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## **FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS** **—: at layer road:—**

Local Derby time and there's nothing like a clash with our sea-side neighbours Southend United to stir the pulse. They come on Friday October 20th (kick off 7.30 p.m.).

Southend, managed by Dave Smith, are just up from the Fourth Division after so many near misses at promotion. They have made a useful start to the campaign too and local fans will be able to see some new and comparatively new faces. Latest in is Dave Cusack, mid-field ace from Sheffield Wednesday who cost a record £50,000 only recently.

Making his mark during last season's success was Graham Fell snapped up from Brighton and he's already scored some vital goals this time. Up front the men to watch, alongside Fell, are Colin Morris who has proved a real bargain buy from Burnley and Stuart Parker. Morris it was who grabbed the one goal winner when Southend last came to Layer Road a

couple of seasons back.

Melvin Cawston, formerly with Norwich City, is now the regular goalkeeper and at the back Tony Hadley, is the central defender and a good one at that with the knack of popping up with vital goals.

Southend are very much in the news right now with ambitious plans for the future that include a £1 million project with a well known supermarket concern that could make them just about the richest club outside the First Division.

We can certainly expect some game as usual on October 20th. All roads should lead to Layer Road that night.

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## Manager's View

The return of Friday night football to Layer Road, and we extend a warm welcome to Swindon newly managed by Bobby Smith, who used to be boss of Bury with marked success. The Wiltshire club with a fine Football League Cup win over West Ham United at Up-

ton Park already under their belts and some useful League results will certainly provide our lads with yet another tough test.

As far as we are concerned, though, we have found some useful form and it will be up to us to carry on in this confident vein and pick up the two important points edging us nearer the leading group.

Swindon's boss Bobby Smith, has recruited some new players, notably two from his old club, in Rowlands and Williams and they have players everywhere of experience.

The Doncaster Rovers winger,



BOBBY ROBERTS

Miller, is another useful player whom we have encountered in the past and for sure our defence will have to be on their toes tonight. Having picked up more than our fair share of injuries in the past few weeks our squad has shown great character. They have got their heads down and battled it out and this is, of course, what is fully needed as we press home to keep well in the running in the so competitive Third Division.

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**STEVE AIZLEWOOD***Defender*

Steve started with home-town Newport County in 1969 and made 191 appearances for them before joining Swindon in March 1976. Had made 71 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season and is a former Welsh under 23 International.

**JIMMY ALLAN***Goalkeeper*

Born in Inverness he was signed from Brora Rangers in October, 1970 as an apprentice and on full forms nine months later. Although he made his debut in September 1971, it was not until 1976/77 that he became established in the side. Had made 158 League appearances at the end of last season.

**PHIL BATES***Forward*

Known as Chic he comes from West Bromwich but spent seven

years as a part-time Southern League player before signing for Shrewsbury in 1974. Made 160 League appearances for Shrewsbury being top scorer for two seasons before signing for Swindon in January, 1978. Made a further eleven appearances for Swindon last season.

**ROY CARTER***Midfield*

Roy who comes from Torpoint, Cornwall played part-time Western League football with Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975. He quickly established himself in the side there and played in the team that won promotion to the Second Division in 1975/76. Signed for Swindon in December 1977 having made 64 League appearances for Hereford and had made 18 more for Swindon by the seasons end.

**DAVID CUNNINGHAM***Forward*

Dave, from Kircaldy, played 44 games for Brechin City in the Scottish League and moved to Southend in 1973. After 56 League appearances and a period on loan to Hartlepool he moved to Swindon in the 1977 close season and made 16 League appearances last season. Although short in stature he does not lack determination and can play in midfield or on the wing.

**ANDY FORD***Defender*

Andy comes from Minehead and started his career with Bournemouth although he did not reach their League team. A move to Southend in 1972 led to a place in that club's League side and he made 135 such appearances before moving to Swindon at the start of last season. He made 33 appearances last season mostly at left back where he has taken over from the long serving John Trollope, but he has also played in midfield and as a Central Defender.

