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# Cyril Lea

Today we welcome Swindon Town to Layer Road, knowing that this will be a good football game as they are a 'footballing' side. Why I say that is having gone to Crewe last Saturday and experienced a side where their best pass is back to the goalkeeper from near the half-way line, who then kicks the ball as far as he can where everybody fights to win possession, can be a bit frustrating.



I have said to my team constantly that it takes two teams to try to play a game of football, and when one side doesn't want to try to do anything constructive it can be very difficult, as we have experienced. I know this won't be the case with Swindon today and we look forward to a fast exciting encounter.

I would like this week to give particular mention to Colin Henson, who runs the Reserves in conjunction with Mike Walker — I think they are both doing a fine job for the club, as is Roy Massey with the Youth team. I don't get as much chance to see their teams in action as I would like because we clash with games, but their last two results of 7 and 6 goals respectively show that we are on the right road, particularly with our youngsters, which holds a good future for this club. With talks going on about a new stadium the future seems very bright, and some of these young players will be the ones to reap the benefits.

Our true supporters, I know, support all our teams, and the atmosphere at any game can make a big difference to the players, and if we all take pride in our club then this is how it should be.

*Cyril Lea*

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# SWINDON TOWN

**SCOTT ENDERSBY** now 21, first spotted by Ipswich when playing for Kettering. Had a season goalkeeping for Tranmere Rovers before joining Swindon last summer.

**JIM ALLAN** long serving Swindon player. Broke his arm early in season and Endersby took his place in goal.

**IAN ANDREWS** with Allan out and Endersby missing a game through injury, Swindon got this young keeper on loan from Leicester.

**SIMON GIBSON** this 19 year-old defender was signed from Chelsea after first joining Swindon on loan.

**KEVIN BADDELEY** out of favour early in the season, the 21 year-old former Bristol City defender has regained his place in the team.

**COLIN BAILLIE** this young Irish lad was an apprentice at the club. Usually in the back four but has also figured in midfield.

**NIGEL GRAY** has been in and out of the team. Previously with Orient and had a loan spell with Charlton. Defender.

**PAUL BATTY** signed full time after being an apprentice with the club.

**CHRIS HENRY** young defender, was an apprentice.

**GARY EMMANUEL** experienced midfield player who once cost Bristol Rovers £50,000 when they signed him from Birmingham.

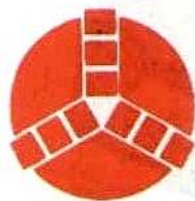
**GARY NELSON** midfield player who signed on a free transfer from South-end United.

**DAVID HOCKADAY** this 26 year-old midfield player gave Blackpool good service before moving south to Swindon.

**JIMMY QUINN** cost Swindon £10,000 from Northern Premier side Oswestry Town. Scored a dozen goals this season.

**ALAN MAYES** back at Swindon who sold him to Chelsea for £200,000. The 30 year-old striker has scored 12 goals to date.

**ANDY ROWLAND** former England Youth International. The big striker has recently been playing in defence.



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# News & Views

Halifax Town's announcement that, after this season, they intend to cut their full time staff to six or seven players hardly comes as a surprise. Many of the breadline clubs are obviously having to take a hard and realistic look at the wages bill. And obviously the use of part-time and non-contract players is one way of achieving this objective.

Yet on the other side of the coin the idea has been tried before, and then discarded. Indeed Halifax were one of the first clubs to experiment along these lines but then abandoned the plan — presumably because they found it didn't work.

It also raises a question of what view would be taken by the league if a club staffed mainly by part-timers came up for re-election? Could it mean an opportunity for outside aspirants like Altrincham, Scarborough or Maidstone to secure a place in the league?

Of the Fourth Division registrations in the last three months 47 have been non-contract players, 20 have been on monthly terms, and there have been 26 loan transfers. During the same period transfers involving money total just eight. So here again is a clear indication of how clubs are tightening their belts. With almost all the signings being short term so that load shedding on wages

becomes an easy matter if finances become over-stretched.

All of which in many ways adds up to the fact that it is going to become harder and harder for players to achieve real job security in a more and more competitive field. It also inevitably points to a further decrease in the number of full time professionals and an even higher struggle for young players to become established in the game.

Not so long ago a club could afford to run a reserve, and often a third team, and give young players a few seasons to develop and show their potential. Now quite a number of league sides operate on a small squad with no reserve team back-up. So not only is the intake of young players restricted, the length of time a club can give them to blossom is also severely curtailed.

It could be argued of course, that with the limitations on the number of players employed, clubs can be more selective and standards improved. But where is the evidence to prove this is happening?

Looking through all four divisions of the league there is certainly evidence of a levelling of performance. But whether the levelling is up or down is a matter of opinion.

*John Mason*  
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# Division IV News

Latest results have done little to sort out the section's front runners. For while leaders York City continue to extend their lead at the top, the eight clubs below them are still locked in an intriguing battle for the remaining promotion spots.

Colchester found both Doncaster and Crewe tough opposition, and two points out of a possible six on the face of it hardly looks promotion form. But on the other hand with both the opposing sides still in the hunt it meant the relative positions of the trio remained unaltered.

With Doncaster held at home on Saturday by Tranmere, Bristol City going down at Peterborough and Reading only getting a point at Swindon the results went well for the U's. At the same time however Peterborough's win hoists them back into the reckoning, while Aldershot continue to confound the critics. Sixteen goals in the last three games is impressive stuff.

Today's games provide Colchester with a real chance of gaining ground on their rivals. Bristol City entertain Aldershot, Reading are at home to York, while Blackpool will not find it easy at Chesterfield. Doncaster after that slip at home to Tranmere go to Halifax who need points to keep out of the bottom four. So a Saturday sort out is clearly on the cards.

The manager chopping season continued with Bury

sacking Jim Iley. He was their 16th manager in just over 30 years. Despite this turnover at the top the Gigg Lane side have never managed to recapture the Second Division spot they lost in 1968/69. Whoever succeeds to the Bury hot seat faces an uphill task. It appears the Bury board used part of the £100,000 fee paid by West Ham for Paul Hilton to pay off the remaining 18 months or so of Mr Iley's contract. This left little cash for new players and with no reserve or youth teams to fall back on there seems little scope for improving the present side.

