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# Cyril Lea

News on the injury front has been a lot more encouraging since I wrote in the Mansfield programme.

We have Keith Bowen back at Layer Road doing light training, circuit work, and having physiotherapy. The other Keith — Day is also well on the way back after his shoulder operation and could possibly have had a reserve team run out by the time these notes appear.



In May a dozen of our younger players will be going on a preliminary coaching course. I feel this is a good thing for all players as it makes them more aware of the rules and pattern of the game. No one should read anything into the fact that the course is at Chelmsford Prison.

With both the Reserve team and Youth team doing well things look bright for the future. We have a lot of good young players who represent the club well.

The Mansfield match proved just how tough it is in the lower divisions. With promotion in sight they set their stall out for a point and their methods showed they respected us as a big hurdle in their path. Whether or not the way they played does much for the image of football, is another matter.

Of late, we appear to be becoming draw specialists. Tonight we welcome the Swindon Town Directors, supporters and players to Layer Road. Lou Macari's team are going great guns but I am sure they will find my boys ready and willing to compete in what should be an entertaining game.

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# Team Call

After a patchy start to the season Swindon, under Manager **LOU MACARI**, have really put their act together and now look near certainties for promotion.

Though Macari is still registered as a player he has more or less hung up his boots after an illustrious playing career that brought him 24 caps for Scotland. Started his career with Celtic but really made his name with Manchester United for whom he made well over 300 league appearances.

There were problems with the goalkeeping early in the season and **SCOTT ENDERSBY** who was the custodian elect when the campaign started found himself at odds with the management. **JAKE FINDLAY** the former Luton keeper and **RICHARD KEY** — on loan from Brentford filled in for a while. But when the experience **KENNY ALLEN** was freed by Torquay, Swindon snapped him up. Now 35 Allen has been the regular keeper for most of the season. The club have also a promising young apprentice keeper in **ALAN CHURCHYARD**. The right-back position belongs to coloured player **CHRIS RAMSAY**. Was originally on Bristol City's books but went to Brighton where he made a number of first team appearances. Arrived at Swindon on loan, but was eventually bought from "The Seagulls".

On the other flank **NICKY COLEMAN**, on loan from Millwall, made a number of appearances. In recent times however, **PAUL ROBERTS**, who was signed on non-contract forms last September, has been in the No. 3 shirt. Now 23 he was in the Millwall team for around 150 matches, then had a spell with Brentford.

Central defender **COLIN CALDERWOOD**, who was 21 in January, was a close season signing from promotion rivals Mansfield Town. While another young player **DAVID COLE** — secured from Cardiff City last season — is the other usual member of the back four. **CHARLIE HENRY**, now in his sixth season with the club, was an apprentice at the County Ground. Can play either in defence or in a midfield role and is a regular

in the team. In midfield **LEIGH BARNARD**, who spent five seasons with Portsmouth as a youngster, joined Swindon at the start of the 1982/83 season. Just before that he had a loan spell with Peterborough. **CHRIS KAMARA**, who like Barnard started his career at Portsmouth, is now in his second spell at Swindon. He first appeared for the Wiltshire club back in 1977, but four years later Portsmouth took him back. He then moved to Brentford for two seasons before returning to the club last August. **DAVE HOCKADAY** who joined Swindon on a free transfer in the summer of 1983, spent eight seasons with Blackpool before moving south. Likes to play wide on the right, 28 years of age. Discovered playing for Oldbury Town in the Birmingham area **COLIN GORDON** has made a big impression up front. Together with **BRYAN WADE**, a stonemason by trade, signed from Southern League club Trowbridge Town, Gordon was among the finds of last season.

**PETER COYNE** in a goal studded career as a youngster in Manchester United's youth and reserve team sides was hailed as a fine prospect. But things turned sour for him at Old Trafford and he drifted into non-league football. One of Macari's first signings and has repaid by getting among the goals. Latest signing is striker **DAVE BAMBER** from Portsmouth. Had a loan spell earlier in the season with the club, but they refused to pay Pompey's asking price of £25,000 for the player. Now signed for a much reduced fee. Started his career with Blackpool.

**ANDY WOLLEN** is a 19 year-old midfield player signed pro. after being an apprentice at the club. Forward **MARK PAYNE** also a former apprentice has made a handful of first team appearances as has another 19 year-old **MARK GARDINER**.

**DAVID MOSS** who was with Swindon from 1969 to 1978 before moving to Luton rejoined Swindon last July. While **MARK HUGHES** and **JAMES REYNOLDS** are two former apprentices who were awarded full contracts earlier this season.



# News on Four

A quick glance at current form suggests that tonight's visitors Swindon Town, and our last opponents at Layer Road, Mansfield Town, are as good as home and dry in the promotion stakes. But it also emphasises how Chester and Hartlepool, who were the other two front runners have faltered in recent games.

Chester, just one victory in their last six matches, (bear in mind these notes are being written on March 20th), and Hartlepool with a similar record have jeopardised their chances.

## STILL WIDE OPEN

Luckily for them their closest pursuers Port Vale, Stockport and Orient have also suffered hiccups so the third and fourth positions are still wide open.

The form book also reveals that Torquay, under Stuart Morgan, have staged a late revival, 14 points from their last six matches has lifted them off the foot of the table. While Crewe Alexandra and Halifax Town who were recently rooted in the bottom four have also been putting results together and are pulling away from danger. As a result neighbours Cambridge United and Preston North End are now in serious trouble.

While our next opponents Peterborough, will have an added urgency when we meet at London Road. They need points to clear the re-election zone although they have a cushion of games in hand after their good cup run. Certainly interest at both ends of the table looks certain to be maintained

right up to the end of the season.

It will have been interesting to see in the week leading up to tonight's match how many new signings are made before the transfer deadline arrived.

## BARRETT SIGNS

Chester, whose promotion push has shown signs of flagging, have borrowed teenage midfielder Earl Barrett from Manchester City. City seem to have a policy of loaning out young players to lower division clubs to gain league experience. Darren Beckford, Geoff Lomax, Steve Kinsey and Steve Redmond have all had loan spells away from Maine Road.

## NOW AT CREWE

When Lincoln City released 24 year-old defender Mark McCarrick, Dario Gradi was quick to move in to take him to Crewe. McCarrick attracted Crewe's attention as a youngster when he was with neighbouring Witton Albion. But he signed for Birmingham who after 15 games let him go to Lincoln.

## HALIFAX SIGNING

Halifax have now completed the signing of 20 year-old Mick Galloway from Mansfield Town. The young defender was previously on loan at The Shay. Meantime Preston's bad luck continues with goalkeeper Phil Harrington, who was on loan at Deepdale from Blackpool, breaking his leg. While John Durham who was with Torquay has moved up the road to struggling Exeter.



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# Club News

## REALLY TOUGH

Five of our youth players are now back at Layer Road after taking part in a really tough Youth Training Scheme exercise at Llanberis in North Wales. Mark Radford, Andy Springett, Tony Polito, Scott Young and John Ray all found the jaunt stimulating and interesting. Their views on mountaineering, absailing, etc., should make good reading at a later date.