**GUS GILLIGAN***Forward*

One of the club's younger players he comes from Abingdon and has been a regular scorer with the Youth and Reserve Teams. Played twice in the League team last season.

**CHRIS GUTHRIE***Forward***ME****Today's**

Chris made only 5 League appearances for his home town club Newcastle but he became a regular member of the Southend side following his transfer in 1972/73. After 107 appearances and twice being leading scorer he moved to Sheffield United in the summer of 1975 but never settled and was transferred to Swindon 58 games later in the summer of 1977. Chris made 38 appearances for Swindon last season and plays a traditional centre forward role.

**CHRIS KAMARA***Midfield*

Chris comes from Middlesbrough but made his League debut for Portsmouth in September 1975 as one of a number of young players given a first team chance by that club due to financial problems. Those problems forced Portsmouth to sell Chris to Swindon just before last season after 56 League games and he has since played 40 more for Swindon.

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# ET Visitors

## *Defender*

Russell comes from Blaengwynfi and was signed from Welsh League football in the early part of the 1976/77 season. A young player who had made 6 League appearances to the end of last season in central defensive roles.

## **RAY McHALE**

### *Midfield*

Ray comes from Sheffield and made his League debut for Chesterfield in season 1971/72. After 123 League games he signed for Halifax Town where he was top scorer in one season although a midfield player. He did not miss a single match before signing for Swindon in September 1976 after 86 games. Ray made 81 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season and usually plays as the link man in midfield although he likes to get forward and has a hard shot that made him the regular penalty taker last term.

## **JOHN McLAUGHLIN**

### *Defender*

John a Londoner, made his debut

for Colchester in season 1971/72 but after winning England youth honours and 66 League games he moved to Swindon in December 1973. Had made 177 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season mostly at right back, but he also had quite a lot of experience in midfield.

## **COLIN PROPHETT**

### *Defender*

Colin comes from Crewe and his first professional club was Sheffield Wednesday for whom he made 113 League appearances. In 1973 he moved to Norwich but only stayed until September 1974. He made 34 First Division appearances before his move to Swindon for whom he had played 154 games at the end of last season. Club Captain for the past two seasons and a fixture at centre back during that time.

## **KEVIN ROBERTS**

### *Goalkeeper*

Kevin is from Bristol and was a part-time player until he signed for Swindon from Welton Rovers in March 1977. Made two first team appearances last season.

## **KENNY STROUD**

### *Midfield*

Ken is a Londoner but has been with the club since he was an apprentice and is now one of the longest serving players at the club. Although signed as a professional in 1970 and made his League debut in 1971/72 it

was not until 1974/75 that he gained a regular place in the team. Ken had made 154 League appearances to the end of last season, mostly in midfield but he enjoys playing as a central defender when the need arises.

## **JOHN TROLLOPE**

### *Defender*

John Trollope is locally born and has been with the club since he was an apprentice making 737 League appearances to the end of last season nearly all at left back.

Last season he passed the old record for one club domestic appearances in this country, retired from the first team to take up the job of Youth Manager, was voted player of the year by readers of the local newspaper and was awarded the M.B.E.! He remains in training as cover and could still beat Jimmy Dickenson's League appearance record for a single club player.

## **BRIAN WILLIAMS**

### *Midfield*

Brian is from Manchester and played 148 games for Bury until present Swindon Manager Bobby Smith sold him to Q.P.R. during the 1977 close season. He made 22 First Division appearances for Q.P.R. last season before signing for Swindon in June 1978.

## **IAN MILLER**

### *Forward*

Ian comes from Perth but he first played League football for Bury making 9 full appearances and a number as substitute. He moved to Nottingham Forest but did not make the first team until a further move to Doncaster Rovers in August 1975. He became a regular first team player there before his transfer to Swindon who had been interested in signing him for a number of months in the 1978 close season.

