

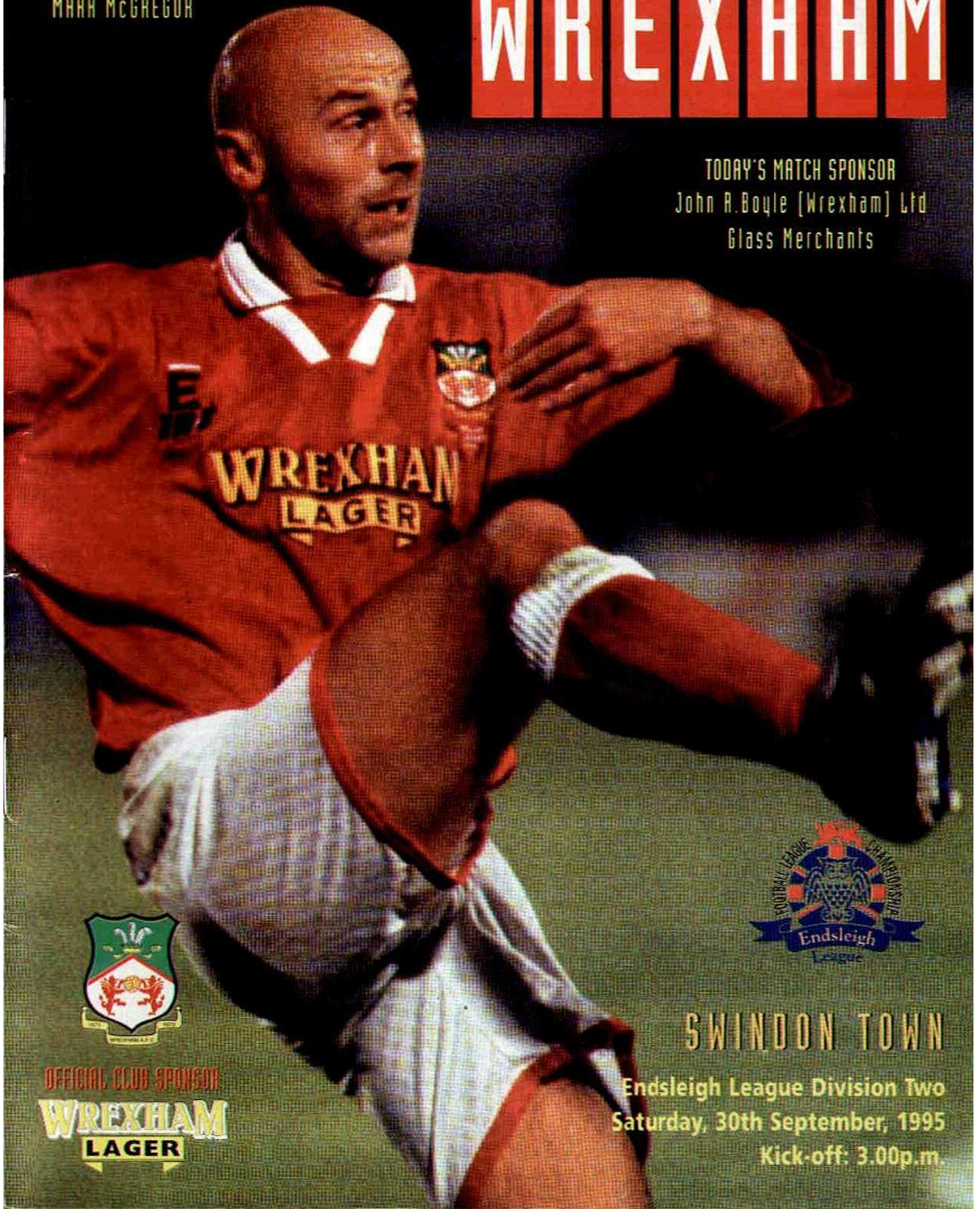
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Scene setter

Four home league games and not one win. It's not the sort of start most Wrexham fans were hoping for to the new campaign, but Brian Flynn and his players will at least be looking to build on last Saturday's encouraging performance at Wycombe.

"That was probably our best performance of the season," reflected Reds assistant manager Kevin Reeves after the match at Adams Park.

"We dominated the game for long periods and played some really good football. What we now have to do is produce that sort of performance at the Racecourse. The longer we go without a home win, the worse the pressure is going to get."

The Reds have often been notoriously slow starters and you only have to go back to our first season in the 'old' Second Division, 1978-79, to see the parallels.

Then Wrexham, under the managership of Arfon Griffiths, began with three successive goalless draws at the Racecourse against Brighton & Hove Albion, Leicester City and Newcastle United respectively.

The sequence was eventually broken with a televised home defeat against Welsh rivals Cardiff City, much to the disappointment of the 11,766 crowd.

It wasn't until the second Saturday in October that Reds fans could finally celebrate a home win. Goals from Mickey Thomas and Graham Whittle secured a 2-0 win over Cambridge United, who had been promoted along with Wrexham the previous May.

That 1977-78 championship season also started badly with the Reds managing just one win in their opening seven games. Goals were also at a premium with the Wrexham forwards managing only nine in 630 minutes. The sale of Billy Ashcroft to Middlesbrough was the major factor but Griffiths kept his nerve and bided his time to get the signing he wanted...Dixie McNeil.

McNeil's arrival for a club record £65,000 fee was swiftly followed by the acquisition of Welsh International keeper Dai Davies from Everton for a paltry £10,000.

The turning point, funnily enough, came with a 2-1 home win over today's visitors Swindon Town, a game in which both McNeil and Davies made their debuts.

On a rain soaked afternoon, Wrexham's best crowd of the season, 8,002, turned out to welcome the new arrivals and they were rewarded with a superb match.

It took the former Hereford United striker just 16 minutes to get on the scoresheet, side-footing home a fine cross from Mickey Thomas past Swindon keeper Jimmy Allen. Wrexham doubled their lead on 57 minutes when McNeil set up Whittle to stab the ball over the line.

Davies then had to be on top form to save a 25-yard piledriver from Chris Guthrie before David Moss scored for the visitors with a stunning shot in the 72nd minute.

That set up a grandstand finish but Wrexham's defence, superbly marshalled by Davies, held firm and the corner had been turned. It was to be a further 13 league games before Wrexham tasted defeat and Griffiths' patience had been rewarded.

"Obviously, I have signed Dixie to replace Billy Ashcroft," admitted Griffiths in the build-up to the Swindon match. "He is not the same type of player as Billy but goals are his trademark. He has scored more than 90 in the last three seasons and that record speaks for itself. He needs good service and we will provide that. Together with Bobby Shinton and Graham Whittle, I think we now have the best three strikers in the division."

As for today, Brian Flynn's search for a striker is no secret but he too refuses to be panicked into buying a player just for the sake of it.

Last Saturday's display at Wycombe underlined the fact that Wrexham are back on the right lines. Swindon meanwhile, managed by former England midfielder Steve McMahon, are top of the table and unbeaten in the league. After two successive relegations, they look to be heading for a swift return to the First Division.

Wrexham could not have asked for harder opponents as they search for that all important home win. However, Reds fans know only too well that this is the sort of game to bring the best out in the side. Hopefully, come 4.45 p.m., the long wait will be over!



Front Cover Caption

Wrexham's £60,000 summer signing from Notts County, Kevin Russell, shows he's lost none of the close control that made him such a firm favourite in his first spell at the Racecourse. (Photograph: Les Evans, Wrexham Leader)

Only the beginning

A change in tactics has seen an improvement in the results and now manager Brian Flynn wants that to continue at the Racecourse.

With October almost upon us, it really is about time we opened our win account at the Racecourse. The continuing run of draws might have made us a favourite with the pools punters, but we now need to repay our supporters faith with three points.

Steve McMahon brings his rejuvenated Swindon Town to North Wales on the crest of a wave and they nearly added the notable scalp of Premiership Champions Blackburn Rovers to their credit list. We wish them better luck in the return fixture next week.

Our own record of late hardly matches that of our visitors and following the defeat at Peterborough, I decided it was time for a change in a playing style.

We implemented this switch at Wycombe last weekend and it brought some instant 'bonuses' for us. The lads seemed to adapt well and it gave us a few more options on the day.

We recovered well from conceding an early goal, but even at that stage we were playing well and the confidence was evident throughout the team.

Dave Brammer fired us level with a great goal and we continued to control long periods of the play. The head injury suffered by Steve Watkin upset our rhythm, while Andy Marriott was called more into the action during the closing stages, but overall I was pleased at the way we lifted ourselves after the previous game.

On Tuesday night we began the road to Wembley via the Auto

Windscreens Shield, a competition which has taken on added significance for us this year, especially with no Welsh Cup to challenge for.

Our first aim was to get a result and qualify for the next stage. But I suppose with the record of both clubs this season, a draw was always going to be the favourite result.

It was an absorbing contest for the supporters who did turn up at Field Mill and there were enough chances for a win by either side. We now face York at the Racecourse, knowing that a victory will see us top the section and ensure a home tie.

Barry Jones starts his suspension this afternoon following a sending off at Peterborough United. We had hoped to use video evidence in his defence, but the camera at London Road is placed by one of the corner flags, due to reconstruction work, and failed to give a clear picture of the incident.

Happily we are able to welcome Tony Humes back into the first team squad following his pre-season injury and it is very timely that he should become available this week. Barry Hunter picked up a groin strain which forced him out of the midweek fixture, but he should be fit for this afternoon.

There is continued good news on the injury front, with Deryn Brace back in training and hopefully Mark Ward to follow next week. Both lads have been missing for sometime and it will still be a little while before we will be able to consider them for the league team.

Better news too for Scott Williams, who has been troubled with a back injury since last season, as he too is beginning the long road back to match fitness.

On the international front, we were all glad to see Barry Hunter retain his place in Brian Hamilton's latest

squad announced in midweek. Barry was one of the Irish stars in Portugal earlier in this month, after being a late replacement for their more regular centre-halves.

His display that night deserved recognition and despite other players becoming available again, Barry has been included for the trip to Liechtenstein.

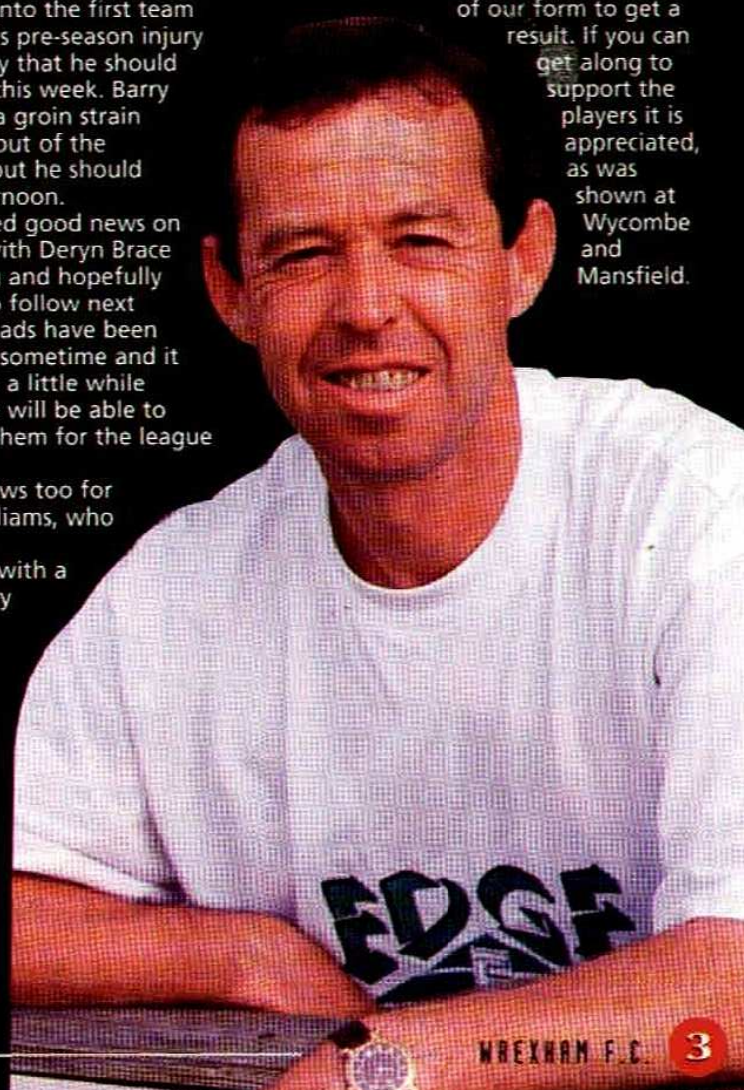
I am also delighted that Wales manager Bobby Gould is keeping an eye on Andy Marriott and has named him as one of the standby players for the Germany game. Tranmere's Danny Coyne has stepped up from the Under-21's as cover for Neville Southall and Andy is ready should any problems befall these two.

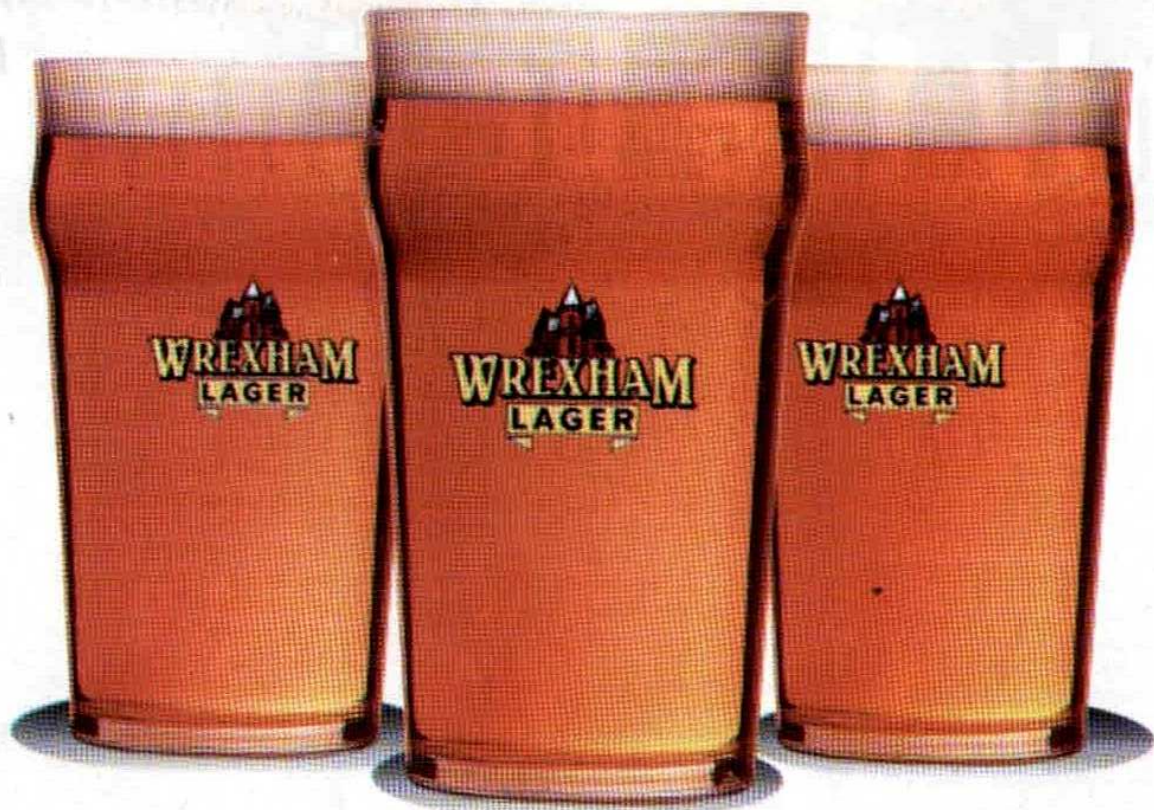
With no Coca Cola Cup tie in midweek, our next game is away at York City on Saturday. Following their excellent win at Old Trafford, spirits will be high at Bootham Crescent and

we will need to be on top of our form to get a result. If you can

get along to support the players it is appreciated, as was shown at Wycombe and Mansfield.

