (Bury)	4	1	5
Svarc (Colchester)	3	2	5

Port Vale, who had drawn all previous five League games, ended the run in style by beating Swindon 3-0. A week earlier they had recovered from a 0-3 interval deficit at Southend to draw 3-3.

Sheffield Wednesday, who scored only three goals in 19 matches after Christmas last season, crammed four in just over an hour to demoralise Grimsby 4-0. The start, maybe, of this famous club's revival?

## Talk of the Town Cont'd.

value of the player to his existing club, would spell suicide to the poorer clubs and in my opinion, to the players eventually. Much is written about youth policies and the value to clubs of their own making, but the cost of bringing a young player through the early years to his eventual location in the first team is not achieved without considerable expense and freedom of contract will make clubs think hard about grooming youngsters only to see them leave later for other clubs.

I am sorry that my notes this week are so dismal but I felt that I must make our position clearer than that printed in the Football Pink.

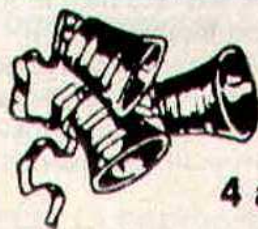
Our win over Fulham Reserves on Tuesday must have been very satisfactory to Danny and his staff because the team included no fewer than five trialists. Our friend Bert Head from Bath City lent us a young goalkeeper by the name of Bryan Parry and he did very well indeed.



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# HISTORY OF COLCHESTER UNITED

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The Club was founded as an Amateur Club in 1873, but did not join any Association until 1879 when they joined the Football Association. The Club was first registered as a professional side on August 12th. 1937, and as a result the Southern League was joined. Soon after this the old Amateur Club was wound up and a professional Reserve team entered the Eastern Counties League and the Southern League Mid-week section. The season 1947-1948 was the season of the F.A. Cup run when the Club, still in the Southern League, reached the 5th Round before going out to Blackpool, the eventual finalists. On the way to the 5th Round such teams as Wrexham, Huddersfield, then in Div. 1, and Bradford P.A., who previously knocked out Arsenal, were beaten. Ted Renton, who was the Player/Manager during the Cup run, left the following season to rejoin his old Club, West Ham. Jimmy Allen, the former England, Aston Villa and Portsmouth centre-half, was appointed in his place.

The next outstanding date in the history of the Club was June 3rd 1950, when Colchester United were elected into the Third Division South of the Football League. The first season in the Football League saw the Club finish 16th in the table. In the season 1951-1952, Vic Keeble, a local product, signed for First Division Newcastle United for a fee of around £15,000 and went on to play for them at centre-forward in the F.A. Cup Final when they beat Manchester City 3-1.

Apart from a Fourth Round home draw with Arsenal 2-2 before losing the replay at Highbury 4-0, and missing promotion to Division 2 by just 2 points in season 1956-57, nothing of great significance happened until season 1960-61. This particular season saw us relegated to Division 4 after finishing in 23rd position.

Things were not as bad as they seemed however, for we returned the very next season to Division 3 by finishing runners-up to Millwall, just one point behind them. In this season we scored 104 goals in the league, more than any other side in the Division. Soon after this, Benny Fenton, Ted's brother, then the Manager, went to join Orient, and later moved to Millwall. He

was succeeded by Neil Franklin, also a former England centre-half. Unfortunately we again returned to Division 4, again finishing in 23rd position.

Fortunately, we again returned to the higher grade the very next season (1965/1966). This time we achieved promotion by finishing in fourth position and being promoted owing to our superior goal average. This season we were again fortunate enough to have some Cup success. In the first round we had probably the hardest draw of all having to visit Torquay. After holding them to a 1-1 draw we beat them 2-1 in the replay at Layer Road. In Round 2 we also had to travel, this time to local Southern League rivals Chelmsford City. A goal in each half before a 16,000 crowd was enough to put us through with the "big boys" in Round 3. This time the luck of the draw was with us, and we were destined to meet W.B.A., one of the leading teams in Division 1. A 16,000 crowd saw us draw 1-1 after taking an early lead and hitting the bar. W.B.A. levelled before half-time with a disputed penalty and then in the last minute we had a goal disallowed. So W.B.A. breathed again and proved too strong for us in the replay and finished 4-0 winners before a 40,000 crowd. At the end of the season Neil Franklin was in turn succeeded by Dick Graham.

