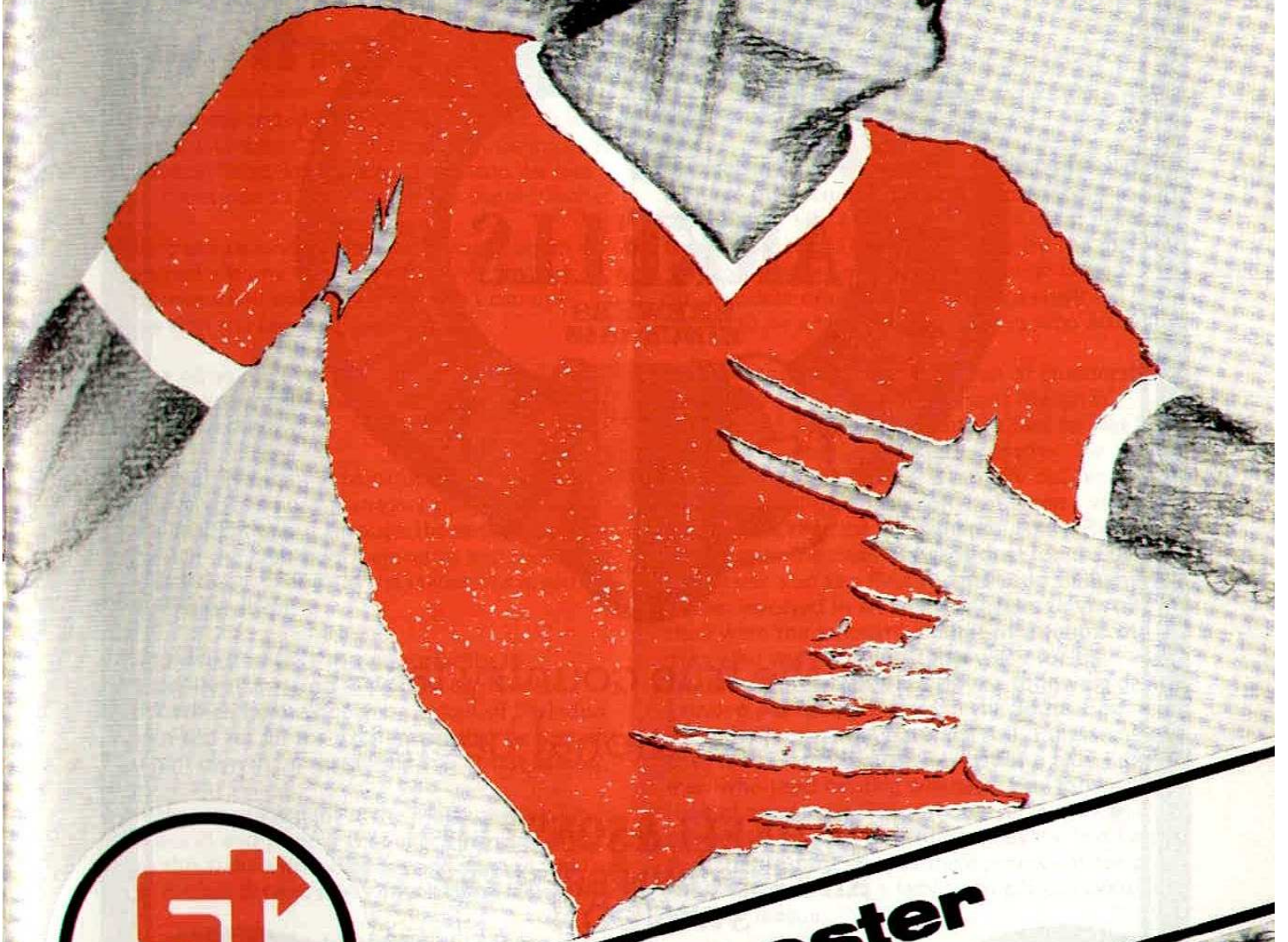
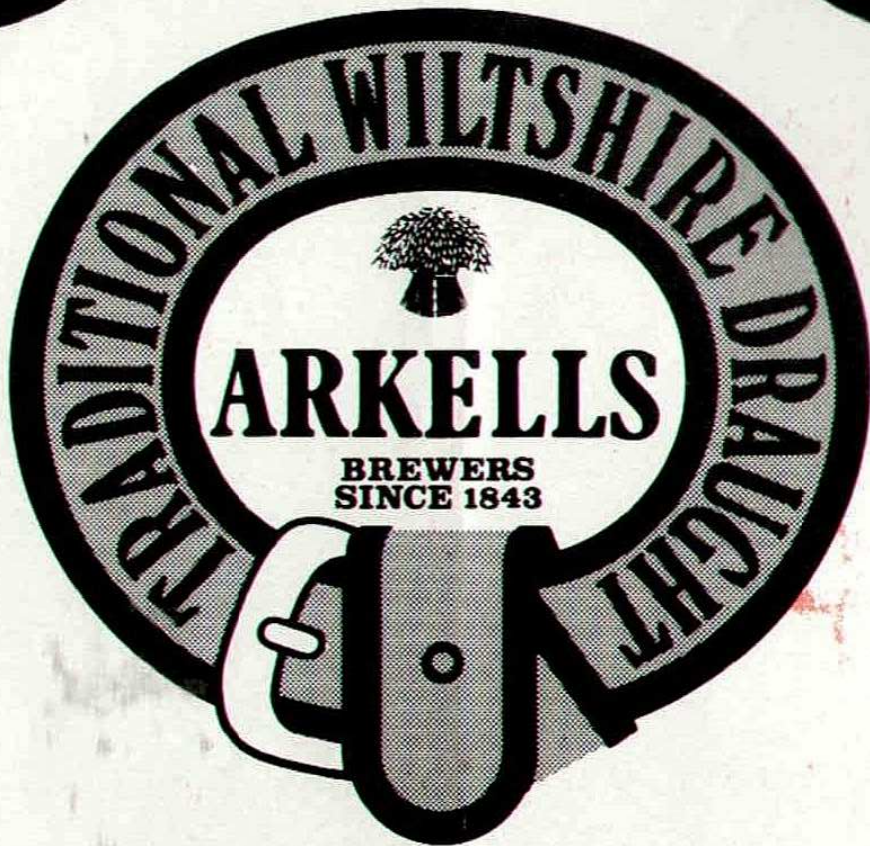
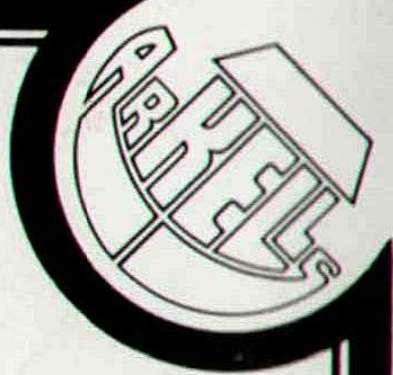


