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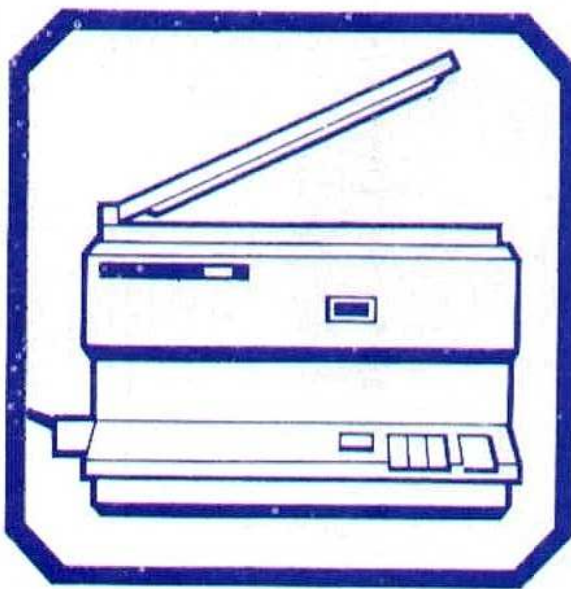
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Commercial Chit-Chat

GOOD evening everyone, this season is far from over yet but we have already started planning for next season. One of the major changes next season is to produce a new style programme which we hope will be bigger, and packed full of up to date news and information. We know that this years programme is not the best to have been produced, but at the start of the season the Promotions Department was not responsible for it. The information etc. in the new programme will be of interest to a much larger range of supporters and we will feature items such as Junior Section, a Reserve Spot (which many of you say you miss), Players Profile of all the City players, Pin Up Girl (not page three), also a Letters to the Club page your chance to ask questions to anyone on any matter about the club, plus many more interesting items. If you have items you would like us to include, please let us know.

Don't forget tickets are now on sale for the GRAND CABARET NIGHT in the Social club starring PAULINE DANIALS, STARCAS, the TOP LIVERPOOL COMEDIAN "MICKY FINN" with your compere MARK JONES (RADIO CITY). Tickets are £3.50 including hot meal.

Finally let me say thank you for all those who helped us with the Party for underprivileged children which we held last month, we were very grateful for your support, also thanks to the many firms which gave us donations etc. The party went down very well, even though we did lose one child on the way home on the bus. We are sorry that Mr. Barry Hipkiss missed his pint by looking for him, but even worse that Mr. Eric Manley missed his favourite programme HI-DE-HI, Joe Maplin has offered them a free weeks holiday next winter as compensation for their loss (the child was found after an hour, safe and well, he got off the bus in Blaenau instead of the Lache).

Back to tonight, let's get behind the team and cheer them on to victory.

HI-DE-HI,
 Brian Fawkes,
 Promotions Manager.

Supporters Club News

WELCOME to this evening's game against Swindon and a warm welcome to players, officials and supporters of our visitors.

This evening we are trying to help out one of our exiled supporters from Reading, Bryan Horsnell of 275 Overdown Road, Tilehurst, Reading, is trying to obtain a copy of the match programme from the Chester v. Tranmere game in 1955-56 and also a copy of "Keep The Flag Flying" a publication which detailed the first 21 years of league football for Chester. If anyone can help Bryan he will be very glad to hear from you.

Coming back to nearer home don't forget to get your tickets for our "Soccer Evening" on February 29th when the ever popular Canon Smith is paying us a visit along with Charles Lambert of Radio Merseyside and another guest speaker. Tickets can be obtained from the Social Club after tonight's game or from the Promotions office.

Finally enjoy the game and cheer the City on to victory!

