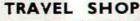


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# FOCUS ON ALAN OAKES



After taking a well-earned point from Rotherham on Saturday, I have high hopes that we have started to turn the corner this season.

It was not so much the point, but the way we earned it which I found so encouraging. We played our best football of the season, particularly in the first-half, and it was a pity that it needed a penalty to stop us winning away for the first time since last February.

I know you will give a big welcome to-day to our new signing, Doug. Livermore, who had an impressive debut for us at Rotherham. Doug. has always been a consistent player for Liverpool, Norwich and Cardiff, and I am sure he will do a good job for us here at Sealand Road.

You will not need me to remind you that we have not had a victory since we beat Sheffield Wednesday here on 14th September—so a win against Swindon to-day would be a real tonic for all of us.

In welcoming the players and officials of Swindon, I must add that we will be keen to give our own fans this long-awaited win, but our visitors have a good reputation for playing good, attacking football, so we know our task will be far fom easy.

Finally, a word about a youth team who did us proud by beating Macclesfield 4-0 here last week, to reach the first round proper of the F.A. Youth Cup. At the time of writing, the draw has not been made, but Cliff Sear and his lads deserve a good tie. They have scored twelve goals in their three matches in the competition so far, and if they are lucky enough to have a home game, I would urge you to come and watch the players who hold the key to the future of our club.

### THE NEXT DIVISION III HOME FIXTURE

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# SWINDON TOWN

After the success 'The Robins' had in the late 60's and early 70's, the fans at the County Ground will be looking to Manager Danny Williams to repeat his feat of leading the club into the Second Division, and perhaps another trip to Wembley. Williams, of course, was Manager in the best season the club ever had, that being 1968-69, when they finished second on goal average to Watford in the Third Div., and defeated Arsenal on a mud-patch of a pitch at Wembley to win the League Cup. Yorkshireman Williams spent his playing career at Rotherham, where he was a member of the team that won promotion to the Second Division in 1951; he later became Trainer, Coach, and then Manager. In 1965 he left Millmoor to take over the Swindon job from Bert Head. After his triumphs with Swindon, he left in the same year to take over his home-town club: Sheffield Wednesday, Unfortunately, he was unable to save the Hillsborough side from finishing bottom of the First Division. He stayed with Wednesday until 1971, when he joined Mansfield, where unfortunately his team were relegated in 1971-72 season. He re-joined 'The Robins' in 1974, and in 1975 missed promotion to the Second Division by just two points. Last season, after a bright start, they fell away, and were never really in contention for honours. This season their away form has let them down, suffering defeats at the hands of Lincoln, Cambridge, Walsall and Wrexham, with draws at Sheffield W. and Preston. At home they have shown some fine form, including a fine 5-0 thrashing of Shrewsbury, plus wins over Portsmouth, Peterborough and Chesterfield. Bradford City won there 1-0, and Bury drew 1-1. Their finest performance of the season came in the second round of the League Cup ,when thrashing Second Division Cardiff 5-1; the previous round, another Welsh team, were the victims, Swansea losing 5-2 on aggregate.

In between the sticks for Swindon will be Inverness-born JIMMY ALLAN, who took over from the now departed Jim