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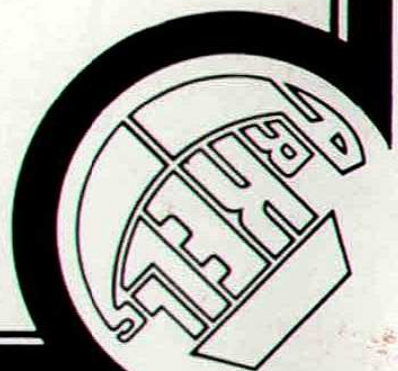
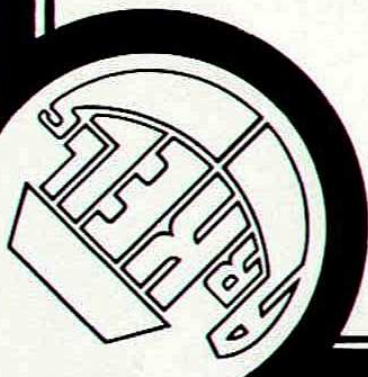
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## Talk of the Town by the Chairman

We welcome today the players and officials of Chester Football Club, a club whom we know are always difficult to beat and last season we met four times due to the League Cup commitments.

This is our second Saturday following, when we have had a home fixture and I know that our supporters will appreciate this and I can only hope that the result will be right.

These notes once again, have had to be written before I know the result of our midweek game with Oxford.

This week has seen a major upset in the club with the severance of our managers contract. This has been brought about through the serious position in which the club find themselves and the Board has felt that a change in the leadership might help the position.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Bob Smith for all the hard work which he has put in on behalf of Swindon Town and for all the excitement that he brought to the Town in our great cup run of last season.

Football management is the most insecure job in the world and I know that every manager goes into this field with his eyes wide open to the fact that his job depends very much on success.

The finances of the football world has got out of all proportion and the very fact that a player can, at the completion of his contract, refuse to resign yet be able to claim a weekly wage from the club, as long as the club wishes to retain an interest in his future resigning, is a ridiculous situation which I am sure the growing body of the football league will have to reconsider in the

near future.

The declining attendances at football matches, I feel, are due mainly to the economic position of the country and I feel will increase again in the future, and this is borne out fairly by the fact that some games can still attract large crowds, but a couple of games at home in a week is bound to be a hardship for families who attend.

We were sorry that David Sutton of Huddersfield Town had to be taken to Princess Margaret Hospital on Saturday last, and in fact he was kept under observation until Tuesday. He suffered a broken nose and a badly cut face as well as a spell of concussion, but when I visited him he was the first to exonerate Andy Rowland who was in the clash of heads duel for the ball. Last week also saw Paul Rideout and Callum Pullen involved in an incident in the town, but they were the innocent victims of a couple of men who were convicted this week for the assault. The two lads played the following day in London against West Ham in the South East Counties league which we lost 1-0. I understand that West Ham used the services of a lady linesman who used her flag whenever our forwards looked dangerous. This, of course, is only an observation from a few of our players, but I am sure that it must be creating a precedent for a football club to use a lady as an official even in a minor league.

We are home to Crystal Palace this morning, again in the South East Counties league.

Hoping today for an exciting game and that our support will remain during our fight to get up the league.

# Third Dimensions

Harry Haslam's recent signing from Seattle Sounders, John Ryan, scored on his debut for Sheffield United - but the Blades still went down in a local derby, for the second time in a week. Mark Rhodes' first goal for Rotherham this season proved to be the match-winner.

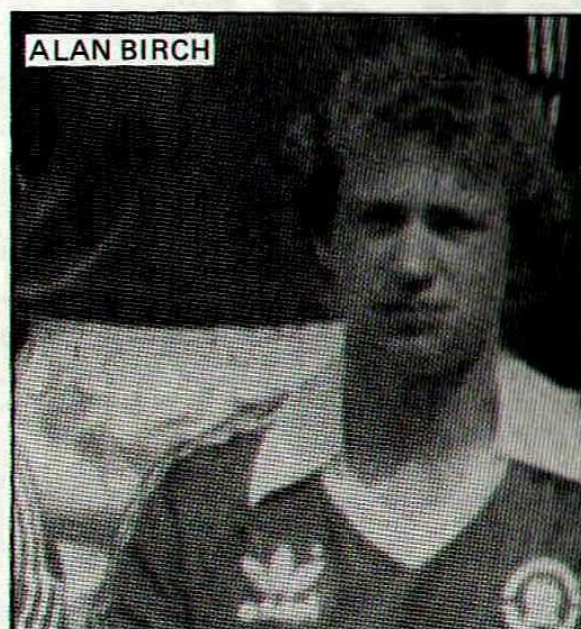
Bryn Jones scored Chester's first away goal this season at Layer Road - and it almost harvested two points for the Seals. But Trevor Lee's late equaliser saved the day for Colchester.

Two early goals from Tony Kellow set Exeter on the road to a home victory over Charlton - but it was no plain sailing for the Devon side, with Derek Hales and Martin Robinson pulling the score back to 2-2 inside the half-hour. Frankie Prince netted his first goal for City since he left Eastville and then Kellow completed his hat-trick to put Exeter 4-2 ahead - but still Charlton hit back with another Robinson effort three minutes from time.

Other hat-trick men on Saturday were Burnley's Steve Taylor in a 5-0 win over Millwall and Alan Birch in Chesterfield's mammoth 6-2 victory at Carlisle. There were hectic periods for both keepers at Brunton with United getting two goals in two minutes and then the visitors grabbing three in a seven-minute spell either side of the interval.

The 11,480 at Home Park for Reading's visit on Tuesday was the largest League gate there for eighteen months. Plymouth's David Kemp hit his eleventh goal of the season.

The Town's Andy Rowland seems to have taken a liking to the middle of the second-half for putting the ball into the net! All four of his goals so far this season have come between the 67th and 70th minutes of the game.



