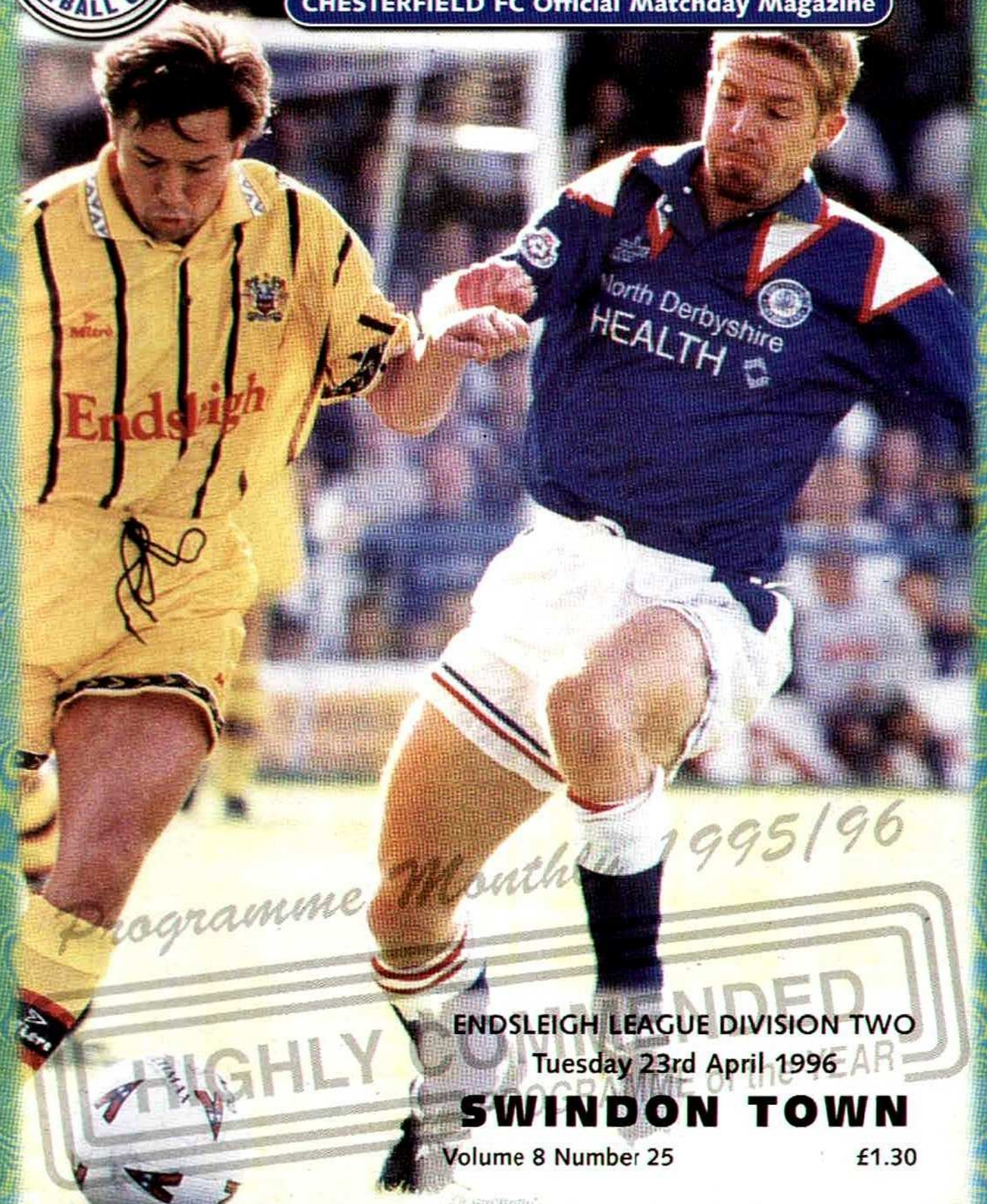




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DUNCAN'S DIARY

By JOHN DUNCAN

Our visitors tonight, Swindon Town, have proved themselves to be without doubt the best team in the division. They have sustained their performances throughout the season and look set to be worthy champions.

If tonight's match has as much incident as the earlier game at the County Ground then we are in for a treat this evening. We fought heroically well back in September with ten men and Jamie Hewitt in goal to earn a 1-1 draw.

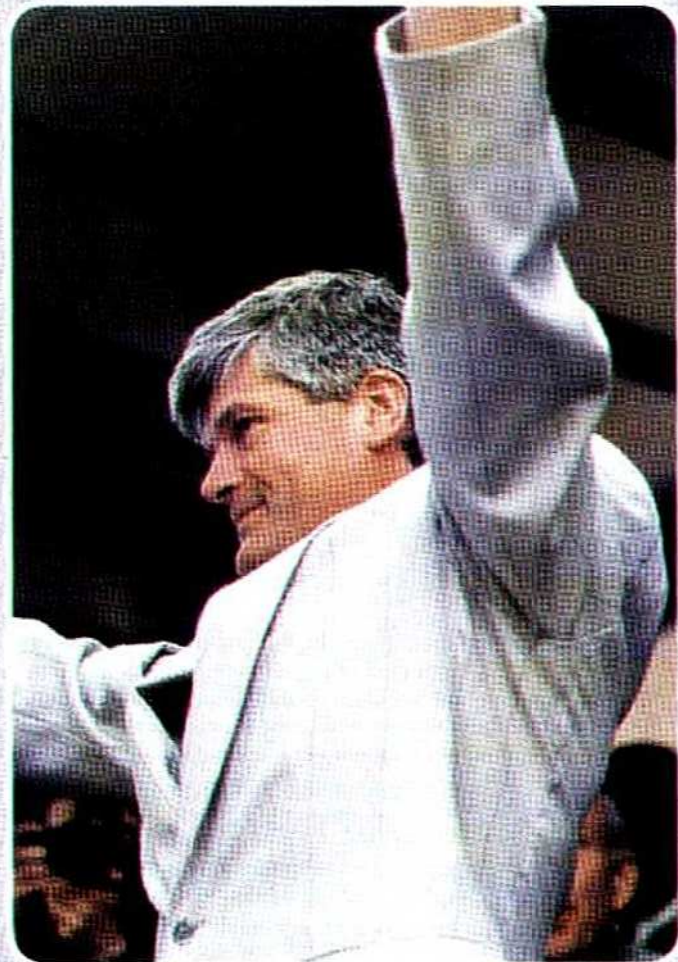
Our previous two home games disappointingly ended in draws. We found ourselves having to come back from a goal behind on each occasion and against this class of opposition it is never easy. Encouragingly, our second half performances have been good. The spirit and creation has been there but, unluckily I feel, we didn't convert enough of the goalscoring chances.

Andy Beasley recently stood in for Billy Mercer and deserves praise for his efforts. He could have done no more in his two games and approached them with 100% professionalism.

Tony Lormor returned to the side after injuring his ankle at Bath and scored a vital goal against Walsall. We now have one or two more options in the front positions and hopefully, if Phil Robinson's hamstring injury improves, the same can be said for the midfield positions.

With only the Notts County game to come at home after tonight, many thoughts will be going into voting for the Player Of The Year. I believe the Supporters and Players' Player Of The Year awards will be presented at that match. It would be wrong for me to get involved in your selection but it is probably more difficult this season due to the fact that so many players have missed reasonably large amounts of games. The balance between performances and appearances therefore becomes that much harder.

JOHN DUNCAN



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OFF THE BALL

SPIRE REVIEW "HIGHLY COMMENDED"

For the second successive season, the Chesterfield F.C. matchday magazine has been recognised in Programme Monthly's Programme of the Year Awards. Despite stepping up a section and coming up against bigger clubs with far greater programme budgets, we were placed just outside the top six Second Division publications and given a "Highly Commended" rating.

Widely regarded in the game as the premier programme awards, Programme Monthly described Spire Review as "excellent" and "modest but highly attractive."

This would seem to be the ideal time to thank all the contributors for their hard work over the past nine months and to our printers, Brampton Print & Design for their patience and enthusiasm.

Going back to the awards, our visitors tonight - Swindon Town, were justifiably placed as runners-up in Division Two with their smashing programme, which has maintained a Premier Division standard despite successive relegations. Stockport County's gigantic effort came in third but I'm delighted to see that Wrexham have clinched the Second Division Programme of the Year title once again. "Robin's Review" is the ultimate in lower division publications and living proof that a top quality, full colour magazine can be published by club's with average crowds of around 3500. Just for the record; Oxford United, Bristol City and Hull City were given the "Very Highly Commended" accolade and Bournemouth and Carlisle United accompanied Chesterfield in the "Highly Commended" section.