Barron. 'The Robins' are his only club, and last season he missed only three appearances. Still waiting his chance is understudy KEVIN ROBERTS, who hails from Bristol. JOHN McLAUGHLIN, a utility man, is nowadays usual choice at rightback, although he has appeared in eight different positions for the Town; his only other club is Colchester United, where he made 66 appearances. Maintaining the left-back position will be 'Mr. Swindon Town' himself: JOHN TROLLOPE, who is the last surviving member of that famous League Cup winning side in 1969 still with 'The Robins'; John holds the appearances record for Swindon, having now made over 700 outings !! At the centre of the defence Welsh under-23 international AIZLEWOOD is a commanding figure; a sizeable fee brought the Welshman from his home town club Newport County, where he had clocked up nearly 200 appearances. Alongside him this season has been COLIN PROPHETT, an experienced defender who was signed from Norwich City after starting his career with Sheffield Wednesday; is now close to completing 300 League appearances. Glas-wegian TONY TAYLOR is a well travelled defender who made twenty League outings last season, mainly at full-back; his list of clubs include Kilmarnock, Celtic, Morton, Crystal Palace and Southend Utd. Another Scot is FRANK BURROWS who began in soccer with Raith Rovers before moving to Scunthorpe United, where he made nearly 300 appearances before joining Swindon, and has since been on loan to Mansfield. Yorkshireman RAY MCHALE began life as a full-back ,but has since been successfully converted into a fine midfield player, and is somewhat of a penalty and free-kick expert, from where a lot of his goals have come; began with Chesterfield, and went on to skipper Halifax Town before moving to rural Wilt-KENNY STROUD now seems to have made the number 4 shirt his own; has the knack of scoring the odd spectacular goal, as most Evertonians will remember in the F.A. Cup last season; Swindon is his only club; he made 42 appearances last season. Up front, DAVE MOSS is a lively raider from the rightwing berth; last season Dave was Swindon's leading scorer with 21 League and Cup goals; along with Stroud, is a one-club man; made 44 League appearances last term. One of Swindon's big-buys this season is ANDY FORD, from Southend United, where he operated mainly at left-back; at the County Ground he has been given the number eight shirt, and has operated there with some success; born in Minehead, he began his career with Bournemouth, where he failed to break into the first team, before moving to Southend. The other new man in 'The Robins' line-up this season is giant striker CHRIS GUTHRIE; a reported £25,000 fee secured his services from Sheffield United

during the close season; he began his football career with Newcastle United as a youngster, but found his chances limited, making three appearances; a move to Southend United seemed to suit him, where he made 108 League outings, scoring 36 goals; this prompted Sheffield United to pay out a reported six-figure fee for his services; whilst at Sheffield he appeared sixty times, scoring 15 goals. Northern Ireland international TREVOR ANDERSON is a player in whom Chester showed an interest earlier this season; Belfast-born, he was spotted by Manchester United whilst playing for Portadown; United wasted no time in signing him, where he was immediately compared with George Best; after 19 appearances for United, Swindon signed him for a large fee, and last season he made 41 appearances in a midfield-cum-striker role with 18 League and Cup goals. Striker MICKEY FRENCH has found his chances rather limited after moving from Brentford; made seven appearances last term, scoring one goal; began his career with Q.P.R. A couple of youngsters waiting their chance are RUSS LEWIS, a defender who made four appearances last season, and six-footer PAUL COLLICUTT, who up until the end of last season had not broken into the first-team Latest signing is young coloured striker CHRIS KAMARA; a sizeable fee brought him from Portsmouth, his only other club; big things are expected of him



A Super Seals special coach has been arranged for our away match with PRESTON NORTH END on SATURDAY. 29th OCTOBER - the RETURN FARE is £1.15, and coaches will depart from the bus station at 12.15 p.m. Travel vouchers are available from the Club Shop in Grosvenor Street, Chester Tickets as usual will be sold on first-come first-served basis. The behaviour of Seals supporters this season on visiting grounds has been impeccable - please let us keep up the good work, and retain the fine name which Chester F.C. has obtained for sportsmanship.

# The Likely Lads . . .

The main photo on the front of to-day's Seals Review features the youngsters of Chester F.C., who are now in the 1st round draw proper of this season's F.A. Youth Cup. So far in the competition our opponents have been Halifax, Crewe, and our last victory was against Macclesfield Youth; the 12 goals which the lads have scored to date have been shared by two players, Paul Lewis and lan Rush; both have scored six goals. In the last round they both notched a pair. Paul hails from Shotton, and lan is from Flint.

Cliff Sear, Chester F.C.'s youth team manager, has done a splendid job during the early weeks of this season, and the lads are a credit to the hard work and endeavour which he puts in. Two members of Chester's squad were picked for the Welsh youth team which played against France in Paris; they were lan Rush and David Rowlands - in fact they only arrived back at 5 a.m. on Monday before the game. Ian then played two further games for his school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons before donning a Chester F.C. shirt. For the record, the players featured in the photo are: back row (left to right): David Prestidge, Ian Rush, Kevin Higgins, David Jones, David Rowlands, Ian Edwards, Paul Needham, Stephen Ball; front row (I-r): Gareth Eynon, Dave Gregory, Paul Lewis, Richard Gendall, Keith Massey.

