

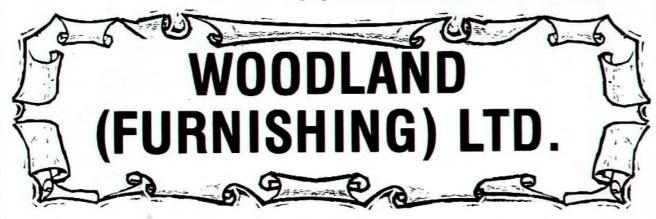




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# Manager's Notes . . .

first of all thank those

of you that travelled to our away games, at Coventry and Preston. Your support and encouragement was much ap-

preciated.
I would like to welcome Lou Macari and his Swindon Town team to Chester.
Their victory at Burnley matched ours at Preston, so the scene is set for what should be an enthralling game today.

HARRY McNALLY

8 School Street, Long Lawford, Rugby CV23 9AU

Dear Mr. McNally,

Well, the result on Wednesday wasn't quite the one we hoped for was it? And the size of the crowd didn't produce much revenue as a consolition. What a good show the team put up though! They were never anything more than two goals worse than Coventry. The result was a travesty of justice. The conversation in the Sky Blue Supporters' Club afterwards was full of praise for the Chester display.

You can be assured that Chester have left 5,000 supporters in Coventry who will be looking at your results from now on with great interest and cheering you on to what they are sure will be promotion and probably a championship. They were very impressed with the football and with the sporting attitude of the Chester players. It was the first match they can remember for ages when there wasn't a single booking, unsavoury incident or even a trainer on the pitch. In their view the only real difference between the two teams lay in Regis' display (he put on his life-time best), the support he had from McGrath and two bad defensive mistakes by Chester. In their view, too, Chester played much more attractive football than any other team visiting Highfield Road this season. The good humour shown by the Chester supporters and their unflagging support even when everything was going wrong was also a cause of much admiration.

**DERRICK GRIFFITHS** 

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Today's referee is MICHAEL REED from West Heath, Birmingham — Assistant Bank Manager. Married with two children. Commenced refereeing in 1972 and progressed via West Midlands Regional League. Enjoys all types of sport and is interested in gardening, photography and winemaking. Refereed Birmingham County Youth Final in 1980 and West Midlands League Final in 1985. Lined F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1985.

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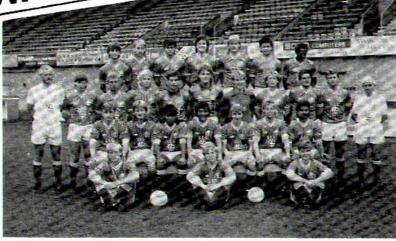


Today's visitors . . . Swindon Town

Last season

Swindon made two trips to Sealand Road but played only one game - the original match being controversially postponed just an hour before the kick-off! When the game was rescheduled both Ricky Greenough and Paul O'Berg scored their first goals for our club in the 2-0 victory. In the return game Nigal Walker hit a hat-trick and Stuart Rimmer also scored as the teams shared eight goals!

In the 10 league meetings at Sealand Road, Chester have won seven and drawn one whilst at the County Ground we have recorded two victories and two draws. The first league meeting between the two



Mark Hughes, Peter Lango, Andy Wollen, Charlie Henry, Colin Gordon, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey. THIRD ROW (Left to Right):

John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Brian Wade, Leigh Barnard, Mark Gardiner, Scott Endersby, John Findlay, Alan Churchward, Derek Hall, Andy Rowland, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist)

SECOND ROW (Left to Right):

Sean Prowse, Peter Coyne, Sheldon Lee, Lou Macari (Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Martin Davidson, Mark Payne.

FRONT ROW (Left to Right):

Gary Gillette, Nick Hughes, David Law.

teams was in season 1975-6 and since then both clubs have recorded one double against the other, Chester in 1980-1 (1-0 and 2-1) and Swindon in 1983-4 (3-0 and 4-0).

Cup clashes have gone Swindon's way - in 1969-70 (Round 4) the teams met at Swindon and the home team won 4-2 with Roy Cheetham and Gavin Lang scoring our goals. The League Cup Second Round paired the two in 1979-80 and Swindon won 1-0 on their ground and drew 1-1 here.