PROGRAMMES WANTED / FOR SALE

Continuing on the programme theme, we've received several letters in recent weeks from collectors: John Wells from 42 Freeks Lane, Burgess Hill in West Sussex says he has numerous Chesterfield F.C. editions for sale. John stresses that he is NOT a dealer and as such doesn't produce a catalogue. If you are interested however, send an A5 S.A.E. stating your specific interests. Meanwhile, Huddersfield Town supporter, Dwane Butterly is looking for any programmes produced for 1970's Saltergate meetings between the Spireites and the Terriers. He also requires any reserve programmes or team sheets for

clashes between the two clubs. You can write to Dwane at 17 Sefton Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

Finally, John Dewhirst is seeking three elusive programmes from Recreation Ground matches featuring Chesterfield and Bradford City from the following seasons; 1966-67, 1963-64 & 1962-63. If you have one or more of these to sell, please contact John at Beckview, 3 Main Street, Cottingley, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

22nd INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FAIR

If you're really serious about programme collecting, the Hotel Russell in Russell Square, London is the place to be on Saturday 1st June when the 22nd International Football Programme Fair takes place. Organised by the Football Programme Directory, the event runs from 11 a.m to 4.15 p.m. Admission is 80 pence by ticket in advance or £1.30 on the door. For more information or to order tickets, write to; The Editor & Events Organiser, The F.P.D., 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex.

FLOODLIGHT FIASCO

Let's hope we have no repeat of the events which occurred during Swindon Town's last visit to Saltergate in March 1987. The game was due to be played on a Friday night; (Friday the 13th as it happened!) but had to be abandoned without a ball being kicked due to one floodlight pylon failing to operate. The two managers; John Duncan and Lou Macari, were perfectly happy for the game to go ahead but referee Malcolm Heath insisted the match be put back to 3 p.m. the following day.

The club announced that fans would be admitted without charge for the re-arranged fixture, when the crowd was just over a thousand up on the previous night's attendance. It was estimated that the delay cost Chesterfield F.C. around £1000; £500 of which was to cover the cost of an overnight stay for the Swindon team at the Swallow Hotel in South Normanton. Much of the remaining loss was in the form of refunds as irate fans demanded their money back.

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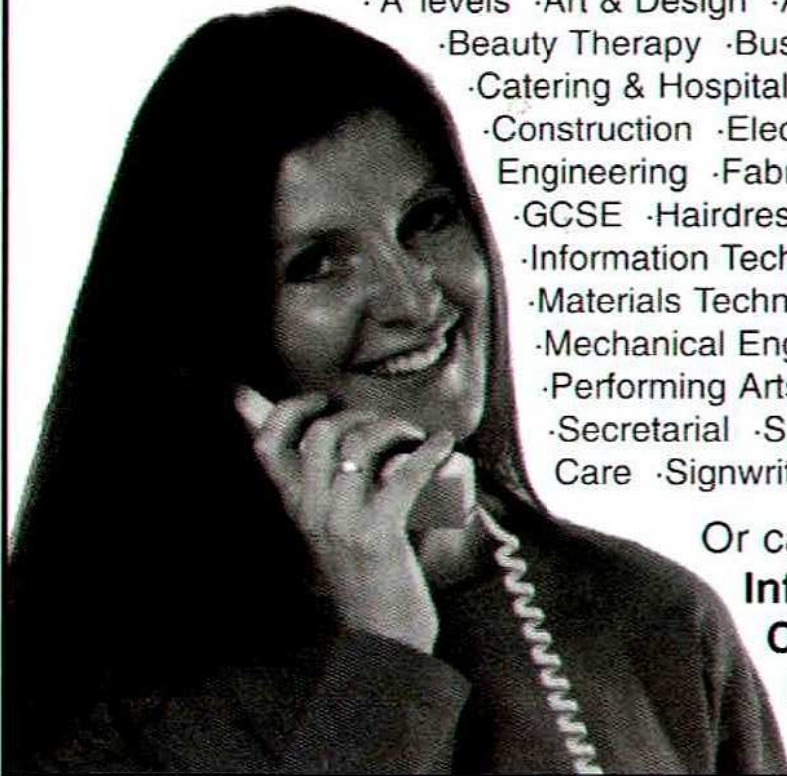
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WELCOME TO SALTERGATE

Swindon Town



Tonight sees the 30th league encounter featuring Chesterfield and Swindon. There's been very little between the clubs over the years with the Robins holding a narrow advantage on 13 wins to our 11. It's over nine years since our paths last crossed here when the Wiltshire club ran out 3-1 winners on their way to promotion from the old Third Division.

We have of course already met this season in what was one of the most eventful 90 minutes of the campaign. After Kevin Davies had fired the Blues in front, Darren Carr was harshly sent-off leaving us with the whole of the second half to hold out. Wayne Allison levelled the scores within a minute of the restart but despite the home side having an amazing 25 goal attempts in the second period and Jamie Hewitt ending up in goal after an injury to Andy Beasley, we held out for a magnificent point.

The County Ground is a much happier place this season after two successive relegations and at the time of writing they appear to be Second Division Champions elect. Under the leadership of Steve McMahon, Swindon have lost just once in their last 17 league fixtures and the only time they've been out of the top two was on the opening day of the season. Their away form has been frighteningly good with three point hauls at Hull, Carlisle, Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Brighton, Notts County, Rotherham, Swansea, Wycombe, Peterborough and Crewe (phew!). In fact, no team throughout the four divisions has won more games on their travels than tonight's opponents.

It's been quite an eventful season on the knockout front as well, the highlight being an F.A Cup run which ended in a Fifth Round replay at Southampton after Cambridge, Cardiff, Woking and Oldham had all been defeated. The Auto Windscreens Shield brought a surprise Second Round exit at the hands of Hereford United but it took the League Champions, Blackburn Rovers to put them out of the Coca-Cola Cup at the same stage.

On the goalscoring front, Steve Finney and Wayne Allison are fighting for top spot; Allison currently leads the way with 18 strikes but Kevin Horlock is coming up fast - his recent haul of four goals in three games taking his season's tally to 14..

KEVIN BARSON.



FACING THE SPIREITES

PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME:	14	6	3	5	20	19
AWAY:	15	5	2	8	13	22
TOTAL:	29	11	5	13	33	41

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME:	1	1	0	0	1	0
AWAY:	1	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL:	2	1	0	1	2	2

BIGGEST WINS:

(H) 4-0, 1975-76. (A) 2-1, (3 times).

HEAVIEST DEFEATS:

(H) 1-3, (3 times). (A) 0-4, 1984-85.

LAST TEN MEETINGS:

- 9 Sep 1995. Div 2. County Ground. Drew 1-1. (Davies)
- 13 Mar 1987. Div 3. Saltergate. Lost 1-3. (Henderson)
- 18 Oct 1986. Div 3. County Ground. Lost 1-2. (Moss)
- 9 Apr 1985. Div 4. Saltergate. Won 1-0. (Walker)
- 1 Jan 1985. Div 4. County Ground. Lost 0-4.
- 14 Jan 1984. Div 4. County Ground. Won 2-1. (Kendal, Newton)
- 27 Aug 1983. Div 4. Saltergate. Won 1-0. (Birch)
- 1 May 1982. Div 3. Saltergate. Won 2-1. (Walker, Bonnyman)
- 29 Sep 1981. Div 3. County Ground. Won 2-1. (Ridley, Crawford)
- 7 Apr 1981. Div 3. Saltergate. Drew 2-2. (Crawford, Birch)

LAST TIME AT SALTERGATE:

13th March 1987. Division Three.

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Goals: CFC - Henderson (54). STFC - Quinn (7) White (63,65).

CHESTERFIELD: Brown, Hewitt, Rogers, Bellamy, Bloomer, Reid, Coyle, Airey, Caldwell, Henderson, Walker. Sub: Kowalski.

SWINDON: Digby, King, Jones, Coyne, Parkin, Calderwood, Bamber, Kamara, Quinn, White, Barnard. Sub: Wade.

REFEREE: M.Heath. CROWD: 3810.

STEVE McMAHON (PLAYER/MANAGER)

Appointed player/manager in November 1994 following the departure of John Gorman. It's his first managerial role in a distinguished playing career which has taken in Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City. The ex-England International has made around 500 league appearances and accumulated transfer fees in excess of £1.5 million. Age 34.

FRASER DIGBY (GOALKEEPER)

The former Manchester United apprentice has made all of his 300 plus league outings with tonight's visitors. Sheffield born Fraser has been out on loan to Oldham Athletic as well as a return spell at Old Trafford as cover. Age 29 (today!)

FRANK TALIA (GOALKEEPER)

Australian keeper, signed from Blackburn Rovers last November having spent a month on loan earlier in the season. He failed to make the grade at Ewood Park and also spent some time loaned out to Hartlepool United. Age 23.

PAUL BODIN (DEFENCE)

Welsh International defender, currently in his second spell at the County Ground. Paul was initially signed from Newport County in March 1988 before moving on to Crystal Palace three years later in a deal worth more than half a million pounds. He failed to settle at Selhurst Park however, returning to Wiltshire ten months later. Age 31.

SHAUN TAYLOR (DEFENCE)

£200,000 capture from Exeter City in July 1991 after being plucked from non-league Bideford Town by the Grecians. An ever-present in the side for the last two seasons. Shaun has found the net seven times this term. Age 33.

MARK SEAGRAVES (DEFENCE)

Strong centre-half, signed from Bolton Wanderers for £100,000 last summer. A former Liverpool apprentice. Mark has also been on the books of Manchester City together with a loan spell at Norwich City. Age 29.

KEVIN HORLOCK (DEFENCE)

The Northern Ireland International was picked up from West Ham United on a free transfer in the summer of 1992. Bom in Plumstead, Kevin has been among the goals this season with 14 strikes to date. Age 23.

