

# The Robins Review



## Canon v. Swindon Town

Canon League Division 4  
Saturday 18th January, 1986  
Kick Off 3.00 p.m.







Where do we go from here? After yet another league defeat, when we appeared to have had the game won at Crewe, that is the question no doubt many of you are posing.

Indeed it is a question that I have put to the players, and they know my feelings at present. Our record since the start of December shows us as having not won a game; lost five and drawn two.

In those seven games we have scored nine goals (enough to have won them) and conceded twenty one! That, quite simply is not good enough and whilst I can hold my hands up and say that the players are doing their utmost for the club, in fairness I cannot. I stated in the Boxing Day programme that there was no competition for places and this certainly shows in our side at the moment. When we were 3-2 down at Crewe, heads dropped and this should not happen, however it must be said that inconsistent refereeing may have again

ensured three points for Alex last Saturday.

I must at this point praise Phil Brignull for his performance last Saturday. Phil's experience has I feel helped the players around him and I am hopeful we can keep him here for a longer spell at the Racecourse, once his present loan period is up. On this point may I say how bitterly disappointed I was at not being able to sign Dennis Peacock from Doncaster Rovers. With no disrespect to Mike Keen and Don Ferguson, Wrexham need an experienced keeper who can play and train with the side week in, week out.

Indeed how can any defence feel playing with a different keeper at their backs each week. I have further been told by the directors that no further cash is available for any signings.

Many of you of course will say, "oh Dixie's having a good old moan again". However the buck does not stop at my door! So lets get things back on course again and I hope that the players make me eat my words today against high flying Swindon Town.

We've a busy schedule ahead of us after todays game with Freight Rover Trophy games at home to Port Vale, and away to Blackpool being followed by a trip to Exeter next Saturday.

With the sendings off of Paul Comstive and Andy Edwards (in our reserve game) last Saturday plus Jacky Keay's pending suspension, it is imperative that we ensure speedy progress for Mike Williams, Steve Emery and John Muldoon who have been sidelined for some time. Our disciplinary record does concern me and whilst I cannot condone dissent or genuine foul play, it does appear that 'professional' gamesmanship is creeping into football and that was evident with Neil Salathiel's booking last week when the lad positively writhed in agony and was on his feet within seconds.

Enough of the darker side of the game and onto todays fixture and a warm welcome to Swindon Town for whom Lou Macari is doing a splendid job. However we must aim to make their journey here today "pointless".

Enjoy the game.

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3. Richard Cadette (Orient) . . . . 17
4. Frank Worthington (Tranmere) . . . . 16
5. Alan Taylor (Burnley) . . . . 16

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Chester	26	10	3	1	28	6.	4	6	2	25	20	51
Swindon	25	12	0	1	27	11.	4	1	7	8	17	49
Mansfield	25	10	3	0	31	11.	4	2	6	16	17	47
Hartlepool	25	10	2	1	26	10.	3	3	6	15	21	44
Port Vale	26	8	3	1	28	6.	3	5	6	13	18	41
Orient	25	7	4	2	25	10.	4	4	4	18	21	41
Southend	24	6	4	3	23	19.	5	3	3	17	19	40
Stockport	26	5	5	1	20	13.	6	2	7	19	25	40
Rochdale	24	9	3	0	28	12.	2	3	7	9	25	39
Burnley	25	8	0	5	22	16.	3	5	4	17	18	38
Colchester	25	7	3	2	26	11.	4	1	8	20	28	37
Hereford	26	8	3	1	31	15.	2	2	10	10	27	35
Tranmere	25	7	0	5	34	18.	3	4	6	18	20	34
Northmptn	24	4	4	3	24	15.	5	2	6	27	18	33
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Halifax	26	5	5	2	17	14.	1	3	10	14	31	26
Crewe	25	5	4	4	18	15.	1	2	9	9	27	24
Preston	26	5	2	8	22	26.	1	3	7	9	26	23
Torquay	24	3	4	5	17	22.	0	1	11	2	32	14