Meantime, new signings continue to alter the playing scene. Peterborough appear to have done themselves a bit of good by taking 21 year-old winger Gary Worrell on loan from Manchester United. Wrexham have signed striker Jim Steel, and player the U's tried to get, from Port Vale. While loan signings have seen keeper Ian Andrews join Swindon from Leicester, Paul Butler go from Wolves to Hereford, John Hendrix from Coventry to Hereford, and Peter Frain move from West Bromwich to Mansfield.

Finally Chester have extended the loan spells of Ronald Hildersley and Paul Sanderson from Manchester City and signed Andy Wharton and Lee Dixon from Burnley. Wharton of course, had been on loan at Torquay but could not agree terms on a final transfer.



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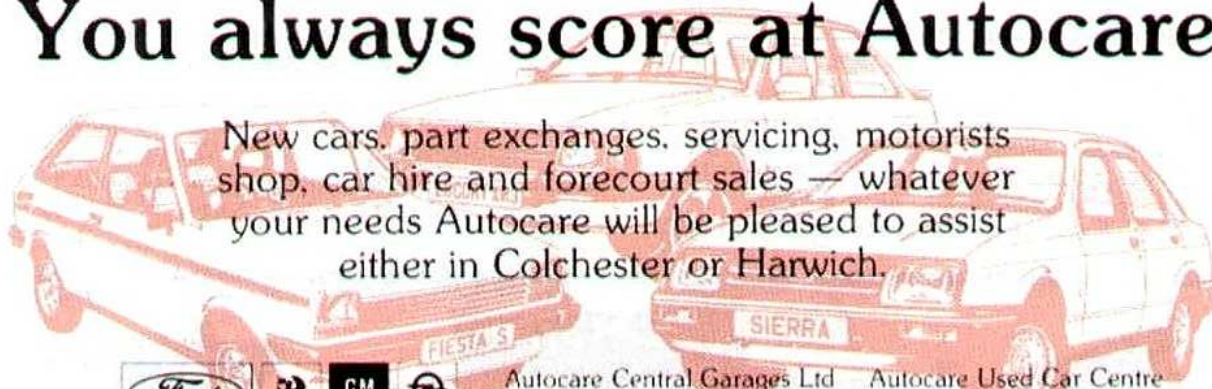
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# Reserve News

BY COLIN HENSON  
RESERVE TEAM MANAGER

Last Monday week saw us once again at New Writtle Street, where we played Chelmsford City in our last game in the Courage Floodlight Competition.

We had already beaten them twice this season, once at home in this competition and once away in the East Anglian Cup, so we were looking for a hat trick of wins. After our defeat at Wisbech the previous Saturday, we made a few changes, bringing in Stuart Youngman, Andy Farrell, Robin Reid and Roger Osborne back from injury. We also had in the side a young trialist from Aveley, striker Paul Battram. Our goal and the only one of the game came in the first half, when Paul Battram chased a bad back pass and beat the keeper to it and scored. The performance generally was far better than that at Wisbech and on the whole I think that we just about deserved our victory.

Our next game was at home against March last Saturday a side who had already beaten us this season by 1 goal to nil. After a very untidy 30 minutes, we were to score three goals

before half time through Craig Oldfield 2 and Simon Burman. Although we were three up at half time both Mike Walker and myself were not that impressed with our performance and words were exchanged to put this right. The players responded magnificently scoring a further 4 goals and creating many more. The second half scorers were Craig Oldfield completing his hat-trick, Dave Hubbick 2 and Stuart Youngman first of the season. The final result was 7-1 with March getting a last consolation goal. This was our biggest win of the season so far.

Our next league game is away against Yarmouth Town on Saturday 25th February, a side that have already beaten us this season by 2 goals to nil.

Mike Walker and I would like to congratulate Rudi Hedman and Mike Whytock on signing Non-Contract forms for the club. In regards to Rudi Hedman it is no more than he deserves, as he has been with the club for several seasons.

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# Youth Team

## ROY MASSEY YOUTH TEAM COACH

After a string of disappointing results, our young players produced a very good display last Saturday, beating C.A.V. from Sudbury 6—0 at Spring Lane. We welcomed back David Gadsden after a number of Reserve team appearances. He competently dealt with all the C.A.V. forwards had to offer. After a number of missed chances we went ahead with a goal from Kevin Moye just before half-time.

In the second half we completely outplayed our opponents. Alex Chappel looked particularly sharp and scored a hat-trick. Kevin Moye scored his second, and Dave King completed the scoring. Needless to say, it was a game where everybody played well, but I was particularly pleased with the performance of Paul Welling who showed good skills and much unselfish running. He has had his share of disappointments over the last year, after much success in the Reserves as a fifteen year old. This season he has struggled to find his touch in our Youth side, but in the last two games he has been in outstanding form, and hopefully he can now go on to develop his game and challenge for a place in the Reserves. Paul is still young

enough to play for the Youth team next season, so he has time on his side.

I was delighted to hear that the club are offering non-contract forms to Rudi Hedman and Michael Whytock. Both have played consistently well this season, and now they have the opportunity to show that they can make the grade in League football.

Throughout last week we have had a number of schoolboys at the club training full time, with a view to taking some of them as apprentices or on the Youth Training Scheme for next season. They are all local boys, and we are hoping to bring some youngsters to the club at Easter from the Suffolk and Norfolk areas.

With the introduction of the Youth Training Scheme, clubs are now able to take on more boys who show potential and have the desire to become professional footballers. Obviously the failure rate will be high, but I feel that it is better to have the chance to realise an ambition than have no chance at all. The important thing is that boys who do join a professional club should have their minds on another career in case they do not make the grade.

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"I don't care if we are three goals down with only five minutes to go, we've still got to go for goals.

That is a rough translation of what every manager's instructions to his team must have been when The Football League's Associate Members' Cup competition got under way this week.

Because, in the Associate Members' Cup, it is possible to lose a match and still eventually win. Thanks to yet another Football League innovation, four of the sixteen places in the area quarter-finals are reserved for the losing teams which have scored most goals in the first two rounds.