Just four players have appeared for both clubs since the war: Ray Betteridge, Ken Brandon, John Thomas (not THE J.T.!) and Paul Richardson.

Last season SCOTT ENDERSBY was an everpresent in goal but this term has lost his place to ex-Aston Villa and Luton player JAKE FINDLAY and he in turn has been replaced by recent acquisition KENNY ALLEN who missed just two of Torquay's games last season and who was previously with Bournemouth.

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At right-back Swindon have one of the division's classier defenders in CHRIS RAMSEY who made 32 appearances last season after being signed from Brighton for whom he played in the 1983 F. A. Cup Final. DAVID COLE was another newcomer last season. He played 20 games after signing from Swansea for whom he'd played 8 games. Newcomers this season are COLIN CALDERWOOD, PAUL ROBERTS and NICK COLEMAN. Calderwood's only other club was Mansfield for whom he made 100 League appearances whilst Roberts and Coleman are both ex-Millwall men – Roberts played 146 games for them and then 62 for Brentford, Coleman is just 19 and played just once, last season. Despite all the changes CHARLIE HENRY has retained his place in the ranks – he is a local player who turned professional in 1980 and has since played 133 games. Youngster ANDY WOLLEN is an ex-apprentice who awaits his first team chance.

The nucleus of the midfield department is likely to be very much as it was last season. Player-Manager LOU MACARI played 27 times last term, his first in charge, to add to the 329 League appearances for Manchester United and 56 for Celtic, not to mention the 24 Scottish Caps! LEIGH BARNARD had a short loan spell with Exeter last season but since joining Swindon from Portsmouth in 1982 he's played 115 League games. DAVE HOCKADAY joined the club in 1983 after 147 Leagues games and 24 goals for Blackpool. He has since played 58 games for Swindon. Newcomers this term are DEREK HALL and CHRIS KAMARA. Hall played 45 games for Torquay last season and 10 the season before, prior to which he'd been on Coventry's books and made one appearance for them. Kamara has rejoined the club from Brentford for whom he'd played 152 games and scored 28 goals. He originally joined Town from Portsmouth in 1977 and played 147 games in his first spell.

Last season's top scorer was COLIN GORDON who was an instant hit after being signed from non-League Oldbury United last November. He scored 17 goals in 33 games and was voted 'Player of the Year'. PETER COYNE missed just one game and scored 15 goals in his first season with the club. He'd previously scored on his League debut for Manchester United in 1976 and then added 47 in 134 games for Crewe and has also experienced non-League soccer with Ashton and Hyde. ANDY ROWLAND is in his eighth season with the club having previously scored 58 goals in 174 games for Bury. He was an ever-present last season and has scored 75 goals in his 267 appearances for the club. DAVID MOSS made his League debut in 1972 after signing from non-League Whitney Town. He scored 60 goals in 230 games and then moved on to Luton where he played in 222 games and scored 88 goals before moving back "home" this summer. BRIAN WADE is another newcomer and he's already made his mark despite his only previous experience being at non-League level with Bath City, Paulton Rovers and Trowbridge Town. The squad is completed with young forwards MARK GARDINER, MARK PAYNE, MARK HUGHES and JAMIE REYNOLDS who have all already made their League debuts.

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scene.

Colchester remain at the top of the Division despite losing 2-1 at Mansfield last Saturday a position they share with Southend

United who won 3-1 at Aldershot, both clubs having 25 points. We shared the highest aggregate of the day with our 6-3 victory over Preston and are only one point behind the top two with a game in hand.

Peterborough suffered a setback losing 5-0 at home to Northampton, with their goalkeeper being sent off in the first half. Elsewhere, Hereford kept up their good run with a 4-1 victory at home to Torquay, whereas today's visitors Swindon won 2-0 at Burnley with goals from Gordon and Coyne. Hartlepool's 3-1 victory at Stockport put them in fourth spot in the Division and they could turn out to be one of the surprise teams of the Division this season.