## NICE TOUCH

Manager Cyril Lea, Roger Osborne and Robin Turner recently spent an interesting evening on a forum at a meeting of the Ipswich Referee's Association. The manager reports it was a very worthwhile evening. An added bonus is that he has now got an pen — saves borrowing them from the Press. But seriously both he and Roger were delighted with their gifts. It is little friendly touches like this that make the game worthwhile.

## THANKS TO HITCHIN

A special word of thanks to Cyril Buck and

his daughter who looked after the players, parents and officials of the Youth team so well at Hitchin last week. Plenty of eats and a lovely friendly atmosphere even though our Youth team won 1-0 — a minute from time — to enter the final of the Eastern Junior Cup.

## FIXTURE LIST

### MARCH

Saturday 29th	Southampton (A) S.E.C.L.	1.00p.m.
Monday 31st	Peterborough (A) Canon L.	3.00p.m.
Monday 31st	Chatteris Town (H) B.S.E.L.	3.00p.m.

### APRIL

Wed. 2nd	Baldock Town (H) E.A.Cup	7.45p.m.
Friday 4th	Chester City (H) Canon L.	7.30p.m.
Saturday 5th	Luton Town (H) S.E.C.L.	11.00a.m.
Tuesday 8th	Orient (H) Canon L.	7.30p.m.
Tuesday 8th	Histon (A) B.S.E.L.	7.30p.m.
Thursday 10th	Gorleston (H) B.S.E.L.	7.30p.m.
Saturday 12th	Rochdale (A) Canon L.	3.00p.m.
Saturday 12th	March Town (H) B.P. Cup	3.00p.m.
Saturday 12th	Bournemouth (A) S.E.C.L.	1.00p.m.
Tuesday 15th	Scunthorpe (A) Canon L.	7.30p.m.
Tuesday 15th	Haverhill R. (H) B.S.E.L.	7.30p.m.
Friday 18th	Preston N.E. (H) Canon L.	7.30p.m.
Saturday 19th	Histon (H) B.S.E.L.	3.00p.m.
Saturday 19th	Bristol Rovers(H) S.E.C.L.	1.00p.m.

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# Round and About

## CHARLIE'S TRIPLE

It has been quite a season so far for Charlie Henry, Swindon Town's play anywhere man. Up to this season Charlie had played in every position except left wing and goal for the club. He had scored just three goals in 140 games. Out through injury for a long spell early in this campaign he returned in the subs role against Cambridge United. After just four seconds on the field he scored direct from a free kick. He got another goal in the next game against Scunthorpe and then came his big day. Playing at Deepdale he scored a hat-trick against Preston North End.

He joined Swindon as a boy seven years ago and soon established himself in the team and has now featured — mainly as a defender — in the squad for the past six seasons.

## PODD'S RECORD

We get some poser questions from our fans from time to time. Some we can answer straight away, others require a little research.

Latest off beat query was — the first coloured player to be awarded a testimonial game? After thumbing through the reference books, we can only find one player in this category.

Cec Podd, now with Halifax Town, had a testimonial after serving Bradford City for 14 years. He joined the Valley Parade club as an 18 year-old in 1970 and played over 500 league games for them, and left on a free transfer to

Halifax in the summer of 1984. His testimonial game was in season 1980/81.

## STAGS' NEW MAN

Leeds born Tony Kenworthy, who was capped by England at Youth Level, has joined Mansfield on loan. Kenworthy now 28, joined Sheffield United as an apprentice in 1974.

Signed as a full pro. two years later and this is his testimonial year. Made close on 300 league appearances in the Blades back four and scored 34 goals.

His signing comes at an opportune time for The Stags as Field Mill defender Mark Kearney is out for the rest of the season through injury.

## TWO THREES

Two hat-tricks — one for either side — were a feature of the recent Eastern Counties League v Essex & Suffolk Border League Anniversary match at Sudbury.

Dave Hubbick, the popular Colchester United Reserve team striker was the man of target for the E.C.L. He could have had four but missed a penalty.

Hatfield Peveral's Danny Jay scored the three Border League goals, one a penalty, all in the second half.

The other goals in the E.C.L.'s 5-3 win were netted by Braintree's Chris Guy and Nigel Barton of Stowmarket.

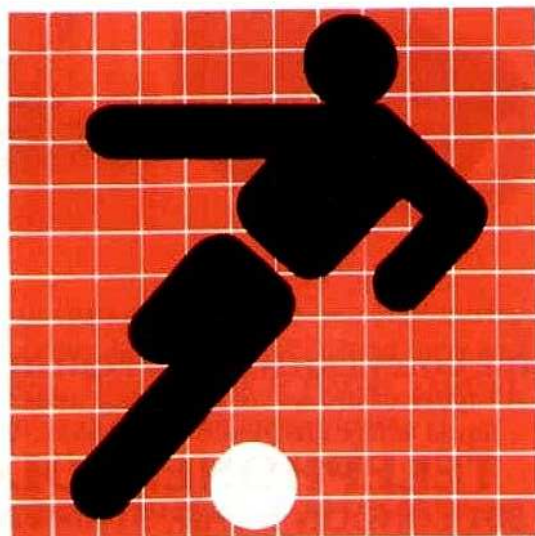


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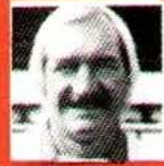
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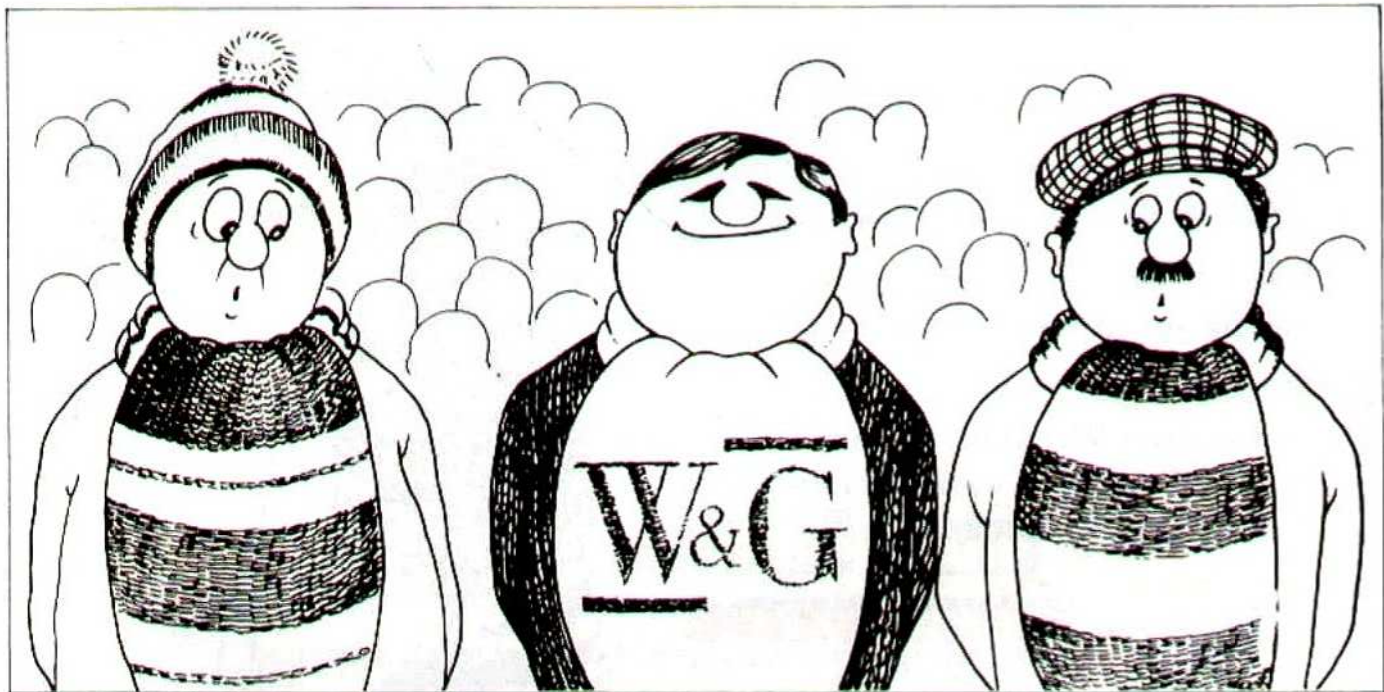
by  
Mike  
Walker