"It should certainly add to the entertainment value", says Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League. "It is going to be much better to lose 5-4 than 2-1 in the early rounds. There is little long-term future in a team trying to sit on a lead, and I am hoping that the experiment will give fans a feast of attacking football. I see no reason why not."

Another semi-innovation is the use of two substitutes instead of the statutory one in Canon League and Milk Cup games. "That, too", says Graham Kelly, "can give the managers more attacking options."

All 48 Third and Fourth Division

clubs are playing in the competition which is divided into north and south sections. The winner of each section will meet in the final.

The competition will be played on a straightforward knock-out principle. There will be no replays. When the scores are level after 90 minutes, a tie will be decided by 30 minutes of extra-time and then, if necessary, a penalty competition.

The first round, played last Tuesday, with one exception, consisted of 24 matches. The second round, during the week of March 12, comprises 12 matches.

The second round winners will be joined in the quarter-finals by the two highest scorers in the north and south sections. The ties will be played during the week of March 19.

The area semi-finals will be played during the week of April 9 and the area finals during the week of May 14. The venue and date of the final will be decided during the later stages of the competition.

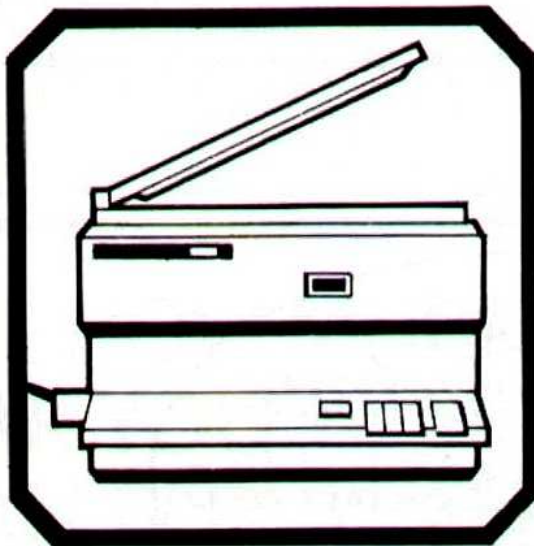
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# Flashback

Twenty years ago this weekend, Colchester were reported to the League. The match at Layer Road was a Third Division encounter with Bristol City. On a snowbound ground the U's lost by the odd goal in five and referee Mr R.A. Paine was bombarded with snowballs and cushions after making some very odd decisions.

The City goals were scored by England International John Atyeo who appeared to guide the ball in with his hand. Clark got their second goal, and a hotly disputed penalty put in by Tony Ford gave them the winner. Billy Stark, who had been dropped by Neil Franklin for the two previous games against Exeter City and Oldham Athletic, returned to the side and got both Colchester's goals.

Atyeo won the penalty for City with a dive that fooled no-one apart from the referee. Duncan Forbes always maintained that Atyeo fell over his own feet, and no U's player touched him. After that the referee who had earlier disallowed Colchester what looked like a good goal came in for a lot of stick. He came off under police escort to a volley of snowballs and cushions and duly reported the matter to the league.

The U's team that day was Ames, Fowler, Forbes, Loughton, Trevis, Docherty, Jones, Grice, Stark, Langley and Aitchison.

Percy Ames played in the next game against Queens Park Rangers, but the Bristol City game was his swansong at Layer Road. After 397 league appear-

ances he gave way to big South African keeper, Sandy Kennon, signed from Norwich City. It was also John Fowler's last league appearance at Layer Road that season. He was dropped by Franklin and in the next game against Q.P.R., Brian Hall signed from Mansfield Town made his debut.

Billy Stark figured in the next home match with Watford. After being dropped he had asked to go on the transfer list and later in the season moved to Luton Town. In 95 league games for the U's he scored 32 goals. So in the space of two weeks three well known figures faded from the Layer Road scene.

All in all this was a season of change for United and after three campaigns in Division Three they were relegated along with Luton Town, Port Vale and Barnsley. Cup matches too, brought little joy, Torquay United beating them in both the League Cup and the F.A. Cup.

Apart from Stark and Ames, Ritchie Griffiths left the staff to join the police. John Docherty, who joined the club from Hearts of Midlothian, returned to his native Scotland. Martyn King had departed to Wrexham, and Bobby Hill left at the end of the season. A youngster named Tommy McColl scored perhaps the best goal I have ever seen against Mansfield. But he was a bit of a wild lad so when Tommy Docherty came along with an offer to take him to Chelsea the club let him go, perhaps just as well, because even the "Doe" failed to tame him.

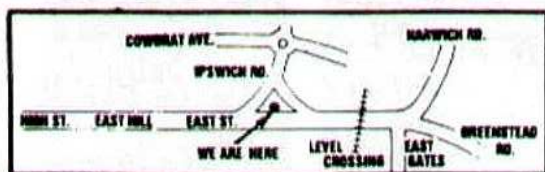


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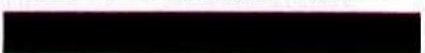
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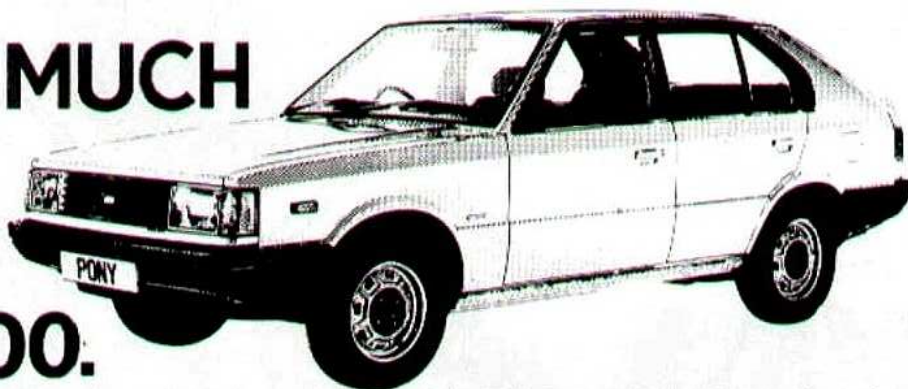
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## Match-day Action



*Crewe defender back on his goal-line prepares to cut out a low corner from near post expert Keith Bowen.*



*Keith Bowen, having opened the scoring for the U's, again in action against a Crewe defender as he attempts to make space for his cross on the edge of the Crewe 18 yard box.*

# U's v Crewe



*Newcomer Les Mutrie, back in the first team after illness, is seen creating problems for a Crewe defender as he finds space in the Crewe 18 yard box.*

*Photographs by Roger Gray.*



*Last minute anxious moment for the U's as young Alec Chamberlain faces up to the Crewe No. 8 for the penalty kick.*

# Today's Visitors

Today's visitors Swindon Town were founded by a vicar the Rev. W. PITT in 1881, and were one of the original members of the South-ern League in 1894.