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BOLD TYPE**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AUG. 27 NORTHAMPTON	1-1	1,580	Harrington	Lane	Brett*	Zelem	Holden	Bulmer	Manns	Blackwell	Williams M ¹	Phillips*
SEP. 3 SWINDON	0-4	2,891	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Bulmer	Manns	Burke	Blackwell	Brett
SEP. 7 HEREFORD	1-2	3,490	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Phillips	Blackwell	Burke*	Williams M*
SEP. 10 CREWE	0-1	2,090	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Phillips	Blackwell	Burke*	Bulmer*
SEP. 17 YORK	1-4	3,037	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Storton	Manns	Phillips	Holden ¹	Blackwell	Bulmer*
SEP. 24 READING	2-1	1,367	Harrington	Lane	Williams M*	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Elliott*
SEP. 28 TORQUAY	1-2	1,356	Harrington	Lane	Elliott ¹	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Bulmer*
OCT. 1 CHESTER	0-1	1,976	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Ryan	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Evans
OCT. 8 DARLINGTON	1-2	1,117	Harrington	Lane	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Elliott	Parker ¹	Bulmer	Williams P*
OCT. 19 HARTLEPOOL	1-1	1,150	Harrington	Lane	Brett*	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Allen*
OCT. 22 STOCKPORT	2-4	1,495	Harrington	Ryan	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Williams	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Elliott
OCT. 29 ROCHDALE	1-1	1,481	Harrington	Lane	Manns	Storton	Holden	Williams	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Blackwell
NOV. 2 HALIFAX	1-1	1,211	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Storton	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Blackwell
NOV. 5 CHESTERFIELD	1-1	3,513	Harrington	Lane	Blackwell	Storton	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Blackwell
NOV. 9 BLACKPOOL	0-2	2,286	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Storton	Holden	Manns	Parker	Blackwell	Williams P	Blackwell
NOV. 12 ALDERSHOT	1-2	975	Harrington	Lane	Bret	Zelem	Holden	Manns	Sutcliffe*	Allen*	Blackwell	Wann
NOV. 19 CHESTERFIELD FA Cup	1-2	1,774	Harrington	Lane	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Wann
NOV. 26 DONCASTER	0-0	2,967	Harrington	Lane	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Elliott
DEC. 3 BURY	2-1	1,341	Harrington	Lane	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Elliott
DEC. 17 PETERBOROUGH	1-1	1,191	Harrington	Lane	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Elliott
DEC. 26 WREXHAM	0-2	1,431	Harrington	Lane	Brett*	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Blackwell*
DEC. 27 MANSFIELD	0-4	1,431	Harrington	Williams	Elliott*	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Blackwell
DEC. 31 BRISTOL CITY	2-4	2,672	Harrington	Blackwell	Brett	Zelem	Holden	Allen	Camden	Manns	Bulmer	Blackwell
JAN. 2 TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0	2,672	Harrington	Blackwell	Williams	Zelem	Hildersley	Sutcliffe	Camden	Elliot	Sutcliffe	Williams
JAN. 7 SWINDON	1-2		Harrington	Blackwell	Hildersley	Williams	Holden	Brett	Sanderson	Camden	Allen	Bulmer
JAN. 14 NORTHAMPTON	1-1		Harrington	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Hildersley	Sutcliffe	Phillips	Camden	Allen	Williams
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AUG. 30 BOLTON 1rd 1 leg	0-3	2,665	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Bulmer	Manns	Blackwell	Williams M	Brett
SEP. 14 BOLTON 1rd 2 leg	3-0	1,502	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Storton*	Manns	Phillips ¹	Holden ¹	Blackwell	Bulmer*
OCT. 5 LEEDS 2rd 1 leg	1-0	8,160	Harrington	Lane	Elliott ¹	Zelem	Bulmer	Holden	Parker	Phillips*	Williams P	Brett*
OCT. 26 LEEDS 2rd 2 leg	1-4	8,044	Harrington	Lane	Elliott	Zelem	Holden	Williams M	Allen	Parker	Wann	Bulmer*

*Substituted Player

Spotlight on today's Visitors...

SWINDON TOWN

JIM ALLAN (Goalkeeper). Born Inverness. Now Swindon's longest serving player, he came to the club in 1970 from Scottish Junior Football and made his debut in September 1971 against QPR. Has since made 363 league appearances for the club to the end of last season.

KEVIN BADDELEY (Defender). Born Swindon. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his league debut against West Ham Utd. in August 1980. That was his only appearance for City but he established himself in Swindon's First Team shortly after his transfer in July 1981. Had made 65 league appearances to the end of last season and likes to overlap when he can. Can play in either full back position but usually on the left.