After just missing promotion in Dick Graham's first season with the Club, it was not long before we achieved more success in the F.A. Cup. In season 1970/71 we reached the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup for the first time in the Club's history going out at Everton 5-0 in front of a 50,000 plus crowd. The Cup run, however, will be remembered most for the Fifth Round tie at Layer Road against Leeds United — at that time probably the strongest side in the Football League. Colchester took a sensational 3-0 lead with two goals from Ray Crawford, a former England leader, and one from Dave Simmons, and although Leeds were able to pull two goals back late in the second half, Colchester hung on to their lead, and created probably the biggest upset in the history of the F.A. Cup.



## FOR THE RECORD

**MIDLAND YOUTH - 10th September 1975.**

### **SWINDON TOWN 0**

Lawrence, Hooman, Tanner, Andrews, Thompson, Harris, T. Brinkworth, R. Brinkworth, Farr, A. Gilligan, Algar (s) Cowley.

### **DERBY COUNTY 1**

**DIVISION 3 - 13th September 1975**

### **SWINDON TOWN 2 (Anderson, Eastoe)**

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Syrett, Anderson (s) Jenkins.

### **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (Herbert)**

Ramsbottom, Cameron, McIver, Millen, Dowd, Knighton, Potts, Harvey, Herbert, Prendergast, Henson (s) Brown.

## **FOOTBALL COMBINATION**

### **OXFORD UNITED 1**

### **SWINDON TOWN 0**

Allan, Chalklin, Tanner, Thompson, Broom, T. Brinkworth, A. Gilligan, J. Gilligan, Farr, R. Brinkworth, Gardner, (s) Harris.

**MIDLAND YOUTH - 15th September 1975**

### **NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1**

### **SWINDON TOWN 2 (Farr, R. Brinkworth)**

Lawrence, Hooman, Cowley, Brinkworth T, Thompson, Tanner, Gilligan, Harris, Farr, Brinkworth R., Algar (s) Andrews.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP - 16th September.**

### **WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 3**

(Sunderland, Hibbitt, Richards)

Pierce, Parkin, McNab, Bailey, Jefferson, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Sunderland, Wagstaffe (s) Daley.

### **SWINDON TOWN 2 (Moss, Eastoe)**

Allen, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Hubbard, Anderson (s) Jenkins.

## **FOOTBALL COMBINATION**

### **SWINDON TOWN 0**

Lawrence, Chalklin, Tanner, Thompson, Broom, Brinkworth R, Gilligan A. Gilligan J, Farr, Brinkworth R, Gardner, (s) Algar.

### **READING 0**

**DIVISION 3 - 20th September 1975**

### **PORT VALE 3 (Bailey 2, Cullerton)**

Connaughton, Tarrt, Dulson, Harris, Ridley, Horton, McLaren, Lees, Cullerton, Bailey, Williams (s) Morris.

### **SWINDON TOWN 0**

Allan, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Stroud, Jenkins, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson (s) Syrett.

## **BOBBY ROBERTS**

Bobby Roberts jumped in at the deep end when he accepted the position as Colchester's manager, in succession to Jim Smith, this summer. It is a job he had been preparing himself for since he gave up playing three years ago.

Disappointing results have given him several early problems but this sort of experience is common to all managers and he is already sorting out one or two things within the team which promises to bring about an improvement before very long.

As a player, Mr. Roberts gained vast experience in both the Scottish and the Football Leagues. He made his senior bow for Motherwell in 1959 and, in almost five years as a first-teamer, he played in five forward positions, plus wing-half, for the club.

While with Motherwell, Mr. Roberts played for the Scottish League XI and the Scottish under-23s and, when Leicester signed him in 1963, he commanded a £40,000 fee.

He played 230 League games for Leicester, most of them in the First Division, and he was a member of their team which was narrowly beaten (1-0) by Manchester City in the 1969 F.A. Cup final.

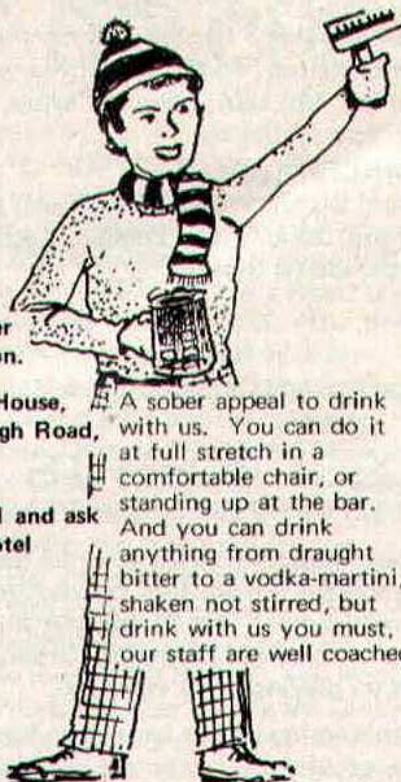
Just over a year later he moved on to Mansfield Town, where he brought his influence to bear, and it was in 1972 that he first joined Colchester as trainer-coach.