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Won the Football League Cup in

1968/69 while in the Third Division beating Arsenal 3—1 in the final — and won promotion to the Second Division to complete a marvellous season.

John Trollope, still serving the club, played a record 770 league games for them between 1960 & 1980.

The U's and Swindon have met three times in the Fourth Division.

Last season the U's won 1—0 at Layer Road a Micky Cook special being the only goal of the game.

At Swindon the home team won 3—0 in 1982/83. This season back in October though Tony Adcock converted a penalty to give the U's the lead, Rowlands and Hockaday scoring for Swindon.

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## (c) Pullover:

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- Hold one dumbbell in straight arm position above chest whilst laying on your back.
- use both hands with palms facing upwards against weight.

### Movement

- Lower dumbbell behind your head whilst keeping body still.
- bend elbows and "arc" the dumbbell.
- return to starting position and repeat.

**Beginners: 3 sets of 10**

**Advanced: increase weights**

## At the Arena

### (d) Chest Press

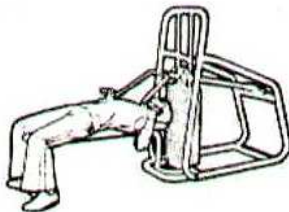
- Ideal with wide range of weights for everybody.

### (e) Dumbbells

- as for (b) and (c).

### (f) Wall pulleys

- Crossovers whilst standing up!



## Reach for the sky!

Stretching the arms and shoulders is no less important than stretching the legs and the early morning "stretch" is a good start. The intention; as always is not to force muscles beyond their normal position but to "wake them up" and introduce them to working before starting other forms of exercise (even if this is no more than staggering downstairs for breakfast). It is also important to maintain shape or form during exercises and stretching and to aid this a mirror in the bedroom, the gymnasium or the office is useful. For both men and women the Arena Dance Studio workouts on Tuesday evenings (mixed) or Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings for ladies are ideal not only for helping you to look and feel better but also to learn exercises you can do at home and to develop "form" in your movements. The most obvious examples of looking good whilst exercising, are ballet dancers and Mr Universe contestants!

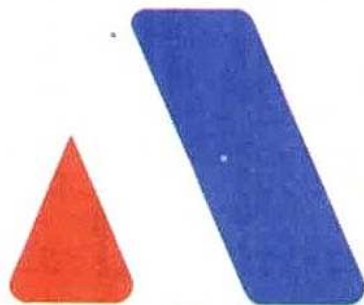
## At home:

### (a) Back stretch, starting position:

- Find a towel, old sweater, pair of tights or whatever.
- sit on the floor hold towel with right hand behind head and left hand in the middle of your back.

### Movement:

- Pull towel downwards with left hand.
- hold position for 30 seconds.
- change hand positions and repeat.

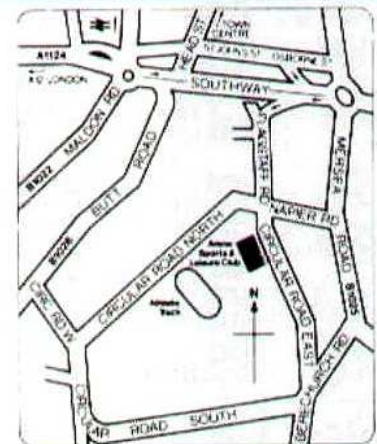


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## Canon League Division IV Season

### OPPONENTS

	F-A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
<b>AUGUST 1983</b>														
Sat 27 Darlington	A 2-0	1,411	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston1	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Taylor
Tues 30 M/C Reading	H 3-2	2,418	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock2	Hull	Taylor
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>														
Sat 3 Blackpool	H 2-1	2,169	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Oldfield
Tues 6 Bristol City	H 0-0	2,120	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Taylor
Fri 9 Stockport County	A 0-0	2,077	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Taylor
Wed 14 Reading M/C	A 3-4	3,460	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen1	Adcock1	Hull	Taylor
Sat 17 Rochdale	H 4-0	1,955	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Sowen1	Adcock2	Hull*	Oldfield
Sat 24 Chesterfield	A 1-1	4,106	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Leslie
Mon 26 Tranmere R.	A 1-2	1,566	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Oldfield
<b>OCTOBER</b>														
Sat 1 Chester City	H 1-0	1,976	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Leslie	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Oldfield
Tues 4 Swansea City M/C	A 1-1	3,758	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Leslie	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Oldfield
Fri 7 York City	A 0-3	6,207	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Leslie	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Oldfield
Sat 15 Northampton T.	H 2-2	1,964	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook1	Phillips	Hadley	Leslie	Houston1	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Hubbick
Tues 18 Bury	H 1-0	1,969	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Leslie	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Nichols
Sat 22 Swindon Town	A 1-2	3,079	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall*	Leslie	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Hull	Nichols
Tues 25 Swansea City M/C	H 1-0	5,204	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Nichols	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Hubbick	Adcock1	Hull	Nichols
Sat 29 Crewe Alexandra	H 2-0	3,402	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Nichols	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock2	Hull*	Hubbick
<b>NOVEMBER</b>														
Tues 1 Doncaster Rovers	A 3-3	3,491	Phillips	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Hadley	Nichols	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen2	Adcock1	Leslie	Hubbick
Sat 5 Reading	H 3-0	2,433	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston1	Hubbick	Osborne*	Bowen	Adcock1	Leslie1	Groves
Tues 8 Man United M/C	H 0-2	13,031	Farrell	Chamberlain Cook	Farrell	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Leslie	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hubbick*	Groves
Sat 12 Mansfield Town	A 0-0	3,042	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Hubbick	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Leslie	Groves
Sat 19 F.A.Cup(1) Torquay	A 2-1	2,126	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Hubbick	Osborne	Bowen2	Adcock	Leslie	Groves
Sat 26 Torquay U.	A 1-2	1,364	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook1	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Hubbick	Farrell	Bowen	Adcock	Leslie	Groves
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
Sat 3 Hartlepool U.	H 6-0	1,935	Phillips2	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips2	Nichols1	Wignall	Houston	Groves1	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Leslie	Hubbick
Sat 10 F.A.C.Waldstone	H 4-0	2,693	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston1	Groves	Osborne	Bowen3	Adcock	Leslie	Hubbick
Sat 17 Halifax Town	H 4-1	1,866	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen2	Adcock*	Leslie	Hubbick
Mon 26 Peterborough U.	A 0-2	6,527	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Leslie	Hubbick
Tues 27 Aldershot	H 4-1	3,123	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall1	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen1	Adcock2	Leslie	Hubbick
Sat 31 Hereford U.	A Abandoned after 68 minutes.													
<b>JANUARY 1984</b>														
Mon 2 Wrexham	H 1-1	3,182	Phillips	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Nichols*	Hubbick
Sat 7 F.A.C.(3) Charlton	H 0-1	6,296	Phillips	Chamberlain Farrell*	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock1	Nichols*	Hubbick
Sat 14 Darlington	H 2-1	2,151	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves*	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock2	Leslie	Hubbick
Sat 21 Rochdale	H Postponed													
<b>FEBRUARY</b>														
Sat 26 Stockport C.	H 1-1	2,213	Phillips	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Farrell	Houston	Mutrie*	Hull	Bowen	Adcock1	Leslie	Groves
Sat 3 Chester City	A 4-1	1,179	Phillips1	Chamberlain Cook	Phillips1	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Mutrie1	Hull	Bowen2	Adcock*	Leslie	Groves