Four more points from our last two games, both away, keeps us right up there in the table. But we face a hectic run in to the end of the season. We still have 13 league games, 10 at home, to play, and are still in two cup competitions. That inevitably means three games a week in April so a real test of character and endurance coming up. We showed both in the 2-1 win at Harwich and in the process played some really attractive football. The only flaw we did not do it for the full 90 minutes. The first half belonged entirely to us but after creating enough chances to have sewn the game up we only had one goal to show. To make matters worse a bad defensive lapse gave them an equaliser. Torrential rain marred the second half but after losing our way for a while we got to grips with game and scored a deserved winner. I was unable to be at the Chatteris match but a 4-1 win kept us in with a say near the top of the table. I am told that the team made rather heavy weather of it in the first half, and apparently gave the home team an early goal by poor defensive work. Once again, the line-up had to be changed around with Russell Irving ruled out with a back injury and Andy Farrell recalled to first team duties. Graham Arnold, who has been troubled with an ankle injury, wanted to

play. But was named as sub., and in a way I am glad he was not called on, as the extra rest will give his ankle trouble time to clear up. Stephen Miles, missing the previous week, playing for Suffolk, was also back and teamed up with Tom English and David Hubbick up front. Tom English demonstrated once again his mastery of the art of penalty taking to equalise Chatteris's early goal. John Reeves and Hubbick got their names on the scoresheet, but I am told Sean Norman's header was the best of the four goals. Good to see Sean getting his name on the scoresheet, not that I mind who gets them as long as we keep knocking them in.

Jason Burman, who of course, prefers to play in the middle of the defence, came in at right back and as usual the youth team did a good job for the side. Dave Hubbick and Graham Arnold earlier in the week both played in the B.S.E.L. side in the anniversary match at Sudbury and Dave scored a hat-trick. It could have been four — he missed a penalty. I am also pleased to report that Mick Payne has signed for the club on non-contract forms. Mick first played for us last season, and this time round had a long spell out with injury. Since his return he has done extremely well and should have a good future in the game.



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# Youth Team

by  
Roy  
Massey



You cannot miss chances and still hope to win games. That is the lesson to be learned from the 1-1 draw against Bournemouth at Spring Lane. We could and should have scored at least five five goals. Our visitors had just two opportunities in the whole 90 minutes and they scored from one of them. We had at least eight good chances and only put one away.

In the opening half Mark Jarmyn was virtually unemployed in our goal, while his opposite number Coombes had a busy time. But a lack of quality in and around the Bournemouth penalty area meant a goal-less 45 minutes. Scott Young uncharacteristically missed an open goal, Gary Higgins just outside the six yard box scooped his shot over the bar, Neil Dakin had a couple of far post chances, while Andy Springett contrived to miss a sitter. Young was however, unlucky when his 25 yarder beat the keeper but went tantalisingly wide.

The second half was almost a repeat story. There were two or three near misses before we finally scored a long overdue goal. Young with a clever lay-off put Richard Walker clear, and the trialist from Canvey Island obliged with a good goal. Just when it seemed that score would be good enough to secure the two points, Bournemouth equalised. John Ray had all the time in the world to clear, hesitated, and Tate won the ball and ran through to stroke the ball past Jarmyn.

Considering Bournemouth were sitting in third position in the table, this was a good performance. But it should have been even better, and there lies the rub. Failing to put chances away and conceding a daft goal cost us a point.

With eight games left and occupying a mid-table position it could be said that for a first season in the South Eastern Counties League we have not done too badly. Quite apart from the actual results however, there is no doubt the standard needed is much higher than it was in the Border League.

At the time of writing we were due to travel to Hitchin to play the Eastern Junior Cup semi-final tie. Hopefully a full squad available — with Jason Burman and Stephen Miles making their mark in the reserves we have rarely had a full squad to call on.

The next few weeks, quite apart from the remaining league commitments, are going to be really busy. The plans for the Holland trip have to be finalised, while thoughts are already turning to next season. Some of the present squad will be over-age by August so the search is on for players for the 1986/87 campaign. By the time these notes appear we shall have had three teams out at Shotley in trials at Under-18, Under-16 and Under-14 levels. While at Spring Lane an Under-16 tournament with four teams taking part, including two teams of trialists will have taken place.

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How many times have we read or heard that football was digging it's own grave, by the suggestions about a Super League; not being able to agree a fee with the Television Companies, and various other retrograde steps, as seen by the press and television media pundits. We may or may not agree with their points of view, but the match we witnessed against Mansfield certainly won't encourage those that came along to that match to return. One must quickly turn to the defence of Colchester United, for they contributed as much as they were able against Mansfield. One has heard all the arguments about the offside trap is there to be overcome and can be, but not easily and often more by luck than judgement. Mansfield came to the last home game to defy anyone from being entertained, and it must question the approach that the old campaigner Ian Greaves is now bent on adopting. He and his club are too respected to need to take these offside measures. One must wonder if the possibility

of promotion into the Third Division is worth the obvious loss of admirers that takes place when a game is witnessed of the standard served up by Mansfield. Having said all of this the offside game is part of the game, and as long as the Rules apply then some clubs will adopt the tactics observed at the Mansfield game. No doubt a number of our supporters will say that the trap is to be beaten, but how many football teams blessed with must more talent than ours find it difficult. We must be reasonable in our criticism, and at the same time appreciate that we did jump the trap on a number of occasions without achieving the one goal required which could well have opened the floodgates, or certainly have opened up the game, making it more entertaining, and encouraging the missing spectators back to Layer Road.

We all look forward to a challenging game today, both entertaining and with less interruption from the whistle. Welcome to you, Swindon.