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# ★ STAR PLAYER ★

Inevitably, one feels, the best of Eddie Rowles is yet to come. Bobby Roberts forked out a, then record, club fee of £15,000 to Darlington for the likeable striker, half-way through last season. First came a period when Eddie was training up at Feethams until finding accommodation down in Colchester. Then when he did begin to show, he so unluckily sustained a broken ankle ironically in the process of scoring his first goal in U's colours. This was in the 4-0 win over Portsmouth last March.

Even this season Eddie has not been 100 per cent fit but has shown great character on battling on with Achilles trouble. He landed his third goal of the campaign — the all important first against Blackpool last Saturday. Twenty seven year old Rowles has been around but has a good scoring record.

Born at Bournemouth he has played in turn for AFC Bournemouth, York City, Torquay and Darlington. As he says "I've certainly got to know the North and the South pretty well but it often happens that a player in the lower

divisions moves around a bit. "First Division ambitions? Yes I've had them but I prefer to take things as they come, I've enjoyed my football everywhere I've been, especially at Darlington."

Eddie is beginning to settle cosily in the Colchester area, too, and is shortly taking up home at West Mersea. "In my career I've tended to be on the coast you see."

The five years at Dean Court were pretty eventful ones for Eddie and in the period he was highly lauded as a big



time prospect. He went straight there from school as an apprentice and made his debut when 16 against Bury at Giss Lane. "We lost 4-0 and George Jones got all four, it wasn't an especially startling start" he recalled wryly.

For spells Eddie played in mid-field in those golden Bournemouth days when John Bond was the man in charge and there were high ambitions on the South coast. Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer (now the Southampton duo) were riding high and there was something of a Dean Court boom.

Football has always been Eddie's life. His father played for Derry City and was, by the way, also a professional boxer. So Rowles junior, also hit the sporting trail and one man who had much to do with launching his career was the then Portsmouth manager Gerry Smith who recommended him to Bournemouth. What games does Eddie recall most? Well only one really. This was a 1967 FA Cup tie

for Bournemouth against Liverpool at Anfield. A replay, in fact, for Bournemouth had forced a goalless draw at Dean Court. The replay in front of 54,000 was pretty convincing — a 4-1 Liverpool win. But Eddie will never forget the thrill of appearing in front of the Anfield Kop against the likes of Tommy Smith, Ian Callaghan, Chris Lawler and Tony Hateley.

Eddie enjoyed his soccer at Darlington even though there were no great successes. He once scored both goals in a 2-0 win against Colchester at Feethams little realising he would wind up at Layer Road. Eddie is married and he and his wife, Brenda, have an eight month old baby girl, Cara.

Away from soccer he likes listening to records — all kinds of music he says.

"But if I wasn't a professional footballer I'd be a painter and decorator, that's my other trade and what I will probably do when I finish playing" he says.

Meantime, as I said, I'm sure the best of Eddie has yet to come with plenty more goals.

**B.W.**

# BACK STAGE

*Apologies to Albert & Tom for the mistake last week of printing Albert's photo instead of Tom's. Hopefully, when space allows, we will feature a photo of Tom.*

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Albert Daniel Dansey is definitely a Layer Road legend, a fixture — and such a likeable and loyal figure. He will be 70 next Thursday by the way, so happy birthday wishes in advance.

The remarkable thing about Albert is his life long connection with football and, as far as Colchester United is concerned, he was in right at the very start when they turned professional in 1937.

So, tackling a variety of important jobs, all voluntary, he's seen all the U's professional teams and nearly every home game.

"I have to say it" he says "the game is not as good as it used to be. It was so entertaining and attacking — and none of the crowd trouble that we get now." He recalls especially, with a glow in his eyes, the pre-war era when Colchester first became a household name. "We had some great players, Alex Cheyne, George Ritchie, George Leslie and all were still good enough then to be playing League football" he said.

It was after the war when first Sid Fieldus and then Ted

Fenton were the managers, that Albert's work really began to count. He was a great aid to the then registration secretary Joe Loven and began to play a very active role in the Supporters Club finishing up as Chairman. "Do you know in 1948 we had a Supporters Club membership of 17,000, many babies were enrolled as soon as they were born. Now it makes me weep to see us struggle to get a crowd of 5,000, I just don't understand it" he says.