**CANON LEAGUE - DIVISION FOUR** (up to and including Saturday, 12th October, 1985)

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Cambridge	12	3	1	2	12	9	0	2	4	5	16	12
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Torquay	12	3	0	3	10	12	0	0	6	2	17	9
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Preston North End Canon League - Division 4 Saturday, 12th October, 1985.

For Chester's first visit to Preston for four years they showed one change from Wednesday's defeat at Coventry, that was Wakeley Gage replacing Rick Greenough. No one in the ground could have envisaged the final scoreline after the first half hour's play. From then on the scoring never stopped, and Stuart Rimmer's first half hat-trick was finishing of

the highest order.

The first goal after splendid work by Milton Graham getting to the byeline and crossing into the goalmouth, resulted in Stuart Rimmer hammering the ball home from a couple of yards. The second of his hat-trick was a left footed drive from another fine Graham pass, from 15 yards. The third was a fine jinking run from inside the Preston half followed by a low shot under the 'keeper, after sending two defenders the wrong way! This completed his hattrick in 13 minutes! The other goal of the half being scored by John Kelly against his old club. Preston's lone strike in this half was scored by Wayne Foster.

The second half never lived up to the last 15 minutes of the first but still produced 4 goals! Two for each side. Chester scored their fifth through a Ricky Greenough volley then Preston replied through their own sub Walsh. Preston scored again, this time from the penalty spot through Gary Brazil, but Rimmer was not be outdone and scored City's sixth, also from the penalty spot after Ricky Greenough was fouled.

This was a fantastic performance by City and hopefully we can build on these victories. Thanks to Stuart Rimmer and the lads from all who travelled away - keep up the good work and the goals coming,

please!

**NEXT AWAY GAME** CANON LEAGUE - DIVISION FOUR Tuesday, 22nd October 1985 Kick-off 7.30 p.m. NORTHAMPTON TOWN

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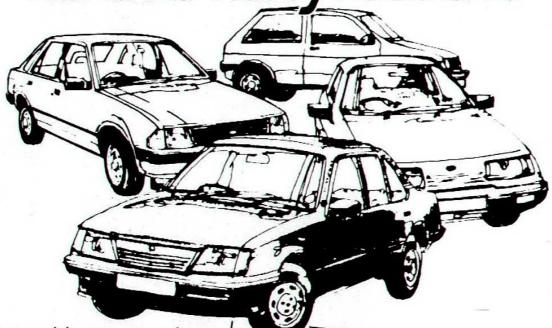
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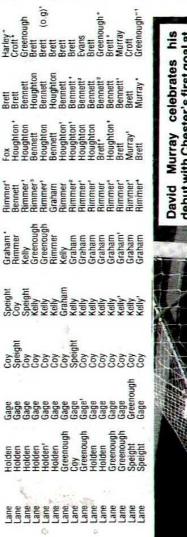
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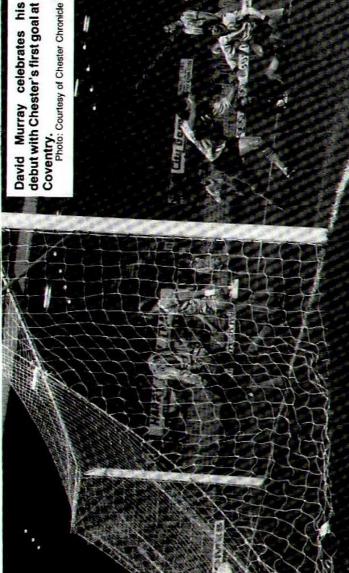
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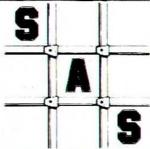












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# Reserve Report

**BOLTON (6)** v CITY RESERVES (0) 5th October, 1985

City's youngsters slipped to their seventh defeat in eight games played this season and in doing so brought their goals against tally to 33. These are the facts but in reality the average age of the team is getting lower and lower each week as first team calls have an inevitable bearing on the players available for reserve duty - for this game only David Evans was over the age of 18 and many more were under that age!! On the other side of the coin the team are coming up against players with considerable Central League experience and the difference is showing.

In this latest game the lads were still in the game at half time with a score of just 2-0. Paul Lloyd and Brian Croft went close to scoring for City but the defensive errors which seem to hamper their efforts each week were again in evidence as Bolton scored four more second half

goals.