The players adapted well to the new style





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TOUGH FIXTURE

Today we return to the Racecourse, still searching for our first home win of the season and we could hardly have asked for tougher opposition than league leaders Swindon Town.

Steve McMahon has turned the Wiltshire clubs fortunes around following their relegation last season and even at this early stage they would seem to be heading for an automatic promotion place.

I have caught a few of their games on television and they look a very impressive outfit. Strangely enough, I think that might be of benefit to us, as they will come here and play an open game, allowing us the chance to compete in a good game.

Too often we face sides who employ spoiling tactics and are only too happy to settle for a share of the points.

ROAD TRIP

We have just completed a stint of three away games, which included two draws and a one goal defeat. On the surface that might seem a reasonable return, but for those supporters who were able to travel to any of the matches, they will know it might have been a great deal better.

At Peterborough we never got going and lost to a side who performed on a par with us. That was definitely a case of three points dropped and the disappointment was felt just as badly by the players, as it was by the supporters.

The boss worked us hard in the following week and for the trip to Wycombe, decided to switch to a 4-3-3 system. The players responded and despite falling behind to a silly opening goal, kept battling away to draw level through a great Dave Brammer equaliser.

It was one of our better displays and might well have been rewarded with a



win. The fans gave us a great reception and it was good to see the smiles back on peoples faces again.

On Tuesday night we headed over to Field Mill for the first game in our qualifying group of the Auto Windscreens Shield. It was important that we got off to a good start in this competition, especially as we have no entry in the Welsh Cup this season. If we could get a decent result, the chances of a home tie in the first knock out stage would be greatly improved.

After soaking up some early Mansfield pressure, we took the lead and I had high hopes that we could carry on to dominate the match. Things did not work out that way and the home side scored two class goals to forge a lead for themselves.

A change to our line-up helped shake us up and Karl Connolly finished a good move off by scoring the equaliser. Both sides then had chances to grab a late winner, but a draw was probably a fair result on the night. We now face cup gaintkillers York City in a little over two weeks, knowing that a win will see us top the group.

INTERNATIONAL REDS

Congratulations to Barry Hunter for his inclusion in the Northern Ireland party which travels to Liechtenstein for their next European Championship qualifier. His performance in that tremendous draw away to Portugal has been rightly rewarded with a further call up.

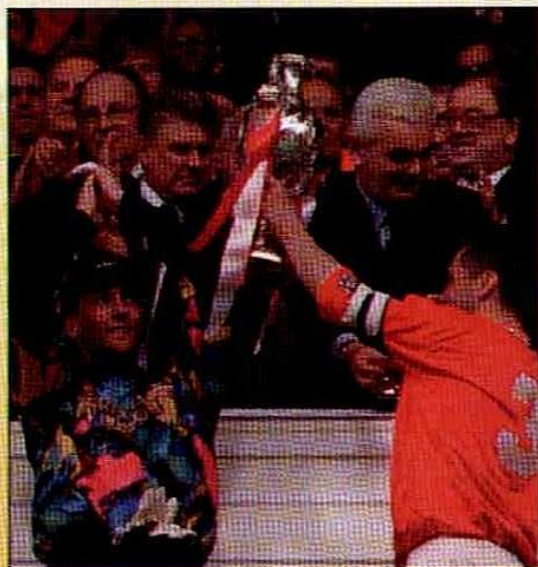
Andy Marriott has also caught the eye of Wales manager Bobby Gould and he has been placed on stand by for their game against Germany in Cardiff.

My own Republic of Ireland have a home date with Austria and following a few below normal displays, we will looking to get back to winning ways in this vital clash.

Keep ahead on the Reds
Read-David Lovett

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Sunday, 15th October, 1995, ko 2.00pm.



Alright so it is not a re-run of last seasons F.A.Cup tie, but look on the bright side, you will not need to queue all morning for a ticket! Seriously though, congratulations to our Ladies team, who have qualified for the second round of the Womens F.A.Cup and pulled a dream tie with the First Division giants. The game is due to be played at Stansty, on Sunday, 15th October, the day after we have a home league match against Oxford United. Please do your best to get along and support this ever improving team.

Wrexham Ladies earned their tie by defeating another first division club in Nettleham, who are based near Lincoln. Little was known about first round opponents, and there were mixed feelings on the journey down.

As the game started, it became obvious that it was not going to be one for the faint hearted, with clumsy tackles and flying elbows in abundance.

Yet it was a mistake by the home defence on 10 minutes, which let Janet Manning through to score the games opening goal. In the 24th minute there was even better news, as Cheryl Fleet hit a shot from just outside the penalty box to increase our lead.

Nettleham had the chance to start a came back when the Reds goalkeeper Val Williams was adjudged to have fouled the home sides winger inside the area. Happily the resulting penalty was placed wide.

Goal hero Manning was forced out of the action on 34 minutes, due to an ankle injury and replaced by Michelle Brookes.

There was no further scoring before the interval and Wrexham changed ends in the continuing hope that they would be allowed to play football in the second half, although Nettleham seemed more interested in their physical tactics.

With 20 minutes left, the home teams substitute forward was fed a lovely through ball to reduce the arrears. That meant a nervous finale to the match, as pressure mounted on the Wrexham goal, but after 90 minutes the Reds were able to celebrate a great victory. The girls came off battered and bruised, but happy to be through to the next round.

September 5th saw Wrexham kick-off their Division Three league season with a home fixture against Haslingden. The start could not have been better, as we scored our first goal after just five minutes, Janet Manning getting the important breakthrough. Sara Williams added a second from 20 yards and Cheryl Fleet scored twice to leave the Reds 4-0 up by the break.

Further strikes by Mandy Carroll and Leslie Howard made the final score 6-0, with Alison Howard being named Player of the Match.

The following Sunday meant a trip to Blackpool club Bispham, for a first round tie in the League Cup, against a side that has just entered the Fourth Division.

Janet Manning opening the scoring early on, only for Bispham to level from the penalty spot. Wrexham then settled down, played the better football and the flood gates opened.

Leslie Howard, Manning (3) and Mandy Carroll made the interval score 6-1 to Wrexham, while further strikes from Leslie and then sister Alison Howard saw the Reds to an 8-2 victory. Leslie also took the Player of the Match award.

Three new players joined the club prior to the new season and we would like to welcome goalkeeper Val Williams, Debbie (Batman) Falkner and Mandy Carroll into our ranks. With this extra strength we hope to make a positive assault on the Division Three title, the early signs are very encouraging.

Finally, congratulations to Janet Manning on picking up a trophy as the 1994-95 Division Four top scorer.

Sacre blue!

Wrexham's good relations with Manchester United were demonstrated again last week, when we travelled over to United's training ground at the Cliff for a practice session. Three periods of 30 minutes each were staged against a strong United reserve squad, which despite there being no referee and only training kit worn, was still played in a competitive atmosphere.

A little gaelic influence helped United run out 4-1 winners, but it was a worthwhile exercise for both clubs and a change from the normal training routines.



Was Steve Watkin the 'Late Scorer'?

Information Technology

For those of you unable to be at Peterborough, getting the final result proved a little harder than normal. While local radio was spot on with the score, those following events on teletext were led to believe that we had managed a late equaliser.

Why this should be the case is not easy to work out, but it seems that the Press Association representative at the match, saw a goal that no one else did and put the bogus result on the wire to the P.A. in London.

Within seconds it was flashing up on the BBC's teleprinter and being announced as one of the 'jackpot' draws.

Football papers all over the country were also being led astray and we picked up the Sports Argus in Birmingham which happily announced 'late scorer' under a 1-1 scoreline.

A number of pools punters were probably jumping with joy at learning the Reds had achieved yet another score draw, although the reporter on Radio Cambridgeshire was quick to spot that the list of draws he had just read out contained the false result.

Why it took over two hours for some news agencies to correct the information is a little hard to puzzle, but the Daily Mirror still had the wrong score in their Monday morning editions! It must have come as big disappointment for those supporters who were to discover the mistake as the weekend progressed.

BP goes awol!

A couple of problems for the Racecourse coaching staff to report from last weekend.

First up was the Wrexham - Everton Lancashire League match staged at Queensway on Saturday morning, all was going well until early in the second-half. That was when a couple of watching supporters heard knocking noises, further investigation led reserve team announcer Eric Edwards to the door of the home team dressing room. On getting the key it was discovered that Brian Prandle had been locked in after obeying a call of nature and someone locking up thinking the area was clear. Although no one is admitting to actually being responsible!

In the afternoon our Welsh National League game with Rhos Aelwyd was 20 minutes old, when the referee suddenly stopped play and marched over to the sidelines. The problem was no corner flags, so Cliff Sear had to jump in the mini-bus and drive back to the Racecourse to get some. By the time he had returned to Lindisfarne we had scored the only goal of the game.

"Do you want the latest Cliff Sear story?" called Joey Jones down the corridor following the Chester City Pontins League game.

"Well I was going into one of the offices at the Racecourse this afternoon, when I heard someone shouting 'Mr Sear, Mr Sear'. I thought it was a little queer, as Cliff was supposed to be out training with the youth players.

"Anyway I turned around to see who it was and this guy comes up to me, takes one look and says 'Oh sorry, I was after Mr Sear and he's got more wrinkles than you!'"

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Get me to the Church on time

While the rest of us were suffering over the performance at Peterborough two weeks ago, one member of staff could be forgiven for not really paying attention to the news from London Road.

Community Officer Steve Weaver had a rather important engagement that weekend, as he was getting married at Gresford Church.

We would like to pass on the best wishes of everyone at the Racecourse, to Steve and his new bride for a long and happy life together.

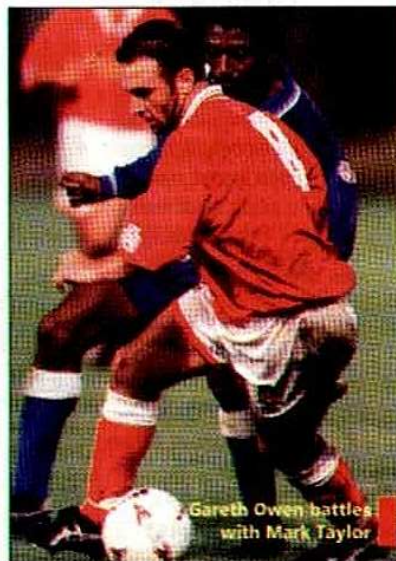
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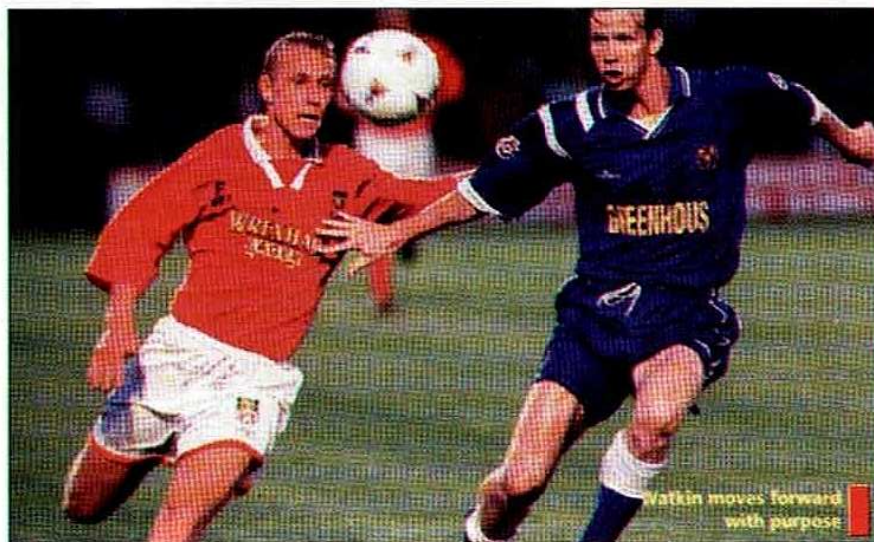
Steve Watkin's acrobatic shot makes it 1-1



Watkin holds off his marker



Gareth Owen battles with Mark Taylor



Watkin moves forward with purpose

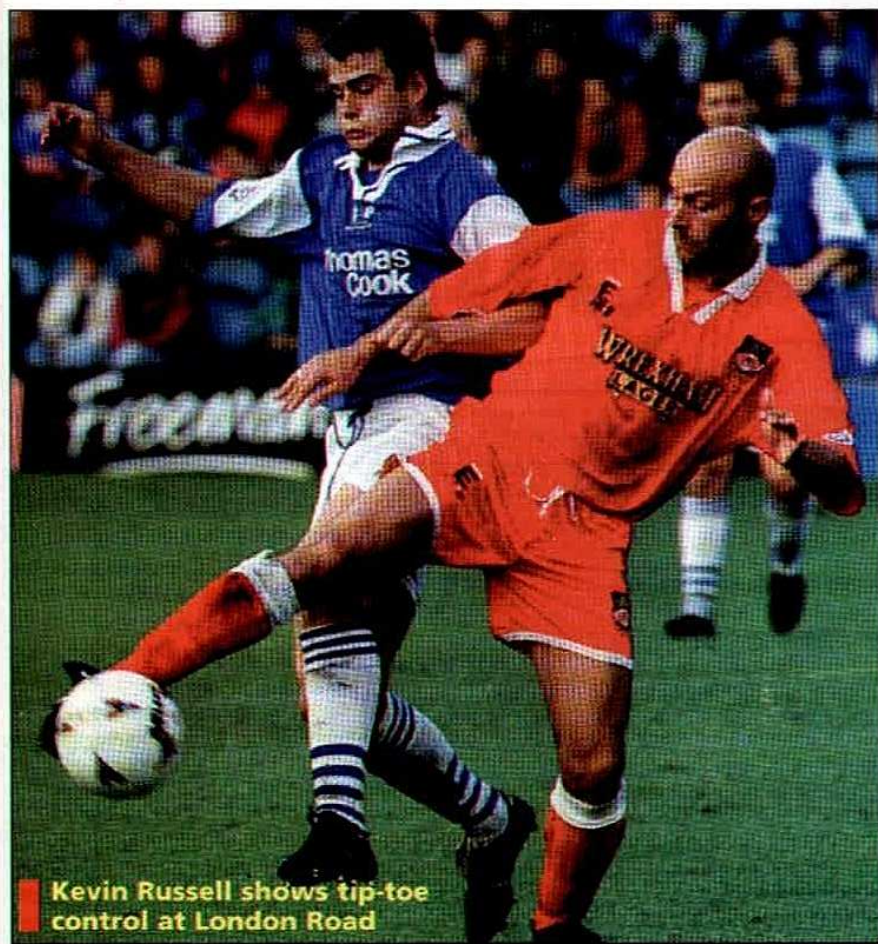
Match facts

- **WREXHAM:** Marriott, Phillips, Hardy, Brammer (McGregor 71), Hunter, Jones, Durkan, Owen, Connolly, Watkin, Russell (Cross 77). Not used: Skinner.
- **Stockport:** Clarke, Scott, Lynch, Taylor, Whiston, Seabury, Berkley, Rowbotham (Evans 74), Anthrobus, Megson (Dempsey 84), Reed. Not used: Hughes.
- **Date:** 12/9/95
- **Attendance:** 3,298
- **Scorers:** - Wrexham - Watkin(30), Shrewsbury - Taylor(8).