A large number of these lads are starting to form the basis of the squad for the club's LANCASHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES. Forthcomnig home dates are as follows:—

October 29th v. BLACKPOOL 'A'
November 5th v. BOLTON WDRS 'B'
November 19th v. MANCH'ST'R CITY 'A'

The above games kick-off at 2.30 p.m., and the club would like to see as many supporters as possible giving the youngsters a shout — why not call?

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A complete Third Division fixture list appears on page ten of to-day's Review, which will be kept up-to-date with all Chester F.C.'s goalscorers, attendances and cup-ties in which the club are engaged.

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

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Tranmere	12	7	2	3	17	8	16	
Gillingham	13	6	4	3	25	20	16	
Colchester	13	5	5	3	17	9	15	
Wrexham	13	5	5	3	19	15	15	
Shrewsbury	13	6	3	4	23	20	15	
Bury	12	5	5	2	15	12	15	
Rotherham	13	6	3	4	20	18	15	
Peterborough	13	5	5	3	11	11	15	
Oxford	13	5	4	4	19	16	14	
Preston	12	4	6	2	12	9	14	ı.
Exeter	13	5	3	5	17	13	13	
Walsall .	13	3	7	3	13	14	13	
Swindon	13	4	4	5	20	19	12	
Plymouth	13	3	6	4	14	16	12	
Chesterfield	13	5	2	6	12	14	12	
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Portsmouth	12	2	7	3	9	11	11	
Lincoln	13	4	2	7	14	16	10	
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Port Vale	12	3	4	5	13	21	10	
Carlisle	13	2	5	6	13	18	9	
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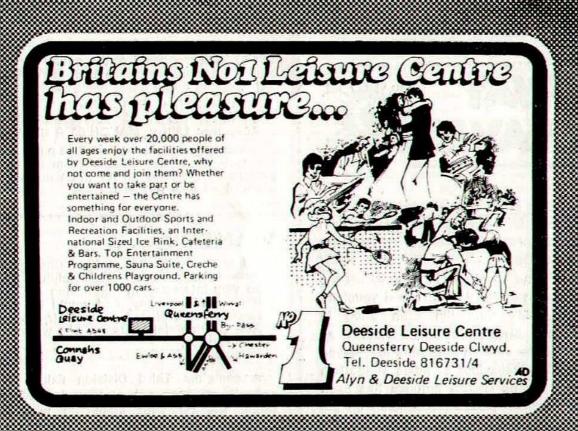
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### APPEARANCES

#### TABLE . . .

Appearances for Division Three, League Cup and F.A. Cup during 1977-78

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# It only seems like Yesterday . . .

### **1YEAR AGO**

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE — SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1976
READING — Death, Henderson, Moreline, Cumming, Hetzke, Youlden, Murray,
Hiron, Friday, Dunphy, Stuckey, sub: Nelson.
CHESTER — Millington, Edwards, Raynor, Nickeas, Delgado, Oakes, Owen,
Richardson, Dearden, Mason, Crossley, sub: Draper.
Reading had tall front-runner Ray Hiron back after a ten-week lay-off, and he was soon

challenging for deep centres which came his way. The Seals counter-attacked well, with Oakes and Richardson using many long defence-splitting passes. In the 23rd minute Gren. Millington made a superb acrobatic save from John Murray; from the corner Chester went behind. Former Manchester United forward Eamonn Dunphy took the corner, Ray Hiron went up for the floating cross, but it was Robin Friday who was on hand to bundle the ball over the line. The goal was against the run of play, as City controlled proceedings. During the second-half Chester had many half-chances to square things at one-all, but Steve Death proved to be in fine form. Chester were well on top, and territorially were a far superior team on the day—but the inevitable happened: a team is well on top and it falls for a sucker quick breakaway. Steve Hetzke cleared a long ball out of his defence, which was carried on by Ray Hiron; he ran diagonally across the eighteen-yard box and chipped a shot-cum-centre which Gordon Cummings gladly dive-headed past the advancing Millington. Referee: D. Smith, Hornchurch. Attendance: 5,550.