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Happy Easter, don't eat all those eggs at once! On the 3rd March the Royal London held its Football Quiz. The Quiz is the largest of its kind with 80 teams taking part. The Travel Club entered two teams, Ken Craig, Mike Scillitoe, Kevin Drury and Docker were one team and they were second out of the eighty. Derek King, Mark Chinery, Paul Wilkins and David Keyes were the second team and they managed a creditable thirty-first. Well done all of you!

Don't forget the England v Scotland match on April 23rd. Ring John Tweed on Colchester 65496. Have you sponsored one of the four walkers yet? (More than one if you wish). It's all for a good cause. Kevin has forms.

The next away game is Peterborough on the 31st March. Let's hope the walkers get there in time! The coach for the rest of us leaves at noon. Price £4 for junior members, £5 adult members and £7 non-members. See Kevin at the Booking Hut or ring Leslie on Col. 41184 after 6p.m.

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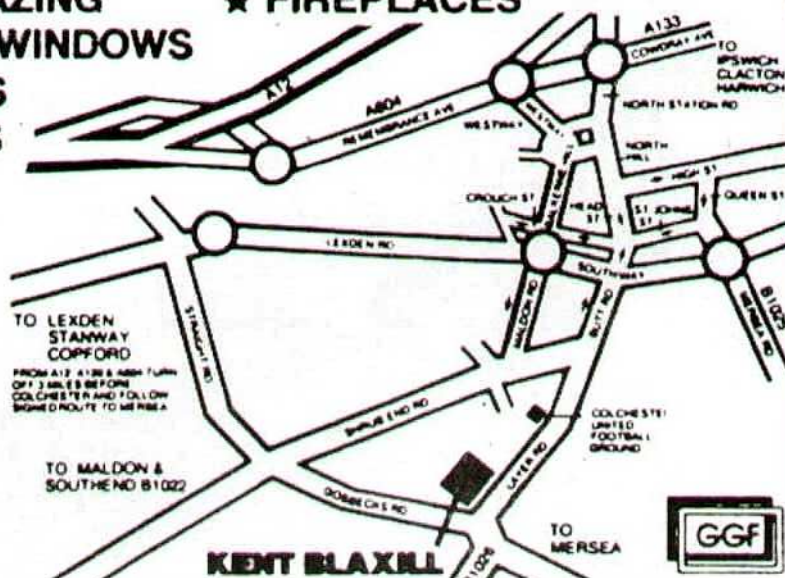
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# Action v Mansfield



Mansfield Keeper has to be well off his line to clear from the feet of Tony Adcock.



From the corner, Rudi Hedman just fails to flick-on for the U's trio Houston, English and Burman.



# Action v Mansfield



Mansfield's defender ducks clear of this aerial battle between his Keeper and Hedman.



Simon Burman's well driven shot is blocked by the defender as Tony Adcock looks for an opportunity.



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# BOARDROOM VIEW

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As from this week, the Committee have launched a wallchart raffle promotion which, it is hoped, will be distributed around the Town and the immediate area — to pubs, clubs, shops, offices and anywhere else where there will be interest in raising money via the Appeal. Don't forget that Director Jonathan Crisp has pledged to match everything raised pound for pound, so naturally the Committee is looking to achieve maximum distribution on the raffle promotion. Anyone who is interested in taking a wallchart and having a full brief on the promotion is invited to contact Eric Johnstone at the Club's main offices (Telephone 574042) and who knows, we may even get your favourite player to deliver the material!

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This is being written before the first major event of the Appeal campaign — the Grand Dinner and Dance at the Embassy Suite on Monday 24th. We are hopeful that the fund will have been given a tremendous boost by this event, and we will publish further details in the Chester programme together with a list of those people who very generously donated prizes.

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More events are being planned, and we hope to severely tax Mr. Crisp's wallet by the end of the year!

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Whilst on the subject of the Appeal we are very grateful to Mr. David Leyton from IBEC (Holland) Ltd., who was the first winner of the £20 First Prize in the youth team's fund-raising Centurion Club. Mr. Leyton promptly popped it into the fund — so there we are . . . £40 better off by his generous gesture!

The Collection taken at the Mansfield game raised £103. A big 'Thank You' to all those Supporters who donated!

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Excuse a mild outburst of nepotism please, but I am pleased to particularly welcome for his first visit to Layer Road, my ten year-old nephew Mark Cullen, a pupil at Bridge of Weir Primary School, Renfrewshire who is here with his Mum and Dad tonight! Mark often finds himself under severe pressure as amidst the Aberdeen, Manchester United and Liverpool shirts being worn on his school playing fields there is always one Colchester United shirt being worn with great pride. After school, Mark busies himself with his computer football game and I think the U's are still top of his league table. Two teams called Juventus and Barcelona are fighting it out for second place . . .