## LEAGUE DIVISION THREE . . . . . up to and incl. Tuesday September 30

	Home					Away					Pts	Avg Home Lge Gate	TOP GOALSCORERS (incl. Lge. Cup)
	P	W	D	L	F-A	W	D	L	F-A				
Plymouth A	10	4	1	0	13-4	1	4	0	7-5	15	6,779	David Kemp 11	
Chesterfield	10	4	1	0	12-5	2	1	2	10-6	14	6,173	Alan Birch 7	
Rotherham Utd.	10	3	2	0	8-3	2	1	2	6-6	13	6,693	Ronnie Moore 5	
Exeter C	9	4	1	0	11-4	1	1	2	5-6	12	4,459	Tony Kellow 9	
Burnley	10	4	1	0	10-1	0	3	2	1-5	12	5,469	Steve Taylor 5	
Brentford	10	1	2	2	6-8	4	0	1	10-5	12	7,608	Tony Funnell 6	
Portsmouth	9	4	0	1	6-3	2	0	2	5-5	12	15,360	David Gregory 5, Joe Laidlaw 5	
Reading	10	4	1	0	11-4	1	0	4	4-11	11	5,888	Pat Earles 5	
Sheffield Utd.	9	4	0	1	11-4	1	0	3	4-4	10	15,079	Bob Hatton 5	
Fulham	9	2	1	1	4-3	2	1	2	9-8	10	4,588	Gordon Davies 6	
Huddersfield T.	10	3	2	0	8-3	0	2	3	1-4	10	9,382	Steve Kindon 3	
Barnsley	10	3	0	2	6-4	1	2	2	6-8	10	12,504	Ronnie Glavin 9	
Charlton A	9	3	0	1	7-3	1	1	3	6-9	9	4,828	Martin Robinson 7	
Millwall	10	4	1	0	8-1	0	0	5	2-13	9	4,160	John Mitchell 4	
Walsall	10	2	1	2	9-8	1	1	3	4-7	8	4,753	Alan Buckley 6	
Hull C	10	1	2	2	6-7	0	4	1	5-7	8	4,953	Keith Edwards 4	
Gillingham	10	2	3	0	7-4	0	1	4	2-9	8	4,865	Peter Henderson 3, Ken Price 3	
Blackpool	9	0	2	2	2-7	2	2	1	9-9	8	7,913	Colin Morris 8	
Colchester Utd.	10	1	4	0	8-5	1	0	4	2-10	8	2,216	Trevor Lee 3	
Chester	8	2	1	1	2-1	0	1	3	1-5	6	2,396	Alan Oakes 2	
Oxford Utd.	9	0	1	3	2-7	2	1	2	3-3	6	3,283	Phil Lythgoe 4	
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8-7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>Alan Mayes 5</b>	
Carlisle Utd.	10	1	1	3	5-14	1	1	3	4-10	6	3,758	Gordon Staniforth 4	
Newport Co.	8	1	0	3	3-6	1	1	2	9-8	5	6,704	Tommy Tynan 6	



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# John Ward goes on board the Liverpool Special

I can't claim to be an expert on football specials: in fact this was only my third. The first, many years ago, was to watch Chelsea play Huddersfield in the F.A. Cup. It was entirely memorable except for a visit to the buffet car, which meant ducking below the tables on either side of one of the intervening carriages in order to avoid the flying beer cans; at least it was enough to persuade my friend to take his car for the rest of the cup run.

The second journey was unplanned and very frightening. Until this season the last train to London from Swindon used to leave at 9.50pm, ideal for straightforward evening league matches but useless if a game went into extra time. With Swindon and Arsenal level at three all after ninety minutes there was no way in which I was going to leave before the end, even if at that stage it looked as if Swindon had blown the chance of a famous victory. My elation after Andy Rowland's winning goal quickly evaporated as I remembered that I simply had to be back in London that night. I sprinted to the station only to see the train pulling out; the only one remaining was the Arsenal special.

Trying to hide my feelings of triumph I made for a corner seat and attempted to disappear behind a programme. All around furious voices were making excuses for the defeat and threatening a gruesome revenge on any Swindon supporter they happened to come across. There was one particularly anxious moment before the train moved off when an influx of Arsenal fans complained noisily that there had been plenty of seats on the outward journey; why were there not on the way home, they asked, seemingly looking at me. Eventually they left to look elsewhere but on that long ride back to London my only remotely comforting thought was that if the worst happened at least in the afterglow of that night's game I would die happy.

By comparison the Swindon special to Liverpool was a very tame affair. An anxious mother or two peered through the windows but there were enough seats to go round and once we were off it was more like a mystery tour than a football special. How else explains the fact that we travelled to Liverpool via Newport, Pontypool, Abergavenny, Hereford and Shrewsbury before rejoining the main at Crewe? If it seemed utter madness to be cooped up in a train for so long on

a warm, sunny day the spectacular scenery of the Welsh Marshes was some consolation and the guardsman was manned by volunteers selling rolls and lemonade and Swindon Town Handbooks. Spirits were high without becoming unruly and as we purred through Hereford and then Shrewsbury stations, with the football ground close by, the football songs echoed along platforms deserted except for an old man who amicably waved his walking stick.

Only when we arrived at Lime Street Station were we reminded that football supporters are supposed to be hooligans. We were lined up along the platform and escorted by police dogs to waiting buses. Surprisingly in spite of being treated like animals or criminals the Swindon supporters continued to behave like human beings out to have a good time. To their great credit there was no trouble. A dozen or so boys who pushed past the driver thought better of it and came back meekly to pay their fares.

Anfield is over three miles from the station. The buses drove past new housing estates and old terraces with numerous shops boarded up and a general air of depression and decay. It was like photographs of London's East End after the wartime blitz. The buses stopped a long way short of the ground; again we were lined up along the pavement; it started to rain. "Follow the horse lads," we were told. "Keep on the pavement. Don't bunch up; don't spread out. Stop whistling it's provocative." To reinforce these points more mounted policemen appeared. One struck his horses rear end up against the pavement so that you couldn't walk in the road. Like 500 others I somehow mastered my urge to get off the pavement and start whistling. "We are doing it for your own good, you know," said a policeman. "We don't have to escort you to the ground but if we weren't here you would be massacred." The only sign of local inhabitants was the occasional granny in curlers looking down from behind tattered lace curtains. Gradually, as they realised that we hadn't come to make trouble the policemen thawed. One told us of the plain clothes C.I.D. man planted in the crowd at the last home game to catch pick-pockets: he had his C.I.D. card pinched!

Anfield looked magnificent, all four sides

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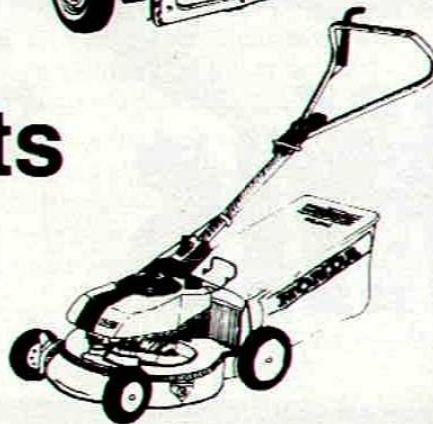
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Swindon winger Ian Miller in an airborne clash with Huddersfield's Robinson during last Saturday's victory at the County Ground.