Seen through the eyes of: Mark McGregor

We really felt that this game would be the one that was going to produce our first home victory of the season. They were struggling and had lost their three away matches played so far. Matters did not get away to the start we had been looking for and within the opening ten minutes they produced a good flowing move to let Mark Taylor score their goal. In recent weeks I have been forcing my way into the first team squad and even managed to get my second ever starting position at Bristol Rovers. For the visit of Shrewsbury, I was named on the bench and had to look on in frustration as we once again faced an uphill battle. Happily the lads on the pitch responded well to the challenge and we carved out a few decent openings around their penalty area. Karl Connolly was coming more and more into the picture, as he was getting the better of his marker. Eventually he went on one of his mazy runs down the left, cutting into the area and firing a great shot at Tim Clarke in the Shrewsbury goal. The goalkeeper managed to block that effort, but Steve Watkin was where a good striker should be and pounced to stab the rebound home. At that stage I was hoping we would go on and take control of the match, but while looking good at times, we never really threatened to brush them aside. They had a few chances in the second half and maybe should have scored following a corner. I made an appearance with about 20 minutes remaining, when Dave Brammer picked up an injury. Wayne was pushed into midfield and I dropped into the right-back slot. Jonathan Cross soon joined me from the subs bench and it looked as if he had won us the game late on, but his header from a Connolly cross rebounded off the woodwork. Obviously the fans will view this as two points dropped rather than anything else and the lads view it the same way. We need to start getting a few wins and I'm sure then you will see a completely different Wrexham performance on the pitch. Having also turned out for the reserves in recent weeks, I know from first hand experience what a world of difference a couple of victories can make.

Peterborough U.1-0 Wrexham



Kevin Russell shows tip-toe control at London Road

Match facts

- **WREXHAM:** Marriott, McGregor, Hardy, Phillips, Hunter, Jones, Durkan (Skinner 71), Owen (Hughes 64), Connolly, Watkin, Russell (Cross 71).
- **Peterborough:** Sheffield, Clark, Rioch, Ebdon, Breen, Heald, Le Bihan (Gregory 54), Carter (Morrison 45), Martindale, Power (McGleish 75).
- **Date:** 16/9/95
- **Attendance:** 3,817
- **Scorer:** - Peterborough - Martindale(55).

Seen through the eyes of: Wayne Phillips

If we really have hopes of still making an impression this season and remember we are only just coming to the end of September, then we really need to be going to places like Peterborough and coming away with all the points.

As it was we failed to take advantage of the chances that came our way and once again conceded a sloppy goal at the other end. While the game was poised at 0-0 I felt we were very much in with shout, but when they scored 10 minutes into the second half, maybe a few people thought, "here we go again".

With the exception of the 10 men at Blackpool, no one has threatened to give us a thrashing, but it looks like that there could be a mental problem when we go behind. Lets face things, we have only been ahead in two games this year and one of those was the last minute at Bristol Rovers!

Had we got the rub of the green at London Road, like the moment when Heald headed at his own goal, but the keeper made a flying save, then I felt we could have gone on to get the win.

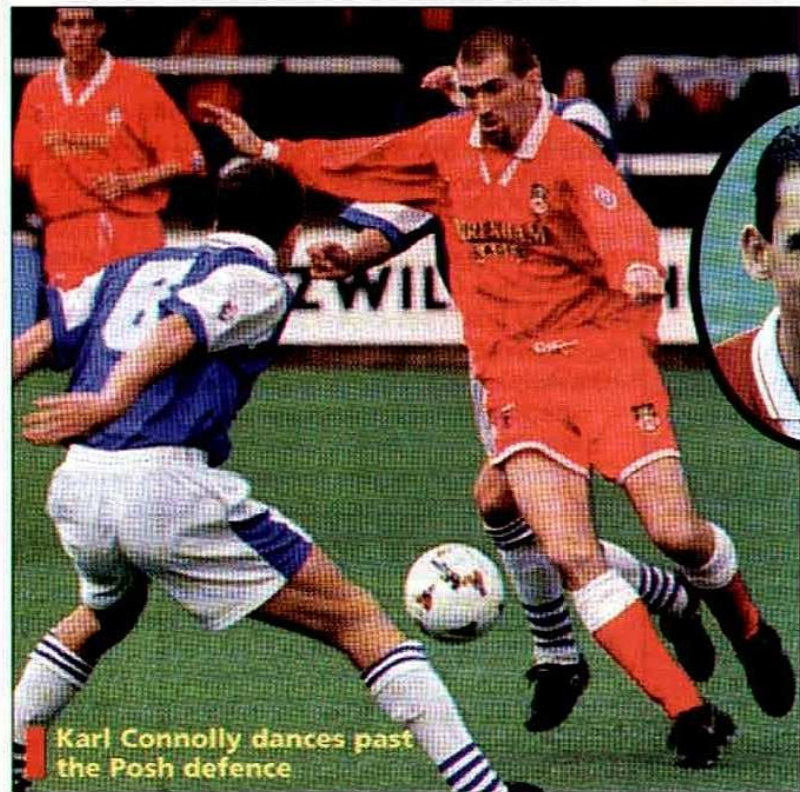
Peterborough are hardly setting the division on fire, but they got the luck in the 55th minute, when an ordinary cross was deflected off Phil Hardy, over Mark McGregor and dropped just right for Martindale to score.

Kizza had an opportunity at the back post, but he just couldn't control his effort. Not that I'm pointing the finger purely at the forwards, the problems are shared by the team and we all need to keep working hard to put them right.

The first half was a pretty dull affair and the boss told us at the break, all we needed to do was step things up and we could win the game. As it worked out, they achieved that and we didn't.

As if the afternoon wasn't turning out as bad as it was, we then had the situation of the referee dismissing Barry Jones and one of theirs, some six minutes into injury time.

My view of the incident was not reflected by the referee, as I thought the pair of them just tangled and fell over. To see him produce a red card came as quite a shock.



Karl Connolly dances past the Posh defence



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Swindon Town



There can be no doubting the team of the season so far in the Second Division. Unbeaten in their opening nine games, Swindon Town stand proudly at the top of the table fully four points clear of nearest challengers Blackpool.

After having fallen from the heady heights of the Premiership just two seasons ago, the County Ground faithful at last have something to shout about.

Manager Steve McMahon, who took over from John Gorman last December, was unable to halt the Robins slide down the First Division. However, he didn't make wholesale changes to the playing staff during the summer. Instead, the former Liverpool, Manchester City and England midfielder opted to bring in experienced players like Mark Seagraves from Bolton and Wayne Allison from rivals Bristol City, as well as the previously untried Steve Finney from his former Maine Road employers.

New boy Seagraves is in no doubt as to McMahon's desire to succeed: "Football is the God up in the North. Public here aren't stooped in that same tradition, they do not have the same infatuation with the game. But I think the manager has brought a lot of that spirit with him. He wants it to be important, he wants the fans to make it important, he wants the players to feel it is important.

"If we get beaten it is important. It is not a case of leaving it to next week to have another crack of the whip. Every game is crucial - you have to believe that. You have to go into every game with the same enthusiasm and determination.

"I am sure the manager has brought that dedication with him. He wants to win everything including cards on the coach! That's what you need in football. If you have eleven people tuned in on that wavelength you are on your way."

That's certainly been the case so far with the side's only defeats coming in the Coca Cola Cup against Cambridge United, courtesy of a fiercely debated penalty decision, and reigning Premiership champions Blackburn Rovers.

The Blackburn match actually saw Swindon

storm into a two goal lead through goals from Wayne Allison and Steve Finney in the space of 120 seconds. It took Rovers all their top flight know-how and a multi-million strikeforce of Chris Sutton and Alan Shearer to eventually come back to win 3-2.

That game took its toll on the side as they struggled to a 1-0 win over Rotherham United last Saturday but McMahon remained pleased with the players' attitude.

"Well, we didn't play well against Rotherham," was his honest assessment. "If you look at the sides who played well against Premiership opposition in midweek, such as Crewe who nearly beat Sheffield Wednesday, then most of them have come down to earth with a bang.

"The important thing is that we got the three points despite eight or nine of the lads not being at their best. Everybody scrapped for the result though and this sort of win is every bit as good, if not better, than when you play at your very best and everything goes for you.

"We had a chat with the players after the Blackburn match about the need to try and get back to keeping a clean sheet. We achieved that against Rotherham

thanks to a combination of the post, a fine save from Frank Talia and another good performance from Shaun Taylor.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the defence. Shaun and Frank kept us in the game and Frank's really was a magnificent save. When Goater went through, Frank made sure he didn't go down to early and forced Goater into making a mistake.

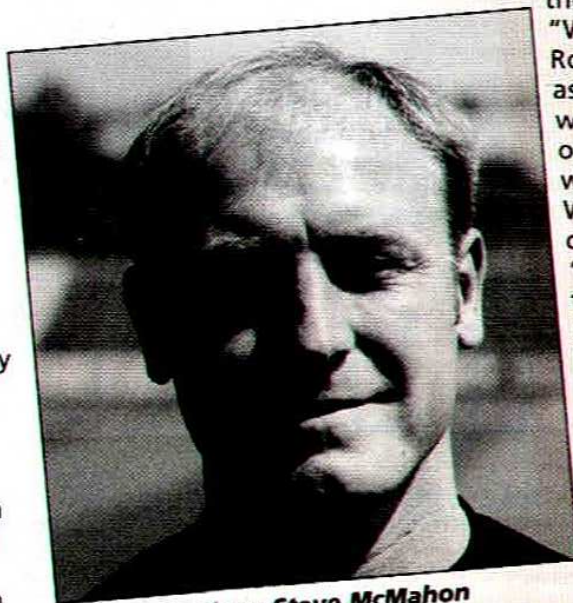
"Shaun's was a true captain's display and he helped pull the lads through."

The only goal of the game came midway through the second-half when substitute Ty Godden rifled home an unstoppable shot past Matthew Clarke in the Rotherham goal.

"It was a great strike out of nothing," added McMahon. "Ty created three good chances after he came on and did well. As I said before, we didn't play 100% but it was good enough to get the three points.

"We looked jaded at times and it was very much a case of after the Lord Mayor's show against Blackburn. It's only natural after coming so close to beating the champions.

"Hopefully a few days rest will help everybody recover and we can look forward to trying to maintain our unbeaten run at Wrexham."



▲ Swindon boss Steve McMahon

With 18 goals in nine league games, Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon will be especially pleased with the goalscoring form of his forwards this season. The departure of County Ground favourite Jan-Age Fjortoft to Premiership bound Middlesbrough, shortly before last March's transfer deadline, caused a storm of protest. Many fans pointed to the Norwegian International striker's sale as the reason the side ultimately failed to avoid relegation. Half of the £1 million proceeds were invested in the signing of Bristol City striker WAYNE ALLSION in July. Born in Huddersfield, the 26-year-old began his career with Halifax Town. He marked his league debut as a substitute in March 1987 by scoring in a 4-3 home defeat against Wolves. Allison finished the Shaymen's topscorer with 15 goals in 41 games in 1988-89 and this persuaded Watford to pay £250,000 for his signature. Twelve months later he was on the move again, this time to Bristol City where he soon became a firm favourite with the Ashton Gate fans. He scored over 50 goals during his five years there and was topscorer in each of the last three seasons. He already has four goals to his credit this term. His partner in attack has been another summer signing, STEVE FINNEY, who followed McMahon from

flank, and has now made over 100 appearances for the club. Another defender to have made the transition into midfield is WAYNE O'SULLIVAN. A product of the club's youth policy, he made his first-team debut at 18 in an Anglo-Italian Cup-tie against Oxford United but had to wait until August 1994 for his Football League baptism. Born in Akrotori, Cyprus, the 21-year-old made 30 league appearances last term and has been a regular first-teamer this term. He scored his first goal in the 2-0 win at Brentford at the start of September. MARK ROBINSON signed as an apprentice for West Bromwich Albion on leaving school at 16. His Baggies debut came in a top flight match against Sheffield Wednesday in April 1986 only for him to be surprisingly released a month later. That paved the way for a move to Barnsley where his consistent form attracted the attention of Newcastle United. A £450,000 fee took him to St.James's Park in March 1993 but he struggled to hold down a regular first-team place. The Rochdale born defender/midfielder moved to Wiltshire in July 1994 for a club record £600,000 fee and has missed just a handful of games since. In the centre of midfield is player-manager STEVE McMAHON who took over from John Gorman last November. He began his illustrious career at Everton,

"Swindon sco

Manchester City on a free transfer. Born in Hexham, he began his career as a YTS trainee with Preston North End where he made just six league appearances. A surprise move took him to Maine Road midway through the 1992-93 campaign but he was unable to displace any of the more established and illustrious names in the first-team. McMahon clearly recognised his talent and was rewarded immediately as Finney scored the only goal of the game on the opening day of the season at Hull City. He is the side's topscorer with six goals already.