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## Canon League Division 1V

OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
Sat. 17th August 1985 Stockport C.	H	3-1	1,719	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves*	Osborne 1	Bowen	Adcock 1	English	Irving
Wednesday 21st Millwall M.C.(1)	A	2-3	1,430	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne*	Day	Houston	Groves	Reeves	Bowen 2	Adcock	English	Parkinson
Saturday 24th Wrexham	H	1-2	2,298	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves 1*	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen	Adcock	English	Irving
Tuesday 27th Aldershot	H	4-0	1,928	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves 1	Parkinson	Bowen	Adcock 1	English 1*	Osborne
Saturday 31st Torquay United	A	1-2	1,023	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen 1 P	Adcock	English	Osborne
Tues. 3rd September Millwall M.C.(2)	A	1-4	3,330	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Hedman	Irving*	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock 2	English	Irving
Friday 6th Halifax Town	H	3-1	2,023	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English 1	Farrell
Saturday 14th Tranmere Rovers	A	4-3	1,362	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves*	Day	Houston	Groves 1	Parkinson 1	Bowen	Adcock 3	English	Osborne
Tuesday 17th Cambridge United	A	4-1	2,574	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson 1	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Osborne
Saturday 21st Orient	A	2-1	2,577	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves*	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Irving
Friday 27th Port Vale	H	1-0	3,110	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Hull	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Hull
Tues. 1st October Burnley	A	2-0	3,375	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen	Adcock	English	Osborne
Friday 4th Exeter City	H	1-1	3,927	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Irving
Saturday 12th Mansfield Town	A	1-2	3,364	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Irving
Friday 18th Scunthorpe United	H	1-1	3,462	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Reeves*	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen	Adcock	English	Hull
Tuesday 22nd Southampton United	A	4-2	8,120	Chamberlain Hedman	Farrell	Reeves 1	Day	Houston	Groves 3	Parkinson	Bowen 1	Adcock	English	Osborne
Saturday 26th Northampton Town	H	0-2	2,872	Chamberlain Farrell	Farrell	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Bowen	Adcock	English	Hull
Sat. 2nd November Hereford U.	A	0-2	3,081	Chamberlain Farrell*	English	Reeves	Day	Hedman	Groves	Parkinson	Osborne	Adcock	Hull*	Irving
Wednesday 6th Chester	A	0-4	2,809	Chamberlain English	Farrell	Reeves	Day	Hedman	Groves	Parkinson	Turner*	Adcock	Hull	Osborne
Friday 8th Rochdale	H	0-1	2,624	Chamberlain Hedman	Farrell	Reeves	Game	Hedman	Groves	Parkinson	Turner	Adcock	English	Irving
Saturday 16th Wycombe F.A.C.(1)	A	0-2	3,089	Chamberlain Hedman	Farrell	Reeves	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Turner	Adcock	English	Irving
Saturday 23rd Preston North End	A	2-3	2,793	Chamberlain Hedman	Farrell	Turner	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson 1	Whymark	Adcock 1	English	Game
Sat. 14th December Hartlepool U.	A	1-4	2,507	Chamberlain Hedman	Game	Reeves*	Day	Houston	Groves	Parkinson	Whymark	Adcock 2	English	Burman
Friday 20th Wrexham	H	4-2	1,683	Chamberlain Hedman	Farrell	Osborne	Day	Houston	Groves 1	Parkinson	Burman	Adcock	T.English	A.English
Saturday 28th Aldershot	A	1-1	1,757	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Day	Houston	Groves*	Parkinson	Burman	Adcock	A.English	T.English
Wed. 1st January 1986 Swindon T.	A	1-2	8,802	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips 1	Osborne	Day	Houston	Burman	Parkinson 1	T.English	Adcock	A.English	Irving
Friday 3rd Hereford United	H	4-1	2,214	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Day	Houston	Burman	Parkinson 2	English	Adcock	A.English	Irving
Saturday 11th Torquay United	H	0-0	2,063	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Day	Houston	Turner	Parkinson	T.English	Adcock	A.English	Groves
Tuesday 14th Southend U.(FRT)	H	4-1	1,364	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston	Turner	Parkinson	Groves 3*	Adcock 1	A.English	Irving
Friday 17th Stockport County	A	1-1	2,336	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston	Turner	Parkinson	Groves 1	Adcock	A.English	Irving
Tuesday 21st Northampton (FRT)	A	1-2	1,958	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker 1	Houston	Turner	Parkinson*	Groves	Adcock	A.English	Game
Friday 24th Tranmere Rovers	H	1-2	2,013	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston*	Turner	Parkinson 1	Groves	Adcock	A.English	T.English
Friday 31st Halifax Town	A	2-2	989	Chamberlain Hedman	A.English	Osborne	Baker 1	Game	Burman	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock 1	Irving	T.English
Tues. 4th February Southend U.	H	2-0	1,915	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston	Turner	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock 1	A.English	T.English
Saturday 1st March Port Vale	A	1-1	2,726	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston	Turner	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock 1	A.English	Turner
Saturday 8th Exeter City	A	2-2	1,520	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Baker*	Houston	Burman*	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock	Farrell	T.English
Friday 14th Mansfield Town	H	0-0	1,956	Chamberlain Hedman	Phillips	Osborne	Hedman	Houston	Burman	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock	A.English	T.English
Saturday 22nd Northampton Town	A	0-1	2,035	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Osborne	Baker	Houston	Burman	Parkinson	Groves	Adcock*	A.English	T.English
Tuesday 25th Crewe Alex.	H													
Friday 28th Swindon Town	H													
Monday 31st Peterborough United	A													
Friday 4th April Chester	H													
Saturday 12th Rochdale	A													
Tuesday 15th Scunthorpe	A													
Friday 18th Preston North End	H													
Tuesday 22nd Peterborough U.	H													
Saturday 26th Crewe Alexandra	A													
Friday 2nd May Hartlepool United	H													



# League Tables and Facts

## THEY SERVED BOTH

Five players — four since Colchester were elected to the Football League in 1950 — have worn the colours of the U's and of Swindon Town. The first was in the U's Southern League days. In the 1945/46 season Stan Titcombe — when serving with the 15th I.T.C. at Colchester — played at Layer Road as a wartime loan player. Stan also played for Ipswich Town, and before the war for Swindon. John McClelland though born in Colchester joined West Ham. Returning to Layer Road he played for the U's Reserves before moving to Stoke City then Swindon. Fourteen games and one goal for them and that was against Colchester on December 18th, 1974. Wilf Dixon joined Colchester on trial from Reading. Played in one game but left after three weeks and joined Swindon and figured in 140 league games in their colours. Then in December 1973 Ray Bunkell moved from Swindon to Colchester in part-exchange for John McLaughlin. Bunkell had 56 league games for Swindon and 129 for the U's.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE as at 15th March, 1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	21	16	3	2	74	29	35
Swindon Town	21	14	3	4	58	29	31
Wimbledon	19	13	1	5	54	19	27
Luton Town	23	11	5	7	71	52	27
Bournemouth	22	10	5	7	47	42	25
Bristol Rovers	21	8	5	8	42	41	21
Brighton	22	8	2	12	27	42	18
Brentford	20	5	7	8	42	52	17
<b>Colchester</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>
Oxford Utd	20	6	5	9	32	44	17
Reading	23	7	3	13	32	63	17
Crystal Palace	21	6	4	11	48	60	16
Tottenham	21	6	3	12	36	54	15
Southend	20	4	3	13	20	46	11

## BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE as at 15th March, 1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sudbury Town	30	22	6	2	77	28	50
Bury Town	33	19	8	6	79	38	46
Gt. Yarmouth	30	22	2	6	67	34	46
Wisbech Town	28	19	4	5	63	28	42
Braintree Town	31	17	7	7	73	44	39*
<b>Colchester Res.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
Tiptree	28	17	3	8	62	39	37
Histon	30	16	5	9	58	38	37
March Town	31	14	7	10	48	49	35
Stowmarket Town	26	12	7	7	49	40	31
Haverhill	25	12	4	9	39	28	28
Lowestoft	28	9	9	10	51	40	27
Felixstowe Town	27	12	3	12	36	34	27
Soham Town	30	10	5	15	39	59	25
Gorleston	27	6	8	13	42	41	20
Harwich & Park.	32	7	6	19	36	56	20
Chatteris	29	8	4	17	27	56	20
Brantham Ath.	30	8	3	19	37	81	19
Thetford	29	5	8	16	32	61	18
Newmarket	31	5	3	23	38	100	13
Ely City	28	3	6	19	31	59	12
Clacton Town	29	2	4	23	21	90	8

\*2 points deducted for ineligible player

McLaughlin 66 games in Colchester colours and 202 for Swindon.

## FOR THE RECORD

Tonight sees the 48th meeting between the U's and Swindon in the Football League. Results as follows. U's score first:

1950/51	4-1	1-1	1951/52	2-0	1-2
1952/53	3-1	1-0	1953/54	2-2	0-3
1954/55	0-0	1-1	1955/56	5-0	1-3
1956/57	1-1	1-4	1957/58	1-3	0-4
1958/59	1-0	0-2	1959/60	0-0	3-4
1960/61	3-1	2-0	1962/63	0-2	1-6
1966/67	2-1	1-1	1967/68	2-1	1-1
1974/75	2-0	1-4	1975/76	1-2	1-0
1977/78	2-0	0-0	1978/79	3-2	2-1
1979/80	2-3	3-2	1980/81	1-0	0-3
1982/83	1-0	0-3	1983/84	0-0	1-2
1984/85	1-1	1-2	1985/86	-	1-2

**At Layer Road:** Played 23, won 13, drawn 6, lost 4. Goals For 39, Against 21.

**At Swindon:** Played 24, won 5, drawn 5, lost 14. Goals For 24, Against 51.

## Pre-League Record: Southern League:

1937/38	7-1	5-2	1938/39	3	1	1-2
1945/46	5-1	0-1				

## NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Rudi Hedman was left out and missed his first game of the season. Terry Baker returned after injury.