WAYNE O'SULLIVAN (DEFENCE)

A product of the County Ground youth policy, Wayne made his debut in May 1995 and has since progressed to become a first team regular. Included in the Eire Under-21 squad which played Latvia last October. Age 22.

ALEX SMITH (DEFENCE)

Signed on a free transfer from Everton in January, he was a former trainee at Goodison Park. Alex never made a Premiership appearance for the Toffees but did feature in Everton's European Cup Winners Cup campaign this season. Age 20.

MARK ROBINSON (DEFENCE)

Former West Bromwich Albion, Barnsley and Newcastle United defender, Mark switched to Swindon for a club record £600,000 in July 1994. He scored his first goal for Town in a 4-1 home win against Bradford City last September. Age 27.

EDWIN MURRAY (DEFENCE)

Edwin arrived at Swindon as an Associated Schoolboy in 1988, progressing to the professional ranks in 1991. Limited league experience to date. Age 22.

JASON DRYSDALE (DEFENCE)

The former England Youth International joined the Robins just over a year ago for a fee of £340,000 from Newcastle United. He previously made 160 appearances for Watford but didn't make the first team at St James' Park. Age 25.



SWINDON TOWN

IAN CULVERHOUSE (DEFENCE)

Signed from Norwich City in December 1994 for a tribunal fixed quarter of a million pounds. The Bishops Stortford born defender was apprenticed with Tottenham Hotspur prior to a lengthy spell at Carrow Road in which he made 296 league outings. Age 31.

GARY THORNE (DEFENCE)

First year professional and a product of John Trollope's youth team. Gary made his Swindon debut as a substitute in the Auto Windscreens Shield tie at Torquay last October having made some impressive reserve appearances earlier in the campaign. Age 19.

DEAN HOOPER (MIDFIELD)

Dean has been at the County Ground for twelve months following his transfer from non-league Hayes. He made his Endsleigh League debut at Grimsby Town last season. Age 28.

STEVE COWE (MIDFIELD)

Recent arrival from Aston Villa. The Gloucester born midfielder was apprenticed at Villa Park but found it hard to break through to the first team. Age 21.

TY GOODEN (MIDFIELD)

Released by Wycombe Wanderers upon their promotion to the Football League in 1993, Ty was snapped up by John Gorman six months later after a successful trial period. Four goals this season. Age 23.

PAUL ALLEN (MIDFIELD)

A member of the renowned Allen footballing family, Paul was a free transfer acquisition from Southampton last October. He notched up more than 450 league appearances with West Ham United and Spurs before his move to the Dell. The former England "B" International's only goal to date for Swindon came in an FA Cup victory against Cambridge United. Age 33.

MARTIN LING (MIDFIELD)

The former Exeter City apprentice is in his second spell at the County Ground. He initially signed in 1986 but lasted only three months before heading off to Southend United. Martin returned in the summer of 1991 when Glenn Hoddle paid just £15,000 for his signature. Age 29.

LEE COLLINS (MIDFIELD)

Signed in November 1995 for £15,000 from Scottish Division Three outfit, Albion Rovers after impressing in trial games for Town's reserve side. Lee made his debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield defeat by Hereford United. Age 22.

DAVID PREECE (MIDFIELD)

Currently on loan from Derby County, the experienced midfielder has over 450 league appearances with Walsall and Luton Town behind him. He scored his first goal for Swindon two weeks ago in their 2-0 victory away to Crewe. Age 31.

WAYNE ALLISON (ATTACK)

A close-season capture from Bristol City for a tribunal fixed fee of £475,000. Previously with Halifax Town and Watford, Wayne was top scorer for the Ashton Gate club last season with 13 goals and is leading marksman for Swindon this time around having found the net 18 times, including the face-saving goal against the Spireites last September. Age 27.

STEVE FINNEY (ATTACK)

The other half of the 34 goal partnership with Wayne Allison, Hexham born Steve has realised his potential at the County Ground after failing to make the grade with Preston North End and Manchester City. Age 22.

PETER THORNE (ATTACK)

Manchester born striker, signed from Blackburn Rovers for an undisclosed fee in January 1995. Peter understandably found it hard to break into the Rovers line-up and opted for a move to Swindon following a loan spell with Wigan Athletic. Nine goals this season. Age 22.

KEVIN BARSON



17 Apr. Burnley (H) Div 2.
Drew 0-0.

13 Apr. Bournemouth (H) Div 2.
Drew 2-2. (Horlock 2)

8 Apr. Crewe Alex. (A) Div 2.
Won 2-0. (Horlock, Preece)

6 Apr. Notts County (H) Div 2.
Won 1-0. (Horlock)

3 Apr. Brighton (H) Div 2.
Won 3-2. (Thorne 2, Allison)

30 Mar. Bristol City (A) Div 2.
Drew 0-0.

23 Mar. Peterborough (H) Div 2.
Won 2-0. (Allison, Thorne)

19 Mar. Oxford United (A) Div 2.
Lost 0-3.

16 Mar. Burnley (A) Div 2.
Drew 0-0.

9 Mar. Walsall (H) Div 2.
Drew 1-1. (Taylor)

5 Mar. Peterborough (A) Div 2.
Won 2-0. (Allison, Finney)

2 Mar. Wycombe Wand. (A) Div 2.
Won 2-1. (Gooden, Thorne)

28 Feb. Southampton (A) FAC 5.
Lost 0-2.

LEAGUE RECORD 1995-96:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HOME:	22	12	9	1	37	16	45
AWAY:	19	11	5	3	27	14	38
TOTAL:	41	23	14	4	64	30	83

CURRENT LEAGUE POSITION: 1st.

AVERAGE HOME LEAGUE CROWD:

9828.
Highest - v Oxford Utd, 13,041.
Lowest - v Swansea City, 6555.

AVERAGE HOME CUP CROWD:

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Highest - v Southampton, 15,035.
Lowest - v Colchester, 6222.

GOALSCORERS 1995-96:

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Thorne (9) Taylor (6) O'Sullivan,
Gooden (3) Bodin (2) Murray,
Robinson, Grant, Preece (1).

Cup Competitions:

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Thorne, Allen (1)

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BIRTHDAY BLUES

Football in the Community

Martin Frost recalls former Spireites whose birthdays are this week.

CHARLIE RACKSTRAW. Born: 23rd April 1938.

A favourite of the crowd, Sheffield born Charlie started his league career at Saltergate and went on to make 172 league appearances for the Blues, scoring 48 goals. The inside-forward left to join Gillingham in 1964 and finished his career with Bradford City in 1970.

DAVID BOYLE. Born: 24th April 1929.

A Geordie, David served Newcastle United, Berwick Rangers, Barnsley and Crewe before joining the Blues in 1954. Over the next two seasons he hit ten goals in 42 league games.

ALBERT PHELAN. Born: 28th April 1945.

Another former favourite of the Chesterfield fans, central defender Albert made 390 league appearances for the Blues after progressing from the junior ranks. He went to Halifax Town upon leaving Saltergate in 1974 and is currently serving Sheffield Wednesday as Youth Team Coach.

GLAN LETHERAN. Born: 1st May 1956.

A former Leeds United apprentice, Llanelli born Glan joined the Spireites in December 1977. The goalkeeper made 63 league appearances before heading back to his homeland with Swansea City in September 1979.

PHIL TINGAY. Born: 2nd May 1950.

Currently Assistant Manager to Ernie Moss at Gainsborough Trinity, Phil was second string 'keeper for long spells at Saltergate. The former Chesterfield Tubeworks custodian still managed to rack up 181 league appearances for the Blues before moving into non-league soccer in 1981.

Finally, many happy returns to Wayne Fairclough - currently out on loan to Scarborough, who is 28 years old on Saturday.

Hello and welcome to tonight's game against Swindon on behalf of Football in the Community.

At the time of writing we are still to make the Haven Holiday Prize Draw, but the result should be known by the time you read these notes. We will feature the winner in our next column.

I hope all the youngsters who took part in our Soccer Courses enjoyed themselves. Thankyou to Brockwell Junior School and Hollingwood Primary School for the use of their facilities. I would also like to thank Stan and Judy Buchannon for their help and assistance in organising our Soccer Course in Baslow. Also, my thanks to all my staff for their commitment in organising the other courses and to the Chesterfield players for presenting the children with medals and certificates.

The Post Office has kindly sponsored our ball boys & girls for the 1996-97 season. This is their fourth year of sponsorship and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Mitchell and the Post Office for their support in this area. John Allen has brought tonight's ball boys and I mustn't forget to acknowledge the Clay Cross Dynamo's Under-9's who did the same job versus Bristol City recently.

At Chesterfield's away game against Shrewsbury Town a fortnight ago, Mike Warner presented an autographed football to Mr Jones on our behalf. The ball is to be auctioned to raise funds for cancer research. Mr Jones was cycling from Liverpool to Skegness during Easter and visiting many clubs along the way.

Chester The Fieldmouse's End Of Season Party is to be held at the Saltergate Social Club on Wednesday 1st May from 7-9 pm. Admission is just £1.00 for Junior and Senior Supporters Club members and £1.50 for non-members. Here you will be able to meet some of the players and a disco and buffet will also be provided. Anyone requiring further information or tickets should contact our office on (01246) 550930.