Final score: Reading 2 (Friday, Cumming); Chester 0.

### EARS AGO

SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1972 LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR MANSFIELD - Brown, Pate, Walker, Longhorn, Ellis, Bird, Foster, Wignall Fairbrother, Laverick, McCaffrey, sub: Roberts.

CHESTER - Taylor, Edwards, Griffiths, Wallace, Turner, Pountney, Carter, Owen,

Draper, Kennedy, Hollis, sub: Clapham.

When Chester travelled to Field Mill Mansfield, they had no idea how important winning the toss could be. On a bright day when the sun played its usual tricks, it had more than a hand in Mansfield's win. The turnabout came in the 58th minute with the score 1-1; Taylor came out for a McCaffrey cross, but dazzled by the sun he allowed the ball to bounce off his chest and into the net. The performance beforehand had been promising. Hollis missed the opportunity of an early goal before Fairbrother scored in the 18th minute. The attacking football paid dividends for Chester in the 38th minute when Wallace tapped a short free-kick to Griffiths, who hammered it home from 25 yards; saved by the alertness of Taylor and Edwards on the Chester line before the disaster. Mansfield sealed the points with two further goals soon after. Fairbrother turned in a McCaffrey cross for the third; then Laverick scored the fourth near the end. Unable to master the skills of McCaffrey down the wings, it was he who ensured that Mansfield remained top of the League, while Chester continued their slide downwards.

Referee: W. Johnson, Kendal. Final score: Mansfield 4 (Fairbrother 2, Laverick, Taylor o.g.), Chester 1 (Griffiths).

LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1967 CHESTER - Carling, Metcalf, Evans, Ashworth, Sutton, Moir, Jones L., Hancox, Ryden, Morris.

HALIFAX - White, Russell, Pickering, Smith, Holt, Shawcross, Fowler, Massie, Parks, McCarthy, Taylor.

After failing in a goalless draw with lowly Bradford City the previous Saturday, hopes were not high of Chester achieving their fourth win of the season against a team beaten only twice in twelve outings. Needing a good start to boost their confidence, they were given just the opposite when, against the run of play, Halifax took the lead through Massie after 14 minutes. Four minutes later Chester were rewarded for their long spell of pressure when Moir was fouled in the area, and Metcalfe made it 1-1. The inspiration behind the performance was the youngster David Hancox, and it came as no surprise when he scored just inside the upright after 36 minutes to make it 2-1. With the visitors' defence at sixes and sevens, Ryden appeared to have got the third soon after, but it was disallowed for an infringement. Stunned by the decision, the Chester defence stood and watched as Halifax counter-attacked, allowing Taylor to equalise. A 2-2 scoreline gave a false impression of the run of play, and appeared as if this would be the final score, until three minutes from the end when Hancox crossed for Morris to hit a well-deserved winner. Referee: J. H. Yates, Redditch, Attendance: 3,419.

Final score: Chester 3 (Metcalfe pen., Hancox, Morris), Halifax 2 (Massie, Taylor),

# IN OFF THE POST

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Dear Chester F.C.,

In one of last season's Seals Reviews there was an interesting article which the programme editors compiled concerning English-born players with strange-sounding and foreign-looking names, i.e.: Anton Otulakowsi of West Ham, and Manny Andruszewski, the young Southampton defender. It gave me an idea during the early part of the current season as to how many teams could be made up of players playing regularly in the English League who were born outside the U.K. and Eire? If so, could the team(s) be constructed with a degree of positional accuracy. After much searching and researching old books and annuals, I arrived with the following:—

Club: Birthplace: Name: -KEVIN KEELAN Norwich City Calcutta, India 2—BRENDAN BATSON Cambridge United Grenada, West Indies St. Kitts, West Indies 3-CES PODD Bradford City 4-JIMMY NICHOLL Canada Manchester United 5—IAN McDONALD Carlisle United Rinteln, West Germany 6—LLOYD RICHARDS 7—COLIN VILJOEN Notts County Jamaica, West Indies Ipswich Town Johannesburg, South Africa 8—GORDON SWEETZER 9—JOE COOKE 10—BILLY EAMES Brentford Toronto, Canada Bradford City Dominica, West Indies Portsmouth Malta 11—TRISTAN BENJAMIN Notts County St. Kitts, West Indies