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## NEWS & VIEWS

### 'KEEPER TROUBLE

What has happened to the once steady flow of goalkeepers who found themselves between the posts for Wrexham football club? From Kevin Keelan, Dave Gaskell, Brian Lloyd, through Dai Davies, Eddie Niedzwiecki, and Stuart Parker, to, for a short time, Mike Hooper. It did seem at the start of the season that Mike Hooper had settled in nicely, and would indeed 'do the job' for Wrexham. But due to financial constraints, resulting in Mike Hooper's departure to Liverpool, the number one position in the Wrexham side has been filled by a succession of green shirted individuals. Don Ferguson's appearance at Crewe made the number of goalkeepers used so far this season a disturbing five! — Mike Hooper, John Vaughan, Dai Davies, Don Ferguson, and the momentarily sidelined Mike Keen.

You've no doubt followed the developments of Dixie McNeil's quest for a new goalkeeper and the resulting disappointment in not getting one. Stability at the back is essential, and let us hope that the situation will be resolved as soon as possible.

### POOR REFS! (PART 2)

Already this season, an article on these pages has highlighted the



Dai Davies

problem of poor referees. At the time the following was written — "Wrexham seem to be plagued by poor refereeing this season. Indeed the only consistent thing about them seems to be their inconsistency". Dixie McNeil's comments at the time referred to the refereeing of two home matches — "A prime example came in the home match against Crewe Alexandra. Then we had that awful penalty decision against Tranmere Rovers." A further report was made by 'A "Disgusted Traveller", concerning the standard of refereeing at the Reds' away game at

the Spotland, Rochdale. It would come as no surprise if future reports and comments of other games continued in the same vein.

Developments are made in the rules of the game to improve its quality, for example new rules for goalkeepers, and those concerning hand-ball offences. The rules are there to be implemented, but implementation by a number of officials seems to be 'consistent in its inconsistency'. Come back Clive Thomas, all is forgiven!

### UNHELPFUL WINTERS

How sad it was to hear once again of Wrexham's financial difficulties. With the supporters starved of home matches, and the resulting lack of revenue, Wrexham football club is once again plunged into financial problems. If it weren't for the directors' and the banks' goodwill, the situation would be much worse. A major contributory factor again this year, seems to have been the weather which caused the cancellation of the home matches against Scunthorpe, Rochdale and Bridgend. Future fixture pile-ups are inevitable and may occur sooner rather than later. Pile-ups like this, as we all know can either be a blessing or a disaster. Let's hope for the former.

### P.S. . . .

Congratulations to Don Ferguson on his performance at Crewe, where he played very well considering the weather conditions and the atmosphere at Gresty Road . . .

Best wishes to Mike Keen in a speedy recovery from his injury . . .

Best wishes to Wrexham's three long-term injured. To John Muldoon who sees a specialist on Tuesday (14/1/1986) in an attempt to clear up his knee injury. Also to Mike Williams, and Steve Emery — their return would make Dixie McNeil's task of team selection that much more difficult, a situation I'm sure he'd consider as an improvement on the times when he had no choice. And specifically for Mike, let's hope he can regain his form quickly in order that he may win another award which is similar, if not better, than the award which he won earlier in the season.

Congratulations and welcome back to Shaun Cunnington, who played at Crewe. He filled the left-back position brilliantly, and although badly tackled at the beginning of the match, he went on to play as we all know he



Jim Steel set Robins on their way to Victory with this cracking left foot volley.



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It was good to hear of Brian Mooney's extended loan period here at the Racecourse — for another month at least...

Commiserations to Paul Comstive for his dismissal at Gresty Road...

And finally, Swindon manager Lou Macari was spotted at Gresty Road last week, and was seen to leave before the end of the match. Let's hope the Reds' performance this afternoon makes sure of his undivided attention until the final whistle!

### BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA?

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i bawb, a chroeso i 1986. Gobeithio y bydd 1986 yn flwyddyn well i glwb pel-droed Wrecsam nag y bu 1985. Roedd cymaint i'w obeithio amdano ar gychwyn y tymor hwn. Ar ol cyfnod byr, ond llwyddiannus George Showell fel 'rheolwr', y clwb ac yna penodiad Dixie McNeil fel y rheolwr llawn amser, roedd yna deimlad obeithiol iawn yn y clwb.