COLIN BAILIE (Defender). Born Belfast. A former apprentice he made his league debut at Oxford United in April 1982 and established himself in the first team last season with assured displays in both full back positions. Had made 27 League appearances to the end of last season.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield). Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977 went on to make 79 league appearances for Pompey. He also played four matches on loan to Peterborough but moved to Swindon in June 1982. Was ever present last season and is seen to best advantage on the left of midfield.

PAUL BATTY (Midfield). Born Edlington. Paul served his apprenticeship at Swindon and made his league debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He went on to make 39 league appearances last season and is a very promising player who makes up for his lack of height with all round determination.

GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield). Born Swansea. Gary began with Birmingham City making his debut at Stoke City in January 1975. He played 72 First Division games for the Blues, moved to Bristol Rovers in December 1978 and added 65 league appearances there before his transfer to Swindon in the 1981 close season. A hard working player who was held back by injury last season but had made 69 league appearances for the club by its end.

ALAN MAYES (Forward). Born London. Now in his second spell with Swindon, Alan began with QPR but his league debut came after a move to Watford and was against Port Vale in November 1974. He made 133 league appearances for Watford plus 10 on loan to Northampton Town before signing for Swindon in February 1979. Although at Swindon for less than two years, he made 89 league appearances and struck up a good partnership with Andy

Rowland. He joined Chelsea in December 1980 and made about 70 league appearances for them before re-joining Swindon in July 1983. Mobile forward very quick in the penalty area.

GARY NELSON (Forward). Born Belfast. Signed from Oswestry Town in December 1981, he enjoyed a rapid rise from parks football to his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. A tall forward who is good in the air his opportunities have been limited but he had made 18 league appearances by the end of last season.

PAUL RICHARDSON (Midfield). Born Nottingham. Paul joined Swindon in July 1983 as player-coach. He was an apprentice at Nottingham Forest and made his league debut at Liverpool in May 1968. There followed 221 league appearances for Forest before a move to Chester in October 1976. After 28 league appearances he moved on to Stoke City in July 1977 and played in the promotion winning season 1978/9. Moved to Sheffield United in August 1981 and made around 50 appearances there.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward). Born Derby. Andy served his apprenticeship at Derby County but his league debut (which was actually at Swindon) came after a transfer to Bury in August 1974. He was three times leading scorer at Bury and played 174 league games for them before his transfer to Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer (but also the club emergency goalkeeper) he had made 186 league appearances for the club at the end of last season.

SWINDON'S MANAGER - KEN BEAMISH. Appointed manager in April 1983 after a spell as Caretaker Manager. He joined the club in the summer of 1981 as player coach after a career as a central forward that took him to a number of different clubs.

He started and finished his playing career at Tranmere Rovers, but also played for Brighton, Blackburn Rovers, Port Vale and Bury and made two league appearances for Swindon in the 1981/82 season. A prolific scorer as a player, he starts his first full season as Manager with a number of new players of his own choosing.

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SEASON 1977-78

DESPITE only having reached a mid table position the previous season the only addition to the squad during the summer had been that of Derek Jeffries. All seemed well however as Hereford visited the Stadium and were soundly beaten 4-1 with goals at last coming from Mike Kearney (2), Edwards and Mason. Indeed only one defeat was suffered in the first seven games though the pattern for the season was set as four of these games were drawn. That first game also proved to be just one of two in which the team scored more than three goals, the second being the final game of the season when Peterborough were beaten 4-3!

During that opening spell Ronnie Phillips joined the club and made his debut at Bradford City and then following two heavy defeats in the next six games, at Oxford (1-4) and at Tranmere (0-5), both Brian Lloyd and Doug Livermore were added to the squad to be joined in February by Ian Mellor. Following those three defeats in the opening games the newly strengthened squad then lost just five more times in the remaining thirty six as the team just missed out on promotion. Indeed the last 17 games included just one defeat but how costly that proved to be — 1-2 v. Preston on March 24 was Chester's only home defeat of the season but that one game more than any cost Chester their chance and Preston went up instead. Despite that setback however Chester went through the final ten games from that date without defeat and finished the season in style with six straight wins. That successful spell also saw Chester follow Arsenal and Liverpool as the only team to win at Wrexham as goals from Howat and Mellor brought our first away win of the season.