# Match Report . . .

## Chester 4 v. Burnley 0

At the time of writing, Chester's assault on the league is seemingly unstoppable. A fortnight ago, City swept aside the mediocre resistance of Burnley in the manner that a good team should.

After David Brett had shot narrowly wide, Stuart Rimmer opened the scoring with his 12th goal of the season when he managed to curl the ball through a crowded penalty area into the bottom corner of the net. Five minutes later Milton Graham got his first goal for the club when he followed up Gary Bennett's blocked header. Bennett himself was desperately unlucky to see his effort hit the post and roll along the goal line soon after.

In the second half after he had just spectacularly volleyed over, John Kelly scored his first goal for Chester when he started and finished a fine move, knocking in David Glenn's low cross.

The game by now was all over as a contest, and, as Burnley pushed forward and failed to take the very few chances they created, they left large gaps at the back and, with three minutes left, Bennett raced clear and scored Chester's fourth to put them third in Division Four and firmly on the promotion trail.



Stuart Rimmer (right) shoots Chester into the lead against Burnley.

Photo: Courtesy of Chester Chronicle



John Kelly (centre) scores his first goal for the club during City's 4-0 win over Burnley.

Photo: Courtesy of Chester Chronicle



City Topics .

 Double congratulations to Stuart Rimmer who was 21 last Saturday and celebrated in fine style with four goals against Preston. Before the game Stuart was presented with a gold watch from the Chairman and Directors, and a Magnum fo Champagne from his team mates!

These goals make Stuart the Canon League's leading scorer with 17 goals. On behalf of everyone at Sealand Road we would like to wish him a belated 21st Birthday and hope he continues to knock the goals in for City for the remainder of

this season and many more to come!

The Club would like to thank all those people who have given the Club tremendous support in the last two away matches. Despite losing 7-2 at Coventry the lads received remendous support throughout the game. The vocal support was very much appreciated by the lads and it was nice to see the Southern Branch of the Supporters Club at the game, proudly displaying their blue and white banner! The vocal support was continued at Preston where the support given to the team was repayed by six goals from the City team!

- Today we welcome a new signing to the Stadium in the shape of goalkeeper Ray Cashley. Ray is a very experienced 'keeper having played for both Bristol clubs and we would like to wish him a very happy and successful stay at the Stadium.
- SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS: The A.G.M. of the Chester City Supporters Club will be held in the Grosvenor Lounge on Thursday, 24th October, 1985. The doors will be open at 8.00 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 8.15 p.m. Notices will be sent to all members. For further details phone the Secretary on 051-356 4828.

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Canon League - Division 4 WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 1985

COLCHESTER UNITED Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

## QUIZ SPOT

- What was the score between today's teams at Sealand Road last season, and who scored?
- 2. What was the score at the County ground and who scored a hattrick for Chester?
- 3. Who did Swindon knock out of this season's Milk Cup and by what
- aggregate scoreline?

  4. Who scored for Chester on his debut against Coventry in the Milk
- Cup?
  5. Who beat Exeter in the Milk Cup and by what aggregate scoreline?
  6. Who foiled Manchester United's attempt at the consecutive league
- 7. Welsh International Gordon Davies has recently changed clubs. Which two clubs were involved?

- 3. Sunderland, 5-4 on aggregate, 4. David Murray, 5. Aston Villa, 12-2 (4-1) (8-1), 6. Luton, at Kenilworth Road, 1-1. 6. Cuton, at Kenilworth Road, 1-1. 7. Gordon Davies moved from Chelsea to Manchester City.

  - 2-0 to Chester, with goals by Greenough and O'Berg, 4-4, Nigel Walker scoring a hat-trick

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# Chester City F.C. Current Players appearances against City

Today we recall those matches when members of our first team squad this season lined up against us for previous clubs in the league and in the two major cup competitions.

Commencing with the defence, goalkeeper John Butcher during his time at Oxford was loaned to Halifax Town. One of his five appearances for the 'Shaymen' was when we journeyed to Yorkshire for a Friday night match back in October 1982, during our first season back in the Fourth. John kept a clean sheet, fortunately Gren Millington did also! This match will be mainly remembered by City followers as one of Steve Kinsey's three appearances for the club, and for Nigel Edwards rattling the bar late in the game with a cross-cum shot.