Sat 11 Chesterfield	H	2-0	2,358	Chamberlain	Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Hull	Bowen	Adcock1	Leslie	Osborne
Tues14 Doncaster R.	A	1-2	2,821	Chamberlain	Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Groves	Hull	Bowen1	Adcock	Leslie	Osborne
Sat 16 Crewe Alex.	H	1-1	2,532	Chamberlain	Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Mutrie	Hull	Bowen1	Adcock*	Leslie	Osborne
Tues21Wimbledon A.M.C.	H	2-1	1,888	Chamberlain	Cook	Phillips	Hadley	Wignall	Houston	Mutrie*	Hull	Bowen	Adcock2	Leslie	Osborne & Oldfield*
Sat 25 Swindon Town	H														

**Colchester appearances — records to date.**

		League		Cup	
	Games	Goals	Games	Goals	
Chamberlain	28	0	8	0	
Cook	25	2	7	0	
Phillips	25	3	3	0	
Hadley	27	0	8	0	
Wignall	22	6	7	2	
Houston	26	4	8	1	
Groves	22(5sub)	1	6(2sub)	0	
Osborne	20(2sub)	0	7	0	
Bowen	28	9	7	6	
Adcock	28	20	8	5	
Leslie	20	1	5	0	
Hubbick	3(7Sub)	0	3(1Sub)	0	
Nichols	3(2Sub)	1	2	0	
Farrell	8	0	6	0	
Hull	18	0	6	0	
Mutrie	3	1	0	0	
Oldfield	3(3Sub)	0	0	0	
Taylor	1(1Sub)	0	0	0	

**Eastern Counties League  
(League games only)**

**Appearances:-** Burman 24, Hedman 24, Dalorto 22, Taylor 21, Nichols 19, Oldfield 18, Walker 18, McClean 17, Whytock 13, Farrell 12, Youngman 12, Osman 11, Fraser 11, James 9, Gadsdon 9, Hubbick 8, Mills 8, Templeton 8. Sixteen other players have made six or less appearances for the Reserves.

**Goals:-** Oldfield 13, Taylor 10, Hubbick 9, McClean 9, Dalorto 6, Burman 4, Moya 4, Fraser 4, Nichols, Youngman, Farrell, Osman and Mills each 1.

**The Football League  
1983/84**

HOME		AWAY		GOALS		FOURTH DIVISION		EASTERN COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE										
P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
York	28	13	2	1	40	11	6	2	20	16	61	26	20	6	0	64	17	46
Doncaster	30	9	5	0	30	14	6	6	4	25	23	25	19	4	2	82	27	42
Aldershot	31	10	4	2	33	19	5	3	7	17	27	28	17	3	8	66	28	37
Reading	31	11	5	0	41	13	2	6	7	19	31	31	15	7	6	56	34	37
Bristol City	30	12	1	2	35	11	3	4	8	12	20	31	13	7	11	54	52	33
<b>COLCHESTER</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>
Blackpool	28	10	4	1	32	10	2	5	8	15	22	24	12	7	4	49	26	32
Peterborough	30	10	4	3	20	18	5	2	7	16	24	24	12	7	5	53	39	31
Crewe	29	7	5	3	25	17	5	4	7	21	21	42	11	7	7	43	34	29
Bury	30	6	5	3	23	18	3	8	4	12	14	41	9	9	6	42	29	27
Tranmere	30	7	3	5	24	16	3	4	8	20	29	41	10	6	9	39	39	26
Stockport	31	8	4	4	24	16	3	4	8	20	29	41	11	1	13	45	58	23
Northampton	29	8	5	2	20	14	2	5	7	13	21	40	12	5	8	46	41	29
Swindon	30	8	4	3	26	16	2	5	8	18	23	39	10	6	9	39	39	24
Torquay	29	7	5	2	19	10	3	4	8	19	34	39	8	8	11	39	39	24
Chesterfield	30	5	8	2	18	18	3	4	8	15	22	36	11	1	13	45	58	23
Darlington	28	7	2	5	14	11	3	2	9	10	19	34	9	4	16	40	63	22
Halifax	30	6	6	3	19	17	1	5	9	11	32	32	7	7	12	30	40	21
Hereford	30	5	3	6	11	15	2	7	7	13	24	31	6	11	33	59	20	20
Wrexham	27	4	5	4	20	15	2	6	6	13	22	29	5	4	13	23	42	14
Rochdale	29	4	8	2	25	21	2	3	10	12	30	29	3	3	20	29	82	13
Mansfield	29	4	5	4	23	16	2	4	10	13	35	27	3	6	16	34	74	12
Hartlepool	29	5	5	4	19	16	1	1	13	8	38	24	4	3	19	37	68	11
Chester	30	3	4	8	13	27	0	6	9	12	28	19	4	3	22	32	83	11