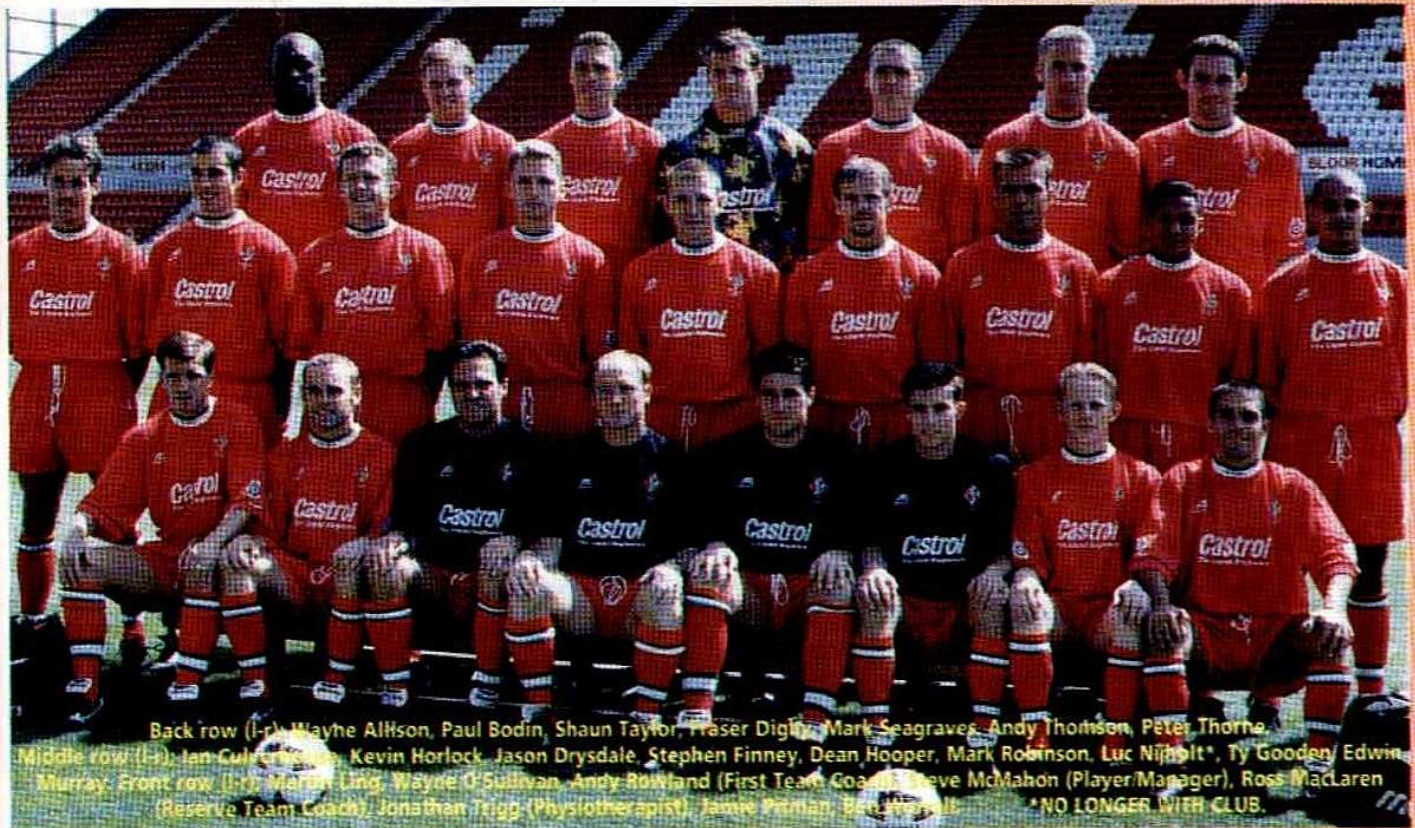
PETER THORNE is another young striker to have moved from Premiership football, leaving Blackburn Rovers in January 1995 to sign for Swindon. A powerful player, he spent six seasons at Ewood Park but managed only one first-team appearance - the F.A. Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wembley in August 1994. He netted twice on his Town league debut at Burnley and scored nine goals in total last term, including a hat-trick in a stunning 5-2 win at West Brom. Injury forced him to miss the first few games of this season, and he has had to be content with watching from the substitute's bench in recent weeks due to the impressive form of Finney.

The goalscoring threat from midfield is no less reduced with KEVIN HORLOCK having found the net five times, including a hat-trick in the 4-1 win at Bristol Rovers two weeks ago. A Northern Ireland International team-mate of Wrexham's Barry Hunter, he was signed as a defender on a free transfer from West Ham United in the summer of 1992. He made his Town debut in a 3-1 defeat at Portsmouth that same year, taking over from the injured Paul Bodin. Kevin finally established himself in the side in midfield, often operating on the left

making his League debut at Sunderland in August 1980. After over a century of games for the Goodison Park outfit, he joined Aston Villa in the summer of 1983 for £300,000 and so missed out on the Blues success under Howard Kendall. The return to Merseyside in September 1985 to join Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool side helped the Anfield outfit to the 'double' and lifted him into England International contention. A member of England's 1990 World Cup squad in Spain, he won a total of 17 caps before moving to Manchester City for £900,000 in December 1991. Now aged 34, he has lost none of his enthusiasm for the game and remains as tenacious a tackler as when he first began his career. McMahon was sent-off on his Swindon debut in a 2-0 defeat at Southend but now looks set to guide the Wiltshire club back to the First Division at the first attempt.

Also vying for places in midfield are TY GODDEN and JOEY BEAUCHAMP. Godden came off the substitute's bench to score the winning goal against Rotherham last Saturday. Released by Wycombe Wanderers at the end of the 1992-93 campaign, he initially joined Swindon trial before being offered a contract by then boss John Gorman in December 1993. His Premiership debut came three months later at West Ham and the former Arsenal trainee managed a total of 16 appearances last term.

Beauchamp looked to be on the threshold of an illustrious career after a £1 million move from Oxford United to West Ham in July 1994. Sadly the Oxford born midfielder failed to settle in the capital and within a month had moved to Swindon in exchange for Jon Moncur. The 24-year-old has so far struggled to recapture the form that brought 27 goals in 151



Back row (l-r) Wayne Allison, Paul Bodin, Shaun Taylor, Fraser Digby, Mark Seagraves, Andy Thomson, Peter Thorne, Middle row (l-r) Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Horlock, Jason Drysdale, Stephen Finney, Dean Hooper, Mark Robinson, Luc Nijholt*, Ty Gooden, Edwin Murray, Front row (l-r) Martin Ling, Wayne O'Sullivan, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Player Manager), Ross McLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Jonathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Jamie Pirman, Ben Westall. *NO LONGER WITH CLUB.

ring for fun"

appearances for the Manor Ground club and was placed on the transfer list last April. He has occasionally featured in the first-team this season and scored in a 2-0 second leg Coca Cola Cup win over Cambridge in August.

Swindon's defence has been in superb form in the League with just four goals conceded in those opening nine games. Much of the credit has to go to the central defensive partnership of SHAUN TAYLOR and new signing MARK SEAGRAVES.

Taylor cost £200,000 from Exeter City in July 1991, having entered League football at the relatively late age of 23, after being spotted playing for Great Western League side Bideford Town. The Plymouth born centre-half now has made over 350 career appearances and even managed 11 goals for Swindon in the 1992-93 promotion campaign. He has just signed a new contract that will keep him at the County Ground until 1997.

Seagraves is a big, strong central defender who joined the club from Bolton Wanderers in the summer for £100,000. A member of the Bolton side that lost to Liverpool in last season's Coca Cola Cup Final, he has already formed a good understanding with Taylor. Previously with Liverpool, Norwich City (loan) and Manchester City, the Liverpool born defender celebrates his 29th birthday next month.

The regular right-back is another former Norwich City player IAN CULVERHOUSE. Now 31, he began his career at Tottenham where he made just a handful of appearances. He moved to Carrow Road for £50,000 in October 1985 and quickly became a vital member of the Canaries side. In nine seasons, he made 296 league appearances but could manage only one goal that

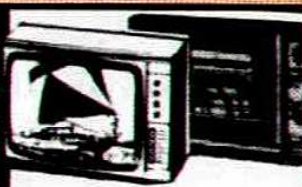
coming in a 3-0 home win over Everton in March 1994. After playing his part in the side's glorious UEFA Cup run, he was unable to agree a new contract with Norwich. He moved to Swindon last December for a fee of £250,000 set by a Football League tribunal, after the Canaries had originally demanded £900,000.

PAUL BODIN will be a name well known to Welsh fans having been a regular International during the reign of Terry Yorath. Unfairly castigated for his penalty miss against Romania in November 1993, Bodin always gave his best for Wales. A former Chelsea apprentice, he originally joined Swindon in March 1988 from the now sadly defunct Newport County. Three years later he was transferred to Crystal Palace for a fee of £550,000 but within ten months had returned to the County Ground. The 31-year-old has now fully recovered from a back injury that sidelined him in the final months of last season.

Defensive cover is provided by 22-year-old EDWIN MURRAY. Like O'Sullivan, he is a product of the club's youth policy and signed professional terms in 1991. His league debut came in March of that year and the injury to Bodin allowed him his first real run in the team last term. Has been on the substitute's bench in recent games.

Swindon's goalkeeping problems have been well documented this term with FRASER DIGBY out injured. McMahon brought in FRANK TALIA from Blackburn Rovers on an extended loan and the Australian International has been in tremendous form. He originally moved to Ewood Park from Sunshine George Cross in 1992 and his only previous taste of first-team football came during a 14 game loan spell with Hartlepool United in 1992-93.

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With just one League win from seven games, Wrexham's short comings were obvious, the failure to turn superiority into goals. In order to revive interest and "kick start" Wrexham's season, manager Arfon Griffiths had just made two important signing (that were to lead to an upturn in fortune) as he explained:-

ARFON GRIFFITHS

"It's certainly been a hectic week at the Racecourse, especially in the transfer business - but I am delighted to have clinched the deals which have brought Dixie McNeil and goalkeeper Dai Davies to Wrexham. I knew as soon as I sold Billy Ashcroft that I would have to pay extra for any player I bought. I am the first to admit that I probably paid a little over the odds for Dixie, but I got a good deal on the Ashcroft transfer so we have come out of the transactions the better off. I have now got a player whose goalscoring record speaks for itself. He scored more than 90 goals in four seasons with Hereford! He has a different style to Ashcroft, but I am sure Wrexham fans will take to him. Dixie is a specialist and is deadly in the box. If he does what I expect him to do, then he will have been a bargain at any price!"

Griffiths' prophecy certainly came true as McNeil netted 86 goals in 216 Wrexham appearances. His first came in that fixture which helped the Reds to a 2-1 victory over a hard working Swindon outfit.

The Reds' boss was also quick to praise his other "capture".

"Dai Davies has given tremendous service to Wales. He is a big confident keeper and I believe he will quickly settle in and dictate his area. It is a very difficult position for a manager to replace players who have given fine service to a club or drop a youngster such as Eddie Niedzwiecki, who I believe has a great future. Eddie has only had one off game since he came in and that was at Tranmere but, being a goalkeeper, mistakes usually mean goals. His experience of first team football will have done him the power of good".

Dai went on to make 195 appearances in Wrexham's goal and both new signings helped turn the Reds into a Third Division championship winning side. Griffiths' overview was also spot-on:

"I think we have the best footballing side in Division 3. Our two new players complete the team and add that extra bonus. With Graham Whittle injured, it has been left to Bobby Shinton to get the goals and he has been tremendous, but it is easier for opponents to mark one player tight. Now, when Graham (Whittle) is completely match fit it will be a different story. Sides will have to

watch three strikers - Dave, Graham and Bobby! - Dixie is a player who thrives on good service. We have the ability in the side to provide him with exactly just that. That is another reason I bought him".

Griffiths completed his notes with a warning about the visitors: "We make a point on watching our opponents before games and although the season is only a month old, we have seen all but three sides - Carlisle, Lincoln and Plymouth. Today's visitors, Swindon are by far the best side we have seen. They play our type of open football. They are as good as most of the teams in the Second Division and on their day as good as some in the First! I have always admired Swindon. If you recall, they played us off the Park last season for half an hour and we found ourselves two goals down, but fought back to get a point. Today has the makings of a classic."

VISITORS ARTICLE

An extended coverage of the day's opponents saw the usual pen-pics supplemented by a journalist who reported on the visitors. Daragh Croxson of the "Swindon Evening Advertiser" headed his article "New Boy Guthrie Bank On Target".

"Swindon's record close season spending spree has reaped quick dividends for manager Danny Williams. In his second spell at the County ground, Williams began with free transfer winger, Dave Cunningham from Southend and after selling striker Dave Syrett to Mansfield, he took the plunge by splashing our £27,500 on Sheffield United centre forward Chris Guthrie. Then he snapped up utility player Andy Ford for £8,000 from Southend before capturing Portsmouth's precocious midfielder Chris Kamara for £17,500.

"In a run of Ten games before today's match that has produced six wins, three draws and one defeat, the new comers have made a swift impact. Guthrie scored in his debut and has now notched five times to become joint top scorer with Northern Ireland international Trevor Anderson. Kamara managed a goal in his League debut before scoring against his old Portsmouth team mates. But so intense is competition for places that he recently lost his place to Ford who was brought into the middle and scored in his first full appearance against Chesterfield a fortnight ago. The Town also owe much to the consistent form of their old hands".

SIDE LINES

This feature was a collation of small news items from the Racecourse:

Wrexham FC hope to have their International Ground status back by the beginning of May. The club will apply for a ground safety certificate on 18th October and hope to have a 16,000 limit by January and 25,000 by May. A lot of improvements on the "Kop" are to be carried out. "We have had a great deal of help from Clwyd County Council while seeking a solution to this problem" said secretary Norman Wilson.

Wrexham chairman, Fred Tomlinson had recently spoken at the annual shareholders meeting. "Never has a team achieved so much in one season only to be cruelly denied promotion at the very end". Shareholders decided to buy a gift for John Neal to mark the work he did for the club.

Tickets for Wales v Scotland at Anfield on October 12th are now on sale at the Racecourse. Ground tickets are £1.50 and paddock £2.50. Stand tickets are £5.00 with season ticket holders getting first choice.

Match Details

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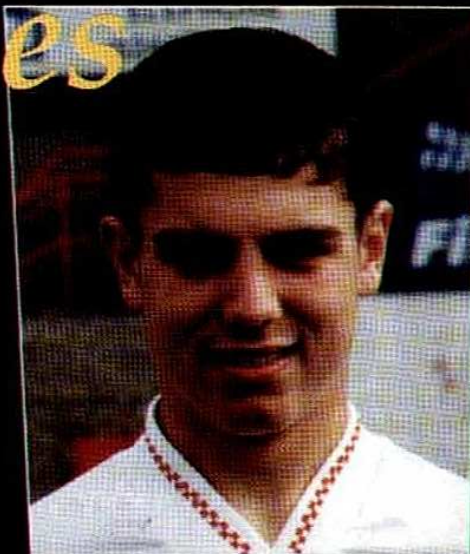
WREXHAM: Dai Davies, Evans, Dwyer, Gareth Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright. Sub Cegielski (Not Used).

SWINDON TOWN: Allan, McLoughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Alzlewood, Prophet, Moss, Ford (sub Kamara 58 mins), Guthrie, McBride, Anderson.

McGregor

marches on

He may be new to the first team, but keep a close eye on the progress of Mark McGregor



think was Dave Jones, recommended me to Cliff Sear and I got a letter inviting me along to evening training sessions at the Racecourse.

"Those we on Monday nights and we were taught by Joey Jones for a season, before swapping to Thursday nights with 'BP'. I came along with a friend and we really enjoyed ourselves, it was a much better time to the one I had while at Crewe.

"They had taken me for training as a 12 year-old, but I was never really settled there and after about 18 months called it a day.

"Wrexham though was a different proposition and I liked the set up, the coaching routines and the people who were in charge of us.

"Those sessions and games, led to me signing schoolboy forms at 15 years of age. Which was also the time I was invited to join the Cheshire Schoolboys Under-19's team, the first time someone that young had been selected.

"It might surprise a few people to know that I was a central midfielder in those days and only dropped back to centre half when I had started here as a YTS.

"When the offer to join as a YTS came, I jumped at it, as there was never any other thought in my mind. Although I took a little while to settle in during my first year, I started to feel more comfortable during the Welsh Youth Cup run which ended in a 4-1 victory against Swansea at Llandidloes.