# "It's getting worse" - says Alan Oakes

By COLIN BENSON

The ancient city of Chester has had strong ties with football since medieval times and the folkgame on Shrove Tuesday, starting on the Roodee, is known to have continued until 1540; "it hath been the custom, time out of mind, for the shoemakers to deliver to the drapers, one ball of leather called a football to play at from thence to the Common Hall of the said city of Chester."

Since 1540 that free-for-all game has been replaced by a foot race but the game has lived on and in modern times has been performed by Chester Football Club which was formed in 1884.

Next season they will celebrate their 50th season in the Football League and it is perhaps apt that a city with such grass root ties to the game that is now the national sport, should support a club that in its very essence is a typical example of an average football team.

I am by no means being detrimental to Chester, for they are representative of the backbone of the game. For them there has been no heady glories, era's of profound success, in fact the highest position they have ever achieved in the League is fifth in Division 3, and that was as recently as 1977-78.

True they did finish as runners-up in Division 3(N) in 1936, but in those days only the winners were promoted, and so their brief claim to fame did not materialise. In fact when it comes to listing the clubs role call of achievements it must be confessed that the nearest thing to a major trophy, "The Seals" can point to, is the Welsh Cup, which they have won on three occasions, in 1908, 1933 and 1947.

Mind you they came pretty close to making it a Wembley Final in 1975, when they battled through gloriously to the semi-final of the Football League Cup. Walsall were the first to fall, followed by Second Division contenders Blackpool and Bobby Charlton's Preston.

Then the real heads began to roll. In round four, two goals from John James helped Chester to a 3-0 home win over Leeds United and in the next round it was James again, who this time put paid to Newcastle United after a goalless draw at St. James' Park.

In the first leg of the semi-final, at Sealand Road, Aston Villa gained a comfortable 2-2 draw and seemed to have it all sewn up when they romped into a two goal lead at Villa Park. But Chester fought back magnificently to square it 2-2 before Brian Little notched the final goal which took Villa through to Wembley.

Nevertheless this disappointment did not deter Chester from maintaining their good run in the league and the club that historically held the worst record, as being the only one of the 92 never to have been promoted, finally discarded that tag by finishing fourth behind Mansfield, Shrewsbury and Rotherham.

Yet despite all the fervour a cup run creates, Chester still finished that most successful season with an average League gate of just 4,744. You need look no further for the answer as to why Chester will probably remain as an average club.

Last season for instance that average figure had slumped to 3,726 which forced the club to part with teenager Ian Rush, a natural goalscorer who although only 18, notched 14 League goals and three in the F.A. Cup last season.

Liverpool stepped in with a £300,000 cheque and Chester could not refuse.

Player Manager Alan Oakes - who made over 562 appearances for Manchester City - spent £60,000 of that money on replacements, Mickey Kearney from Reading and Trevor Birch from Shrewsbury, but he admits: "they have not done the job we bought them to do."

Oakes who has been in charge for four years now, accepts that he will have to sell his better players to exist and therefore the future in terms of development is bleak.

He says: "It is getting worse for the Third and Fourth Division clubs, and even more so for a club like Chester who can not get good gates at home. Our existence depends on our youth policy, we need to produce at least one player a season who we can sell.

"If clubs like ours are to carry on as full time professionals then changes will have to be made. For a start transfer fees will have to come down and I believe we should take steps to make the game more exciting, like dispense with offside.

"The system has got bogged down with 4-4-2, the midfield is too cluttered and everything these days revolves around results."

Chester's problem at the moment is scoring goals. Although they can boast one of the best defensive records in the division with just six goals conceded in eight games, Brynlyn Jones' goal at Colchester last Saturday, was their first away from home this season. And that had more than a touch of luck about it, with Jones playing a one-two off referee John Martin before a defenders clearance ricocheted off his leg, some 30 yds past Colchesters bemused goalkeeper.

FOOTBALL  
COMBINATION

# 80-81

SOUTH-EAST  
COUNTIES DIV 2

			Score				Score
Aug.	16	Bristol C.	Away	1 - 3	Cambridge U	Home	4 - 3
	20	Tottenham H	Away	0 - 6			
	23	Bristol R	Away	Postp.	Luton T	Home	4 - 1
	30	Ipswich Town	Home	1 - 2	Peterborough	Home	1 - 0
Sep.	6	Oxford U	Home	1 - 2	Reading	Away	3 - 1
	9	Arsenal	Home	0 - 1			
	13				Tottenham H	Home	4 - 1
	20	Cardiff C	Home	3 - 1	Orient	Away	Postponed
	24	Reading	Away	3 - 1			
	27	Bristol Rovers	Away	0 - 2	West Ham U	Away	0 - 1
Oct.	4	Norwich C	Away		Crystal Palace	Home	
	7	Q.P.R.	Home				
	11	West Ham U	Home		Millwall	Away	
	14	Orient	Home				
	18	Plymouth A	Away		Orient	Home	
	22	Leicester	Away				
	25	Southampton	Home				
Nov.	1	Chelsea	Away		Oxford U	Away	
	8	Birmingham C	Home		Wimbledon	Away	
	15	Bristol C	Home		Bristol R	Home	
	22	Orient	Away		Brentford	Away	
	29				Charlton A	Home	
Dec.	2	Tottenham H	Home				
	6				Chelsea	Away	
	9	Fulham	Away				
	13	Leicester	Home		Chelsea	Home	
	20	Q.P.R.	Away		Cambridge U	Away	
	27				Luton T	Away	
	29	Luton T	Away				
Jan.	3	Crystal Pal.	Home		Peterborough U	Away	
	10				Reading	Home	
	17	Ipswich T	Away		Tottenham H	Away	
	20	Hereford U	Home				
	24				West Ham U	Home	
	31	Bristol R	Home				
Feb.	7	Arsenal	Away		Millwall	Home	
	14	Oxford	Away				
	21	Reading	Home		Oxford U	Home	
	28	Cardiff C	Away		Wimbledon	Home	
Mar.	7	Norwich C	Home		Bristol R	Away	
	11	Hereford U	Away				
	14	West Ham U	Away		Brentford	Home	
	21	Plymouth A	Home		Charlton A	Away	
	28	Southampton	Away				
Apr.	4	Chelsea	Home		Crystal Pal	Away	
	11	Birmingham C	Away		Cup		
	18	Luton T	Home		20th Sept. Millwall	Away	1 - 0
	22	Crystal Pal	Away				
	25	Fulham	Home				