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ADIE SHAW

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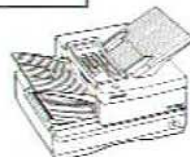
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SPIREITES HOTLINE

JIM EVANS

The club was saddened to learn of the death of Blues On The Move agent and lifelong supporter of Chesterfield F.C, Jim Evans. The 70 year old Brockwell resident had been a familiar familiar around Saltergate for many years. He loved most sports and was an honorary member of Chesterfield Miners Welfare. Our sincere condolences to Jim's widow, Mary and to his family and friends.

MATCH TICKETS FOR NOTTS COUNTY

Tickets go on general sale tomorrow for our last big match of the season against local rivals Notts County. It's an all-ticket match and the ticket office, which is open daily throughout the week, has late night opening tomorrow night until 7.00 pm and will also remain open until the same time on Thursday 2nd May.

NEW STRIP FOR THE SPIREITES

Next season, Chesterfield F.C will be bringing out new strips in traditional club colours for use both at home and away. In addition, a full range of new Spireites leisure wear is being introduced for the first time. More information will be announced soon on designs and availability.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Have you voted for the Player Of The Year yet? The presentation will be made on the pitch prior to kick-off at our last home game of the season against Notts County. Voting forms are available now in the Club Shop and Kop Shop.

FOREST AT SALTERGATE

Nottingham Forest have promised to bring along their first-team squad for Lee Rogers' Testimonial on Wednesday 24th July. The match, which should attract a good crowd, will make history as it's the first time in 47 years that Forest have played at Saltergate. Despite a busy summer of sport, with the Olympic Games and the European Championships, Spireites fans will want to make it a night to remember for one of Chesterfield's longest serving players. Don't forget the date - Wednesday 24th July; kick-off 7.30 pm.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

A special "happy birthday" from everyone here at Chesterfield F.C to one our of our longest standing supporters. John Turner, who celebrates his 75th birthday on Friday, has been a Saltergate regular since 1928. John's son, Andy - himself an exiled Spireite now living in Scotland, sends his best wishes and says he will be sending his father the usual birthday gift; money towards next year's season ticket!

RESERVES IN ACTION TOMORROW

Chesterfield F.C reserves are in action at Saltergate tomorrow night when Scunthorpe United are the visitors; kick-off 7.00 pm. It looks as though the reserves are going to finish the season in a creditable mid-table position in this, their first season in the Pontins League. A big "thank-you" to the pupils of Hasland Hall Community School who have produced "Inspire"; a delightful programme for all reserve team matches played at Saltergate this season, as a special school project.

SPIREITES AT DEAN COURT

When the Spireites take on AFC Bournemouth on Saturday for our penultimate away league match of the season, it will be the first time we have visited Dean Court in nearly ten years. On the occasion the Cherries won 2-0, but they did finish that season as Division Three Champions with a record busting 97 points.

It could be carnival time for Chesterfield's loyal band of travelling fans because the Supporters Club is encouraging them to wear fancy dress at Dean Court to mark the last Saturday match of the season.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPIREITES

Preparations are being made for the final run-in to the end of a glorious first season back in Division Two, which could yet stretch to the end of May if we get into the Play-Offs and beyond. The Spireites are contemplating a well-earned break from the normal routine which could mean a few days by the sea on the south coast before making the relatively short trip to Dean Court to take on Bournemouth this Saturday.

GEOFF MITCHELL

Meet the Ref...

DAVID ALLISON

We welcome one of the most experienced men on the League list to Saltergate this evening; David Allison, who is in his sixteenth season at this level. The Lancaster based schoolmaster first took up the whistle way back in 1966, progressing through the West Lancashire League and Lancashire Combination to the Football League line in 1977.

A keen cricketer and theatre enthusiast, David's career highlights include European appointments in Malta, Russia, Spain, Norway and Italy.

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO UPDATE

Despite the disappointment of dropping two more home points against Walsall last Tuesday, the midweek fixtures saw our position hold steady as Wrexham failed to take advantage of their trip to Shrewsbury just three days after the Shropshire club had been beaten at Wembley in the Final of the Auto Windscreens Shield. The Welshmen have played two games more than ourselves but would have gone above the Blues on goals scored if they'd racked up a fourth successive win against the Shrews. As it turned out, they did well to earn a draw after trailing 2-0 just before the interval. The other three play-off challengers; Bradford City, Stockport County and Bristol Rovers were not in action.

Oxford United may well have to settle for a play-off spot now after Notts County snatched an equalising goal three minutes into injury time during a bad tempered clash at the Manor Ground. Blackpool need a maximum of six points from their last three games to ensure the second automatic promotion place.

Swindon failed to beat struggling Burnley at the County Ground six days ago; a match in which victory would have achieved the technicality of making mathematically sure of promotion. Nevertheless, it's odds-on that the Wiltshire outfit will lift the Second Division title and they could even be champions by the time you read these notes if they overcame Blackpool at Bloomfield Road last Saturday.

At the opposite end of the table, Hull City were officially relegated ten days ago and Brighton are certain to join them in Division Three next term. Swansea and Carlisle are clear favourites to make the drop as well although Burnley, Peterborough, Rotherham, Shrewsbury and York could theoretically be dragged into the bottom four as the season reaches it's climax during the next ten days.

Tonight's games see Bristol Rovers making the tricky looking trip to improving Burnley and Stockport County will hopefully find Rotherham too hot to handle at Millmoor! Elsewhere, Notts County and Oxford United look to have home bankers against Brighton and Shrewsbury whilst struggling Carlisle will be staring an early return to the basement in the face if they fail to beat York City at Brunton Park.

KEVIN BARSON.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Correct to Friday 19th April)

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	TOP SCORER	HOME AVE
41	12	9	1	37	16	Swindon Town	11	5	3	27	14	Allison	(18) 9828
43	14	4	3	39	17	Blackpool	8	8	6	24	20	Various	(15) 5499
42	15	4	2	42	14	Oxford United	5	7	9	20	24	Moody	(19) 5790
42	12	5	3	35	19	Notts County	7	9	6	21	17	White	(15) 5189
42	12	3	5	37	19	Crewe Alexandra	9	4	9	36	34	Edwards	(21) 3994
41	13	6	2	37	18	Chesterfield	5	6	9	15	26	Lormor	(16) 4767
43	11	6	4	46	25	Wrexham	5	10	7	24	28	Connolly	(19) 3575
42	13	3	4	36	22	Bradford City	6	3	13	27	42	Showler	(14) 5347
42	6	9	6	25	20	Stockport County	11	3	7	31	25	Armstrong	(16) 5885
42	11	4	7	27	27	Bristol Rovers	7	5	8	27	30	Stewart	(28) 5224
43	8	8	5	32	25	Wycombe Wanderers	6	7	9	26	31	De Souza	(20) 4653
43	9	6	6	24	17	Bristol City	5	9	8	26	36	Seal	(14) 7048
41	9	7	4	30	18	Walsall	6	4	11	20	24	Lightbourne	(22) 3962
43	11	6	5	22	15	Brentford	3	7	11	17	30	Taylor	(16) 4720
43	11	4	6	31	25	Bournemouth	4	5	13	18	43	Jones	(20) 4248
42	6	8	7	29	26	Shrewsbury Town	6	6	9	25	33	Stevens	(18) 3290
42	10	7	4	29	19	Rotherham United	2	7	12	18	38	Goater	(23) 3209
41	8	6	7	28	26	York City	4	7	9	27	38	Barnes	(22) 3399
42	8	5	8	37	26	Peterborough United	4	7	10	18	33	Martindale	(18) 4550
41	8	8	5	33	26	Burnley	4	4	12	17	36	Nogan	(24) 9008
42	9	6	6	31	19	Carlisle United	1	7	13	22	47	Reeves	(18) 5736
43	7	8	7	25	28	Swansea City	2	6	13	15	46	Torpey	(16) 3123
42	5	7	9	23	28	Brighton & Hove	4	3	14	19	34	McDougald	(9) 5365
42	4	8	10	24	34	Hull City	1	8	11	9	30	Windass	(8) 3569



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F•A ATT GOALSCORERS



AUGUST 1995

- Sat 12 OXFORD UNITED	A	0-1	5558	-	Beasley	Jules	Perkins*	Curtis	Williams	Madders	Robinson
- Tue 15 BURY (C.C 1/1)	H	0-1	2821	-	Beasley	Hewitt	Perkins	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Robinson
(1) Sat 19 CARLISLE UNITED	H	3-0	3634	Lormor, Robinson, Morris	Beasley	Hewitt	Perkins	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Robinson
- Sat 26 SWANSEA CITY	A	2-3	3492	Davies (2)	Beasley	Hewitt	Rogers*	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(2) Tue 29 YORK CITY	H	2-1	3419	Morris, Lormor	Beasley	Hewitt	Perkins	Curtis	Dyche	Law	Robinson