"I was also included in our Clwyd Under-18 League side which won both the league and cup that season, while being promoted to the Cymru Alliance team for the last five matches of the 1993-94 campaign. Then the icing on the cake was being called into the first team squad for the Plymouth Argyle game at the Racecourse. I might not have been given a shirt that afternoon, but just to be included with the pro's on matchday was a great experience. "That brief taste made me hungry for more and I knew that I had to carry on proving myself with the reserves if I was to get another

the present season. Since then Mark has continued to maintain his high standards in the Pontins and Lancashire leagues, forcing his way into the senior squad and finally a starting place in what is so far our only league win of the season to date. His story is not a long one, but for Wrexham it is proving to be another coup in taking a promising youngster from over the Cheshire border.

"I have been playing football all my life, starting at school and then with my local youth club in Blacon. I spent all my junior career with them, going through the age groups from Under-12 to Under-16.

"We had quite a good side and collected various trophies while playing in the Clwyd Youth League. It was in a Youth Final at Under-14, against Mochdre, that Wrexham first made their interest in me known.

"A scout from the club, who I

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Those supporters who took the chance to watch the various reserve teams fielded by the club over the last two years, could hardly have failed to be impressed by the consistent displays of central defender Mark McGregor. A natural leader, Mark was captain of the Cymru Alliance team and led the Youth side on its glorious runs in both the English and Welsh Youth Cups. In the mean time, he has also been a regular in the Midland Senior side and made his first team debut in the final match of last season. While it was a big relief to Mark himself, it came as no surprise to anyone else that manager Brian Flynn should offer the Blacon born youngster a full-time contract for

chance.

"I was fortunate to be made captain and felt honoured to lead the team out at Old Trafford for the F.A. Youth tie with Manchester United. It was a good campaign for us and was crowned by performing on such a great stage, especially as we were able to take a 1-0 lead before things turned sour.

"At the time I was getting several games in the MSL and also found myself in the squads for the F.A. Cup game with Rotherham and then a Second Division trip to York City.

"With the end of the season approaching it was a nervous time as you worry about contracts, but I got a big boost by being selected as a replacement for the injured Tony Humes in the last fixture of the season, at home to Cambridge United.

"I enjoyed the day, although I wasn't to be on the winning side for my debut. The whole day passed quickly, but I thought I coped well during the match. There was plenty of help for me from the other lads, but I proved to myself that I was able to cope with League football.

"The offer of a professional deal followed and I knew I was on the first rung of the ladder. There is still a long way to go, but I have made a start and have been pushing my claims again this year. "I travelled to Blackpool before coming on as a substitute against Brighton and Bournemouth. That led to a second full appearance when Barry Hunter was called into the Northern Ireland team and missed the trip to Bristol Rovers.

"Since then I have been involved either as substitute or at right back and hope that my displays will keep me in the manager's mind as the injured players start to return to fitness.

"It would be wrong of me not to take this chance to say thanks to Cliff Sear for all the help and guidance he has given me over the years. Cliff was been a major influence on me during my time as an apprentice and I enjoyed working with him on a daily basis. Hopefully I can repay his faith by continuing my progress with the first team."





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I "I wouldn't have lasted ten minutes out there", claimed Alan Ball after watching his Manchester City take a beating from Newcastle, following the dismissal of Richard Edgehill.

Every manager, of course, has the right to defend his interests, but is the game merely changing in a way which might penalise Curle and Vonk, while encouraging Kinkladze and Rosler?

Commenting on the game for SKY, Tony Gale called for clarity from the game's administrators; "If there was some kind of consistency to it all whereby they said 'You can't tackle from behind and if you do, then you get booked', then people would accept it." Of course, that exact maxim is in operation, but the fact that a current player is not aware of this, is a comment on how erratically referees interpret this guideline.

Remember a year ago, when 'directive' was every inarticulate football pundit's favourite word? In direct response to the plight of Marco van Basten being kicked out of the game by ruthless centre-backs. FIFA issued one of those famed directives, decreeing that a tackle from behind would be punished by dismissal. After the inevitable hysteria about banning tackling from the game (a concept which, rather alarmingly, Michel Platini, now a member of the FIFA rule change think tank, has been quoted as supporting) the announcement made little difference. Such a broad dictate was open to individual interpretation, and most referees in Britain seemed to take the conservative line; off the top of my head the only tackle from behind that I can remember being punished with an immediate red card was by Gary Gillespie against Leicester City. And he played the ball!

Furthermore, it has taken a year for the essential

counter-balance of clamp-down on divers to take place; otherwise unscrupulous players would have carte blanche to end their opponents' match. The resolve of the individual referee remains paramount, however. When Newcastle went to Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the season David Ginola got no sympathy from a referee who was clearly aware of his reputation and probably would not have dismissed Edgehill for his challenge on the Frenchman.

Such action which has been taken against play-actors has inevitably been piecemeal. Those Wrexham fans who travelled to Romania and took in the Steaua Bucharest - Casino Salzburg tie will have had an early taste of some officials' resolve, the Austrians losing a player as a result of a fall in the box, but such a stance has not been taken up comprehensively. While David Elleray, seen by many as the Premier's referees' leader, has taken a high profile stand at the expense of Le Saux and Keane, the Italian Federation has publicly argued over it.

Referees have to remember that the much quoted 'Spirit of the Law' should not be used as an excuse to avoid making decisions. Never mind letting the game flow; never mind referees who want to be on first name terms with the players and see a match without a booking as a triumph. Refs have an obligation to protect talented players from aggression; in doing so they contribute to the game as a spectacle and enable gifted players to flourish. We need only look to last season for proof of how important it is for the men in black to face up to their responsibilities. Remember the predominance of the big direct teams in the Second Division table? Recall the frightful kicking Karl Connolly took in our final league match? If the price to pay for the encouragement of flair is a flurry of cards, so be it.

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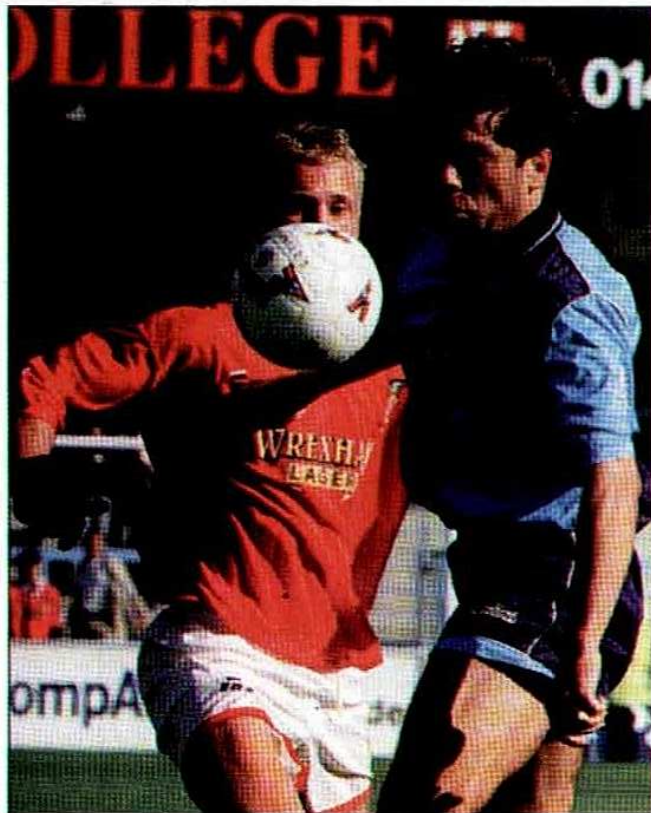
1. Where does Swindon's top scorer last season now play?
2. Who did Swindon beat in the 1969 League Cup Final and who scored their three goals?
3. Who scored Arsenal's goal in the same match?
4. Where do Swindon play their home games?
5. In which year was the West Country club formed, 1871, 1881 or 1891?
6. Name the three men to fill the managers post at Norwich City since Mike Walker left Carrow Road?
7. Who is West Ham United's American born defender?
8. Name the Moldavian who was sent off against Wales?
9. Which Premiership club won its first league game of the season last weekend?
10. Name the 1995 Scottish Player of the Year?
11. Who was the first player to be sent off in this

12. Which goalkeeper became the first to command a £1 million fee?
13. Name the Welsh U21 international, sold for £1.8 million last week?
14. Which Scottish Third Division side are nicknamed the "Wee Rovers"?
15. Who is Wrexham's most capped player?

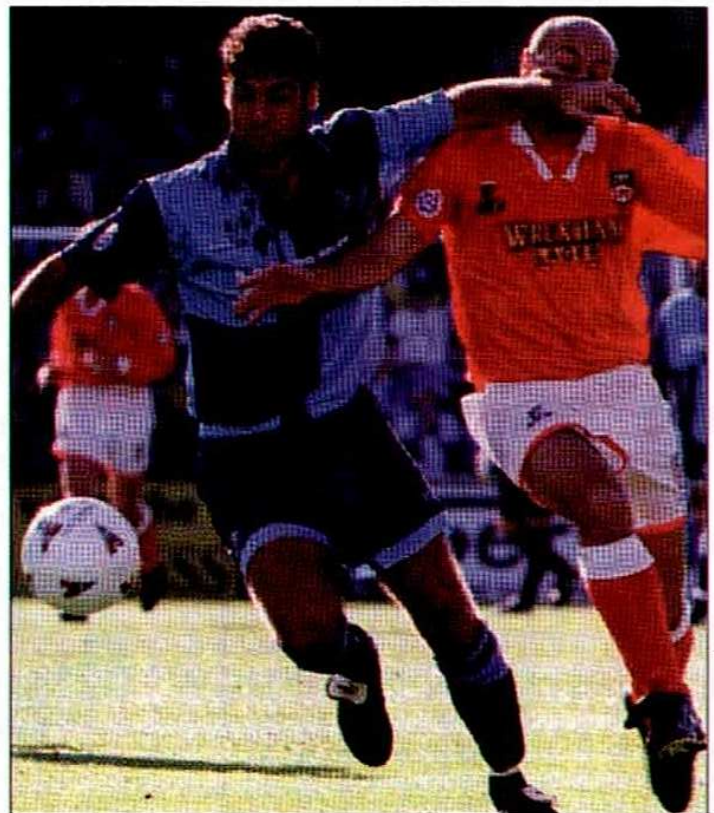
Answers: 1. Middlesbrough, 2. Arsenal, Don Rogers and Roger Smart, 3. Bobby Gould, 4. County Ground, 5. 1881, 6. John Deehan, Gary Megson and Martin O'Neil, 7. Steve Potts, 8. Oleg Fistican, 9. West Ham, beating Everton 2-1, 10. Brian Laudrup (Rangers), 11. Tim Flowers, 12. Nigel Martyn, joining Crystal Palace from Bristol Rovers, 13. Gareth Taylor, who took the same route as Nigel Martyn, 14. Albion Rovers, 15. Joey Jones



■ Dave Brammer curls the ball past Wycombe keeper Paul Hyde.



■ Steve Watkin finds Wycombe's Paul Hardyman in close attention



It's one in the face for Rooster ■

Wycombe Wanderers 1-1 WREXHAM

Match facts

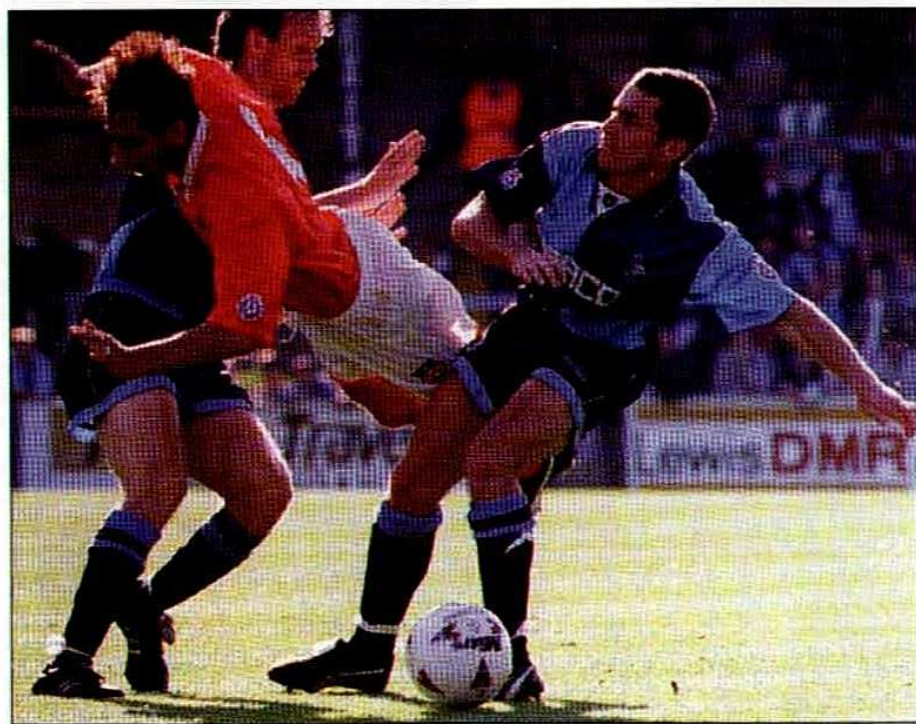
WYCOMBE: Hyde, Rowbotham, Hardyman, Howard, Cousins, Castledine(McGavin 65), Carroll, Brown, De Souza, Williams, Farrell. Not used: Patterson, Soloman.

WREXHAM: Marriott, McGregor, Hardy, Phillips, Hunter, Jones, Skinner, Brammer, Connolly, Watkin(Russell 55), Hughes. Not used: Humes, Durkan.

Date: 23/9/95

Attendance: 4,649

Scorers: Wycombe - De Souza(8), Wrexham - Brammer(25).



■ Wayne Phillips attempts to land at Heathrow!

Seen through the eyes of: Dave Brammer

Although I missed the trip to Peterborough the previous week, I know the lads were very upset at the performance and result. The Gaffa was none to happy either and really worked us hard during the week.

On the Friday he told us that he was going to change the system to 4-3-3, opening up another place in midfield. We spent the day practising with this different set up, ready to put it into operation the following afternoon.

Naturally, this meant a couple of alterations to the starting line-up and I was glad to find myself back in the team.

We began well and soon got into our rhythm, with the new look forward line causing Wycombe a few problems. Then just as we were looking good, we fell behind to an early goal.

On any other day, the ball would have been cleared easily after Andy Marriott had forced John Williams out wide. Maybe it just demonstrated how our luck is going of late.

The positive thing for us, was that we had started so well and the confidence that brought, meant we had every reason to



believe the game was still well within our reach.

Those supporters who made the journey down got behind us, for I'm sure they could see we were making a real go of things.

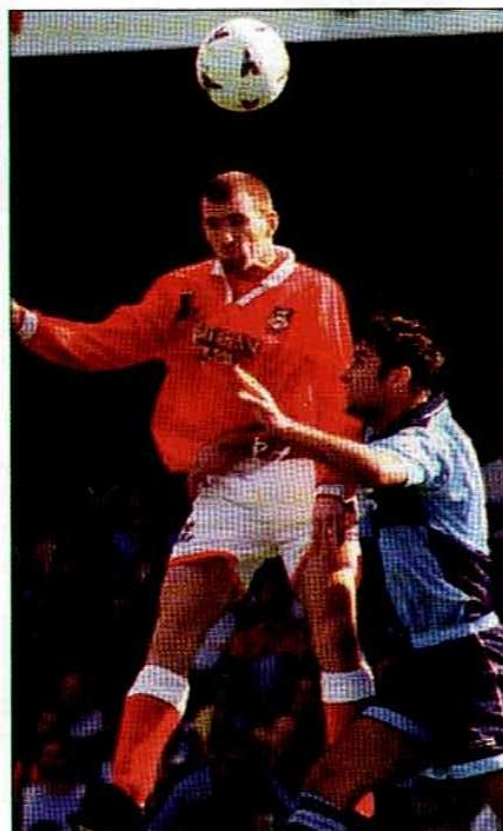
When the equaliser came, it was a goal that I will long remember scoring. I picked the ball up on the edge of our own penalty area and made a push forward and when on the half-way line I laid off to Steve Watkin while continuing my run down the flank.