MIDLAND YOUTH FIXTURES

Season 1980/81

Cup Competition

			Score
Aug	21	Luton Town	Away 1-2
Sept	6	Bristol City	Home 3-2
	10	West Bromwich Albion	Away 1-1
	17	Leicester City	Home 6-0
	25	Luton Town	Home 3-3
W.E.Oct	11	Bristol City	Away
	16	West Bromwich Albion	Home
W.e	22	Leicester City	Away

League

			Score
Nov	6	Luton Town	Home
	10	Northampton Town	Away
	26	West Bromwich Albion	Home
WE.Dec	6	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away
WE	13	Birmingham City	Home
WE.Jan	10	Bristol City	Away
	14	Coventry City	Home
	21	Leicester City	Away
	29	Leicester City	Home
WE.Feb	7	Luton Town	Away
WE.	14	Northampton Town	Home
WE.	28	West Bromwich Albion	Away
WE.Mar	7	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home
WE.	14	Birmingham City	Away
WE.	21	Bristol City	Home
	25	Coventry City	Away

# Town Statistics 80-81

	Result	Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub (if used)			
S Aug 9	AFC Bournemouth (FCL1)	A	1-1	5121	Allan	Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	ROWLAND 67	Mays	Carter	11	
T 12	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (FLC1)	H	2-0x	5814	Allan	Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	MAYES 118	Carter		197
S 16	BLACKPOOL	H	1-2	7008	Allan	Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	ROWLAND 69	Mays	Carter		
T 19	Portsmouth	A	0-1	15810	Allan	Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mays	Carter*		Hamilton
S 23	FULHAM	H	3-4	6473	Allan	Barrett	PEACH 16P	Kamara	ROLLINGS 13	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland*	MAYES 74	Greenwood		Templeman
W 27	Lincoln City (FLC2)	A	1-1	4940	Allan	Lewis	Peach	Kamara	ROLLINGS 48	Walsh	Miller	Hughes	Mays	Carter	Greenwood		
S 30	Reading	A	1-4	6665	Allan	Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Hughes*	Greenwood	MAYES 89	Carter		Henry
T Sep. 2	Lincoln City (FLC2)	H	2-0	4907	Allan	Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Carter	Miller	Hughes	Henry 51	MAYES 88	Greenwood		Henry
S 6	Sheffield United	A	0-3	12089	Allan	Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Carter	Miller	Hamilton	Rowland*	Mays	Greenwood		Henry
S 13	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	2-1	5498	Allan	Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland 68	Mays	Greenwood 64		
T 16	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-0	7709	Allan	Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mays	Greenwood		
S 20	Barnsley	A	0-2		Allan	Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mays	Greenwood		
S 23	Liverpool (FLC3)	A	0-5	16566	Allan	Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mays	Greenwood		
S 27	Huddersfield Town	H	1-0	5856	Allan	Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	ROWLAND	Mays	Greenwood		
W Oct 1	Oxford United	A															
S 4	CHESTER	H															
T 7	Gillingham	A															
S 11	Millwall	A															
S 18	CARLISLE UNITED	H															
T 21	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H															
S 25	Exeter City	A															
T 28	Chesterfield	A															
S Nov 1	BURNLEY	H															
T 4	GILLINGHAM	H															
S 8	Colchester United	A															
T 11	PORTSMOUTH	H															
S 15	Blackpool	A															
S 22		(FAC1)															
S 29	HULL CITY	H															
S 29	Brentford	A															
S 13		(FAC2)															
F 19	WALSALL	H															
F 26	Newport County	A															
S 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H															
S Jan 3	Carlisle United	A															
S 10	CHESTEFIELD	H															
S 17	Hull City	A															
S 24	READING	H															
S 31	Fulham	A															
S Feb 7	Rotherham United	A															
S 14	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H															
S 21	Huddersfield Town	A															
S 28	BARNESLEY	H															
S Mar 7	Chester	A															
S 14	MILLWALL	H															
S 21	Charlton Athletic	H															
S 28	EXETER CITY	H															
S Apr 4	Burnley	A															
S 11	COLCHESTR UNITED	H															
S 18	Plymouth Argyle	A															
M 20	NEWPORT COUNTY	H															
S 25	Walsall	A															
S May 2	BRENTFORD	H															
S 9	IF.A. CUP FINAL																

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Sept. 2nd Reading 1 Swindon Town 3 (Templeman, 2 o.g.)  
 McAlister, Barrett, Peach, Carmichael, Rollings, Turner\*,  
 Rustell, Hamilton, Rideout, Round, Templeman, Walsh

Sept. 27th Bristol Rovers 2 Swindon Town 0  
 McAlister, Barrett, Peach, Walsh, Rollings, Tucker,  
 Rustell, Carmichael, Turner, Templeman, Blackler\*, Hughes

## MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE CUP

Swindon Town 3 (Rustell, Rideout, Long) Luton Town 3  
 Twigger, Duffy, Baverstock, Batty, Bailie, Blackler, Rustell,  
 Bristow, Rideout, Short, Long

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

West Ham 1 Swindon Town 0  
 Pullen, Baverstock, Bailie, Batty, Shaw\*, Westlake,  
 Bristow, Furlley, Rideout, Short, Evans\*, Byrne, Jefferies

Goalkeepers Shown in CAPITALS - figures denote minutes of goals x After extra time \*Player replaced by substitute. P = penalty † = Own goal

## John Ward Continued

covered and the floodlights superb. The staff were considerate and welcoming whether on the turnstiles, selling programmes or in the refreshment bars; come to think of it they had time to be with so few customers! The journey back to the station began on foot in the same way; there turned out to be one major difference; there were no buses. For four miles we struggled wearily along in a police-escorted crocodile, the monotony enlivened by occasional forays by a mounted policeman into the housing estates on either side of our route, presumably in search of would be ambushes. The difference in the train journey home was that now we were tired, it was late and we had lost.

And what of the game itself? Was it worth eight hours in a train, fifteen hours away from home, for me a day out of week's holiday? Undoubtedly. The most abiding impression was of the awesome simplicity of the Liverpool football machine. The deliberate build up starting so often with a throw from the goalkeeper, a succession of first time passes to a player always in space; the sudden explosion of a perfect through pass like Thompson's to Dalglish for the second goal, the whole - so much more impressive when seen as a pattern over ninety

minutes and with eyes that could range over the whole field rather than in disjointed highlights with the limited perspective of the small screen - the whole then adding up to a fusion of fervour and discipline, of skill, technique, fitness and imaginative expression which made football look such an easy game.