Close season signing Wakeley Gage has faced us on half a dozen occasions for Northampton. In fact our last six meetings with the 'Cobblers', prior to this season. The first was in September 1982 at the County Ground when Wakeley Gage helped foil our 100 per cent start to the league season. In this night match we were leading by virtue of a John Thomas overhead kick shortly after the interval, and looking good value for the three points until up popped Gary Saxby in the last minute to save the day for Town. The return match saw us gain a 2-1 victory with goals by John Allen and Paul Manns before a crowd of a little over 1,100. The following season 1983/84 saw Wakeley emerge as a victor following a Chester match for the first time. The 'Cobblers' winning 2-1 at home in January, having gained a point in a 1-1 draw here on the opening day of the season. Mike Williams being our goalscorer. A real shirt sleeves day and what a contrast to the January meeting played in a near gale force wind. Trevor Phillips had given us an early lead with a 30 yard effort assisted by the poor conditions deceiving home 'keeper Peter Gleasure. Last season's encounters with Wakeley and his teammates produced a double for us. The home match, an undistinguished affair played for long periods in driving rain was decided by a first half diving header from Owen Brown. At the County Ground in March this year goals from Stuart Rimmer and Ricky Greenough were sufficient to register a 2-0 victory, but only witnessed by 942, Northampton's lowest ever league gate.

Moving on to our midfield players, John Kelly made two appearances against us for Preston in 1981/82, our relegation season. In the match at Deepdale in November, John came on to replace Gordon Coleman as North End pressed for the equaliser that never came. Trevor Stortons blistering volley proving the winner. City fans will rememberer this game particularly sweetly as it was also covered by Granada TV as the North Western Match for their Kick-Off Match programme. In March 1982 the 'Lilleywhites' left Sealand Road with a 1-0 win. This was Alan Oakes last game in charge. Of the match itself, one of the main talking points, recorded in the press was a save of the very highest quality from 'young Phil Harrington from John Kelly.'

Player-Coach Micky Speight was a member of the Sheffield United side that visited the Stadium in August 1979. Cheered on by the thousands of Yorkshiremen in the crowd of 6,361 (our highest home league gate of that season). Micky netted for the 'Blades' during the first-half which was almost entirely dominated by United. It was Mick's first league game of the season. Somehow Chester were able to rescue a point from the game, our equaliser scored by Brynley Jones in a rare break out of our own half in the second period.

Finally from our forwards. Steve Fox having left Wrexham to join John McGrath's Port Vale and helping them gain promotion in 1982/83 came face to face with City in January 1983 here at the Stadium. A much above average crowd of 4,000 saw us take the three points thanks to an Ernie Moss own goal five minutes from time. This game is particularly memorable for it was the day when the ball burst right in front of referee George Tyson's eyes. It actually became trapped between the boots of John Thomas and a Vale defender! Also Neville Southall kept goal for the 'Valiants' whilst on loan from Everton.

Therefore the current squad have accumulated between them eleven league appearances against us (there in fact have been no F.A. or Milk Cup appearances).

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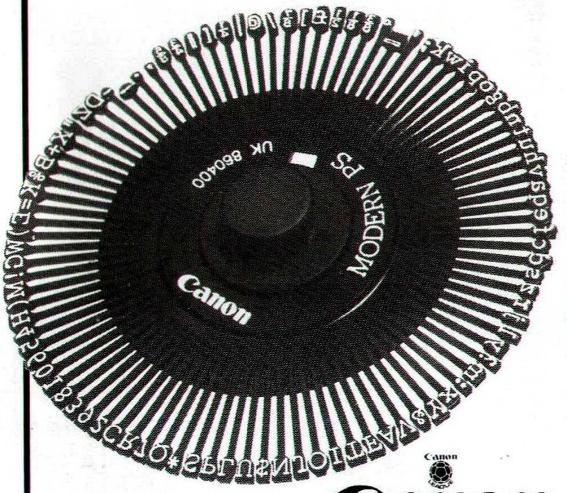
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