'Watko' did really well to hold off two of their lads and still feed the ball back to me. I then had a little space to play with, although it needed a cut back and rounding another defender before I got a sight of goal. With the keeper advancing I was able to fire for the far corner and was made up to see it hit the back of the net.

For about 80 minutes of this game, I felt we were the better team, but in the final period we did start to struggle. Three of us had played in the Thursday night reserve game with Chester and it did begin to catch up on us.

Fortunately we were able to hold out and collect a well deserved draw. The new system did have some immediate benefits and I noticed that instead of looking to complete 30 or 40 yard passes, the extra man in midfield shortened our game up and there were more options for 10 or 15 yard passes.

Karl Connolly takes to the air at Adams Park



Tonight's Mascot

Our mascot for this afternoon's game is 11-year-old SCOTT ROBERTS from Higher Kinnerton. He attends Castell Alun Secondary School and will no doubt be delighted with the news that his favourite Reds player Andy Marriott has been put on standby for the forthcoming Wales v. West Germany match.

YOUR AA ROUTE TO YORK CITY

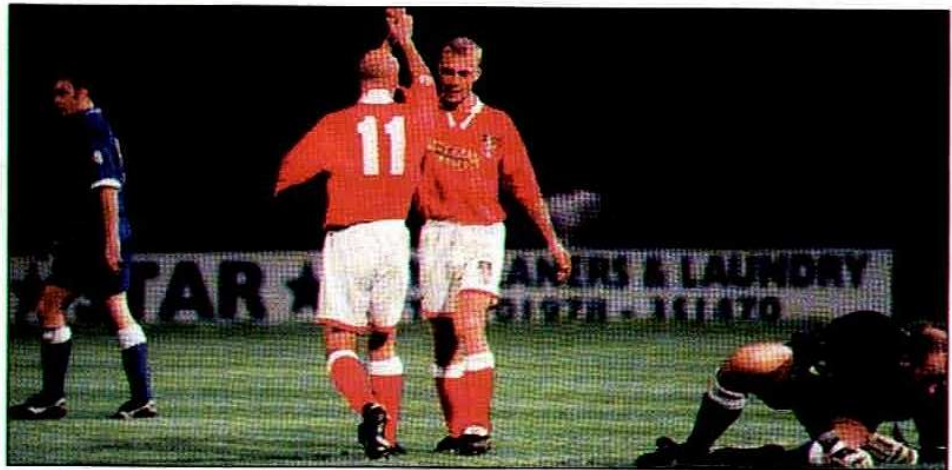
Next Saturday Wrexham travel to Bootham Crescent and meeting with cup giant killers York City. The 3-0 demolition of Alex Ferguson's "Babes" was a remarkable result although league form for the "minstermen" has been poor to say the least.

Your route is as follows:-

From Wrexham travel via A483 (signs Chester) then travel via M53, M56 and join the M6 to junction 21a to join M62. Leave at junction 30, follow signs for York A642. Junction with A1. Turn left to join A1 (sign the North). In 2.9 miles branch left (signs York) then turn left A64, in 10.2 miles branch left A1036 (signs York).

YORK:-

Follow signs Thirsk A19. In 0.4 mile cross railway bridge then take 2nd turning into Bootham Crescent. At end forward into Newborough Street. York City FC (on left). Total Mileage: 124.2 miles.



Kevin Russell congratulates Steve Watkin for his goal against Shrewsbury

Kevin Russell is blatantly pulled back by a frustrated Shrewsbury defender!



Croeso Tref Swindon

P'nawn ma, dyn ni'n croesawu i'r Cae Ras un o ffefrynnau'r ail adran i gael dyrchafiad. Ond, o ddweud hynny, rhaid cyfaddau bod Swindon wedi cael dymor i'w anghofio i ddweud y lleiaf! Gorffennodd y 'Robins' ar waelod yr Uwch Gynghair tymor 1993-94, ac aethant syth drwy'r Adran Gyntaf tymor diwethaf - pwy fase wedi meddwl bod fath beth yn bosib ar ol eu camp yn gem derfynol y gemau ail-gyfle yn erbyn Caerlyr ym mis Mehefin 1993?

Fodd bynnag, fel a nodwyd yn barod, mae Swindon wedi cael dechreuad da i'r tymor a bydd rhaid i'r amddiffyn fod ar eu gorau i gadw allan tim Steve MacMahon. Ond, rhaid cofio, er i ni gael dechreuad tala i'r tymor, dyn ni wedi gwella'n raddol, a pha ffordd well i gario mlaen a'r gwellhad graddol yma na chael triphwynt heddiw yn erbyn un o dimau gorau'r adran!

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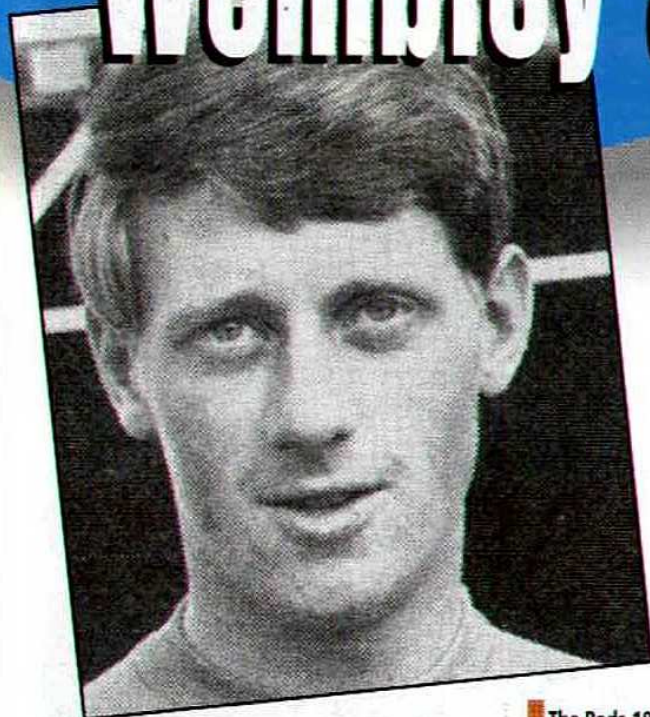
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Wembley appearance for



Dennis Reeves enjoyed a short spell at the Racecourse during the late 1960's. We look back at his highly eventful career.

Today we look back at the career of DENNIS REEVES, one of a number of former Reds players to have also played for arch rivals Chester. A very reliable goalkeeper, his proudest moment came when he helped Wigan Athletic reach the F.A. Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley, but more of that later. Although born in the Scottish border town of Dumfries, Dennis played most of his schoolboy football for St Davids School in Wrexham. "My family moved to Malpas from Scotland when I was about two or three, my dad was Cheshire born and my mother was from Scotland.

"We later moved to Wrexham when I was about twelve and, being so close to a Football League club, I began to watch Wrexham playing.

"The likes of Alan Fox and Aly McGowan were in the side in those days and I would watch both first team and reserve team matches when I could".

Dennis at this time had begun to play football himself, but not in the goalkeeper's position

The Reds 1968-69 photo-call. Dennis is fourth from the right on the back



in which he was to excel.

"At school I started out as a left winger before I was converted to a goalkeeper. It was in that position that I represented the North Wales Youth Clubs as I went to Wrexham Youth Club. I

remember that we played against South Wales Youth Clubs at the Druids' ground when I was 15".

After leaving school, he took up working for Denbighshire Education Authority, as it was then called.

"I served my time as an apprentice painter and decorator working at various schools in the area, as well as the Police homes and all Health Authority work. As for football I played for a local team in

Wrexham called Garden Villa, who only played friendly matches. It was whilst with them that the former Wrexham and Wales player Ron Hewitt fixed up a trial for me at Chester. "That was around 1961 and after that trial I was invited to go for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. I then began playing for Prestatyn who were virtually a nursery side for the then Sealand Road outfit.

"After a couple of months there I got the call up into the youth team for a match against Bradford City. The next step was playing for the 'A' team in the West Cheshire League before graduating to the reserve side in the highly competitive Cheshire League.

"That was a good breeding ground and helped prepare me for my league debut against Rochdale. That was in October 1963 and came just a few months after I'd signed part-time forms for the club. I was only 19 at the time but we won 2-0 and the following

Dennis Reeves Wrexham Record

	League		F.A. Cup		Welsh Cup		FL Cup		Total	
	app	gls	app	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls
1967-68	7	0	1	0	1	0			9	0
1968-69	8	0							8	0
Total	15	0	1	0	1	0			17	0

former Reds goalkeeper

March I signed professional forms."

Dennis gradually established himself in the side, making 139 league appearances, before joining Wrexham in October 1967. Looking back at his time with the Cestrians, Dennis picks out one match in particular.

"The highlight had to be drawing Manchester United in the Third Round of the F.A.Cup. That was in January 1965 and a crowd of over 44,000 saw us take a 1-0 lead before we eventually lost 2-1.

"We played Newcastle United a couple of years later and again did well, losing 3-1 after a fierce struggle. I also remember the 1966 Welsh Cup Final against Swansea City when we lost 2-0 in a play-off. We lost the first game down there 3-0 but won the return 1-0 to force the third match because in those days it went on the points won as opposed to the aggregate score!

"Then there was the time we played the Bulgarian national side in a warm-up match shortly before the 1966 World Cup Finals. They were staying at the Mollington Banastrie Hotel just outside of the city so it was ideal for them."

The move to the Racecourse came about as part of the deal that took Reds forward Tony McLoughlin to Chester together with a small fee. Chester were reluctant to let Dennis leave and he must have wished he stayed at Sealand Road after his debut which saw Wrexham lose 7-1 at Bradford City in the F.A.Cup.

"I remember that game very well! The match was played on a snowy surface and, despite letting seven goals in, I felt I'd had a reasonable game. It was just a case of everything going right for Bradford on the day."

Gordon Livsey returned to first-team duty the following Saturday and Dennis had to wait until a 2-1 home win over Swansea in January 1968 for his next chance. Dennis made a further six league appearances that term and eight the next but found it difficult to dislodge Livsey.

"I left Wrexham at the end of the 1968-69 season. Once again it was an exchange deal with Wigan Athletic's Dave Gaskell, the former Manchester United keeper, moving in the opposite direction. "When I first moved to the Racecourse I tried



Wigan's 1973 line-up with Dennis pictured fourth from the left on the back row.

very hard to impress in training but things never worked out as I would have liked.

"There were some good player in the team back then. Arfon Griffiths was a good, competitive midfielder who always worked hard for the side. Steve Ingle was a decent full-back who was very fast and he should really have played at a higher level. Gareth Davis was also a very promising youngster just beginning to break into the first-team."

Wigan were one of the top non-league sides around in the 1960's but the move to Springfield Park meant a return to part-time football for Dennis.

"I went back to working as a painter and decorator in the Chester area whilst still playing for Wigan. I had six very successful seasons there and won the Payer of the Year award in my first season with the club. That was a great boost to my confidence, especially as many of the supporters kept saying I was a more consistent keeper than Dave Gaskell had been.

"We were always at the top of the Northern Premier League, winning it once and finishing runners-up twice. We twice reached the third round of the F.A.Cup, losing narrowly to Manchester City at Maine Road in 1971.

"The following season we were drawn against Wrexham at the Racecourse but there was to be no fairytale ending as we lost 4-0."

Dennis's proudest moment undoubtedly came in 1973 when he played in the final of the F.A. Challenge Trophy at Wembley.

"That was a great day for me even though we lost 2-1. It's every player's dream to play at Wembley and I was fortunate enough to achieve it. We had a good set-up then with the likes of Gordon Milne and Brian Tyler in charge."

Dennis left Springfield Park in 1975 to concentrate of his painting and decorating business in Chester, which he still runs to this day.

"I'm still very much involved in football. I help to run the Christleton Youth Football Club along with Mike Evans, playing in the Wrexham Under-18 League.

"Then there's golf which also keeps me active. I play at the Vicars Cross Golf Club, along with my son Neil, and my handicap's now a respectable 10. We also play together for Christleton Cricket Club whilst Neil played football for Chester Schoolboys.

"Sadly, I lost my wife in a car crash in September 1986 and have had to bring up my son and daughter since then."

As for football, Dennis added: "I'm not a very good spectator. I don't think ex-professionals are in general but I've been back to watch each of the three clubs I played for."

Despite letting seven goals in, I felt I'd had a reasonable game.

Cross goal seals 'Derby' win

Wrexham suffered their second successive defeat in the Lancashire League, going down by the odd goal in five in a thrilling match against Manchester United 'A' at the Cliff.

The Reds fielded a very young side, with 1st year YTS Leigh Edwards in goal and second year trainee Rob Williams in midfield. Striker Stephen Morris was the most experienced player on view in the Wrexham line-up and he caused the United defence all sorts of problems.

In an enterprising start, both teams signalled their attacking intentions and Morris was unlucky not to open the scoring within the first five minutes, seeing his shot just scrape the outside of the post.

United eventually took the lead on 17 minutes with a goal from Neil Mustoe and doubled their advantage shortly after the interval through centre-half Tommy Smith.

Despite Wrexham continuing to enjoy more of the play, they failed to convert their chances and were further punished 12 minutes from time when Jonathan Macken added a third for the home side.

That was particularly hard on Wrexham but Ritchie Rawlins, who had an outstanding game in midfield, refused to accept defeat. He made a surging run into the box to head home Mike Cody's cross to make it 1-3 on 85 minutes.

The Young Reds continued to press forward and pulled another goal back two minutes later when Mike Cody's saw Terry Brown volley a superb shot past Paul Gibson in the United goal.

That set up a grandstand finish and Morris nearly levelled matters with virtually the final kick of the game, but it was not to be as United ran out 3-2 winners.

"It was an excellent performance overall," reflected coach Brian Prandle after the match. "We hit the post and the crossbar before they scored and played some cracking football

throughout the ninety minutes.

"Ritchie Rawlins and Terry Brown's goals were both good goals, and I was impressed with the way the youngsters played. It was nice to see how impressed the United coaching staff were with our performance as well."

Later that day, Wrexham Colts travelled to Ruthin Town reserves in the Read Construction Welsh National League First Division and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners.

With coach Steve Weaver otherwise engaged, due to the small matter of his wedding, Youth Development Officer Cliff Sear took charge of the team.

He included Lewis Coady in the starting line-up with the left-winger keen to show he had overcome his recent groin injury.

Gareth Wilson opened the scoring with a 30-yard shot whilst an Andrew Griffiths header made it 2-0 at the interval. Julian Pepper made it 3-0 when he scored from close range, whilst Lewis Coady completed the scoring.