Against this, apart from Ian Miller's speed down the right touchline, which frequently left Liverpool defenders floundering, it was Swindon's much maligned defence which caught the eye; Jimmy Allan earning the Kop's traditional ovation for visiting goalkeepers who have performed heroics; Russell Lewis rising from the floor in press-up position to launch himself on another saving, diving header; John Trollope coolly picking up loose balls and men around the Swindon penalty area and Roy Carter tirelessly chasing and covering. But above all I shall remember Charlie Henry: emerging from the tunnel white as a sheet and seeming almost too nervous to take part in the kick about, by the end of the game he was striding into space on the wings demanding the ball. This was the night on which Charlie Henry came of age in football terms; as I trudged down a Wiltshire country lane at three thirty on a starlit, dew-drenched morning I was grateful that I had been there to see it.

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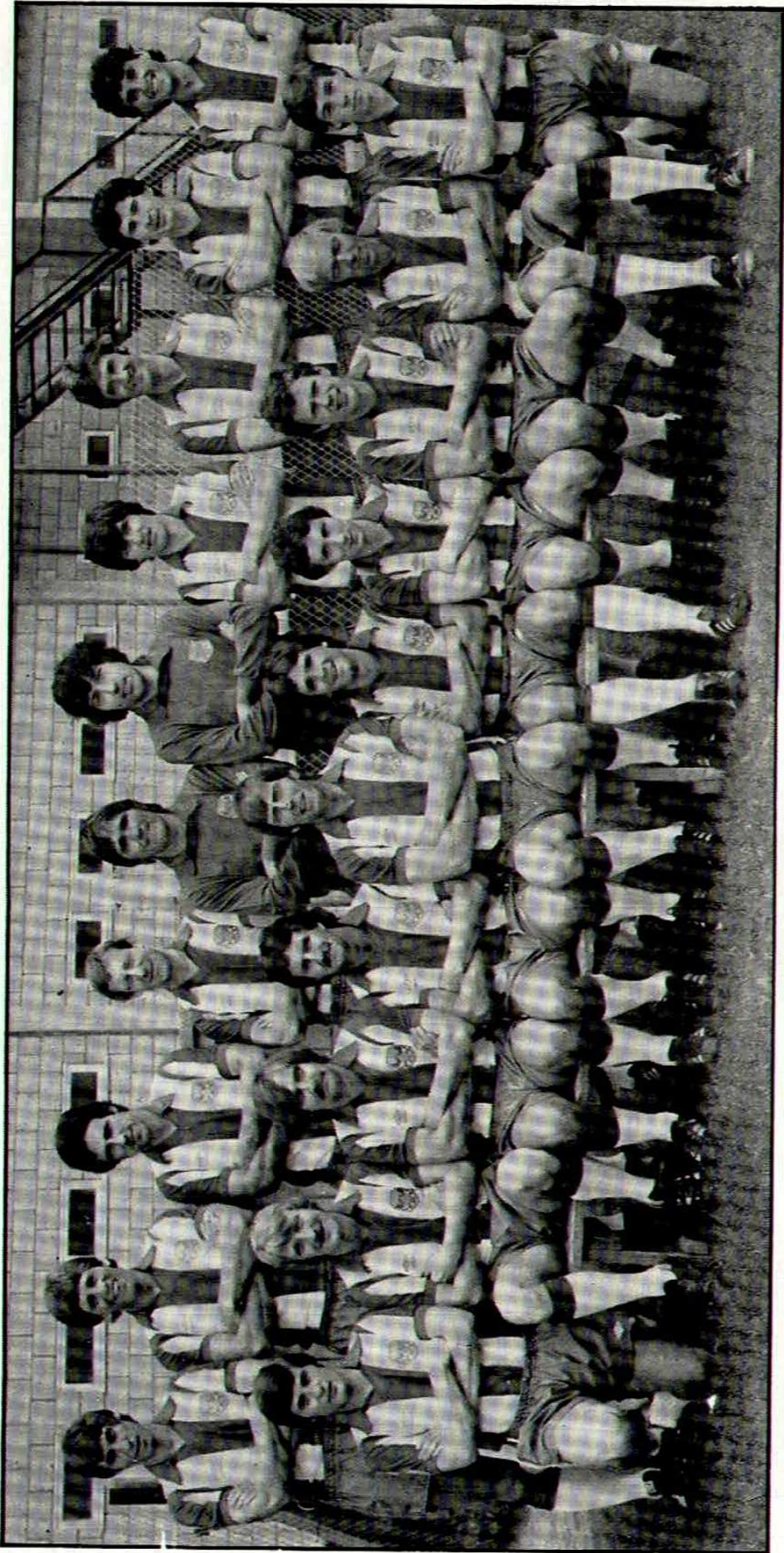
**NEXT MATCH:**

**Saturday 18th October, 1980**

**CARLISLE UNITED**

**K.O. 3.0 p.m.**

# Chester



# Chester Pen-Pictures

**GREN MILLINGTON (Goalkeeper)** Gren made his league bow for Chester as an amateur in 1968/69 but left for Rhyl where he was capped by the Welsh Amateur XI. After a brief stay with Brighton, he returned to Chester in 1973.

**BRIAN LLOYD (Goalkeeper)** Brian began his professional career here at Stockport and it was while with them that he won Welsh under-23 caps. He moved on to Southend in 1970 and joined Wrexham in the 1971 close-season. He later won three full Welsh caps and was transferred to Chester in 1977.

**PAUL RAYNOR (Defender)** Paul developed in the junior side at Seland Road and made his League bow in 1976. For the past couple of seasons he has become the club's penalty-king.

**JOHN COTTAM (Defender)** John made many first-team appearances for Nottingham Forest and, during his stay at the City Ground, he was loaned to Mansfield and Lincoln. Chesterfield signed him in 1976 and he moved on to Chester at the beginning of last season.

**TREVOR STORTON (Defender/Midfield)** Trevor established himself with Tranmere in the late 'sixties and Liverpool signed him for £25,000 in 1972. He didn't get a great deal of scope at Anfield, though, so he linked up with Chester in 1974 for what was then an £18,000 club record fee.

**ALAN OAKES (Defender/Midfield)** Alan is Chester's player-manager and is one of the most experienced players in the game. He set up a new Manchester City record of 565 League appearances, the majority in the First Division. He took part in all City's great successes during the Mercer-Allison regime and was picked in Sir Alf Ramsey's original 40 squad for the Mexico World Cup in 1970. Chester signed him for £15,000 in 1976.

**JIM WALKER (Defender)** Jim made 41 League appearances for Derby before moving on to Brighton in 1974. Peterborough signed him two years later and he is now into his fifth campaign with Chester.

**DAVID BURNS (Defender)** David has been a Chester professional since October 1976. Though he has made a couple of dozen League appearances for the club, he has not yet gained a regular place.