**GOALS:** Donald 13 mins for Northampton.

**CORNERS:** Northampton 7, Colchester 6.

**FREE KICKS:** Northampton 14, Colchester 20.

**OFFSIDE:** Northampton 4, Colchester 4.

**SHOTS ON TARGET:** Northampton 7, Colchester 7.

## FOURTH DIVISION

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	33	14	0	1	32	13	10	1	7	20	18	73	
Chester	37	13	4	3	39	14	6	8	3	31	24	69	
Mansfield	34	12	4	0	35	11	8	3	7	24	23	67	
Port Vale	36	11	7	1	38	10	5	6	6	20	21	61	
Hartlepool	35	13	5	1	34	14	4	3	9	18	28	59	
Stockport	37	9	8	3	33	23	7	3	7	22	27	59	
Orient	35	9	5	4	36	19	6	6	5	27	28	56	
Northampton	36	8	5	4	33	18	7	2	10	31	26	52	
Southend	35	9	4	4	29	21	5	4	9	23	33	50	
Hereford	35	11	5	2	42	22	2	3	12	14	33	47	
Tranmere	36	8	1	9	38	30	5	6	7	23	24	46	
Burnley	36	10	1	7	29	24	3	6	9	20	30	46	
Rochdale	35	10	5	2	32	18	2	5	11	14	36	46	
Wrexham	36	7	4	5	23	19	6	3	11	30	49	46	
<b>Colchester</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	
Crewe	36	9	6	5	33	22	3	3	10	12	31	45	
Halifax	34	7	6	3	26	20	4	3	11	23	35	42	
Exeter	36	8	3	7	18	17	2	9	7	14	26	42	
Scunthorpe	35	8	6	3	23	15	2	5	11	12	28	41	
Aldershot	34	8	4	4	27	17	3	2	13	14	35	39	
Peterborough	34	7	8	2	23	15	1	6	10	18	35	38	
Cambridge	37	8	1	8	34	34	2	5	13	16	40	36	
Torquay	34	8	5	6	26	25	0	2	13	6	40	31	
Preston	37	6	3	11	28	36	1	5	11	12	34	29	



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# BRAINTREE BRANCH

## (Supporters News)

The season so far has been a little frustrating, first of all the injuries the team suffered at a time when everything was going well, secondly the weather has played havoc with the fixtures, these two points have been the main factor (we think) for our position in the league.

The Branch however, have been as busy as ever as stated in earlier notes. Trips to other clubs have been held, the weekly 50 Club is as strong as ever, our Monthly Raffle is always a winner, the Dance now being fixed for April 19th, also our Annual Dinner which is being held on Tuesday 6th May (which we have since heard is a rearranged fixture night), but the dinner will have to go ahead.

Also when the new season was under way saw the coming of two new Directors, Jonathan Crisp and Eric Johnstone. It soon emerged that new ideas would come forward, and when the Appeal '86 was launched, the Branch was behind it 100%. We are therefore, pleased to announce that £100 from the advance bookings for our Dance is going to this fund, and we hope everyone will support it.

There are still a few tickets left for April 19th, why not give Eric Pegram a ring on Braintree 22382?

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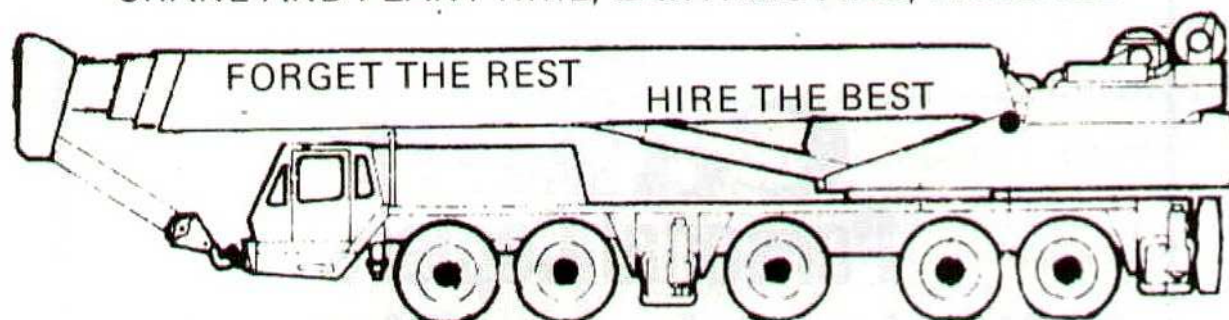
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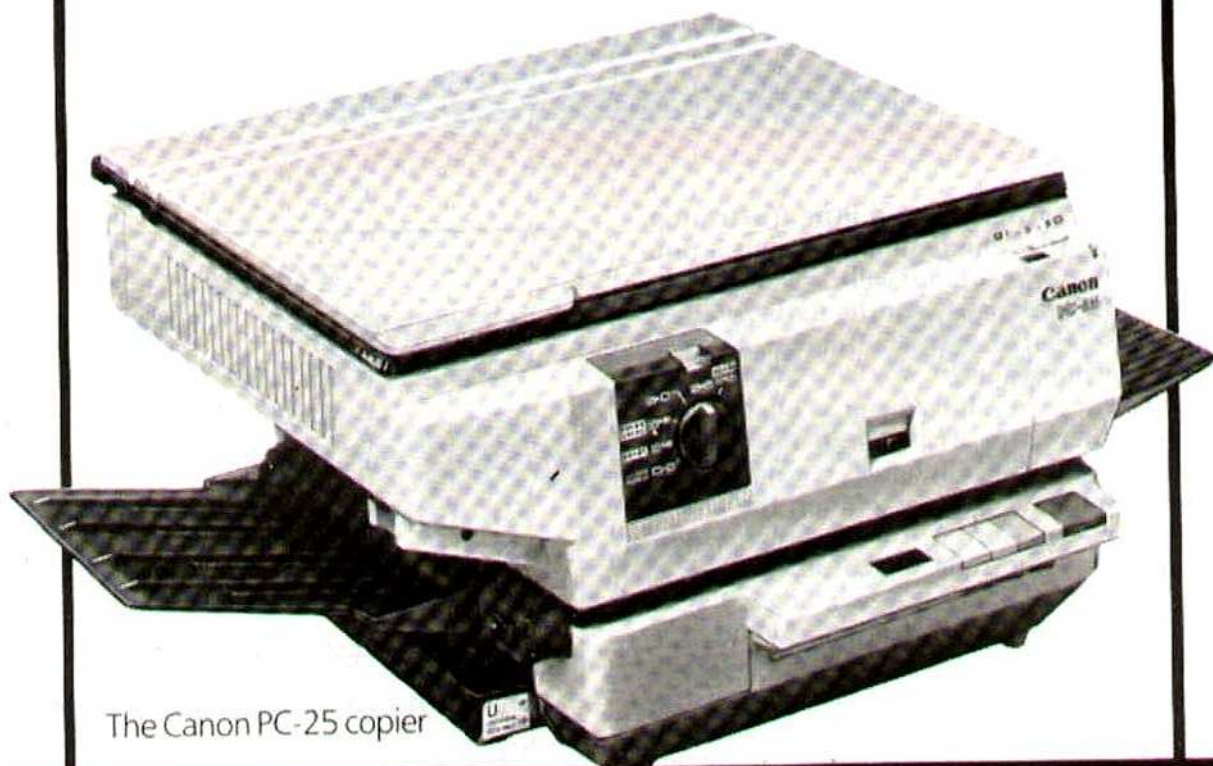