# Play The Game

## SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 22

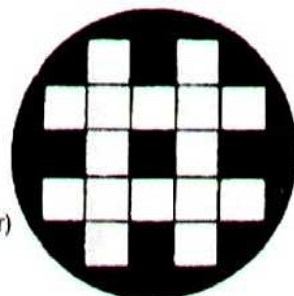
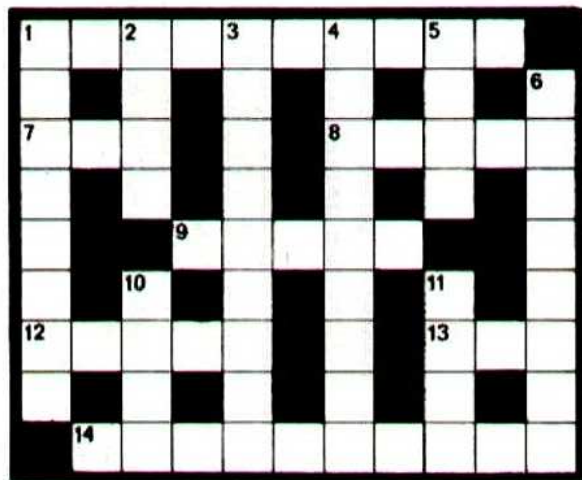
devised by David Peck

### ACROSS

1. 'County' player who kicks off his career with a debut goal for Orient in 1981 (4,6)
7. The symbol on Brentford's badge for a while (3)
8. Former coach put in the driving seat at Port Vale this season (5)
9. England is Scotland's 'auld - - - '(5)
12. A roof-worker who left Rotherham in 1968 or another who joined them in 1979 (5)
13. Its loss ended Gordon Banks' England career (3)
14. 'County' player who became a country player with England in Australia in 1980 (10)

### DOWN

1. Scottish club whose record victory is also the best-ever British result (8)
2. Shared the spoils (4)
3. Peruvian (an anagram of Ari Mineos) who is one of the elite few men to have hit a hat-trick against England (9)
4. The nickname of Southend United (9)
5. Of which the toss-winner has a choice (4)
6. Dead-ball situation in which a pre-planned manoeuvre can be tried out (3,5)
10. One of Mansfield Town's colours (4)
11. - - - finalist starts like 3 down (4)



### ON THE BALL NO.22

Ex-Pompey musician (twice over)  
Usual official colour  
Swansea's plant . . .  
. . . and where it grows

### ANSWERS TO ON THE BALL No.21

(Ewood) (Tyler) (aways) (homes)

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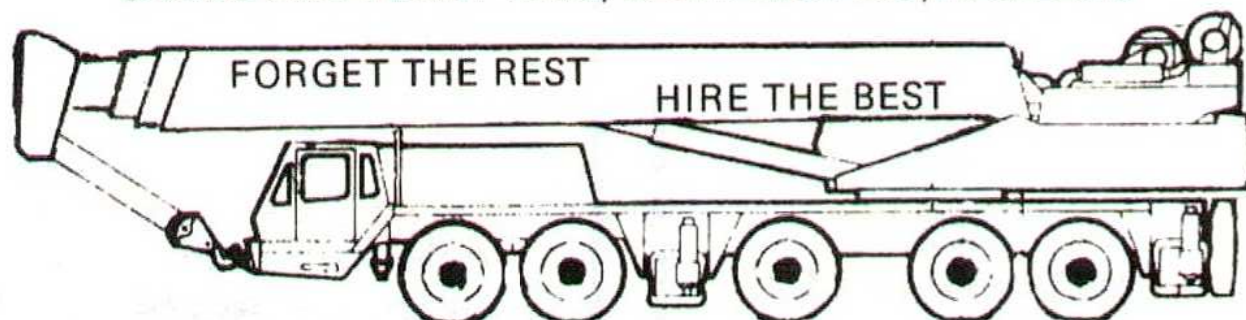
**RESERVE OFFICIAL: Mr J. D. Brightmore (Lexden)** Our thanks go to the Colchester Referees' Society for their continued assistance in providing us with a reserve official.

Two away games next week, so here goes right in with the travel details. For Bury, next Saturday (March 3rd) we will leave Layer Road at 7.30a.m., and fares are £9. for Travel Club members, and £11. for others. then the following Wednesday (March 7th), we go to Reading in an absolutely vital promotion game. Our coaches will leave Layer Road at 3p.m., calling in Chelmsford at 3.30p.m., and fares are £5. for members and £6. for others. Please book your seat for each game today. You can also collect details of all Travel Club details for the rest of the season from Derek in the booking hut.

The Travel Club F.C. have a game in London v "Jacksons Teamen" on March 4th, but on March 10th we have a special 'Supporters Challenge' game against the Mansfield Travel Club, on Shrub End playing fields. This will kick-off at 11.30a.m., why not come along?

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SPORTING U'S

# Sporting U's

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Sporting U's is operated by the Football Club for the community. Coaching and competition is provided in a large variety of sports and for all ages, with an emphasis on children and young people. No membership is required – all are welcome. Full details in the Evening Gazette every Thursday and in the Essex County Standard on Fridays.

TELEPHONE – COLCHESTER 578978 (24-hour answerphone)

Sporting U's is back to usual next week – not, as you might think, following the school half-term week – but because I have not been operating during the holiday, but have been down at St. Botolph's in the town centre helping to organise the Youth and Children's Festival.