Paul Comstive

Gwnaeth cychwyn y tymor ym mis Awst ddim i leihau'r teimlad yma chwaith, gyda'r buddugoliaethau cynnar a safle Wrecsam yn y gynghrair. Ond yna ym mis Hydref fe gychwynnodd pethau newid. Fe ddiflannodd y sicrwydd o chwarae Wrecsam, ac fel canlyniad gwaethygodd y pel-droed a chwaraewyd a'r safle yn y gynghrair.

Os tybiwyd fod pethau yn 1986 am newid ar unwaith i glwb Wrecsam roedd canlyniadau Burnley a Crewe yn ddigon i newid y teimlad hynny. Er mae'n rhaid dweud fod canolwr y gem yn Crewe, yn ogystal a'r gwyr llinell, wedi cael gem ddychrynlyd, a gwnaethom nhw ddim i helpu rhediad y gem na'r canlyniad anheg. Ond rhaid peidio beio'r canolwyr nag anlwc mor aml. Mae hi'n rhy hawdd i ddefnyddio'r hen resymau yma i esbonio diffygion Wrecsam wrth ennill. Cysondeb a sicrwydd sydd eu heisiau, a gawn ni obeithio am gychwyn tuag at hynny y prynhawn yma. Blwyddyn Newydd Well?

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## COMING SOON

Port Vale  
Freight Rover Trophy  
Tuesday, 21st January, 1986  
Kick-off : 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday evening sees us play our first match in this season's Freight Rover Trophy. After many trials and tribulations, the advent of a Wembley final combined with the excellent monetary awards has made this competition much more attractive to the clubs and fans alike.

Port Vale are well entrenched in the promotion stakes and manager John Rudge has made some very astute signings. Goalkeeper Jim Arnold has been in superb form this season and John Williams, a £12,000 signing from Tranmere Rovers, had added greater stability to the centre of the defence. Upfront, Steve Cannack has been signed on loan from Scunthorpe. Cannack, who is Scunthy's record goal-scorer, is one of the most feared strikers in the lower divisions and scored a hat-trick against the Reds last season.

Andy Jones, the ex-Wrexham and Rhyl forward, has struggled to find form in recent weeks but will no doubt be looking forward to his return to the Racecourse.

All-in-all, it promises to be an exciting game so why not come along and bring a friend to help try and increase the gate.



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# ON THE ROAD

Saturday, 11th January, 1986  
Canon League Division Four  
CREWE ALEX 3, WREXHAM 2

Well, it's happened again! I sincerely thought that after Mr. Lupton's display at Rochdale last November, that we had found the refereeing equivalent of Frank Spencer. After last Saturday's trip to Gresty Road however, he now has a serious rival in Mr. Ashworth of Rutland. Apparently, Mr. Ashworth is an Air Traffic Controller. I hope he is better at his full-time job than refereeing otherwise there would be chaos in the air.

After a first-half which was about as exciting as watching paint dry, or perhaps Birmingham City (with apologies to Ron Saunders), the game sprang to life in the 50th minute when Jim Steel brushed aside the challenges of two Crewe defenders to steer the ball home from close range.

The celebrations of the 400 Wrexham fans were soon cut short when the referee pointed to the spot for a penalty to Wrexham! Both teams were clearly bemused by the decision but thankfully Steve Charles was successful from the spot. The Reds visibly stepped up a gear with Mooney causing the home defence all sorts of problems thanks to his speed.

Then disaster! Jack Keay gave away a needless free-kick away on the edge of the box and ex-Man. Utd. reserve David Platt scored with a shot straight-out of the

Platini textbook, giving Don Ferguson little chance. Sixty seconds later, Crewe took the lead as Keay headed past a stranded Ferguson and the centre-half's misery was complete when he was booked just two minutes later.

For a change, Wrexham refused to lie down and Nicky Hencher's superb cross found Steve Charles unmarked at the far post and his 71st minute header again levelled the scores.