"It was a disappointing match," was the frank assessment of Sear. "We merely did enough to win

a poor game. The youngsters have to learn not to switch on and off, you have to keep your concentration no matter who you play against."

The following morning saw Wrexham's Under-16 side take on the South Wales Under-15's representative side at the Racecourse. The forty minutes each way match proved to be an enjoyable game with the Reds running out 3-1 winners.

Wrexham took the lead as early as the second minute when Daniel Williams slid in at the near post to convert a right-wing cross. His namesake in the Reds goal, David Williams, had to be alert to race out and save at the feet of Wayne Evans on 18 minutes. That nearly proved the springboard for Wrexham to increase their lead sixty seconds later. Steve Cooper, son of Football League referee Keith Cooper from Pontypridd, went on a brilliant solo run only to



Neil Wainwright in the thick of the action against Chester.

YOUNG REDS

No.7 JAMIE McNEIL Born 13.11.78 Wrexham

Following in the footsteps of father Dixie and brother Richard, (who incidentally returns home from New Zealand this week, where he finished the league's top scorer,) Jamie has only ever had thoughts of a career in the game.

"I was born in Wrexham during my dad's first season with the club and I'm proud of my home town, which was a major reason why I decided to come to the Racecourse.

"My school days were spent at St. Joseph's, but I also played with Brickfield Rangers and made steady progress through the Clwyd and North Wales teams.

"Chances of international honours were dashed when I was included in the final 20 of the Welsh trials, but missed out on the 16 selected for the final squad of the Under-15's.

"During my school years I was invited along for trials with a number of clubs, such as Manchester City, Aston Villa and West Brom. Indeed the Baggies offered me a place on their YTS, but I was hanging on in the hope that Wrexham would make a move for me.

"That happened when Cliff Sear came along to watch a game and although I was having trials with City, said to get in touch if things didn't work out at Maine Road. That was all the encouragement I needed and after spending time training with Mike Buxton, I was taken on this summer.

"My Dad was over the moon when I was given the chance, because deep down he still has the club very much at heart.

"Things have gone well so far and I have been pleased with my goal scoring record. It took a little while to get used to full time training, but now I'm enjoying my time here."



LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE '95-96 fixtures

AUGUST	NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY
19 Blackburn Rovers 'A' H 1-1	4 Burnley 'A' A	3 Blackpool 'A' A
26 Oldham Athletic 'A' A 2-0	11 Morecambe Reserves H	10 Crewe Alex. Reserves A
SEPTEMBER	18 Bury 'A' A	17 Tranmere Rovers 'A' A
2 Blackpool 'A' H 0-1	25 Preston N.E. 'A' H	24 Crewe Alex. Reserves H
9 Everton 'A' A 4-5	DECEMBER	MARCH
16 Manchester Utd. 'A' A	2 Manchester Utd. 'A' H	2 Marine Reserves A
23 Everton 'A' H	8 Morecambe Reserves A	9 Liverpool 'A' H
30 Marine Reserves H	16 Blackburn Rovers 'A' A	23 Tranmere Rovers 'A' H
OCTOBER	JANUARY	30
7 Liverpool 'A' A	6 Bury 'A' H	APRIL
14 Stoke City 'A' A	13 Stoke City 'A' H	20 Preston N.E. 'A' A
21 Oldham Athletic 'A' H	20 Manchester City 'A' A	
28 Burnley 'A' H	27 Manchester City 'A' H	

Match Details

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 16th September, 1995

v. MANCHESTER UNITED 'A' (Away)

Lost: 2-3 Scorers: Rawlins, Brown.

Team: Edwards, Barnes, P.Jones, A.Thomas, Ridler, Rawlins, Cody, R.Williams, Roberts, S.Morris, Wainwright.

Substitutes: Stewart (for Thomas), Walsh (not used), Brown (for Wainwright).

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 16th September, 1995

v. RUTHIN TOWN RES (Away)

Won: 4-0 Scores: Wilson, A.Griffiths, Pepper, Coady

Team: Hughes, McWilliams, R.Morris, Melarangi, A.Davies, A.Griffiths, Taylor, Wilson, McNeil, Pepper, Coady.

Substitutes: Graham (for McNeil), Nall (for Taylor).

UNDER-16's FRIENDLY

Sunday, 16th September, 1995

v. SOUTH WALES UNDER-15's (Home)

Won: 3-1 Scorers: Daniel Williams 2, S.Jones

Team: David Williams, C.Jones, Bean, Hopkins, S.Roberts, Mayerhoff, Daniel Williams, S.Jones, Hooson, Cooper, Hennessey.

Substitutes: King, Hastings, P.Jones, McIntyre, McDermott (all used).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Thursday, 21st September, 1995

v. CHESTER CITY (Home)

Won: 1-0 Scorer: Cross

Team: Edwards, Barnes, J.Jones, Futcher, Ridler, Humes, Skinner, Brammer, Cross, Hughes, Wainwright.

Substitutes: Rawlins (for Brammer), Coady (for Hughes), P.Jones (not used).

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 23rd September, 1995

v. EVERTON 'A' (Home)

Lost: 2-3 Scorers: S.Morris, Roberts

Team: Walsh, Barnes, P.Jones, A.Thomas, Ridler, Futcher, Cody, Rawlins, Roberts, S.Morris, Coady.

Substitutes: Wilson (for Futcher), Stewart (not used), R.Williams (for Rawlins).

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 23rd September, 1995

v. RHOS AELWYD RES (Home)

Won: 1-0 Scorer: McNeil

Team: Edwards, Melarangi, R.Morris, Swannick, Ellison, S.Thomas, Taylor, A.Davies, McNeil, Graham, Nall.

Substitutes: Griffiths (for Melarangi), Pepper (for Nall).

be denied a goal by an acrobatic save from South Wales keeper Danny Rees.

Wrexham did make it 2-0 two minutes later when Shaun Jones saw Rees off his line and brilliantly chipped the ball in to the net off the underside of the crossbar.

The visitors, managed by Reds boss Brian Flynn's father, responded immediately with Denne Tiddi scoring a stunning goal from fully 25 yards out. The Reds restored their two goal advantage when Daniel Williams side-footed home his second goal of the game from ten yards out on 35 minutes.

That proved to be the end of the scoring as the game lost some of its fluency in the second-half, due to a number of substitutions on both sides and some of the youngsters suffering with cramp.

On the Wrexham side, Steve Cooper looked particularly impressive in midfield whilst Steve Hopkins, who played in three different positions in defence and midfield during the 80 minutes, showed time and composure on the ball.

"It was a good work out for the youngsters," admitted Reds Schoolboy Development Officer Mike Buxton. "We are looking at this side as the basis of next year's intake of YTS trainees and their are a number of promising prospects."

After the match, Buxton offered schoolboy forms to Steve Cooper and was delighted to clinch his signing: "Yes, I'm pleased Steve has signed for us. He's a good prospect and I thought he had a good match today."

The Pontin's League derby against Chester City attracted a crowd of 270 to the Racecourse and they were rewarded with an enterprising display from the Reds who ran out deserved 1-0 victors.

Wrexham fielded a strong side with eight of the starting line-up having first-team experience. One of the notable exceptions was 16-year-old keeper Leigh Edwards who was given his Pontin's League debut.

Star of the show was Jonathan Cross who scored the winning goal and, but for the brilliance of City keeper Ray Newlands, would have had at least a hat-trick.

With 40-year-old player-coach Joey Jones in fine form, Wrexham had to defend in depth in the early stages as Chester began brightly. Gradually the Reds got the upper hand as Dave Brammer, making his first appearance back after injury, began to run the midfield.

The decisive goal came on the hour mark when Craig Skinner's short corner to Bryan Hughes was then played out to Brammer. His driven first-time cross was met perfectly by Jonathan Cross and his powerful header gave Newlands no chance.

Newlands then did well to save from Bryan Hughes, turned a Cross header onto the post and made a fantastic save to deny Tony Humes a goal with a thunderous diving header.

Second year YTS Neil Wainwright showed some nice touches as Wrexham threatened to run riot but, in the end, they had to be content with a 1-0 win and their third successive victory.

"I was delighted with the second-half

performance," enthused Joey Jones after the final whistle. "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't special to beat Chester, no matter at what level we play them."

"We didn't get enough shots on goal in the first-half. But we improved five fold after the interval. As the senior pro, Tony Humes led by example and Crossie had a fine game up front. Leigh Edwards also did well in goal, dealing comfortably with everything they threw at him."

Last Saturday saw Wrexham entertain Everton in the Lancashire League at the Queensway Sports Centre. Having lost 4-5 to the Blues just two weeks earlier, the Young Reds were confident they could overturn that result and record a win against their more illustrious Premiership neighbours. Sadly, it was not to be as Everton won 3-2.

Wrexham dominated the early stages with Everton keeper James Speare producing two breathtaking saves to deny Lewis Coady and Ritchie Rawlins.

The turning point came ten minutes before half-time when the linesman controversially adjudged Andrew Thomas to have fouled an Everton forward in the penalty-area. Andy Weathers converted the spot-kick, giving Reds keeper David Walsh no chance.

The visitors increased their lead three minutes later when Mark Grugel scored with a delightful chip shot over the stranded Walsh. Worse was to follow on the stroke of half-time, as the Wrexham defence were caught 'napping' at a free-kick and Weathers was allowed to score with a free-header.

With Rawlins suffering from the effects of flu and Stephen Further having picked up a knock, the Young Reds were forced to reshuffle the side during the interval. Brain Prandle throwing on both Gareth Wilson and Rob Williams into midfield.

Wrexham gradually got back into the game and Stephen Morris reduced the arrears on 50 minutes, the former Liverpool striker turning sharply to shoot home from 10 yards. The Young Reds then missed a glorious opportunity on the hour mark when Mike Cody's fine cross was met by Neil Roberts. His effort hit the post and Lewis Coady blasted the rebound wide from six yards out.

Roberts did make amends five minutes later when he turned past his marker and scored with a low shot from 12 yards out. Wrexham continued to push forward in the closing stages but were unable to find that elusive equaliser.

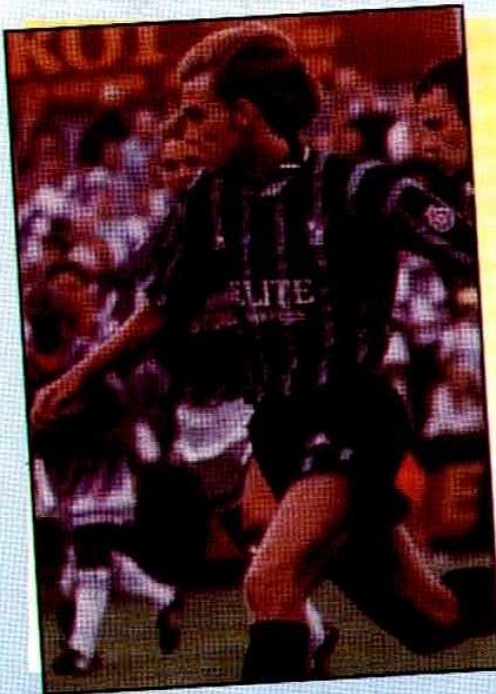
The Welsh National League Division One fixture against Rhos Aelwyd saw the Colts scrape to a 1-0 win at Lindisfarne.

Jamie McNeil got the all-important goal on 30 minutes when he scored with a firm header from six yards out, after a good run and cross by Paul Taylor.

Rhos battled hard throughout the match, adapted better to the blustery conditions and could consider themselves unfortunate not to salvage a point.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE '95-96 fixtures

AUGUST			NOVEMBER			31		
16	Stockport County	H 1-3	8	Rochdale	A	DARLINGTON		
23	Scarborough	A 4-0	15	Doncaster Rovers	H	14	Rochdale	H
SEPTEMBER			22	Walsall	H	21	Doncaster Rovers	A
6	Darlington	A 7-1	29	Bury	A	MARCH		
21	Chester City	H	DECEMBER			13	Lincoln City	A
27	Shrewsbury Town	A	6	Chester City	A	20	Scunthorpe United	H
OCTOBER			13	Shrewsbury Town	H	27	Wigan Athletic	A
4	Bury	H	20	Scunthorpe United	A	APRIL		
11	Carlisle United	A	JANUARY			10	Carlisle United	H
18	Wigan Athletic	H	3	Lincoln City	H	24	Walsall	A
24	Chesterfield	A	10	Stockport County	A	MAY		
			17	Scarborough United	H	1	Chesterfield	H



Taylor finally jumps Pirates Ship

Bristol Rovers have finally lost the services of their prized asset, Gareth Taylor (pictured). The Pirates have been inundated with enquiries for the Welsh under 21 international from Premiership and First Division clubs but until now have refused all the offers including a £1.4 million bid from Crystal Palace, the club he eventually joined.

Rovers finally succumbed to the Londoners offer of £2 million - payable in stages - for the Weston-Super-Mare born striker, who joined the club on a free transfer from Southampton in 1991. He missed a year through injury soon after signing but recovered well and Rovers converted him from central defender to a centre forward. He will probably partner Palace's other new signing Dougie Freeman, who joined for £700,000 from Barnet, as the Eagles try to regain their Premiership status. Despite the fact that the Sale doubles the Twerton Park club's previous transfer record, the Pirates vice-chairman Geoff Dunford had been critical of Ron Noades, the Eagles chairman who he claimed had been trying to unsettle Taylor in a bid to land the 22-year-old: "Palace's chairman seems to be talking to everybody but us".

Rovers did not appear to miss Taylor last Saturday when goals from his co-striker Marcus Stewart and 'rookie' Martin Paul ensured a 2-0 success over Brentford at Twerton Park.

Barnes-stormer

There can no doubting the result of the round in last week's Coca Cola Cup ties. York City's 3-0 demolition of Manchester United at Old Trafford came as quite a shock to Alex Ferguson and also to one of the Mistermen's stars on the night, Paul Branes.

"I had a great dream last night: we won 3-0 and I scored twice," said Barnes to his wife, Wendy, on waking-up on Thursday morning.

When the former Stoke City striker had allowed the events of the previous night to sink in, he remained level-headed but also looked forward to the return leg at Bootham Crescent.

"York had the basis of a good team when I arrived but lacked a goalscorer," he told the 'Daily Telegraph'. "It just clicked and I loved the place. It has been a great three years.

"We had a couple of injuries ourself in the first-leg; if they had played it might have been five," he added jokingly in reference to United's decision to field a below strength side.

"Let them (Manchester United) bring their best side. They have to beat us 4-0 so they will leave gaps...and that means chances."

Alex suffer de-railment at Seaside

Crewe Alexandra finally lost their 22 game unbeaten run last weekend when goals from Andy Preece and Tony Ellis gave Blackpool a 2-1 win, despite Danny Murphy's first half opener. The last team to beat Crewe were Wrexham who won 3-1 at Gresty Road back in March.

The Railwaymen have lost the services of exiting youngster Fran Tierney for at least 6 weeks after he was admitted to hospital and was due to undergo a hernia operation last week. The loss of Tierney is a big blow for the Alex who have enjoyed a good start to the season and currently find themselves lying third in the table.