SEPTEMBER

(3) Sat 2 HULL CITY	H	0-0	4345	-	Beasley	Hewitt	Rogers*	Curtis	Dyche	Law	Robinson
- Tue 5 BURY (C.G. 1/2)	A	1-2	2565	Roberts	Beasley	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Carr	Law	Narbutt
- Sat 9 SWINDON TOWN	A	1-1	8687	Davies	Beasley	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Carr	Law	Robinson
- Tue 12 WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	0-1	3617	-	Pierce	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(4) Sat 16 ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	3-0	5146	Lormor, Jules, Law (pen)	Mercer	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Dyche	Law	Robinson
(5) Sat 23 BURNLEY	H	4-2	4933	Hewitt, Robinson, Lormor, Morris	Mercer	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Robinson
(-) Tue 26 STOCKPORT CO. (AWS1)	A	1-1	2152	Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Robinson
- Sat 30 BRENTFORD	A	2-1	4734	Curtis, Robinson	Mercer	Hewitt	Rogers	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Robinson

OCTOBER

(6) Sat 7 CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-2	4981	Morris	Mercer	Hewitt	Rogers+	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
- Sat 14 BLACKPOOL	A	0-0	6855	-	Mercer	Hewitt	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(-) Tue 17 NOTTS COUNTY (AWS1)	H	2-1	2150	Robinson, Roberts	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(7) Sat 21 SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	1-0	3920	Law	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Sat 28 STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	1-0	6287	Law (pen)	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Tue 31 BRISTOL CITY	A	1-2	4408	Robinson	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson

NOVEMBER

(8) Sat 4 BRADFORD CITY	H	2-1	5490	Law (2 pens)	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Sat 11 SCARBOROUGH (FAC1)	A	2-0	2354	Lormor (2)	Beasley	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Sat 18 NOTTS COUNTY	A	1-4	6747	Law (pen)	Beasley	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(9) Sat 25 BOURNEMOUTH	H	3-0	4034	Robinson (2), Lormor	Beasley	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Tue 28 ROCHDALE (AWS2)	H	2-1	2344	Roberts, Robinson	Beasley	Perkins	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson

DECEMBER

- Sat 2 WREXHAM (FAC2)	A	2-3	4943	Davies (2)	Beasley	Perkins	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Sat 9 BURNLEY	A	2-2	8459	Davies, Lormor	Beasley	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(10) Sat 16 BRENTFORD	H	2-2	4016	Bates (O.G.), Morris	Mercer	Rogers	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Fri 22 BRIGHTON	A	2-0	3629	Robinson (2)	Mercer	Rogers	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Perkins	Robinson
Tue 26 PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	1-1	6017	Williams	Mercer	Rogers	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Perkins	Robinson

JANUARY 1996

- Tues 9 BLACKPOOL (AWS OF)	A	1-0	2469	Law (pen)	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
- Sat 13 CARLISLE UNITED	A	1-1	5851	Narbutt	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Holland
(14) Sat 20 OXFORD UNITED	H	1-0	4889	Lormor	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Holland
- Tue 30 CARLISLE UTD (AWS SF)	A	0-1	5511	-	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*

FEBRUARY

(15) Sat 3 SWANSEA CITY	H	3-2	4050	Holland, Lormor (2)	Mercer	Perkins	Jules*	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(16) Sat 17 WYCOMBE WAND.	H	3-1	4571	Williams, Robinson, Lormor	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
- Sat 24 ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	1-0	5712	Jules	Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson

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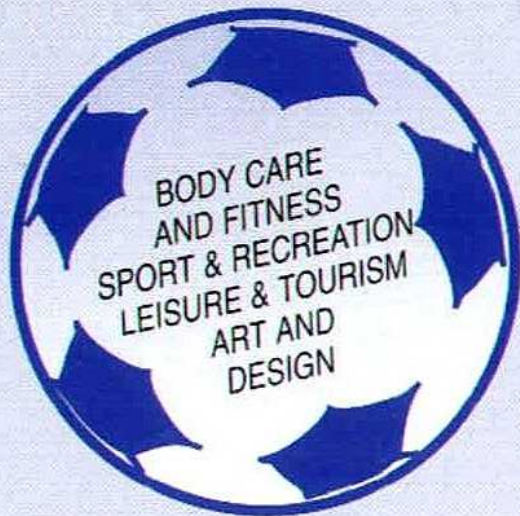
- Sat 2 PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A	1-0	6105	Howard	Mercer	Perkins	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Tue 5 WREXHAM	A	0-3	2656	-	Mercer	Perkins	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
(18) Sat 9 BRIGHTON	H	1-0	6233	Williams	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
- Tue 12 HULL CITY	A	0-0	2832	-	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Hewitt
- Sat 16 WALSALL	A	0-3	4127	-	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Perkins
(13) Tue 19 WREXHAM	H	1-1	3760	Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Dyche	Haze
(19) Sat 23 BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-1	4748	Howard, Lormor	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
(-) Tue 26 BRISTOL ROVERS	A	0-1	3513	-	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
(-) Sat 30 CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	0-3	4073	-	Mercer	Dyche	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson

APRIL

(20) Tue 2 BLACKPOOL	H	1-0	7002	Holland	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
Sat 6 STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-2	6090	McDougald	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson
- Tue 9 SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	0-0	3035	-	Beasley	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Law	Robinson*
(22) Sat 13 BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	4619	McDougald	Beasley	Hewitt	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Haze
(12) Tue 16 WALSALL	H	1-1	4508	Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Dyche	Curtis	Williams	Law	Haze
- Sat 20 BRADFORD CITY	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(17) Tue 23 SWINDON TOWN	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Sat 27 BOURNEMOUTH	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Tue 30 YORK CITY	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MAY

(23) Sat 4 NOTTS COUNTY	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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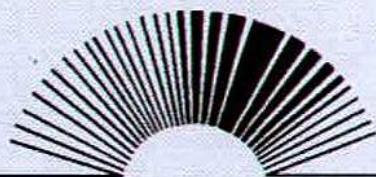


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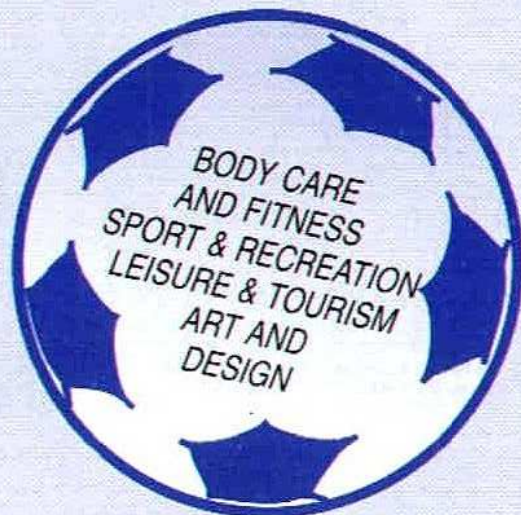
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IN RESERVE

CARLISLE UNITED 1 CHESTERFIELD 0 (Pontins League Division Three)

A magnificent effort by a very inexperienced side, due to first team commitments the following night, resulted in the narrowest of defeats.

With Darren Roberts, returning from injury, the only outfield professional on show, it was always going to be a tough encounter against top of the table Carlisle. However, with 15 year old Y.T prospect Greg Pierce alongside James Lomas in an unfamiliar centre-back role and Paul Partridge sweeping in behind it, the home side took until the 32nd minute to break through when slack marking allowed McAlinden to score. In the second half with the defence continuing to cope capably, we began to grow in confidence and Roberts was desperately unlucky to see his shot come back off the inside of a post with trialist Brooks firing the rebound over the bar.

Midfield trialists Kerr and Blakemore worked hard and Chris Marples looked secure in goal. Young Pierce came off with 15 minutes to go and he along with the rest of the team could be well pleased with outstanding efforts in difficult circumstances. CHESTERFIELD: Marples, Dilnot, Pierce, Partridge, Lomas, Kuchta, Blakemore, Kerr, Roberts, Lynch, Brooks. Subs: Bowater, Deakin & Sheppard.

KEVIN RANDALL.

CHESTERFIELD 1 LEEDS UNITED 5 (Northern Intermediate League)

We came up against Premier League opposition in this game with a number of the lads having played in the Leeds first team. The United side was much fitter and faster in all departments, although to the credit of our lads, we competed well and battled hard throughout the game.

Leeds scored two goals in the first half with Pickers missing a golden opportunity to pull one back for the young Blues. We re-organised for the second half and kept our shape better but United broke away to score a good goal at the far post. Almost immediately, Steve Heathcote headed in from a corner to make it 3-1 but Leeds went on to score twice more with Pickers again missing a good chance to give the final scoreline a more respectable look.

No complaints about this one; we were beaten by a very good team.