Many of the youngsters who would usually take part in sporting activities at Layer Road have been at the Festival, joining in some of the 30 or more events. Just in case you've missed all the publicity, let me tell you that we do have just one more super concert for you with the visit of **JONATHAN COHEN** and his band to St. Botolph's Church at 7.30p.m. tonight. Tickets – adults £2.00, children £1.00 – should be available at the door.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

I am delighted that a total of 43 local Primary Schools have decided to enter teams in the netball, mini-hockey and five-a-side football tournaments that Sporting U's are organising during the coming month. The draw for the qualifying sessions has been distributed and we are really looking forward to some super sporting competition.

If you are free during the afternoons, why not pop in and have a look? For more than 20 afternoons in the coming six weeks we shall be active! Come along and see some future experts at work!

## TOURNAMENTS GALORE!

From March to June each year is a traditional time for sports tournaments

and Sporting U's have approximately 25 on offer! We range from five-a-side football for under-9's through to under-16's; to netball for under-12, 14 and 16 year-olds; to cricket at 7-a-side for under-12's; to petanque triples contests for adults and cadets as well as a new pairs trophy. Application forms for these will be available from me next week. Give me a ring for details.

## ANGLIA LEAGUES

Three floodlit five-a-side soccer leagues have been running throughout the season at under-10, 12 and 14 levels, and we are nearing the climax in all of them. It's been a splendid season and I will be giving you all the tables in future programmes.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Meanwhile, don't forget our friends at the Essex County Newspaper Group who are kind enough to give space to Sporting U's activities every single week. Each Thursday's **EVENING GAZETTE** carries a substantial amount of Sporting U's news – written by yours truly (and I even warrant photograph these days!) – and the sports pages of the **ESSEX COUNTY STANDARD** every Friday, just under the photo of Sports Editor Bob Wailling! – includes latest news and information, too. There really is no excuse for not knowing about Sporting U's and all we try to do for the youngsters of Colchester and district!

TONY WILLOUGHBY

# CLUB SHOP

The Sporting U's shop will not be open after tonight's game, but all the usual souvenir outlets will be ready and willing to sell you our wide range of United gifts. If in difficulty please phone Col. 578978 from Monday February 27th.

The Colchester United range of souvenir goods now include the following:

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etc., etc.

## MASCOT

STUART LONERGAN was ten years old last October, and attends the Ardleigh C. of E. Primary School. He is a keen footballer, playing regularly for the Priory Rangers under-10 team; he also enjoys snooker (he has a table of his own at home) as well as darts and other sports. His favourite non-sporting pastime is drawing and writing.

To Stuart, today's Colchester United MASCOT, and his family we say "welcome to Layer Road." We hope you all enjoy the occasion and bring the U's a lot of luck!



# Supporters Club News



As supporters of a club in the Fourth Division of the Canon League, the F.A. Cup and indeed the Milk Cup, this season have done much to encourage us to realise that the day when a club from the Fourth Division finds itself at Wembley is not too far away, and ironically enough it could coincide with the first year when the final of the Associate Members Cup is held there, in the 1984/85 season. Our congratulations must go to Walsall for the magnificent fight they put up against Liverpool, a club who by their achievements in the Milk Cup in the past years were bound to be difficult to defeat. Our old friend Jim Smith has also amply reminded all the doubting Thomases of the ability of another club in the lower divisions, again well done Oxford United. In the F.A. Cup only last Saturday Plymouth Argyle, lying in eighth position from the bottom of the Third Division went to The Hawthorns and came away with a great result, when they were facing a team strengthened by the recruitment of a management team of Johnny Giles, Norman Hunter,

and Nobby Stiles. This challenge to the supposed rights of the top clubs to their permanent share of the cup spoils may not please the advocates of a super league etc., but by jove, it certainly brings more interest into the lower divisions and draws attention to some of the ability that is latent in these divisions.

Nice to see a goodly number of spectators at the last Reserve Team game at Layer Road, and they were handsomely rewarded with a win for the Reserves against March Town 7-1. I know Craig Oldfield will be pleased with his hat-trick, he has not had such a good goal scoring success rate as last season, so well done Craig.

A reminder to members of the Supporters Club that the Members Bar is for your use, and is open before the match, at half-time and after the match, closing one hour after the end of the game. All we ask you to do is show your membership card on entry, I am reliably informed the King Keg is in fine fettle!

## **Donkey & Buskins**



Layer Road

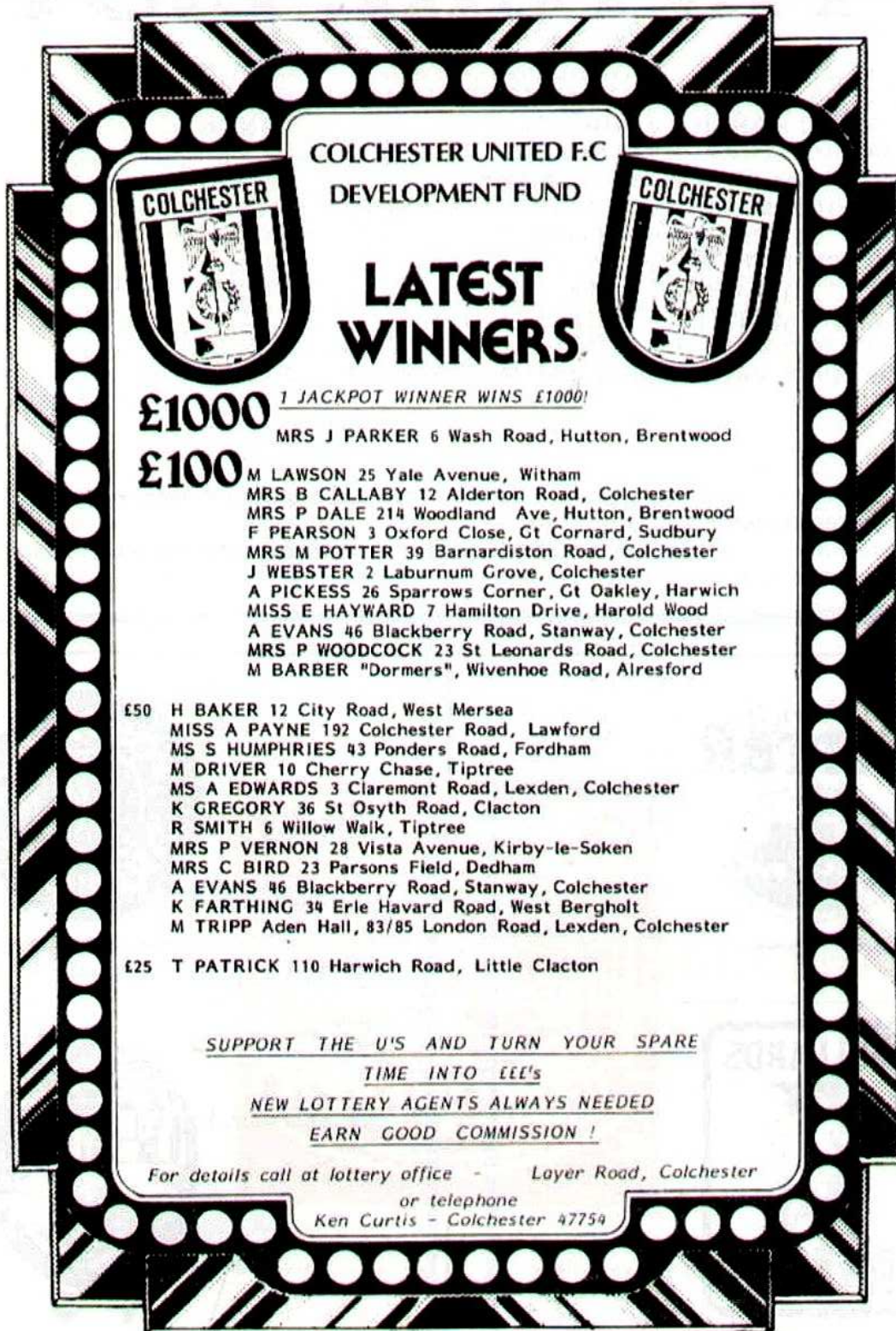
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# Club Events