In latter years Albert, who lives at Ipswich Road, Colchester, has played significant roles in the Development Fund side of the club and still carries out a wide range of important, behind the scenes jobs. He works closely with groundsman Tom Chenery and looks after the players kit. His wife Ivy and his children have all been connected too with the club as voluntary helpers.

What games and occasions does Albert remember most? Well first was a pre-war game between Arsenal and Wolves



staged at Layer Road before an 18,000 crowd for the Colchester Challenge Cup — a trophy put up by the then board of directors. What Albert is still trying to find out is what ever happened to the cup?

The other games he will always remember were post war ones — the Arsenal FA Cup ties of the 1950's and, of course, Leeds.

Albert himself, in his younger days, was a keen soccer player. He figured with Wimpole Road and Parkside Rangers skipping the latter for a

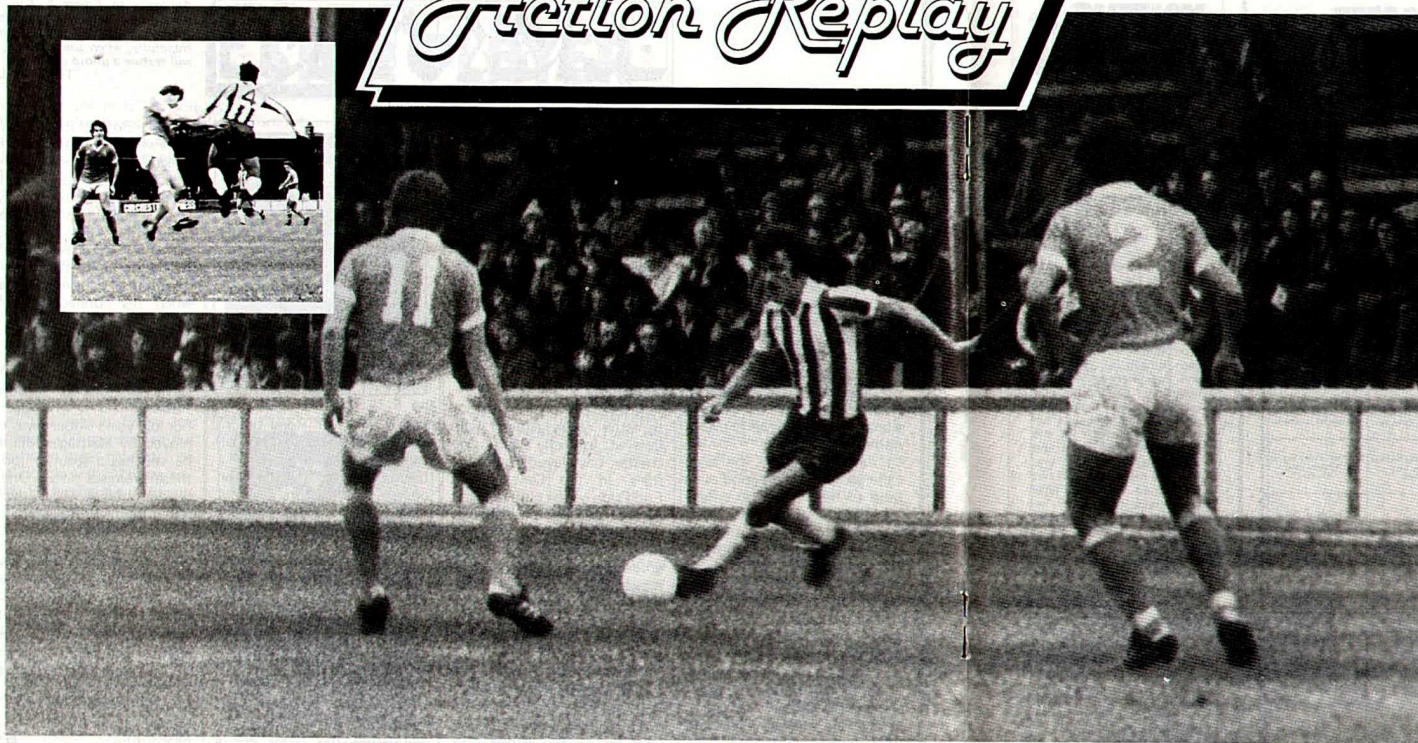
period. Both clubs played in the Essex and Suffolk Border League and when Wimpole Road met Clacton in the Stopes Cup final at Layer Road, Albert says there was a crowd that the U's would certainly like to see now.