DAVE THOMPSON.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Wed 16 Aug: Shrewsbury T	(A)...3-3
Wed 23 Aug: Walsall	(H) ..1-2
Wed 30 Aug: Chester City	(A)...5-1
Wed 6 Sep: Carlisle Utd	(H) ..0-0
Wed 20 Sep: Rochdale	(A)...2-4
Wed 4 Oct: Darlington	(A)...4-0
Tue 10 Oct: Scarborough	(H) ..1-1
Wed 18 Oct: Stockport Co	(A)...0-1
Tue 24 Oct: Wrexham	(H) ..0-2
Wed 8 Nov: Lincoln City	(H) ..2-0
Tue 21 Nov: Scunthorpe	(A)...2-4
Wed 29 Nov: Darlington	(H) ..4-3
Tue 5 Dec: Rochdale	(H) ..2-3
Tue 19 Dec: Bury	(H) ..3-2
Wed 10 Jan: Shrewsbury T	(H) ..2-2
Wed 17 Jan: Walsall	(A)...1-0
Tue 23 Jan: Chester City	(H) ..2-1
Wed 14 Feb: Lincoln City	(A)...1-1
Wed 28 Feb: Doncaster R.	(A)...1-0
Wed 13 Mar: Doncaster R.	(H) ..2-1
Wed 20 Mar: Bury	(A)...0-0
Wed 27 Mar: Stockport Co	(H) ..2-3
Wed 3 Apr: Wigan Ath.	(H) ..1-0
Wed 10 Apr: Scarborough	(A)...1-2
Mon 15 Apr: Carlisle Utd	(A)...0-1
Wed 17 Apr: Wigan Ath.	(A).....
Wed 24 Apr: Scunthorpe	(H).....
Wed 1 May: Wrexham	(A).....

Home reserve fixtures are played at Saltergate - kick-off 7.00 pm.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Sat 5 Aug: Sheff. Wed	(H) ..0-4
Sat 12 Aug: Hull City	(A)...0-4
Sat 19 Aug: Sheffield Utd	(A)...0-5
Sat 26 Aug: York City	(H) ..2-3
Sat 9 Sep: Bradford City	(H) ..0-1
Sat 16 Sep: Barnsley	(A)...0-4
Sat 23 Sep: Newcastle Utd	(H)* ..3-4
Sat 30 Sep: Middlesbrough	(A)* ..0-4
Sat 14 Oct: Leeds United	(A)...0-3
Sat 21 Oct: Hartlepool U	(H) ..1-2
Sat 28 Oct: Huddersfield	(A) ...1-6
Sat 4 Nov: Doncaster Rov	(H) ..1-3
Sat 11 Nov: Sunderland	(A)* 0-10
Sat 18 Nov: Sheff. Wed	(A) ..0-4
Sat 25 Nov: Hull City	(H) ..0-1
Sat 2 Dec: Sheffield Utd	(H) ..1-7
Sat 9 Dec: York City	(A) 0-11
Sat 16 Dec: Darlington	(H) ..3-1
Sat 6 Jan: Newcastle Utd	(A)* ..1-6
Sat 13 Jan: Middlesbrough	(H)* ..2-3
Sat 20 Jan: Rotherham Utd	(A)...1-1
Sat 3 Feb: Hartlepool U	(A)...2-3
Sat 17 Feb: Doncaster Rov	(A)...1-2
Sat 24 Feb: Sunderland	(H)* ..1-2
Sat 2 Mar: Darlington	(A)...2-2
Sat 9 Mar: Rotherham Utd	(H) ..2-4
Sat 16 Mar: Bradford City	(A)...2-6
Sat 23 Mar: Barnsley	(H) ..4-1
Sat 13 Apr: Leeds United	(H) ..1-5
Sat 27 Apr: Huddersfield	(H).....

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SPIREITE IN PROFILE

The increase in attendances at Saltergate from just over 3000 to almost 5000 in two years has certainly improved the club's financial situation, but along with this, the level of administration has also increased dramatically. The home game against Carlisle United at the end of last season brought home the need for a re-assessment of the organisational side and on August 1st, Mick Horton arrived from Mansfield Town as Financial Controller & Administrator.

Mick, who lives in Mansfield Woodhouse, was Secretary at Field Mill for five years prior to his hop across the M1 and previous to that he worked for the T.S.B in Mansfield. "I first got into football when John Jarman, the then Assistant Manager of Mansfield Town, was a customer of the bank's and he asked if I would help with fund-raising for the Stags Youth Team. In turn, this led to me acting as physio to the youth side for ten years! I am part trained in physiotherapy, although I've only really treated it as a hobby", explains Mike. Did he ever play soccer himself? "Only at school and for a little while after I left. I must confess though that I am a Mansfield Town fan!"

Since Mick's arrival, the organisational side of things at the club has improved in leaps and bounds. Last September saw the installation of a high-tec computerised turnstile system. "This means we are aware at any given time exactly how many people are in the ground", explains Mick. "We want to make sure that the problems experienced last season will never happen again and with the club having another good season out on the pitch, we had to plan well in advance. We started looking at the run-in back in February, noting the opposition included Swindon Town and Notts County and the decision was made to make these games all-ticket. Admittedly, we had some problems on Boxing Day when crowds were still queueing to get in at five to three and the kick-off was put back

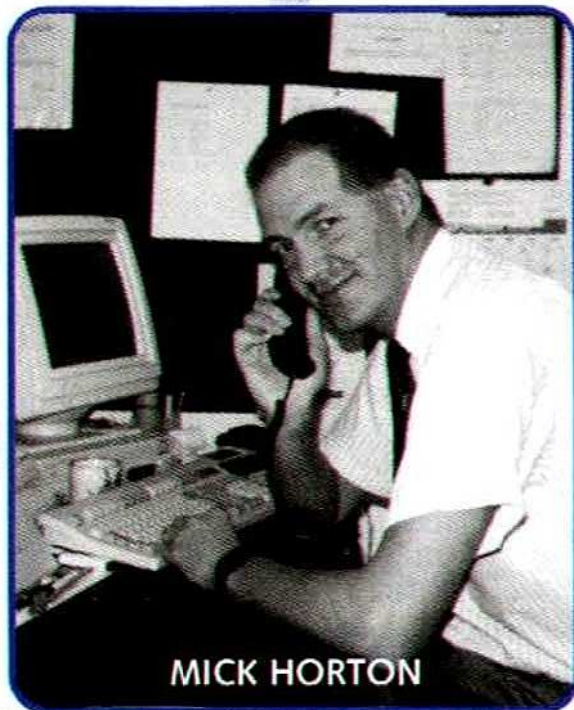
fifteen minutes following consultations between the Safety Officer, police and myself. The referee readily agreed but had to report us to the League. No action was taken but we can't afford to let it happen again. It is for this reason that the kick-off time for the last two midweek home games was altered to 7.45 pm. It would be nice if the ground capacity was higher than it's current 8,954 but the safety of the crowd is obviously imperative."

Every day brings different jobs for Mick. On matchdays he has to make sure that everyone gets in and out of the ground safely. In the run-up to games, match officials have to be organised and looked after on matchdays, together with the various guests in attendance. If there is a doubt over a match going ahead, he has to arrange for a local referee to inspect the pitch and if a postponement is announced, the date for the re-arranged fixture has to be determined. This season has kept Mick very busy in that area! Two or three times a season, the club arranges exercises to deal with any major incidents which could occur at Saltergate and all the stewards and staff are trained to handle an evacuation of the ground if necessary.

One talking point was the crowd trouble last Tuesday night against Walsall. "We must put this into perspective by realising that after twenty-odd games here this season it's the only trouble we've seen inside the ground", says Mick. "It was an isolated incident which could happen at any match and should not be taken out of context. There was only one arrest and two ejections but the disappointing thing was that they all came from Chesterfield and the local press pick that up."

Back to his own football memories, I asked Mick for his greatest moments in the game. "Without any doubt, it has to be Wembley 1987 when Mansfield won the Freight Rover Trophy, not forgetting of course, Wembley 1996 when Chesterfield gain promotion to Division One!"

MARTIN FROST.



MICK HORTON



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WORD OF THE LAW

The thoughts of Club Captain, NICKY LAW

At the time of writing we don't know the result of the Bradford game but we are all looking forward to another big match tonight against Second Division leaders, Swindon Town.

Let's hope we can start better than in our previous three home games which all seem to have followed a similar pattern, with the opposition scoring first and us having to fight back with strong second-half performances.

We the players are as mystified as you as to why it seems to take us until half-time before we get into our stride but I can assure you that we will be trying our best to put that right tonight. Having said that, I think it's fair to say that we deserved more than a draw after our



spirited comebacks against Bristol City and Walsall.

It was a great boost to see our top scorer, Tony Lormor, returning from injury to ease the team's forward problems and an even bigger boost when he got the equaliser in the Walsall match.

As I've mentioned in my previous notes, it's the time of the season when nerves, tension and apprehension can affect the teams striving for success and that's why it's particularly pleasing for myself and all the lads the way you have rallied round the team after half-time in each of the games mentioned. Let's hope we can all achieve the success we desire.
NICKY.

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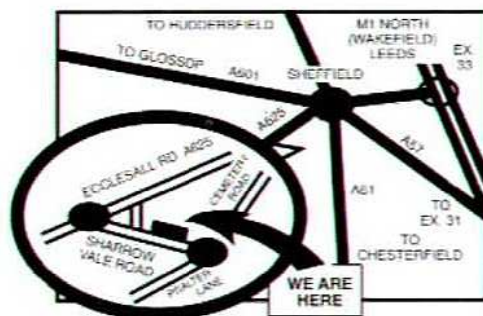
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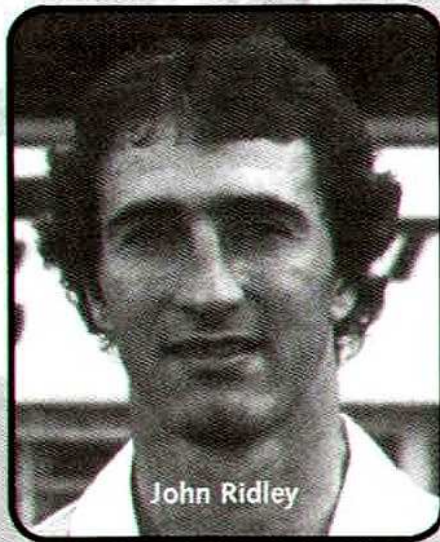
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

The career of a professional footballer is a precarious one. The lucky ones may play through to their mid-thirties before moving into coaching and management. The majority however have to find a new source of income once their playing days are over and it's then that they regret not having obtained qualifications in other fields. One player who made sure that he would have a secure future outside the game was John Ridley.