## FIXTURE LIST

SATURDAY 25th FEB	v SWINDON TOWN(H)	CANON L.	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 25th FEB	v GT.YARMOUTH TOWN(A)	E.C.L.	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 3rd MARCH	v BURY (A)	CANON L.	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 3rd MARCH	v WISBECH TOWN (H)	E.C.L.	3.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH	v READING(A)	CANON L.	7.30 p.m.
SATURDAY 10th MARCH	v MANSFIELD TOWN(H)	CANON L.	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 10th MARCH	v FELIXSTOWE TOWN(A)	E.C.L.	3.00 p.m.
TUESDAY 13th MARCH	v CLACTON TOWN(H)	E.C.L.	7.30 p.m.
SATURDAY 17th MARCH	v YORK CITY(H)	CANON L.	3.00 p.m.
MONDAY 19th MARCH	v TIPTREE UNITED(A)	E.C.L.	7.30 p.m.
SATURDAY 24th MARCH	v NORTHAMPTON TOWN(A)	CANON L.	3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 24th MARCH	v STOWMARKET TOWN(H)	E.C.L.	3.00 p.m.

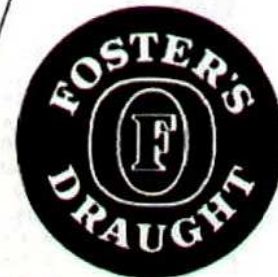
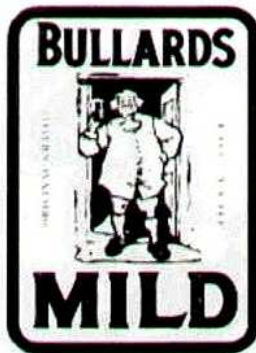
Our sincere congratulations go out to Rudi Hedman and Michael Whytock who have been taken on as Non-contract players with the Club.

Both players have shown highly creditable performances with the Reserve Team and we wish them every success with Colchester United.

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# View From The Terrace

Football fans in general are inclined to be fickle folk. Every team has its hard core of supporters who in good or bad times will turn out and take the rough with the smooth to urge on their favourites. Unfortunately that hard core seems to dwindle as the seasons go by and the problem becomes one of attracting in new customers.

Even the most demanding fan would admit that in the main this season the U's have provided good viewing at Layer Raod. And while everyone could pick a team that differs from the one that takes the field there is a generally united view among terrace fans that manager Cyril Lea has done a good job on limited resources.

But the fact remains that attendances continue to be disappointing, especially with a side that is handily placed for a move upstairs. The first home game against Bristol City back in September attracted just over 2,000 spectators. The recent Tuesday night game against a top side like Doncaster Rovers just about 800 more. A move in the right direction certainly, but hardly the sort of a reward for a team that has done well.

The Friday night match advocates see the present gates as justification for their pre-season opinion that the switch to Saturday afternoons would do nothing to attract more support. But it does seem whenever the

games are played somewhere round the 2,500 mark is the turnstile turnout that the club can depend on. One or two voices take the view that Sunday games should be given a trial. But surely this would raise a multitude of problems and local residents would almost certainly be opposed to any such plan.

But to turn to more cheerful topics. The manager looks like having the last laugh on the critics who were getting on the back of Perry Groves. The boss kept faith with the lad when he was certainly not one of the crowds favourite sons. During the last few games however terrace views have changed. Against Chesterfield and in the Doncaster match the lad — and folks forget he is still a teenager — has shown that Mr Lea's perseverance will pay dividends. Certainly his speed has never been in question and now that is being harnessed to ability to adapt to the teamwork as well.

It was pleasing to see the directors also giving recognition to the splendid service Micky Cook has given to the club. There has never been a more popular player with the terracites and to see Mrs Cadman; the chairman's wife, making that pre-match presentation to Micky was a heart warming sight. As Jim Smith when manager once said: "Give me 11 players like Cookie and I'd fear no-one."

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	<b>MICKY COOK</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>NIGEL GRAY</b>	
	<b>IAN PHILLIPS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>KEVIN BADDELEY</b>	
	<b>TONY HADLEY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>PAUL BATTY</b>	
	<b>STEVE WIGNALL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SIMON GIBSON</b>	
	<b>STEWART HOUSTON</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>ANDY ROWLAND</b>	
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