Straight from the kick-off, Crewe broke clear and Waller, looking suspiciously offside, sped into the box only to be upended by Ferguson. Blissett converted the spot-kick. Wrexham's response was to send on substitute Paul Comstive for the sadly out-of-touch Dave Gregory.

Comstive soon made an impact when, after 77 minutes, he was sent off for a late challenge on Pullar. In my view, this challenge did not merit a sending-off but, with the home fans "baying for blood", the referee duly obliged. Yet, the referee had already ignored many a worse tackle by a number of Crewe players, the main culprit being Blissett who literally left his "mark" on Brignull, Cunnington and Ferguson.

Still, Mr. Ashworth had one trump card to play. Mooney put Brignull, the Red's best player on the day, through on goal only for the robust defender to be uncerimoniously upended in the box. The referee waved play on! It was to be another 'pointless' afternoon for Wrexham and football in general.

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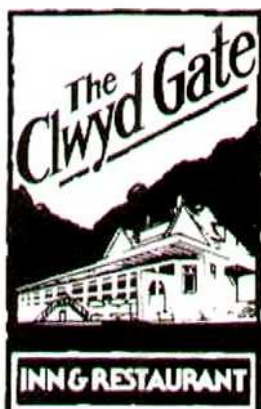
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# CHANGES!

## What Changes?

Phil Jones takes a look at the proposals put forward for the re-formation of the football league and the sponsorship changes.

To anyone who supports a fourth division club, the proposed changes which will "transform football as we know it" seem irrelevant and uninteresting. However, one cannot resist taking a peek at these so called 'major changes'.

Most of us have now digested the fact that the First Division will consist of only 20 instead of the present 22 clubs; the two being added to Division Two to allow it a total of 24 clubs, the same as exists in Divisions Three and Four.

League President Jack Dunnett this week declined to comment on whether further 'drastic' changes would ensue at the Football League's extraordinary general meeting on March 4th, only to say that many of the clubs who participated in talks in November, have not since commented on any of the proposed changes.

So what changes can we expect. Well I think it is fair to say that we will see very little change at all to the present make up. The reason I feel is that the league will be very reluctant to implement wholesale changes in the wake of the Canon sponsorship pull out, at the end of this season.

Regionalisation was a topic high on the agenda in November and the formation of a fifth division was given considerable airing. How would this affect Wrexham?

To many the advantages would be great financially anyway, however I do not feel that the present loyal supporters from the lowly boys in Division Four would like to be classified as an extra in the lottery of the lower divisions. On that point, allowing any Gola league club into a 'professional' set up must surely be frowned upon if standards were to be maintained.

To regionalise the Third and Fourth divisions back to the old 'North' and 'South' set up would appear far more sensible especially if Division Two became more competitive with 24 clubs. If this was so, even Chester may not get promoted . . . heaven forbid!

Seriously though, I believe that the Football League have a real crisis on their hands. The league's guru Graham Kelly boasts "we will look world-wide for a sponsor", well I can assure him that he will have to, as I don't see a British company crazy enough to pump an ailing 'game' with the sums of money he claims the leagues 'need'.



Need . . . no, surely we're talking about greed are we not. Is this not the same league that only a decade ago frowned upon shirt advertising and its coverage on T.V.?

My, my, how things have changed . . . but have they? I challenge anyone in Wrexham to tell me what has changed for the supporter. The answer is very little, firstly in the late seventies the fans cried out for 'facilities' claiming they were not 'at home' on terraces anymore. Clubs provided lavish stands at the expense of other areas at clubs such as "The Team".

No, I'm not knocking anyone at Wrexham, merely outlining the fact that all a supporter wants is a winning side at home — if he asks for more — he's greedy. So come off it Football League, stop trying to create excitement which just isn't there, by telling the punter that football is on its way up.

Of course, all will be resolved on March 4th, and whether any changes occur or not we shall have to wait and see. One thing is certain however, that should Wrexham have the 'privilege' of competing in say, the Castlemaine xxxx League or whatever it ends up being called, I can assure Mr. Kelly and his bods in Lytham, that the true supporter of a fourth division club doesn't give a xxxx what he does. Just remember that were still here!