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# Sporting U's



## COMMUNITY SPORTS PROMOTER — TONY WILLOUGHBY

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### ★ TODAY'S SPORTING U's PAGE ★ IS ALL ABOUT NETBALL — IF YOU AREN'T INTERESTED PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO SOME-ONE WHO IS! THANK YOU

The sport of netball has to be one of Sporting U's 'growth industries'! Thanks largely to voluntary work by a reliable and hardworking band of lady coaches, numbers of girls attending our weekly Club sessions are always on the increase and we boast a membership of more than 200, catering for young girls from 8 to 16 years as well as three teams of ladies in the Colchester Senior League.

This Easter week is an apt time to mention the Colchester United Netball Club with three separate coach outings to tournaments coming up: 2 under-12 team and 2 under-14 sides are visiting Cambridge on Wednesday; 3 under-11 sides travel to the London Borough of Redbridge next Sunday;

The under-18's play in the National Butter Cup, also next Sunday, at Peterborough.

To them all we wish the very best of luck as they take the sporting name of Colchester netball further afield.

### UNDER-14 LEAGUE

Thanks to sponsorship from the **Colchester Building Society**, the Saturday morning under-14 league operates through the winter and indeed, the '85/86 session has only just been completed. Congratulations to the Brightlingsea girls on taking the title away from Sporting U's regulars! Here's the final table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brightlingsea A	16	15	1	0	242	26	47
Col. U. Yellows	16	14	1	1	210	37	45
Brightlingsea B	16	11	0	5	117	53	35
Tollesbury	16	8	1	7	87	112	26
Lawford Blue	16	7	0	9	64	104	23
Toosey	16	6	0	10	70	107	20
Col. U. Black	16	5	2	9	70	134	20
Col. U. White	16	4	1	11	36	131	15
Lawford Maroon	16	0	0	16	25	207	2

### BIG NETBALL WEEKEND

Details and application forms are now being distributed to schools, clubs and friendship groups for one of the biggest youth netball weekends that Colchester has ever known. Over Friday and Saturday, JUNE 13th and 14th, these tournaments will be played — contact Tony Willoughby at Sporting U's for more information:

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**NEW JUNIOR RULES:** This season has also seen the introduction of a new Rules book for Junior Netball (we are, let me tell you, absolutely delighted to see the end of years of muddle!) and Sporting U's has hosted meetings to co-ordinate it's acceptance in the Colchester area. We have also organised Inter-School tournaments and other events. Certainly Layer Road is increasingly accepted as **the** place for, particularly, Junior Netball — long may it last! If **YOU** are interested, why not get in touch?

## MASCOT

Our MASCOT for this holiday game is 9 year-old **MARK FROST** who is a regular at Layer Road with his Dad and his brother. He looks forward especially to meeting Alec Chamberlain tonight.

Mark, who likes football and swimming, attends the Cherry Tree School in Blackheath, Colchester, and I'm delighted to say has brought his whole family with him tonight — including his twin sister Zoe. To the Frost family we say 'Have a marvellous time tonight!'

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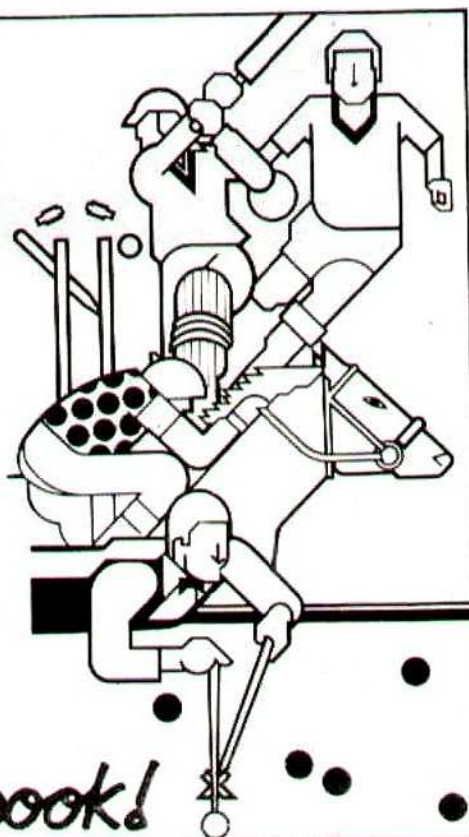
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**TO MAKE SURE OF YOUR PLACE:** Send your cheque or postal order for the full amount (payable to Sporting U's) to:

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# Referee

# Comment

## **TODAY COLCHESTER UNITED are pleased to welcome . . .**

### **REFEREE: MR. A. GUNN (Burgess Hill)**

Mr. Gunn refereed the F.A. Youth Cup final in 1980 and a 1985 Milk Cup semi-final. In 1978 was a linesman for the France v Brazil international and acted in a similar capacity for the 1982 Charity Shield game. A purchasing manager, he is married with two daughters and has been refereeing since 1965. His other sporting interests are swimming and squash.

### **LINESMEN:**

**Mr. J.R. HARRIS (Oulton Broad) Red Flag**

**Mr. R.D. PEARCE (Kenton) Yellow Flag**

**RESERVE OFFICIAL: Mr. M. E. BUY (Stanway)** Our thanks also go to the Colchester Referees' Society for their continued assistance in providing us with a reserve official.

Watching a football match in order to report it is not to be compared with viewing from the terraces. The dictates of journalism ensure that a reporter's view of the game is likely to be less extreme than that of the average paying fan. The real task of the pressman is to report as fairly and accurately as he can what he sees. A lot of critics, put in that position, would find the job extremely difficult.

At the same time the scribes who cover their local team week in, week out understand that those critical of their team's play are not necessarily attempting to "knock" the club. Some of the most critical do it because of the measure of affinity they feel. It is often an expression of sheer frustration felt by supporters for the team they love when they have not fared as well as they think they should have done. When someone cares deeply it is easy to panic unduly at signs of weaknesses imaginary or otherwise. Emotional reactions however, are not for the pressbox. That is why so often press reports come under fire from the man who pays at the turnstiles. The reporters job is to record what he sees, not what he would like to see. Or what the spectators or indeed, the Manager imagines he should see.