Consett born John is now a maths teacher at James Brindley High School in Stoke-on-Trent. "I gained a Degree from Sheffield University before concentrating on my football career", recalls John. "I always knew that I would have a much better chance of getting a good job when I finished playing. I started teaching when I was at Saltergate, managing to combine football and a part-time job at Clowne High School. I continued doing both when I returned to Port Vale and for the last 11 years I've been at James Brindley. These days I just teach maths but I used to take a few games lessons as well."

John started his league career at Port Vale, signing as a professional in 1973 and making over 150 league appearances before moving on to Leicester City in 1978. It was from Filbert Street that the big centre-half came to Chesterfield in August 1979. Alongside captain Bill Green at the heart of the Blues defence, John was a key member of Arthur Cox's side which almost took the club into the old Division Two. He made 124 league appearances in three years at Saltergate, returning to Vale Park in the summer of 1982.

"I'll never forget my time at Chesterfield", says John. "We had a superb side and although there was great disappointment at missing out on promotion, I will always



John Ridley

cherish the Anglo-Scottish Cup victories over Glasgow Rangers and Notts County."

Does he keep in touch with any of his former team-mates? "Not really. Living over here in Stoke means that I don't get to see too much of them. I have kept in touch with Colin Tarrt, who also played for both Chesterfield and Port Vale, and I've bumped into Ernie Moss on the non-league circuit. I've also seen Glyn Chamberlain, who now manages one of our local sides - Newcastle Town."

John had two spells at both Stafford Rangers and Matlock Town after his league career came to an end and still plays every weekend in his local

league. "I still enjoy playing", he reveals. "I suppose I do miss the life of a professional footballer a little but I get just as much satisfaction from playing these days as I have ever done." Still appearing in the centre of defence, John's involvement in the game does not finish there. "I've also done a bit of coaching for the Port Vale School of Excellence and have also been asked to play in a warm-up game before a testimonial match for Vale captain, Andy Porter."

John and his wife Shirley live in Trentham, Stoke with their two sons, Martin and Paul. Away from work and football, John is a keen golfer. "I used to be a member of Chesterfield Golf Club and I'm proud to say that my handicap is now down to seven!" Both Martin and Paul play soccer; 13 year old Paul with the Stoke District side and Martin (16) is on the verge of signing Youth Training forms with Aston Villa. Look out for those two names in the future!

Thanks for your time John and all the best for the future.
MARTIN FROST





MATCH POINTS



THE MATCH

Saturday 13th April 1996.
Endsleigh Insurance League Division Two.

CHESTERFIELD 1 BRISTOL CITY 1

THE ACTION

GOALS: CFC - McDougald (60m).

BCFC - Owers (19m).

BOOKINGS: CFC - Hazel (39m).

BCFC - Owers (35m).

GOAL ATTEMPTS:

Chesterfield - first half: 7, second half: 18, total: 25.

Bristol City - first half: 3, second half: 1, total: 4.

CORNERS:

Chesterfield - first half: 4, second half: 6, total: 10.

Bristol City - first half: 0, second half: 2, total: 2.

THE TEAMS

CHESTERFIELD: Beasley, Hewitt, Dyche, Curtis, Williams, Law (capt), Hazel, McDougald, Lormor, Holland, Jules. Unused subs: Rogers, Howard & Hathaway.

BRISTOL CITY: Welch, Owers, Barnard, McLeary (capt), Peterson, Kuhl, Fowler (sub Bent 75m), Hewlett, Nugent, Agostino (sub Seal 89m), Tinnion. Unused sub: Dryden.

REFeree: David Orr (Ivor, Bucks.)

ATTENDANCE: 4619.

THE BOTTOM LINE

John Duncan welcomed back leading goalscorer Tony Lormor as the Blues strived to put some daylight between themselves and the chasing pack. Despite a lively opening spell in which Hazel and Jules pushed up to support Lormor and McDougald it was the visitors who struck first when a well worked free-kick saw Nugent slip the ball inside for Gary Owers to race through and shoot past Andy Beasley in the 19th minute.

The Spireites laid siege on the Bristol goal immediately after the interval with Paul Holland seeing one effort cleared off the line, another saved by Welch and a fine header coming back off the crossbar. Nicky Law also had a header cleared off the line and McDougald nodded wide from close range before the on-loan

Brighton man struck in the 60th minute for the second week in succession. Des Hazel played the ball through for Junior to draw the keeper and keep his cool before netting a deserved equaliser.

Chesterfield were unable to keep up the ferocious pressure but still dominated play with Hazel in magnificent form and Lormor winning everything in the air. The best chance of a winner fell to the hard-working Holland 16 minutes from the end but he scuffed his shot into the grateful arms of Welch with just the former Rochdale man to beat.

The disappointment of dropping two home points was tempered somewhat by the defeat of Bradford City at Walsall and the news that Bristol Rovers had only drawn at home to Blackpool to give the Blues a fragile two point cushion in sixth place.

THE MATCH

Tuesday 16th April 1996.
Endsleigh Insurance League Division Two.

CHESTERFIELD 1 WALSALL 1

THE ACTION

GOALS: CFC - Lormor (51m).

WEC - Lightbourne (33m).

BOOKINGS: CFC - Law (45m) & Williams (76m).

GOAL ATTEMPTS:

Chesterfield - first half: 8, second half: 7, total: 15.

Walsall - first half: 6, second half: 4, total: 10.

CORNERS:

Chesterfield - first half: 5, second half: 3, total: 8.

Walsall - first half: 2, second half: 2, total: 4.

THE TEAMS

CHESTERFIELD: Mercer, Hewitt, Dyche, Curtis, Williams, Law (capt), Hazel, McDougald, Lormor, Holland, Jules. Unused subs: L.Rogers, Howard & Hathaway.

WALSALL: Walker, Ntamark, Daniel, Viveash, Marsh, Mountfield, O'Connor, Bradley, Lightbourne, Wilson, Houghton. Unused subs: D.Rogers, Butler & Palmer.

REFeree: Terry Heilbron (Newton Aycliff).

ATTENDANCE: 4508.



THE BOTTOM LINE

The Blues were forced to settle for a single point at home for the second time in four days in a match which followed similar lines to the Bristol City encounter.

Billy Mercer returned from illness to take over from Andy Beasley in an otherwise unchanged line-up and it was a rare mistake from the former Sheffield United man which led to the visitors snatching a shock lead after 33 minutes. Mercer came off his line to meet a Kevin Wilson cross out: failed to reach the ball leaving Kyle Lightbourne with a header into an empty net.

A dramatic five minute spell immediately before the interval started with a lengthy stoppage as fighting fans were ejected from the crowd, before referee Hellbron failed to notice a blatant hand-ball offence in the Walsall penalty area. Tony Lormor then forced a fine save out of Walker and Paul Holland blasted the rebound against the angle of post and crossbar, and to cap it all, Nicky Law saw a deflected shot ruled out by a linesman's flag.

Recent Saltergate matches suggested that the Spireites would come out with all guns blazing for the second half and that's exactly what happened as Lormor headed the equaliser just six minutes after the re-start following excellent work by Des Hazel. The tricky winger set-up top scorer Lormor with another chance after 67 minutes but he fired over an open goal and Junior McDougald also missed a great opportunity seven minutes from time as the Spireites finished strongly without further reward.

KEVIN BARSON.



HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Name the beaten Semi-Finalists in this season's Coca-Cola Cup.
2. Which player was the top scorer in the Football League last season?
3. Who was the world's first one million pound player in 1973?
4. Which Italian side are sponsored by Pirelli?
5. In which country would you find F.C Twente?
6. What colour shirts do Albania play in?
7. Which country did England beat 8-0 in the 1986 World Cup Qualifiers?
8. Which team played in their change strip in three consecutive F.A Cup Finals?
9. Which was the first club side to win all three major European trophies?
10. Which club appointed a Uruguayan manager in 1988?

JOHN O'BRIEN.

ANSWERS: 1. Arsenal & Birmingham City. 2. Gary Bennett. 3. Johan Cruyff. 4. Inter Milan. 5. Holland. 6. Red. 7. Turkey. 8. Arsenal in 1978-79-80. 9. Juventus. 10. Rochdale - Danny Bergara.

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THE FINAL WHISTLE

The Thoughts of our resident ex-ref John O'Brien

Is it a good idea to have an elite band of referees who just officiate in the Premier League? In my opinion, refs should take whatever match is on offer. After all, all referees are of the same grade and perhaps the standard would improve if they officiated across the board.