After selecting the above side, which as you can see is a very strong team of experienced league performers from foreign lands, I found that a side of up-and-coming

youngsters could also be produced:—

Name:
Club:
Birthplace:

-ROY TUNKS Preston North End Wuppentall, West Germany 2-DENNIS SALMAN Brentford Famagusta 3—WILF SMITH 4—BERT BOWERY Chesterfield Berlin Notts Forest St. Kitts, West Indies Sheffield United 5-JOHN CUTBUSH Malta Wolves Jamaica, West Indies 6-BOB HAZELL 7—CHARLIE YOUNG Aston Villa Nicosia 8—LUTHER BLISSETT 9—CYRILLE REGIS Watford Trinidad French Guyana West Bromwich Albion 10-FLOYD STREETE Cambridge United West Indies Orient Owerri, Nigeria

One interesting fact that arises from my two 'teams' named is that nine of them come from the cricketing stronghold of the West Indies! Could this be a pointer of things to come? Distribution of these 22 players among the divisions shows that the third division has eight of the above players turning out regularly. COLIN SUMPTER, Oswestry. Thanks, Colin, for a really interesting letter. — If you would like an article featuring in the 'Seals Review', please send your letters to the above address.

#### NOTES ON DOUG LIVERMORE . .

Now that midfield star DOUG LIVERMORE has joined the Seals, a number of fans have been asking for details on Doug. The Programme Editors have come up with the following information: He began his career in football with Liverpool, joining them straight from school; whilst at Anfield he was a regular member of their Central League side, and also made fifteen First Division appearances; but with such an abundance of midfield talent at Anfield, chances were hard to come by. On 26th November, 1970, he joined Norwich City for a reported £25,000 fee; in 1971-72 season he missed only one match for 'The Canaries' as Norwich won the Second Division championship, and quickly established himself a firm favourite with the Carrow Road fans; in 1973 he appeared in the League final for Norwich v. Spurs at Wembley. Whilst at Norwich he made 114 League appearances, scoring four goals; he also had a ten-match loan spell with Bournemouth. In August 1975 he joined Cardiff City for a reported £20,000 fee, and immediately established himself a regular place in the Cardiff midfield; he played, or was substitute, in all of Cardiff's games last season. This season, Doug, played in the first three Second Division games, and was then injured, but came back into the Cardiff side to score in a match at Sunderland. When Cardiff boss Jimmy Andrews made him available for transfer, Chester were quick to move in with a reported £12,000 fee, to bring the 28-years-old midfielder nearer to his native Huyton.

# SEALS STATISTICS 77-78

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15 (Sat)—Rotherham United ... A
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DEREK WEBB - Radcliffe

Employed as a sales representative in the building industry; he started refereeing at the early age of 16 in the Southport League, and progressed on to Liverpool and Manchester leagues before officiating in the Lancashire Combination, and subsequently the Football League, Has taken part in seventeen local and county cup finals. Enjoys all forms of sport; is also a keen gardener and music lover.

# ON THE BALL

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#### CHESTER

Colours:

Shirts: Blue and White Stripes

- Brian Lloyd
- 2 Paul Raynor
  - 3 Jim Walker
  - **4 Trevor Storton**
  - 5 Bob Delgado
  - 6 Alan Oakes
  - 7 Paul Crossley
  - 8 Doug Livermore
  - 9 Mick Kearney
  - 10 Ian Edwards
  - 11 Ron Phillips

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Sub.

#### SWINDON

Colours:

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Shirts: Red with White facings

Jimmy Allan

Andy Ford 2

John Trollope 3 John McLaughlin 4

Steve Aizlewood 5

Colin Prophett

Dave Moss

Kenny Stroud

Mickey French

Ray McHale 10

Trevor Anderson 11

Sub. Chris Kamara 12

Linesmen: (Red) B. Adams, Stourbridge

(Yellow) A. Elcock, Kidderminster

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