Trouble on the South Coast

Brighton and Hove Albion are a club in turmoil and the latest twist has seen former chairman Greg Stanley resign from the Board of Directors after being angered by suggestions that he is hoping to profit from the controversial sale of the Goldstone Ground. The Seagulls chief executive Danny Bellotti has revealed that the club is £6 million in debt and need to find £4 million by June next year to solve their immediate problems and are in the process of selling their Goldstone Ground base in a bid to keep the club alive.

However, an independent report commissioned in conjunction with their local council has suggested that selling the site for commercial redevelopment would be the end of the Sussex side, despite rumours that the club is alleged to have already received a down payment on the site.

The Seagulls fans are angry that the club are looking at the possibility of ground sharing with arch rivals Portsmouth at Fratton Park or moving into the nearby Hove Greyhound Stadium despite it's limited capacity, while a new stadium is being built.

Endsleigh Division Two Facts & Figures

FORM GUIDE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	5	4	1	0	12	3	13
Blackpool	5	4	0	1	8	4	12
Crewe Alexandra	5	3	1	1	12	4	10
Notts County	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Oxford United	5	2	3	0	9	3	9
Wycombe Wanderers	5	2	3	0	8	3	9
Peterborough Utd.	5	2	3	0	7	4	9
Chesterfield	5	2	2	1	8	4	8
Carlisle United	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
Stockport County	5	2	2	1	5	4	8
York City	5	2	1	2	3	4	7
Bradford City	5	2	0	3	7	12	6
Bournemouth	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Bristol Rovers	5	2	0	3	5	7	6
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	2	0	3	5	8	6
Rotherham United	5	2	0	3	3	6	6
Walsall	5	1	1	2	7	6	5
Burnley	5	1	2	2	6	9	5
Wrexham	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
Brentford	5	1	1	3	1	5	4
Bristol City	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
Swansea City	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
Hull City	5	0	3	2	1	4	3
Shrewsbury Town	5	0	1	4	2	9	1

FACTS & FIGURES

(Endsleigh League games only)

Highest Attendance:

13,041 Swindon v. Oxford 30.8.95

10,613 Burnley v. Hull 16.9.95

Lowest Attendance:

2,422 Swansea v. York City 16.9.95

2,505 Swansea v. Oxford 23.9.95

Highest Home Score:

4-0 Oxford v. Carlisle Utd. 16.9.95

4-1 Shrewsbury v. Bristol City 29.8.95

4-1 Walsall v. Swansea 9.9.95

4-1 Swindon v. Bradford 13.9.95

Highest Away Score:

4-0 Wycombe W. v. Bradford 2.9.95

4-0 Crewe v. Bournemouth 16.9.95

4-1 Swindon v. Bristol Rov. 16.9.95

Most Goals in a Match:

3 Steve Jones (Bournemouth) 19.8.95

3 Miguel De Souza (Wycombe) 2.9.95

3 Kevin Horlock (Swindon) 16.9.95

LEADING SCORERS

(not including Cup and Play-offs)

7 Miguel De Souza (Wycombe)

7 Steve Jones (Bournemouth)

6 Devon White (Notts County)

5 Alun Armstrong (Stockport)

5 Steve Finney (Swindon Town)

5 Shaun Goater (Rotherham)

5 Andy Preece (Blackpool)

5 David Reeves (Carlisle)

All statistics up to and including

Friday, 29th September, 1995.

TONIGHTS OTHER SECOND

DIVISION FIXTURES

Bradford City	v.	Blackpool
Brentford	v.	Chesterfield
Brighton	v.	Shrewsbury
Bristol City	v.	Wycombe W.
Burnley	v.	Swansea City
Crewe	v.	Notts County
Hull City	v.	York City
Oxford	v.	Bristol Rovers
Rotherham	v.	Peterborough
Stockport County	v.	Bournemouth
Walsall	v.	Carlisle

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION TEAM OF THE WEEK



Alun Armstrong
STOCKPORT C.

Kevin Horlock
SWINDON

Robert Taylor
BRENTFORD

Tommy Wright
BRADFORD CITY

Nigel Pepper
YORK CITY

Kevin Davies
CHESTERFIELD

Chris Vinnicombe
BURNLEY

Jim Gannon
STOCKPORT

Micky Mellon
BLACKPOOL

Danny Murphy
CREWE

Dean Kiely
YORK CITY

Injury blow for Ryder

Walsall have also been hit by an injury to defender Stuart Ryder. The England under 21 international will be out of action for several months after injuring his knee during a reserve game against Carlisle United.

The visitors midfielder Steve Hayward was sent off during the Pontins League clash after his tackle left the Sutton Coldfield born defender facing an operation to repair critical knee ligaments. Walsall won the game 1-0. Last Saturday the Saddlers suffered a 1-0 reversal at York City, Paul Barnes, the hero of York's memorable 3-0 win over Manchester United, grabbing the only goal just after half time.

Transfer News

Bristol City have loaned Queens Park Rangers reserve goalkeeper Sieb Dykstra for a month. The former Motherwell stopper will replace Phil Kite who has played 4 games while first choice, Keith Welch has been out of the side through injury.

Notts County have agreed to release defender Michael Emenalo. The Nigerian who was in his country's World Cup squad last year, has decided to return home to his native country, despite only being 13 months into a 3 year contract with the Meadow Lane outfit. Shrewsbury have parted company with experienced midfielder Gary Megson after only 2 games. He had been signed on a non contract basis and the club's manager Fred Davies explained "He did not feel he was doing himself of the club justice".



Division Two Table

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Swindon	9	3	2	0	10	3	4	0	0	8	1	23
Blackpool	9	4	0	1	8	4	2	1	1	6	4	19
Crewe Alexandra	8	3	0	0	7	1	2	2	1	10	6	17
Notts County	9	3	1	1	7	4	2	1	1	3	2	17
Bradford City	9	3	0	1	7	5	2	1	2	6	8	16
Stockport County	9	1	3	0	4	2	3	0	2	5	3	15
Chesterfield	9	4	1	0	12	3	0	1	3	3	6	14
Oxford United	9	3	1	0	8	1	0	4	1	4	5	14
Bristol Rovers	9	2	1	2	7	8	2	1	1	4	3	14
Wycombe Wanderers	9	1	3	1	5	5	2	1	1	7	4	13
Bournemouth	9	3	1	1	9	7	1	0	3	3	6	13
Peterborough	9	3	1	1	8	4	0	2	2	3	7	12
Burnley	9	3	1	0	6	3	0	2	3	3	8	12
Brentford	9	3	0	1	3	2	0	2	3	2	6	11
Swansea	9	2	2	1	8	6	0	2	2	3	8	10
Walsall	9	1	2	1	7	6	1	1	3	3	4	9
Carlisle	9	2	1	2	6	4	0	2	2	3	10	9
Rotherham	9	2	2	0	5	3	0	1	4	3	9	9
WREXHAM	9	0	3	1	4	5	1	2	2	4	6	8
Brighton	9	1	1	2	3	4	1	1	3	5	10	8
York	9	1	2	2	6	7	1	0	3	2	7	8
Bristol City	8	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	4	10	7
Hull	9	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	2	6	7
Shrewsbury	9	1	0	4	5	8	0	1	3	3	10	4

■ Up to and including Thursday, 28th September 1995

First Team Rollcall

	League		Cup	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
BARNES, Richard	-	-	0(1)	0
BRACE, Deryn	2	0	2	0
BRAMMER, David	4	1	2	0
CONNOLLY, Karl	9	1	5	1
CROSS, Jonathan	0(3)	0	1(1)	0
DURKAN, Kieron	5(1)	-	2(1)	0
FUTCHER, Steve	-	-	2	0
HARDY, Phil	9	0	5	0
HUGHES, Brian	4(1)	0	2	1
HUMES, Tony	-	-	1	0
HUNTER, Barry	8	0	4	0
JONES, Barry	9	0	5	0
MARRIOTT, Andy	9	0	5	0
McGREGOR, Mark	3(3)	0	1	0
MORRIS, Steve	3(1)	0	1(1)	0
OWEN, Gareth	5(1)	1	3	0
PHILLIPS, Wayne	7(1)	0	4(1)	0
RUSSELL, Kevin	8(1)	1	3	1
SKINNER, Craig	4(2)	0	2	0
THOMAS, Andy	-	-	1	0
WARD, Peter	4	0	1	0
WATKIN, Steve	6(2)	4	3(1)	1
Own Goals	-	-	-	-

Upto and including Friday 29th September 1995

Substitute appearances in brackets.

AUGUST

Date	Opposition	Res.	Att.	Pos.	Notes
10	Petrolul Ploiesti (ECWC P-1)	H	0-0	-	Marriott
12	Notts County	H	1-1	4,338	14th Marriott
15	Stockport Co. (CCC Rd1-1)	A	0-1	3,493	- Marriott
19	Blackpool	A	0-2	4,799	21st Marriott
24	Petrolul Ploiesti (ECWC P-2)	A	0-1	10,000	- Marriott
26	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	1-1	2,947	19th Marriott
29	A.F.C Bournemouth	A	1-1	4,825	12th Marriott

SEPTEMBER

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1	6,031	14th Marriott
5	Stockport Co. (CCC Rd1-2)	H	2-2	2,764	- Marriott
9	Bradford City	H	1-2	3,268	18th Marriott
12	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-1	3,298	18th Marriott
16	Peterborough United	A	0-1	3,817	19th Marriott
20	(CCC Rd2-1)				
23	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1	4,649	19th Marriott
26	Mansfield Town (A.W.P-1)	A	2-2	1,037	- Marriott
30	Swindon Town	H			

OCTOBER

3	(CCC Rd2-2)				
7	York City	A			
14	Oxford United	H			
17	York City (A.W.P-1)	H			
21	Walsall	A			
28	Swansea City	H			
31	Carlisle United	H			

NOVEMBER

4	Hull City	A			
11	F.A. Cup 1				
18	Rotherham United	H			
25	Burnley	A			

DECEMBER

2	F.A. Cup 2				
9	Wycombe Wanderers	H			
16	Swindon Town	A			
22	Brentford	H			
26	Crewe Alexandra	A			
30	Stockport County	A			

JANUARY

1	Bristol City	H			
6	Chesterfield	A			
13	Blackpool	H			
20	Notts County	A			
27	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H			

FEBRUARY

3	Brighton & Hove Albion	A			
10	Chesterfield	H			
17	Shrewsbury Town	A			
20	Bristol Rovers	H			
24	Peterborough United	H			
27	Bradford City	A			

MARCH

2	Crewe Alexandra	H			
9	Brentford	A			
16	Stockport County	H			
23	Bristol City	A			
30	York City	H			

APRIL

2	Oxford United	A			
6	Swansea City	A			
8	Walsall	H			
13	Carlisle United	A			
20	Hull City	H			
27	Burnley	H			

MAY

4	Rotherham United	A			
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EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP SUBSTITUTES

Petrolul Ploiesti (H) Barnes, Cody, Thomas, Roberts, Cartwright.
 Petrolul Ploiesti (A) Cartwright, Roberts, N, Barnes(7), Cody, Rawlins.

KEY:

★ Star Man ■ Booked ■ Sent Off (10) Player Substituted

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Brace	Hardy	Phillips	Hunter	Jones.	Futcher	Owen	Connolly	Watkin	Durkan	see below		
Brace★	Hardy	Hughes	Hunter	Jones	Skinner	Ward	Connolly	Watkin	Russell	Durkan	Phillips	Morris
Brace	Hardy	Hughes	Hunter	Jones★	Skinner	Ward	Connolly	Watkin	Russell	Durkan(7)	Phillips(4)	Morris(10)
Brace	Hardy	Hughes	Hunter	Jones	Skinner	Ward	Connolly	Watkin	Russell	Durkan	Phillips(7)★	Morris(10)
Thomas	Hardy	Phillips	Hunter	Jones. B ★	Futcher	Owen	Connolly	Watkin	Cross	see below		
Phillips	Hardy	Hughes	Hunter	Jones. B	Skinner	Ward★	Connolly	Morris	Russell	Durkan(7)	McGregor(11)	Owen(4)
Phillips	Hardy	Owen★	Hunter	Jones. B	Durkan	Ward	Connolly	Morris	Russell	McGregor(8)	Skinner	Watkin(10)
Phillips	Hardy	Brammer★	McGregor	Jones. B	Durkan	Owen	Connolly	Morris	Russell	Skinner	Ridler	Watkin(10)
Phillips	Hardy	Owen	Hunter	Jones. B★	Durkan	Brammer	Connolly	Morris	Russell	Skinner	McGregor	Watkin(10)
Phillips	Hardy	Brammer	Hunter	Jones. B	Durkan	Owen	Connolly	Watkin	Russell	Skinner(7)	McGregor	Cross(11)
Phillips	Hardy	Brammer	Hunter	Jones. B	Durkan	Owen	Connolly	Watkin★	Russell	Skinner(7)	Hughes(8)	Cross(11)
McGregor	Hardy	Phillips★	Hunter	Jones. B	Durkan	Owen	Connolly	Watkin	Russell	Skinner(7)	Hughes(8)	Cross(11)
McGregor	Hardy	Phillips	Hunter	Jones. B	Skinner	Brammer★	Connolly	Watkin	Hughes	Russell(10)	Humes	Durkan
McGregor	Hardy	Phillips	Humes	Jones. B	Skinner	Brammer	Connolly★	Russell	Hughes	Cross(10)	Owen	Durkan

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

This season Wrexham Football Club, together with the officers of the North Wales Police, want to see an end to the obscene and racist behaviour of a small minority of so-called fans who spoil the family atmosphere the club is trying to create.

At the start of what is hoped to be a successful season it is appropriate to remind supporters visiting the Racecourse of some of their obligations under the Club's Ground Regulations and, indeed, under criminal law. This season, more than ever before, the Club's stewards will be enforcing the Ground Regulations, supported by the police.

REMEMBER

- (1) The club has the right to refuse entry or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a steward or police officer.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with instructions from a steward may be ejected from the ground.
- (3) Any person whose behaviour could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance

or annoyance to other spectators may be ejected.

ALSO

It is a criminal offence, for which you may be arrested, to:-

- (1) Throw anything on to the pitch or at players, officials and other supporters.
- (2) Take part in any indecent or racist chanting.
- (3) Go onto the playing surface at any time.
- (4) To enter or try to enter the ground with intoxicating liquor.
- (5) To enter or try to enter the ground whilst drunk.
- (6) Possess any article such as knives, bottles, fireworks, smoke canisters, cans and flagpoles which might be used as offensive weapons.
- (7) Use behaviour which is threatening, abusive or insulting towards another.

Persons convicted of criminal offenses will become subject of Exclusion Orders banning them from all football league grounds.



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How they *line up*



TEAM CHECK

WREXHAM

-Andy Marriott
-Mark McGregor
-Phil Hardy
-Wayne Phillips
-Barry Hunter
-Tony Humes
-Craig Skinner
-Dave Brammer
-Karl Connolly
-Jonathan Cross
-Bryan Hughes

SWINDON TOWN

- ① Frank Talia
- ② Ian Culverhouse
- ③ Paul Bodin
- ④ Steve McMahon
- ⑤ Mark Seagraves
- ⑥ Shaun Taylor
- ⑦ Mark Robinson
- ⑧ Wayne O'Sullivan
- ⑨ Steve Finney
- ⑩ Wayne Allison
- ⑪ Kevin Horlock
- ⑫
- ⑬
- ⑭



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