# OPPONENTS

**Kenny Allen** (Goalkeeper) — A 'keeper who made nearly 200 League appearances for Gola League Bath City before moving into League soccer with Peterborough then Torquay. Signed earlier in the season from the Devon club.

**Chris Ramsey** (Defender) — Chris gained an F.A. Cup Runners-up medal with Brighton in 1983 before moving to Swindon on a free transfer in the summer of 1984.

**Colin Calderwood** (Defender) — A £27,500 fee in the close season secured Colin's services from Mansfield Town where he had made exactly 100 League appearances.

**David Cole** (Defender) — David signed for Swindon last February from Swansea City and quickly established himself at centre-half.

**Charlie Henry** (Defender) — A versatile player who has also appeared in midfield this season. Charlie is a one-club man with over 150 games to his credit.

**Leigh Barnard** (Midfield) — Leigh's days at Swindon looked numbered last season when he was loaned out to Exeter but he has determinedly fought his way back into the side. Began his career at Portsmouth.

**David Hockaday** (Midfield) — David started his career at Blackpool before moving to Swindon in the 1983 close season.

**Chris Kamara** (Midfield) — Vastly experienced, Chris arrived at the County Ground in the summer from Brentford but had played over 150 times for Swindon during a previous spell. Has also played for Portsmouth.

**Derek Hall** (Midfield) — A close-season capture from Torquay United, Derek began his career as an apprentice at Coventry City.

**Peter Coyne** (Forward) — England Schoolboys star of the mid 1970's, Peter never fully established himself at Manchester United. Re-joined his former Old Trafford teammate, Lou Macari, in 1984 from non-League Hyde and has not looked back since.

**Mick Gardner** (Forward) — A local lad, Mark has progressed from the apprentice ranks at the County Ground.

**Colin Gordon** (Forward) — a 6'1" centre-forward, Colin is another ex-apprentice currently in the Swindon first-team. Scored the only goal of the game in his debut at Rochdale last season.

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# BACKTRACK

Following our opening day victory at the County Ground, few people would have predicted that Swindon would enter the New Year firmly entrenched at the top of the table. Indeed, since that initial reverse the Robins have established a new club record by winning 12 consecutive home matches. Whilst their away from has not been quite so impressive they did manage to inflict Chester's only defeat at Sealand Road this season, back in October.

Wrexham and Swindon's paths first crossed in December 1948 when they met in a friendly at the Racecourse, both teams having been knocked out in the First Round of the F.A. Cup and so having a free Saturday. Swindon, who went onto finish fourth in the Third Division (South) that season, won 2-1 against a poor Wrexham side. The attendance was a disappointing 3,266.

It was not until ten years later that the sides met in the league, the match at Swindon taking place on the inaugural Saturday of the newly formed Third Division. The home side won 1-0 but Wrexham reversed that scoreline in the return the following December.

In September 1959, the home match against the Wiltshire team saw the Racecourse lights switched on for the first time. A crowd of 15,553 witnessed the grand event but left the ground disappointed as a Stan Bennion goal was not enough to save us from a 1-2 defeat. The Wrexham team for that memorable occasion was: Hughes; Warburton; McGowan; Davis; G. Evans; Fenton; G. Jones; Hewitt; Weston; B. Evans and Bennion.

The clashes in the mid and late seventies were always renowned for the high standard of attacking football and the game in February 1977 was no exception with Wrexham recovering from a two-goal deficit to scramble a hard earned point. Billy Ashcroft scoring both our goals on a rain-soaked day.

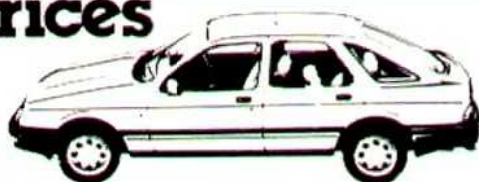
In recent years, the fortunes of both sides have fallen dramatically though Swindon would now seem to be on the verge of return to the Third Division. Like Wrexham, they have superb facilities and tremendous crowd potential. Let us hope that we will soon emulate them.