The current system leads to clubs and referees getting a little over familiar. The man in the middle is only human and any incidents occurring in one match would still be in the memory when he comes face to face with that team again. If referees spread their appointments out over all four divisions, the chances of getting the same team on a regular basis are thin.

Bearing this in mind, I read with great interest an article by an Everton F.C reporter in a Liverpool newspaper. He's made a study of all the referees to have taken charge of the Goodison Park club this season. His results run to the middle of March and are quite unbelievable. Yellow and red cards seem to have been thrown around like confetti and the referees in question are as follows:

- Mike Reed - five games. 18 yellow cards - 1 red.
- Graham Poll - three games. 14 yellow cards - 1 red.
- Paul Alcock - two games. 9 yellow cards - 3 red.
- Martin Bodenham - Four games. 10 yellow cards.
- Paul Danson - two games. 9 yellow cards.
- Steven Lodge - two games. 9 yellow cards.
- Robbie Hart - one game. 6 yellow cards - 1 red.
- Peter Jones - one game. 7 yellow cards.
- Jeff Winter - two games. 5 yellow cards - 1 red.
- Alan Wilkie - two games. 6 yellow cards.
- Paul Durkin - two games. 4 yellow cards - 1 red.
- Steve Dunn - one game. 5 yellow cards.
- Dermot Gallagher - two games. 5 yellow cards.
- Keith Burge - two games. 5 yellow cards.
- Keith Cooper - two games. 3 yellow cards.
- David Elleray - one game. 2 yellow cards.
- Roger Dilkes - two games. 1 yellow card.

It's an incredible league table isn't it? Surprisingly enough, the man most people would reckon to referee strictly by the book - David Elleray, is next to the bottom whereas Mike Reed, who always gives the impression that he likes to give the game a chance, is way out in front with a remarkable 19 cards in five Everton games. That's an average of four cards per match so if he takes charge of forty games in a season he will have issued 160 cautions; now that's a lot of writing!

I bet Everton are relieved they haven't reached the F.A Cup Final what with Mr. Reed in the middle, messrs Poll and Adcock on the line and Martin Bodenham as the reserve official. They've notched up the small matter of 56 cards between them in Everton games this season! So perhaps that's what they mean by an elite band of referees!

Supporters Club Notes

Good evening and welcome to Saltergate on behalf of the Supporters Club. A warm welcome also to the travelling fans from Swindon.

As announced in last week's programme, we've organised an end of season party for the youngsters. It will take place on Wednesday May 1st in the Saltergate Club from 7-9 pm. Tickets are priced at just £1.00 for Junior Supporters Club members and £1.50 for everyone else. The price includes a buffet and disco - the players will be present so bring your friends along to meet them. Our thanks to Dave Allen and wife Janet for the use of the room.

Bookings are now being taken for the CFC Away Travel Club trips to Bournemouth on Saturday and York City next Tuesday. The Bournemouth coach departs at 8.30 a.m and the fare is £13.50, with a £1.00 concession for O.A.P's / juveniles and UB40 holders. Meanwhile it's a 4.30 p.m start to York a week tonight and the fare is £6.00 & £5.00. Please book as soon as possible.

A reminder that due to a few people not being able to make the Bournemouth weekend on Friday, a small number of places are up for grabs. If you would like to come along it's not too late but please call in and let me have your £74 tonight to enable the coaches and hotel accommodation to be finalised.

We are looking for someone with a P.C to lend a hand next season with a new competition in which fans predict the winners of the four divisions. If you are willing and able to maintain a database for us please get in touch with myself for more details.

The Supporters Club is planning to organise Wembley trips on a regular basis in the near future to take in full and possibly Under-21 England Internationals. Can anyone who might be interested in such a venture please leave their names and phone numbers in the Saltergate Club. Thanks to everyone who has supported our Golden Goal scheme this season. It's been a great success, enabling us to bring some different stock into the Kop Shop. Keep buying the tickets!

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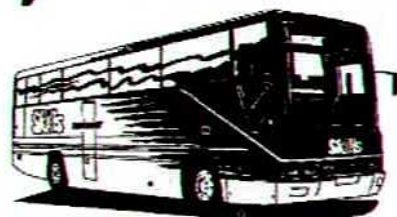
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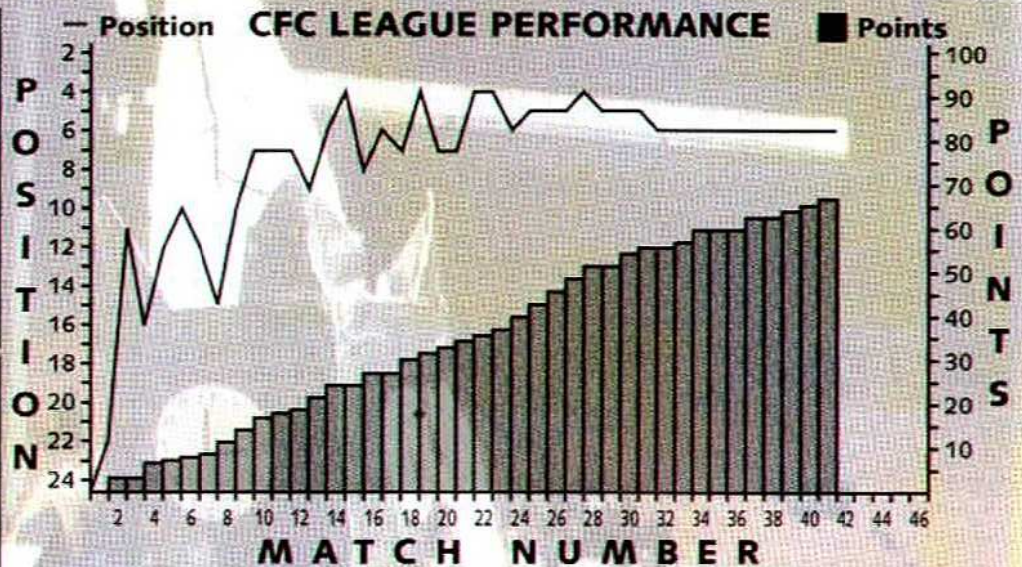
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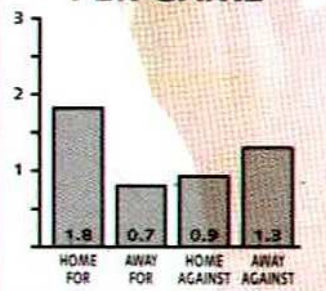
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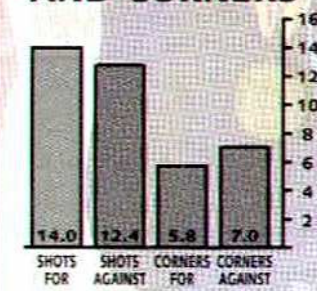
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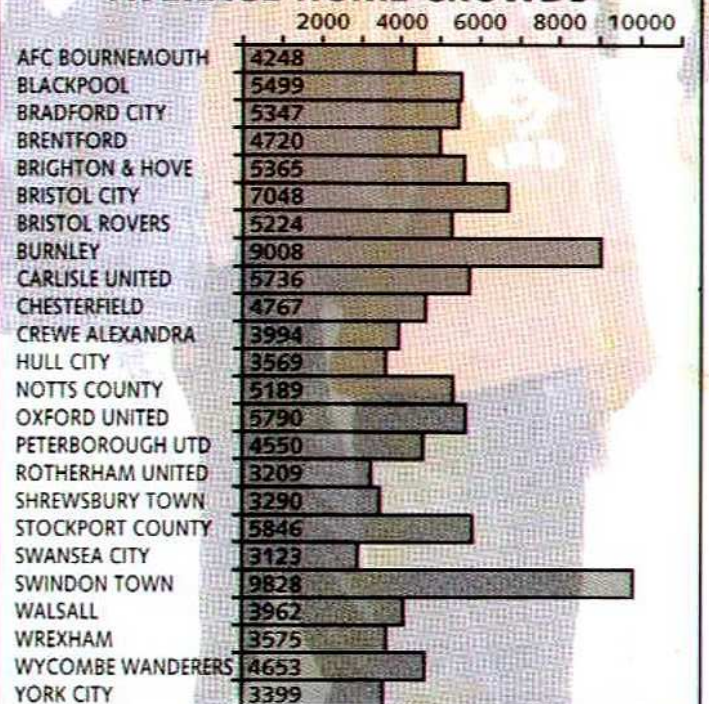
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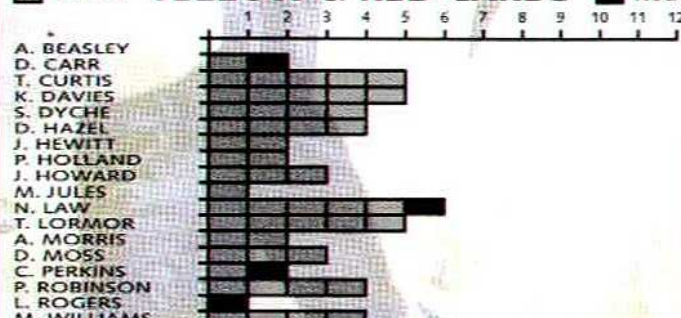
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