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# The Tenner Start

When Swindon Town became a professional club in 1894 their total wages bill was just £10 a week. That was the year they became founder members of the Southern League. That season they finished bottom of that league. The following campaign they did better finishing fourth, but money was so scarce four of their best players left to join Nottingham Forest.

By 1902 things were so bad that the club almost went under but thanks to still remembered Sam Allen and a few friends the problems were overcome. By 1906 Swindon fought their way into the first round of the F.A. Cup. In 1908 they got as far as the third round and by 1910 were good enough to reach the semi-final. En route they won 3-1 at Crystal Palace, beat Burnley 2-0 at home, before accounting for Spurs 3-2 in the Third Round. Another home draw saw Manchester City sent packing 2-0 and so to a semi-final tie with Newcastle. After a dour struggle at White Hart Lane the North Easterners won 2-0 and went on to win the cup. They reached the quarter-finals again in 1910-11 finally bowing out 3-1 at Chelsea. But the following year saw them in the last four once again beating West Ham and Everton on the way. There they fought out a 0-0 draw with Barnsley at Stamford Bridge before going down 1-0 in the replay at Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

For good measure between 1907 and 1914 they

won the Southern League championship twice and were never lower than fifth in the table. When football resumed after World War One, they became founder members of Division Three South and between them and season 1963/64 were never out of Division Three. Twice since then they have had a brief sojourn in Division Two, but by 1982 dropped into Division Four for the first time. A situation they look like remedying this season. Their cup record in these years continued to be quite impressive reaching the Third Round or better on 15 occasions. Their biggest triumph however, in post Second War years was winning the League Cup in the 1968-69 season. They also won the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. Founded as long ago as 1881 by a clergyman the Rev. W. Pitt as an amateur club, Swindon have produced a number of well known players. Perhaps the best known was Harold Fleming an inside-forward who won nine England caps. He would never play on a Sunday and despite many attractive offers could never be tempted to leave his home town club. All his playing career was spent in the Southern League. Grenville Morris was capped by Wales 21 times, John Walker nine times by Scotland. In more recent times, Rod Thomas was a regular in the Welsh side winning 50 caps, while John Trollope (still with the club on the staff) played a record 770 matches between 1960 and 1980.



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# 250 Club

Ignoring a few men who figured in only the odd game for Colchester United, 250 players have won the club colours since Football League status was acquired in 1950. During this season the programme will feature an A to Z of the 250, a sort of "Where are they now?" with perhaps the odd reference to those who gave good service in the reserves without ever quite making the big time.

**GEORGE WRIGHT** George now a pensioner living in his native Plymouth was the U's first keeper when they entered the league. Played for Plymouth Argyle as a youngster pre-war but joined the U's from non-league football. Made 160 league appearances for Colchester before retiring at the age of 36. Managed several non-league clubs and applied for job at Layer Road when Benny Fenton left and Neil Franklin was appointed. Was a qualified carpenter.

**JOHN WRIGHT** Was the U's Reserve Team keeper for seven or eight seasons. Made just five league appearances. Later joined police force, worked as a moulder and electricity board employee in Clacton.

**PETER WRIGHT** Was on Colchester's books for 14 seasons. A fast-tricky winger who had several chances to move to top league club. But as he once said, "I play football for enjoyment". That he did very successfully as a part-timer. Made well over 450 league and cup appearances for the club — and held the club record until Micky Cook passed his total in the 1980's. A local man who has for many years now been the genial host at Woods Sports Club. Besides his outstanding service to the U's he also helped Haverhill Rovers, Halstead and Long Melford before finally hanging up his boots.

**STEVE WRIGHT** Peter's son, who will be 27 in June. Played 127 games in the centre of the U's defence after graduating through the reserve side. Moved to HJK Helsinki and played for them in European Cup football against Liverpool. Later joined Bobby Roberts at Wrexham and played 76 league games for them before joining Torquay United.

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This concludes the 250 Club although we are always pleased to have news of former players.

Before finishing our brief sketches of favourites of yesteryear, we thought it appropriate to mention a few other players who gave the club good service without ever establishing a first team place.

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**DENNIS BARRETT** As far as we can trace Dennis, a local lad, was the club's first apprentice during Neil Franklin's reign as the manager. A regular in the reserves. He was picked as substitute

for one first team game but never came on.

**DAVID BUCK** Brother of goalkeeper Allan, gave sterling service as a wing-half in the reserves. Considered at the time unlucky not to get a first team opportunity. Was chosen twice in the substitutes role but had to sit it out on the bench.

**ANDY GOODING** A local lad who was an apprentice at Layer Road in the early seventies. Played in the back four and again was substitute on one occasion for the senior side without getting on the field.

**DES KELLY** A goalkeeper signed from Norwich City in June 1972. One league appearance. Hailed from Limerick in Ireland. Reserve team keeper for two seasons.

**DAVID LAITT** Another local player who was a second team regular in the half-back line for some time. Again chosen once as substitute without getting a kick.

**DAVE LAMONT** Dave who will be 45 next week — April 4th, was another stalwart at reserve team level for several seasons and later figured prominently in local football. An aggressive wing-half yet another who many fans felt never got a real opportunity back in the 60's.

**COLIN LUNDSTROM** A forward signed from Ipswich Town in July 1961. Made just one first team appearance. Later played for Clacton, Sudbury and Halstead and coached Donyland Swifts.

**JOHN O'DONNELL** A defender who appeared in one first team game while on loan from Cambridge United in 1975. After leaving Layer Road played for Hartlepool United and Carlisle United.

**KEN O'ROURKE** Played in one league game and in an F.A. Cup tie against Chesham United after signing from Ipswich in October 1968. Later played for the now defunct Bedford Town before joining the Metropolitan Police.

**BILLY TELFORD** Played in one match while on loan from Peterborough United in January 1976.

**IVAN THOROGOOD** Ivan had the misfortune to be at Layer Road at a time when the club were well off for back four men. A local man he was an outstanding performer in the reserve team and must count as the unluckiest player never to get a league outing. Was chosen for first team three times but each time the game was postponed.





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	<b>ALEC CHAMBERLAIN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>KENNY ALLEN</b>	
	<b>ANDY FARRELL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>CHRIS RAMSEY</b>	
	<b>IAN PHILLIPS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>PAUL ROBERTS</b>	
	<b>ROGER OSBORNE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>LEIGHT BARNARD</b>	
	<b>RUDI HEDMAN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>DAVID COLE</b>	
	<b>STEWART HOUSTON</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>COLIN CALDERWOOD</b>	
	<b>SIMON BURMAN</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>PETER COYNE</b>	
	<b>NOEL PARKINSON</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>CHARLIE HENRY</b>	
	<b>PERRY GROVES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>DAVE BAMBER</b>	
	<b>TONY ADCOCK</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>CHRIS KAMARA</b>	
	<b>TONY ENGLISH</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>DAVE HOCKADAY</b>	
	<b>TOM ENGLISH</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>COLIN GORDON</b>	

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