## League Record v. Swindon

	P	W	D	L	F	—	A
Home	9	4	2	3	13	—	10
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# CUP TIE PROGS

Wrexham v Swindon Town  
League Cup 4th Round  
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I must apologise to Robins' fans for again dredging up a gem from our 1977-78 promotion season however, it is the most memorable of cup encounters against todays opponents from Wiltshire.

The incentive to win was a home tie with Liverpool (or Coventry) in Round five and Graham Whittle and the late John Lyons ensured progress in front of just over 10,000.

The programme (cost 15p for 16 pages) contained an interesting artists' impression on page 2 of the "New Tech end Kop" which of course was shelved in favour of the White Elephant (sorry) Border Stand.



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WREXHAM  
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SWINDON TOWN

League Cup—4th Round  
Wed. 7th December 1977  
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

## Wrexham

Colours: Red and White.

- 1 DAI DAVIES
- 2 MICKEY EVANS
- 3 ALAN DWYER
- 4 GARETH DAVIS
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## Swindon Town

Colours: All Blue.

- 1 JIMMY ALLAN
- 2 ANDY FORD
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Club	Games	Goals	pts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	150	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	142	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
3. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	134	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
4. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	126	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	118	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
6. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	110	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
7. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	102	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
8. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	94	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
9. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	86	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	78	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	70	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
12. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	62	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
13. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	54	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
14. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	46	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
15. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	38	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
16. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	30	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
17. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	22	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
18. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	14	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
19. STOKEPORT C. F.C.	1-0	6	48	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

## League Division Three

Club	Pts	W	D	L	A	Pts
Wrexham	19	6	7	6	22	34
Accrington	18	5	8	7	17	24
Gillingham	18	8	4	11	26	23
Tottenham	18	4	8	10	18	22
Cambridge	18	4	8	10	18	22
Tranmere	18	7	6	4	19	22
Colchester	18	5	6	27	18	21
Stratford	18	5	4	19	21	11
Bury	18	4	8	10	20	20
Swindon	18	7	5	7	20	20
Oxford	18	7	5	7	24	19
Exeter	18	6	4	22	19	19
Rotherham	18	4	7	6	25	19
Wyval	18	4	7	5	21	19
Clapton	18	5	4	8	20	18
Carlisle	18	5	7	3	24	17
Chatterfield	18	7	3	8	21	17
Harrogate	18	5	7	7	15	17
Plymouth	18	5	4	10	20	16
Bradford C.	18	5	5	9	22	16
Port Vale	18	3	10	4	18	27
Lincoln	18	5	4	10	18	15
Forest Green	18	3	8	8	17	14
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# QUIZTIME

1. What was the attendance at the recent Under-21 International between Luxembourg and Belgium?
2. For which Third Division club is ex-England striker Bob Latchford currently playing?
3. Who are nicknamed 'The Bantams'?
4. Name the fellow countries in England's group in the World Cup Finals in Mexico next summer.
5. With which club did Luton centre-half, Steve Foster, begin his professional career?
6. Which Scottish club are nicknamed the 'Honest Men' and who is their manager?
7. Name the Hearts player who recently played his 1000th first-class game earlier this month.

- ANSWERS**
1. 30,000
  2. Lincoln City
  3. Bradford City
  4. Portugal, Poland, Morocco
  5. Portsmouth
  6. Ayr United, Ally MacLeod
  7. Sandy Jardine

## Away Information

**Blackpool v Wrexham**  
At Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, Lancashire.  
Freight Rover Trophy First Round.

### Match Information

This years Freight Rover Trophy has paired ourselves with Blackpool and Port Vale for the new 'group' based competition. This indeed appears more sensible, though many Wrexham fans see more sense in winning the Welsh Cup, rather than this 'mickey mouse' cup.

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# ACTION

Photos by Mike Dean (Evening Leader)



Brian Mooney, for once off target with this second half effort against Bridgend.



Steve Charles makes no mistake just inside the box.