But, when the club hit injury problems, he was called out of retirement and made a couple of appearances as substitute in 1972/73. After that he concentrated solely on coaching until his chance to take full control this summer.





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## Danny's Desk

I am sure that those of you who travelled to Wolverhampton to watch our exit from the Football League Cup Competition would have left Molineux with a feeling of pride being a supporter of this Club. We were unlucky not to have at least drawn this match and I am sure that you will agree that the lads were a credit to this game of football. I know that the Wolves staff were very relieved to hear the final whistle.

And now a different subject, again I am appealing to your generosity in making an appeal for away match sponsors. I am sure that there are many gentlemen present, either private individuals or business men who would welcome a chance to travel with the team—to an away match to eat with the team, view the match and return to Swindon in the team coach. If you are prepared to pay the cost of the coach, in return we offer the above hospitality to two persons, male I'm afraid as ladies are not permitted on the team coach. In the past we have had tremendous responses to our sponsorship appeals and I am sure that this will be no exception. If you are interested and would like some idea of costs ring or call to see our Secretary, Bob

Jefferies, and he will be pleased to discuss the matter with you. We should also, of course, publicise your generosity in the match programme and on the public address system at the next home match.

You all know of the good works done by the Hospital Broadcasting Association. Each match, members of this loyal team come to the County Ground and broadcast commentaries to the local hospitals and they are now able to extend their facilities and have fixed up six points in our stand to which head phones can be connected in order that blind persons can come along to the match and hear the commentary and at the same time experience the atmosphere of our games. If any one knows of a blind person who would like to avail themselves of this facility will they drop a note to Mr. Les Harris and address it to this Club. We shall be pleased to pass it on to Les who will make the necessary arrangements.

I hope you enjoy the game this afternoon — thank you for coming — TEAM UP WITH THE TOWN.





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2. Dixon
3. Trollope
4. Hubbard
5. Burrows
6. Stroud
7. Moss
8. McLaughlin
9. Eastoe
10. Butler
11. Anderson
12. Jenkins.



# COLCHESTER UNITED

1. Walker
2. Dyer
3. Williams
4. Leslie
5. Dominey
6. Packer
7. Cook
8. Svarc
9. Froggatt
10. Thomas
11. Anderson
12. Foley

Referee: Mr. A.R. Lees, (Street, Somerset)

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. S.G. Bates (Horfield, Bristol)

Yellow Flag: Mr. B.J. Marshall (Southway, Plymouth)

**ALEX LEES (Street, Somerset).** Began refereeing in the Bromley and District League in Kent and progressed through Leagues in Somerset and the Western League on to the League line and Supplementary List. Promoted to the Full List in 1972. On the line for a UEFA Cup match in Russia in 1973 and also for the 1973 F.A. Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley and the 1971 Wales v Scotland Under 23 international. Married with four children, he is senior master at a comprehensive school and an MCC youth cricket coach. Interested in ornithology, Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, playing most sports and running school cricket and soccer teams.

## Key of the board

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| A | Brighton v Chesterfield           |
| B | Crystal P v Sheffield Wed.        |
| C | Grimsby v Aldershot               |
| D | Halifax v Chester                 |
| E | Hereford v Gillingham             |
| F | Mansfield v Walsall               |
| G | Peterborough v Rotherham          |
| H | Preston N.E. v Cardiff            |
| I | Southend v Shrewsbury             |
| J | Wrexham v Port Vale               |
| K | Aston Villa v Birmingham          |
| L | Burnley v Leeds                   |
| M | Everton v Liverpool               |
| N | Ipswich v Middlesbrough           |
| O | Manchester City v Manchester Utd. |
| P | Q.P. Rangers v Newcastle          |
| Q | Tottenham H. v Arsenal            |
| R | Wolverhampton v West Ham Utd.     |

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**Saturday, 4th OCTOBER, 1975.**