The season finished therefore with Chester in fifth place just three points short of promotion with Wrexham and Cambridge. The full record was won 16, draw 22, lost 8, scored 59, conceded 56, points 54. Of the four clubs above us only Preston managed to beat us and they did it twice but just how close Chester came was even more surprising when one considers that Ronnie Phillips finished the campaign as leading scorer with just 7 goals followed by Ian Edwards with 6. Alan Oakes was the most consistent performer missing just two games whilst Phillips missed just one after making his debut in game number four. Despite all the disappointments however there was a plus to the season in that it marked the emergence of

youngsters Bryn Jones, Mark Nickeas and Paul Raynor as regular first team players.

Following the euphoria of the previous season the cup competitions were dull by comparison. The League Cup saw Chester paired with Burnley in a two legged first round tie and a 2-0 away defeat was just too much to make up despite a storming second leg which saw Chester win 1-0 and be denied on numerous other occasions by goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.

The first round of the FA Cup came around as the team was just starting to put its game together and visitors from the Fourth Division, Darlington, found themselves outclassed. Mike Kearney ended a personal lean spell by notching one of the goals but the highlight of the game was undoubtedly the hat trick scored by Paul Crossley whose sharp shooting had been sorely missed at the start of the season when he was still performing in America. Round two brought a visit to Carlisle and for the opening spell it seemed as if victory would be there for the taking — Crossley missed an easy chance but then gave Chester the lead but the turning point came when Kearney had a goal disallowed. Carlisle took control of the game and eventually ran out easy 3-1 winners to earn a tie with Manchester United.



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An alphabetical look at some of the players who have played for Chester F.C. past and present.

FRANK WAYMAN was born in Bishop Auckland and in September 1953 joined Preston where his brother Charlie was already on the staff. Unlike his brother who was a prolific goalscorer, Frank never made the first team grade at Deepdale and joined Chester in August 1955. His one season stint at Sealand Road brought 36 appearances and two goals before he decided to return to his native North East and in June 1957 he joined Darlington for whom he made just one appearance and incidentally his brother Charlie was again on the books of the same club though by contrast he had scored 240 league goals in over 350 appearances for Newcastle, Southampton, Preston and Middlesborough.

KEITH WEBBER proved to be a very popular player during his two season stay at Chester, 1969-70 and 1970-71 and all Cestrians were shocked to hear of his death just last year. Born in Cardiff Keith was spotted by Everton whilst playing for Barry Town and he joined the Goodison Park outfit in February 1960. After just four first team games in three years Keith moved on to Brighton where 35 league appearances brought 14 goals. Next port of call was Wrexham where in just two seasons he made 73 appearances scoring 33 goals before moving on to Doncaster Rovers. 67 games for the Yorkshire team produced 18 goals but in June 1969 Keith was persuaded to join Chester. Unfortunately Keith's scoring touch seemed to desert him here and just 13 goals came from 75 appearances. Final destination was Stockport where a one season stay brought seven goals in 40 games before Keith finally retired to settle locally.

HARRY WEBSTER was yet another forward and he joined Chester in June 1958 and indeed great things must have been expected of him if his past record was anything to go by. Born in Sheffield Harry joined Bolton as a junior and signed professional forms in October 1948. During his 10 years at Burnden Park he scored over 100 goals including 38 in 97 first team games. In 1951 he toured Australia with an England team and scored a hat trick against the Austrian national team. These were fine credentials indeed but in his first

season with Chester he managed to find the net on just nine occasions in his 26 appearances and the following season he managed just two in eight games before joining non-league Chorley.

RAY WESTWOOD followed a similar path to Harry Webster but some 10 years or so earlier and like Webster was a goal scorer though his exploits were largely pre war. Ray had represented the Football League on six occasions and after the war continued to perform with Bolton Wanderers though by this time he was 35 years of age. Described as a "brilliant inside left" he joined Chester during the Christmas of 1947 at a time when the club was struggling near the foot of the league but he immediately inspired victory over Crystal Palace in a third round cup tie and indeed he laid on the pass for the winning goal. That first season brought Ray eight goals in 16 games but the following campaign saw him dogged by injury and 22 appearances brought just 5 goals. Shock waves were sent through the city of Chester in 1949 when Ray announced that he wasn't going to re-sign for the coming season and he moved into non league circles. At the time it was calculated that each appearance that he made cost the club £70 — a transfer fee of £2,400 had been paid for his services and his wages were not low, such were the economics of soccer even in those days!