**DEREK JEFFERIES (Midfield/Defender)** Derek was signed from Crystal Palace during the summer of 1977. He began his career with Manchester City and won England under-23 honours while at Maine Road. He was transferred to Palace for £115,000 in 1973 and later had loan spells with Peterborough and Millwall.

**TREVOR PHILLIPS (Midfield)** Trevor joined Chester during the latter part of last season, from Hull City, for £51,000. During his Rotherham days, Trevor was picked for the England youth team and he made more than 300 League appearances for the Millers before joining Hull at the beginning of last season.

**STEVE LUDLAM (Midfield)** Steve scored 11 goals for Carlisle last season and joined Chester during the recent summer break. He opened his League career with Sheffield United in 1975/76 and was transferred to Carlisle for £20,000 in 1977.

**RON PHILLIPS (Midfield)** Ron made around 150 senior appearances for Bolton then, after a loan period with Chesterfield, he joined Bury in 1975. He took all his experience to Chester in 1977.

**KEITH FEAR (Midfield)** Keith developed as a striker with Bristol City, making 150 League appearances for the club. Following loan periods at Blackburn and Hereford, he joined Plymouth for £20,000 in 1978. Keith spent a short while with Brentford last season before moving on to Chester.

**MIKE KEARNEY (Forward)** Mike, Reading's top scorer with 16 goals last season, was signed by Chester this summer for a second time. He started as a high scoring forward with Shrewsbury and first went to Sealand Road in 1977. Reading signed him during the 1977/78 campaign.

**TREVOR BIRCH (Forward)** Trevor found himself crowded out at Liverpool and happily agreed to a £40,000 move to Shrewsbury in 1978. He too, joined Chester this summer.

**PETER SUTCLIFFE (Forward)** Peter made his League debut for Stockport in 1975/76 after joining them from Manchester United. He left Edgeley Park in 1977 to join Port Vale and Chester signed him last season.





# Town through time

## The Team Manager

by paul plowman

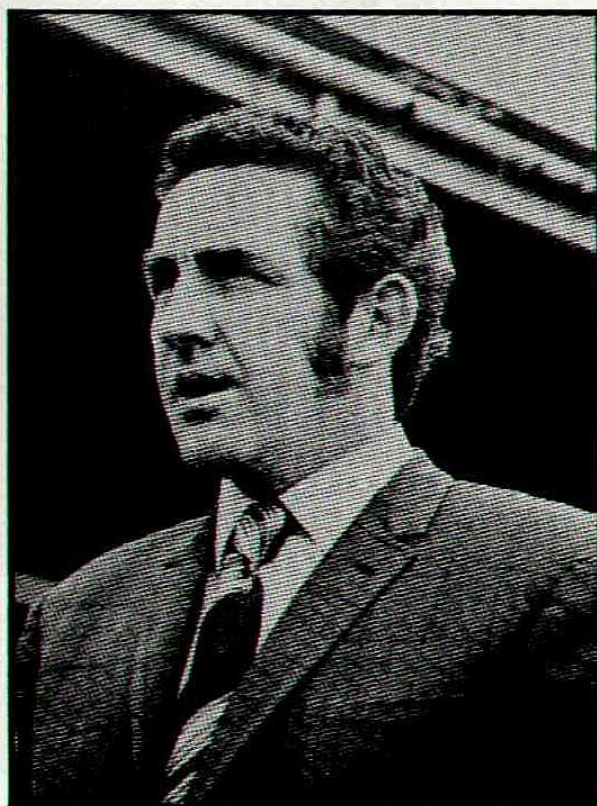
The team which FRED FORD had inherited virtually picked itself. During his two years and four months in command there were a few additions to the payroll. The club record transfer fee was nudged upwards to £17,500 to bring Arthur Horsfield south from Newcastle, but the greater majority of funds was channelled in the direction of the imminent construction of the new North Stand. A token £500 also went to Bath City for their tiny midfielder player Tony Gough, who had just one previous league appearance to his name. The other new arrivals during Fred's stay had little or no experience at league level either - wingers Steve Peplow (Liverpool) and Chris Porter (Bridgewater Town), defenders Ron Potter (West Bromwich Albion) and Paul Paterson (Leeds), midfielder Ray Bunkell (Tottenham) and striker David Down (Oldham Athletic), who was with Mr. Ford at Ashton Gate.

After twelve months at the helm, Fred Ford could look back on a highly successful season. In the Second Division the Town had finished fifth - the highest league position ever achieved - after enjoying an unbeaten run from the end of November 1969 right through to the following Easter. The F.A. Cup had seen Swindon reach the quarter-finals and the club's first venture into Europe (competitively, that is) had also met with resounding success. Three wins out of three on foreign soil was to leave an indelible mark on the minds of many an Italian - not least the fifty-five thousand or so who were present in Naples when the Town took the home side apart 3-0 in the 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup Final. Not surprisingly, Swindon were invited to participate once again in the following summer and Fred Ford vowed that his side would retain the trophy - and they came very close to doing just that.

By this time, however, attention back home had been diverted towards the signing of Derby County's DAVE MACKAY - who was all too soon to depose Mr. Ford as team manager. The new 'boy' was immediately appointed club captain, taking over from Stan Harland, who had also been ousted from his familiar defensive role and switched to midfield - an act which might well be termed unorthodox! It was only a temporary move, nevertheless, as the unhappy Stanley was sold to Birmingham City shortly after Fred departed in November 1971. Fred, too, found new employment within a few weeks as assistant to Jack Edwards at Torquay.

Dave Mackay's swift elevation to management had come after a playing career spanning nearly twenty years - during which time he had won almost every honour there was to win. From the humble surroundings of Newtongrange Star - the Hearts nursery club - where he began in 1951, he collected League championship and Cup Winners' medals on both sides of the border and had the curious distinction of having represented the Football League against the Scottish League and vice versa. A member of the famous Tottenham double-winning side, he was capped by Scotland at every level and even a twice-broken leg failed to dampen his enthusiasm for the game. When he finally came to accept that he was 'too old' for the First Division, Dave moved from White Hart Lane to Derby - who he proceeded to guide to promotion, prompting one reporter to remark "the barrel-chested figure of Dave Mackay will once again be strutting purposely across the First Division scene". It was only after he felt that his task at the Baseball Ground had been completed that Dave came to take up the challenge that the Swindon post presented.

To be continued



DAVE MACKAY

# Roy Carter's Medal Picture



Roy Carter (left) has a shot blocked with Huddersfield goalkeeper Andy Rankin grounded in last Saturday's League win.



Alan Mayes (left) shoots just wide in last week's win against Huddersfield at the County Ground.