# FOCUS 4

Today's visitors, Swindon Town, are still in the driving seat at the top of the Fourth Division following last Sunday's 2-1 victory over promotion rivals Southend. Swindon's triumph set a club record of 13 home League wins in a row; their only home blemish this season being a 1-0 defeat against ourselves on opening day when a Steve Charles volley brought all 3 points back to North Wales. On top of the table for 24 hours last weekend were Chester City following a narrow 1-0 victory over Cheshire neighbours Tranmere, a Milton Graham goal after 69 minutes settling the match. 1-0 was also the scoreline in favour of another promotion-chasing club, Mansfield Town, in an ill-tempered match at Field Mill against Northampton in which the visitors' Richard Hill was sent off. It was a penalty which decided the match — Mark Kearney scoring from the spot after Neville Chamberlain had been up-ended by Cobblers' Brian Mundeel.

Two clubs hot on the heels of the leaders, Hartlepool and Orient, shared a hard-fought 1-1 draw in Lodon on Saturday. A 21st minute goal from the O's Shaun Brooks seemed enough to clinch the game until Brian Honour popped up with a late equaliser for 'Pool. It was an impressive result for the north-eastern side against an in-form Orient team fresh from an outstanding F.A. Cup 3rd Round victory, 2-1 at Oldham the previous Monday. The Fourth Division's other representatives in the 4th Round of the Cup, Peterborough, were brought down to earth following their win over Leeds, with a 2-0 reversal at struggling Scunthorpe. "Scunny" belied their lowly position with impressive teamwork despite the loss through injury after 20 minutes of star striker Bobby Barnes, on loan from West Ham. First-half goals from Julian Broddle and Alan Whitehead were enough to see off unimpressive Posh.

A side rejuvenated in recent weeks are Cambridge United whose good form continued on Saturday with a 4-0 rout of Hereford which began after only 70 seconds when Wayne Cegileski bulldozed Steve Massey in the penalty area, the victim dusting himself down to score from the spot. A second Massey goal and efforts from David Crown and Keith Lockhart underlined United's superiority. Notable performances elsewhere came from two struggling sides — Halifax and Torquay. Halifax gained their first away win of the season at the expense of Preston, a 41st minute strike from veteran Billy Kellock sealed victory for the Yorkshiremen. Meanwhile, at Colchester, 11 Torquay players, the Torquay bench, and a handful of Torquay fans were seen wildly celebrating at the end of an awful 0-0 draw — it was their club's first away point of the season!

# FLASHBACK

## 10. 3-0 Rotherham U. (Home) Div 3 17 Jan 76

With the draw for the E.C.W.C. Quarter-Finals, pairing the Reds with Belgium giants Anderlecht, they at last produced the sort of performance they will need if they hope to qualify further in Europe. After four home draws Wrexham at last gave their fans a sample of the sort of form they have recently been producing away and they lapped it up, giving the players a richly earned standing ovation at the end.

Billy Ashcroft after 10 minutes, Graham Whittle 15 minutes later and Stuart Lee on the hour gave Wrexham a well earned win against a side that if allowed to, produced some good football.

This week Eddie Niedzwiecki was called up to the Welsh Youth Squad and Kevin Ratcliffe to the Welsh Schools U-15 team.

Wxm: B. Lloyd, M. Evans, D. Fogg, G. Davis, E. May, M. Thomas, B. Tinnion, G. Whittle, B. Ashcroft, S. Lee, A. Griffiths. Att. 2,897

## 20 4-2 Stockport Co. (A) Div. 4. 14. Jan. 66

The arrival of New Manager Jack Rowley has heralded a revival of Wrexham's fortunes. Following on the 6-3 victory over Barnsley, the Reds produced another splendid display with forward Keith Webber helping himself to a hat-trick. This was ample revenge for the Reds following County's 4-1 at the Racecourse earlier in the season.

Stockport were the first to score in the 16th minute, but Webber opened Wrexham's account five minutes later, hurling himself at full stretch to head home. King made it 2-1 before half-time. Len Allchurch scored through a rack to bring County level, but Webber urged on by a good travelling support completed his hat-trick with goals after 53 and 72 minutes.

Wxm: G. Beighton, S. Mason, A. Lucas, J. Smith, G. Turner, D. Powell, M. King, A. Griffiths, K. Webber, S. McMillan, D. Campbell.