He had to finish playing with a number of injuries and that's when his connections with Colchester United began. "It's been my life" he says as he recalled the great teams, players and managers from Ted Davis right through to Bobby Roberts.

For 52 years Albert was employed by Marriages Mill and he still has a security job at those premises now. One of his big hobbies was gardening but it goes without saying, all along the line its been the U's. The day I spoke to him he had been at the ground since 7.30 a.m. and he's there near enough every day of the week. That's Albert Dansey. It's stalwarts like him that every football club rely on. Unsung heroes they are and lets sincerely hope Albert sees his Second Division ambition for the U's come true in the very near future.

**B.W.**

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# YOUTHS & RESERVES

The results in the Town and Country League continue to disappoint Bobby Hunt. But, to be fair, injuries throughout the playing staff and first team calls have not helped matters.

Histon, one of the front runners in the League, won 3-0 at Layer Road and then completed the double last Saturday with a 1-0 win in Cambridgeshire.

But this was a much better reserves display. Hunt played himself as a sweeper and Pat Sharkey was also included. Colchester performed so well that it was not until ten minutes from time that Histon got the winner through Flack and the overall impression was that the reserves would not have been lucky to have taken a point.

Harvey brought the Histon 'keeper to one very good save and Hunt marshalled his back four to good effect. The reserves now have a stiff programme with a succession of away games. Tomorrow they are due at Saffron Walden, on October 14 visit powerful Yarmouth and the following Saturday October 21 have an even sterner test at Lowestoft.

Next home game is not until Saturday October 28, when Gorleston are at Layer Road (3 p.m.).

# Colchester United Fact Sheet

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# THE MAN IN CHARGE



Mr. Clifford A. Maskell (Cambridge) started refereeing in London in 1961 and finally went onto the Football League list via the Football Combination.

One of his top assignments was to referee the FA Vase semi-final in 1976-77 and he was on the line for a European Cup tie between Dynamo Kiev and Belgrade Partisan in Russia in 1976.

Mr. Maskell is a married man with two children and is a Regional Sales Manager. Before taking up refereeing he was playing amateur soccer in London. His hobbies include tennis, golf and swimming.

## League Division III as at 2/10/78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SHREWSBURY	10	7	2	1	10	2	16
WATFORD	10	7	0	3	29	14	14
SWANSEA	10	6	2	2	21	14	14
PLYMOUTH	9	6	0	3	17	13	12
CHESTER	10	5	2	3	13	9	12
CARLISLE	10	3	5	2	11	7	11
ROTHERHAM	10	4	3	3	13	12	11
PETERBOROUGH	9	4	3	2	12	11	11
GILLINGHAM	10	3	5	2	11	10	11
BLACKPOOL	10	5	1	4	12	14	11
HULL	10	4	2	4	15	10	10
CHESTERFIELD	10	3	4	3	14	12	10
SWINDON	10	4	2	4	10	11	10
<b>COLCHESTER</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>
SOUTHEND	10	3	3	4	14	14	9
EXETER	9	3	3	3	11	12	9
MANSFIELD	9	2	4	3	10	10	8
SHEFFIELD WED.	9	2	4	3	8	12	8
OXFORD U	10	3	2	5	10	15	8
WALSALL	10	2	3	5	17	19	7
BRENTFORD	10	3	1	6	8	16	7
BURY	10	0	6	4	9	14	6
TRANMERE	9	1	3	5	9	17	5
LINCOLN	10	1	2	7	7	21	4

# COMMERCIAL SCENE

It may seem early to mention Christmas but we're almost into October and it will soon be time to think about gifts for the youngsters. Take a look at the new lines in The Club Shop and get a few ideas, we have a selection of woollen and silk scarves, various hats and many other souvenirs. Arriving shortly is a new line in good quality sports bags in two sizes, small at £2.95 and large at £4.95 and both carry the Club name. These are very popular with youngsters and we have samples of both on show in the Shop now. Why not call in and place your order and solve some of your Christmas gift problems early?