# Parade



Huddersfield goalkeeper Andy Rankin attempts to knock the ball away from Swindon's Russell Lewis at the County Ground last week. On the left is Roy Carter.



Town defenders Russell Lewis and Charlie Henry (right) take up attacking positions during last Saturday's win over Huddersfield.

## SWINDON PERMANENT COMPETITION

In previous programmes the rules of the competition which gives £100 to the winner and £100 to a Swindon Town player, have been printed and we have printed below an entry form which must be submitted after 27th September.

For each home game you will award points to each player to a maximum of 20 under the following heading:-

- |     |                                                                                         |        |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (a) | Ability                                                                                 | Points |
|     | (i) Ball control including handling for the goalkeeper                                  | 5      |
|     | (ii) Positional play                                                                    | 5      |
| (b) | Effort - not necessarily based on skill but proven willingness to make the club succeed | 10     |
| (c) | Four points will be deducted for a booking for dissent                                  |        |

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(a)	Ability	Points
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	(ii) Positional play (this will again include the goalkeeper)	5
(b)	Effort - not necessarily based on skill but proven willingness to make the club succeed	10
(c)	Four points will be deducted for a booking for dissent	

Add together the points against each player for all home games to the 29th November, 1980 and send in your application which you can copy from an example to be shown in the programme.

3. No applicant can be a director or employee of the Swindon Permanent Building Society or Swindon Town Football Club.
4. Entries must be received at SWINDON PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY, COMMERCIAL HOUSE, 1/2 COMMERCIAL ROAD, SWINDON BY TUESDAY THE 2nd DECEMBER, 1980 FOR THE AUTUMN PRIZE.
5. The Judges will be an expert, a member of the Committee of the Rendezvous Club and a member of the staff of Swindon Permanent Building Society. In the event of disagreement between the Judges Clive King of the Evening Advertiser will be the arbitrator.
6. The Panel's decision is final.
7. The winner will be the first correct entry opened. This will show the name of the player and the number of points scored which agrees with the Panel's decision.
8. All entries will be scrutinised in order to ensure that only one entry is received from each spectator.
9. A Director of Swindon Permanent Building Society will present the prizes to both the Player of the period and to the winning spectator at the home game following the end of the period, the 19th December the game against Walsall.

#### 3. ENTRY FORM

PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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# Soccer Scene

John Trollope's surprise recall to the Swindon side raised one intriguing question throughout football: Can John, even now, smash Jimmy Dickinson's wonderful achievement of 764 League appearances for one club?

When John retired at the end of the 1978/79 season with 756 League games behind him, there was no other challenger for Dickinson's record. It was firmly believed that it might stand forever.

Until the end of his own playing days in 1965, Dickinson was never too sure if his record would stand for long. His friend Terry Paine, the Southampton and England winger, was one player who told me he hoped to top Dickinson's figure.

In fact, Paine went on to make 713 League appearances for the Saints until he was transferred to Hereford. When Paine finally retired in 1976 he had, in fact, beaten Dickinson's tally and the over-all record of 797 games now belongs to Paine. But, of course, it wasn't achieved with one club.

The man who went closer than anyone, until Trollope's recall, was Port Vale defender Roy Sproson. Indeed, had Vale not been in some danger of relegation to the Fourth Division in 1971/72 he might have done it.

Sproson was recalled to the Vale side at the tail end of that season to take his total to 761, just three short.

Stan Matthews, whose career spanned the war, might well have set an unbeatable figure had hostilities not interfered with his career. He was still playing League soccer at 50 and, in spite of losing six seasons to the war, he still totted up 701 League appearances for Stoke (twice) and Blackpool.

Consistent that he was, Dickinson never matched John Trollope's wonderful run of 324 consecutive League appearances. Until breaking an arm in August 1968, John had played 324 League games in succession for Swindon and that's the second-best run of its kind in League soccer.

Harold Bell played 401 League games on the trot for Tranmere from the beginning of the first post-war season until August 1955. Trollope comes next and his complete run, including cup-ties, totalled 368 in a row.

Only five players have ever reached the magic mark of 700 League appearances and they've all been mentioned here --- Paine, Dickinson, Sproson, Trollope and Matthews.

Burnley manager Brian Miller gave a huge sigh of relief after his team had crushed Millwall 5-0 at Turf Moor last Saturday. Though his side had been picking up points, and staying in touch with the Third Division leaders, most of their previous games had been knife-edged affairs.

There was scant sign of any change when they led Millwall by only 1-0 at half-time. But once Martin Dobson had netted and scored shortly after the break, Burnley began to play a more relaxed game --- and the floodgates opened for Millwall.

Burnley's hero was Steve Taylor who scored a second-half hat-trick. Taylor was one of several of Mr Miller's summer signings. He cost £35,000 from Mansfield.

Taylor was one of three Third Division hat-tricksters last Saturday. Exeter's Tony Kellow, showing his old scoring touch again this season, grabbed his match-winning trio against Charlton while Chesterfield's Alan Birch got his in a most extraordinary game at Carlisle.

Birch opened the scoring after 13 minutes but the Cumbrians later hit back to go 2-1 in front. Veteran Ernie Moss cracked in two for Chesterfield to put them 3-2 up at the interval. Birch then scored two more, to complete his hat-trick, whilst a late goal from Phil Walker gave the visitors the final verdict at 6-2.

That was Carlisle's first defeat since Bob Stokoe took over as manager and added to an already dismal home record. Carlisle have been beaten at home by Sheffield United (0-3), Newport (1-4) and Chesterfield (2-6). Their only home League victory was against lowly Millwall (2-1) and they were held to a draw by Gillingham (0-0).

Aldershot, who seem to have developed a Liverpool-style ability of taking the lead and then hanging onto it, went back to the top of Division Four following their fifth win in a row.

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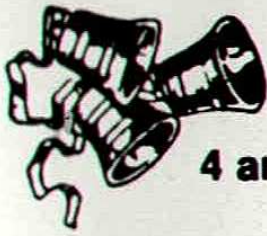
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- 4 Chris KAMARA
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- 6 Roy CARTER
- 7 Ian MILLER
- 8 Glenn COCKERILL
- 9 Andy ROWLAND
- 10 Alan MAYES
- 11 Roy GREENWOOD
- 12 Chris TURNER

## Chester

- Grenville MILLINGTON 1
- Paul RAYNOR 2
- Jim WALKER 3
- Trevor STORTON 4
- John COTTAM 5
- Keith FEAR 6
- Trevor BIRCH 7
- Ian HOWAT 8
- Mick KEARNEY 9
- Brynley JONES 10
- Steve LUDLAM 11
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