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Back in time

ONE YEAR AGO

Saturday 22nd January 1983

League Division IV v. Port Vale (H)

CHESTER: Harrington, Bradley, Lane, Storton, Zelem, Workman, Sloan, Simpson, Thomas, Ludlam, Wilson. Sub: Cooke.

Vales enthusiastic following boosted City's gate to the highest of the season, but it proved costly as the visiting supporters wrecked both goalposts after the game. With the game crucial for Vale it created a cup-tie atmosphere and Chester matched the visitors. Simpson and Storton wasted glorious chances while at the other end Tarti beat Harrington from 25 yards but rebounded off the post. Martin Lane blotted out the threat of Fox and without him Vale created few chances. City's vital goal came five minutes from the end when Ernie Moss turned the ball past his own 'keeper Southall. REF: G. Tyson, Sunderland. ATT: 4,056. FINAL SCORE: Chester 1 Port Vale 0.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Wednesday 21st February 1979

League Division III v. Gillingham (A)

CHESTER: Lloyd, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Felix, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson. Sub: Mellor.

City were still searching their first win for three months after this draw against high riding Gillingham. Visiting 'keeper Ron Hillyard was their saviour as Felix and Sutcliffe threatened to run riot but Lloyd though was not a total spectator as he turned a Westwood header against the bar on a rare breakaway. As chances went begging Derek Jeffries tried his own method, collecting a loose ball he avoided two challenges before shooting low past Hillyard in the 43rd minute. Lack of concentration allowed the Gills' to equalise within a minute through Barker with his first league goal. Edwards had the opportunity to secure a win but blundered with his 78th minute penalty. REF: D. Clark, Accrington. ATT: 2,421. FINAL SCORE: Chester 1 Gillingham 1.

TEN YEARS AGO

Sunday 3rd February 1974

Welsh Cup Quarter Final v. Wrexham (A)

CHESTER: Millington, Edwards, Relish, Mason, Dunleavy, Matthewson, Whitehead, Redfern, Futch (R), Seddon, Loska. Sub: Futch (P).

After a league game the previous day, both sides were pushed to the limit at the Race course. While City provided the football in midfield, Draper and James were sadly missed up front to take advantage. Lloyd denied Loska and Mason in the early stages but as the game progressed it was Millington who saw the action. Ex-Chester forward Geoff Davies scored the only goal in the 52nd minute when he flung himself at a cross. The substitution of Paul Futch for Redfern added to Wrexham problems, but the experiment of Sunday football proved a success as far as the attendance was concerned. REF: K.R. Dodd, Rhyl. ATT: 6,904. FINAL SCORE: Wrexham 1 Chester 0.

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Doncaster	26	9	3	0	28	12	5	5	4	21	20	50
Reading	27	10	4	0	39	12	2	4	7	17	29	44
Bristol City	25	10	0	2	30	9	3	4	6	11	15	43
Blackpool	25	9	1	3	22	9	4	2	6	11	16	42
Aldershot	27	8	4	2	21	16	4	2	7	12	25	42
Colchester	24	10	4	0	33	8	1	4	5	9	15	41
Stockport	28	8	3	3	21	12	3	4	7	19	27	40
Northampton	25	8	4	1	18	9	2	5	5	12	16	39
Peterborough	26	9	4	1	26	8	2	3	8	14	21	37
Bury	24	5	4	2	20	14	5	3	5	17	15	37
Crewe Alexandra	25	6	4	3	17	16	4	2	6	12	20	36
Torquay	27	6	5	2	18	10	3	3	8	18	33	35
Tranmere Rovers	25	7	3	3	23	16	2	6	4	10	13	36
Chesterfield	26	4	8	2	16	17	3	4	5	14	17	33
Swindon	25	7	3	3	23	14	1	4	7	11	18	31
Halifax	26	6	4	3	16	14	1	5	7	9	24	30
Wrexham	25	4	4	4	19	14	2	5	6	12	21	27
Darlington	24	6	1	5	11	9	2	2	8	9	17	27
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