Att. 6,500

## 2-3 Hartlepoons U. (Away) Div 3N 14. Jan. 56

Two goals in a minute, then a third just before the interval should have signalled the end for Wrexham, but for once they refused to lie down. In the second half the Reds were much the better side and the defence was definitely more solid, with Johnny Tapscott and Aly McGowan revelling in the muddy conditions.

Five minutes after the restart Peter Thompson on his return to his native Hartlepoons, crossed for Evans to side foot home. Wrexham hammered away at the home goal and finally with four minutes left Thompson was rewarded for his efforts with a goal. This set up a heart stopping last few minutes when no effort was spared for the equaliser, unfortunately it was not to be.

Wxm: P. Egglestone, B. Green, A. McGowan, D. Griffiths, R. Wynn, J. Tapscott, P. G. Watkin, P. Thompson, B. Evans, A. Rowley, G. Richards. Att. 3,671



# MATCH BY MATCH 85-86



Date	Opponents	F.A.	Attendance	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Subst
4 AUG	17 Swindon Town	1-0	4,159	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington x	Williams	Keay	Emery	Muldoon	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Hencher
20	20 Rochdale (MC1/1)	4-0	1,751	3rd	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Muldoon	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory 3*	Hencher
24	24 Colchester United	2-1	2,298	3rd	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Muldoon	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards (86 mins)
26	26 Southport United	1-1	2,097	3rd	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon (76 mins)
31	31 Crewe Alexandra	2-3	3,081	3rd	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Constance (66 mins)
SEPT	3 Rochdale (MC1/2)	1-2	1,251	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Constance (60 mins)
14	14 Mansfield Town	1-1	3,063	3rd	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
17	17 Exeter City	1-1	2,417	5th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon (72 mins)
17	17 Tramore Rovers	1-1	2,842	5th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards (90 mins)
20	20 Southend Utd	0-3	4,967	9th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards (66 mins)
25	25 Stock City (MC2/1)	0-1	5,241	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards
26	26 Orient	1-3	1,842	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Chalwick
OCT	1 Northampton T.	2-1	2,724	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon (77 mins)
5	5 Port Vale	0-4	3,351	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards
6	6 Scarborough (MC2/2)	0-1	6,784	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards
12	12 Halifax T.	2-1	1,609	-	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards
15	15 Cambridge Utd	6-2	1,651	5th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards
16	16 Bolton (FAC1)	3-1	2,138	8th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Edwards (67 mins)
19	19 Aldershot	0-6	1,165	9th	Hooper	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon (84 mins)
26	26 Chester	1-1	3,500	9th	Vaughan	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon (45 mins)
NOV	7 Huddersfield	2-2	2,209	11th	Vaughan	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
9	9 Peterborough Utd	1-1	1,945	11th	Vaughan	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
9	9 Hereford Utd	0-1	2,190	11th	Vaughan	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
16	16 Bolton (FAC1)	3-1	2,738	11th	Vaughan	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
23	23 Torquay Utd	3-0	1,158	12th	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
26	26 Worcester (WC2)	2-1	1,445	12th	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
DEC	10 Notts Co. (FAC2)	2-2	4,580	-	Davies	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
13	13 Stockport C.	0-3	2,645	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
20	20 Colchester Utd	0-2	2,406	17th	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
26	26 Preston N.E.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
JAN	1 Burnley	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
4	4 Rochdale	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
11	11 Crewe Alex.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
18	18 Swindon T.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
25	25 Exeter City	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
FEB	1 Mansfield T.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
8	8 Cambridge Utd	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
15	15 Truro City	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
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8	8 Port Vale	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
14	14 Halifax Tower	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
22	22 Chester	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
APR	31 Preston N.E.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
5	5 Peterborough U.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
12	12 Mansfield T.	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
19	19 Torquay Utd	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
26	26 Hartlepool Utd	1-1	-	-	Keen	Salathiel	Cunnington	Williams	Keay	Emery	Edwards	Home	Steel	Charles 1	Gregory	Muldoon
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