John Hillier left Colchester last weekend to take up his new post in Scotland, we all wish him well and thank him for his efforts for The Club during his stay here. Hopefully in the next issue we can tell you about our new Commercial Manager.

Nigel F. Fitch  
Director

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# D O W N MEMORY LANE

Only Colchester supporters of a special age will really remember the immediate post war years of professional football at Layer Road. But a few facts of those 1937 to 1939 days will serve as eye openers to the younger followers of the U's.

Colchester United were formed in 1937 and had two very successful seasons in the Southern League to serve as the platform for ultimate Football League election after the war years.

The immediate honours were to win the Southern League Cup in 1937-38 and the Southern League championship in 1938-39 and the players of those days were just as big idols as the Bobby Goughs and Micky Cooks of today.

Notably, they included many named performers who had starred in the top flight. I suppose the greatest star in that Layer Road firmament was Alec Cheyne a skilled Scottish international inside forward who had played for Aberdeen and Chelsea. Cheyne was in the famous Scottish team that beat England so handsomely in 1929 and became known for ever more as

the "Blue Devils".

The main goal man was bustling centre forward Arthur Pritchard. He hadn't much finesse but he knew where the back of the net was alright. At the back George Leslie, a sturdy central defender, was a great favourite. He achieved fame for being a member of the famous Walsall team that knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup in the early 1930s.

Manager Ted Davis, a former Huddersfield Town player, certainly assembled a talented squad that captured the imagination.

The first League Saturday game at Layer Road was so appropriately against Ipswich Town who were then in the second season as a professional club. The result was a 3-3 draw before a crowd of over 10,000 and don't ask me how this gathering managed to squeeze into the primitive ground as it was then!

Gates averaged around 5,000 to 6,000. Later the return game with Ipswich at Portman

Road drew a staggering crowd of nearly 24,000 and this was a non-League match remember. The game was like something out of a boy's paper, with such an unhappy sequel for the U's. They led 2-1 with three minutes left and lost 3-2 with Colchester 'keeper Ronnie Dunn to blame. It was said he wept and could not be consoled in the dressing room afterwards. From that point on Ipswich went from strength to strength won the championship and were elected into the Third Division (South).

The U's then dominated the Southern League themselves winning the title the next season from Guildford City. Some new faces appeared notably Bill Light who came from West Brom, former Fulham full back Joe Birch and Len Astill a sleek left winger who had starred in the Ipswich success. It was Astill who got the winning goal that sealed the championship against Ipswich Town Reserves at Portman Road on the last day of the season. The score 3-2 and the gate an astonishing near 12,000! Yes those really were great days.

B.W.

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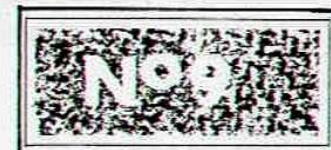


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| MICKY COOK    | 2  |
| MICK PACKER   | 3  |
| BOBBY HODGE   | 4  |
| STEVE WIGNALL | 5  |
| STEVE DOWMAN  | 6  |
| TONY EVANS    | 7  |
| BOBBY GOUGH   | 8  |
| PAUL DYER     | 9  |
| EDDIE ROWLES  | 10 |
| IAN ALLINSON  | 11 |
| RAY BUNKELL   | 12 |

## Swindon

SUB.

COLOURS: RED/WHITE

- |                 |
|-----------------|
| CHRIS OGDEN     |
| JOHN McLAUGHLIN |
| ANDY FORD       |
| RAY McHALE      |
| STEVE AIZLEWOOD |
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