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From The Manager's Office...



After successfully defending a one goal lead at Walsall in the first round of the League Cup last month we find the tables turned tonight against Swindon Town in the second round.

This time the pressure is on us as we try to pull back that one goal scored by Swindon at the County Ground last week, but I am confident that if we can play as well as we did in the first leg we will not find this task beyond us.

Swindon are never an easy team to beat and they are sure to defend their lead with determination, so we can expect a real battle tonight. One thing is certain, if the game is as exciting and skilful as our last encounter the supporters should be in for a treat.

Both clubs have established fine reputations in the League Cup over the years and both have sampled the glory and the financial rewards to be gained from an extended run in the competition, so the chance of a money-spinning third round tie will be a massive incentive to give 100 per cent effort tonight.

At the time of writing we are top of the Third Division and, hopefully, we are still top dogs following our match at Bury. We enjoyed this lofty position for a short time at the start of last season, but we were unable to stay there. We will all be trying hard to maintain this fine start this season, despite the injuries we have already suffered to Trevor Storton and Peter Henderson.

Meanwhile, the League Cup is our immediate concern and I am hoping we can field a full-strength team tonight. Whatever the result I hope you enjoy what you see and will be encouraged to come back on Saturday for our league game against Millwall.

COVER PICTURES — Top: Brynley Jones is foiled on this occasion by the outstretched foot of a Sheffield United defender!

Bottom: That's it 3-1....Ian Edwards sends in a cracking shot from short range to score the Seals third goal v Grimsby in the recent League fixture at The Stadium.

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DIVISION 3 TABLE as at 30.8.79.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHESTER	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
Chesterfield	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Blackburn	3	1	2	0	5	2	4
Grimsby	3	2	0	1	9	7	4
Southend	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Millwall	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Rotherham	3	2	0	1	6	6	4
Colchester	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Oxford	2	1	1	0	7	3	3
Swindon	3	1	1	1	5	2	3
Sheffield United	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Sheffield Wed.	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Carlisle	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Wimbledon	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Bury	3	1	0	2	3	3	2
Mansfield	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Plymouth	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Hull	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Reading	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Blackpool	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
Barnsley	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Exeter	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Gillingham	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Brentford	2	0	1	1	2	6	1

First look at the league table, with most teams having completed three fixtures, shows that Chesterfield head a group of teams, with four points on goal difference who are nearest rivals to The Seals. Alan Birch with a double and Ernie Moss were their second half scorers in a 3-1 home victory over Plymouth.

Both these sides competed in the League Cup, second round, first leg. Chesterfield again scored three, this time without reply, in disposing of Shrewsbury at Saltergate. Alan Birch with a penalty and Ernie Moss, with two, were their scorers. Plymouth had to settle for a 2-2 home draw against Chelsea. All the goals came in the first half with Argyle falling behind to an early goal, then going 2-1 up through Mike Trusson.

Blackburn took Sheffield Wednesday apart winning 3-0, this being their first victory, at Hillsborough, since April 25, 1931. Craig, Fazackerley and McKenzie were on target. Wednesday got back some of their pride with a 1-1 home result against Manchester City in

the League Cup. Jeff King equalised in sixty-eight minutes after an early City goal. Five minutes later Brian Hornsby had his penalty kick saved.

Barnsley had a two nil league victory at Oakwell, versus Reading. Derek Bell and Ronnie Glavin were on target 'The Tykes' though found West Ham much stiffer opposition in the Cup going down 3-1 at Upton Park. Glavin was again on target for them.

Southend have started with two wins out of two after an away success at Wimbledon. Winger Colin Morris got a late winner for 'The Shrimpers', who must have a great chance of ousting Bolton from the Cup after a fine 2-1 victory at Burnden Park. With central-defender Dave Cusack sent off just before half-time and Bolton scoring straight after the interval, things looked grim for Southend. That man Morris though was again their match-winner with two quick goals.

Two disappointing results for Colchester, going down 3-0 in the league at Rotherham and having a mountain to climb in the Cup

away leg, after a 2-0 home defeat by Aston Villa. A giant-killing act could await 'The Millers', after conceding only a first half penalty, away to Bristol City in the first leg of the Cup.


Millwall gained an away point at Gillingham in a 1-1 score-line. Kevin O'Callaghan gave the Londoners a first half lead until Ken Price equalised quickly after the break. A hard task awaits 'The Gills' at Carrow Road, after being held by the same score by Norwich in the Cup. John Overton lit-up the Priestfield Stadium with an early goal but they could not hold out.

Exeter had a narrow 2-1 home league win over Mansfield with Dave Pullar grabbing a last minute winner. Pullar also gave the Devon outfit an early lead at Doncaster (Cup) but 'The Grecians' faded, conceding three goals.

Grimsby had an exciting 4-3 home league success over Blackpool. A Kevin Moore goal finally sealed the issue. 'The Mariners' also gained a one goal victory over Huddersfield to take to Leeds Road in the Cup return.

Chronicle in Action

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It's there.....the equaliser from Bryn Jones v
Sheffield United. Goalkeeper, Steve Conroy can
only hope and Micky Speight's face says it all!!!

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Sealand Road Welcomes...

The Robins



Tonight's visitors Swindon Town are appearing at Sealand Road for the first time in a Cup game but they bring with them the reputation of being one of the lower divisions' best Cup fighting teams. As a non-League team they reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912 but they went even further in the League Cup in 1969 when they beat Arsenal 3-1 to become only the second Third Division side to win the trophy at Wembley.

The Robins' Cup trail started with a home tie against fellow Division 3 side Torquay whom they narrowly defeated 2-1. Bradford City were their next opponents. A 1-1 draw was the result in Yorkshire but in the replay Bradford were 2-0 up after only 18 minutes play. Swindon gradually settled, however, and eventually beat the Fourth Division club by the odd goal in 7.

Round 3 saw Swindon drawn against Blackburn and a single Don Rogers goal was enough for victory. The Robins then met First Division opposition for the first time when they were drawn away to Coventry. Against all the odds the first meeting ended all square at 2-2 — this after

Swindon had been leading 2-0 with only 4 minutes to play! The replay saw no similar lapses, however, and Swindon won 3-0.

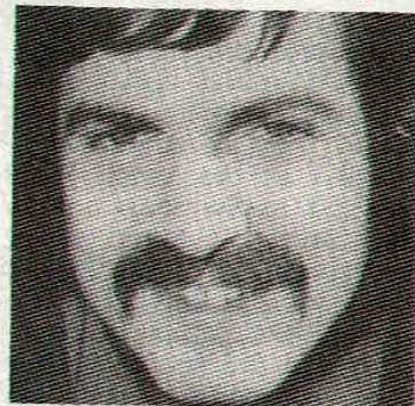
The fifth round provided another stiff obstacle in Derby County. The Rams were challenging strongly for promotion to Division 1 and had already beaten Chelsea and Everton. Swindon were undaunted and after a goalless draw at Derby they won through, again with a single Don Rogers goal.

Swindon's opponents in the two-leg semi-final were Burnley, a young team going great guns in the League. Again Swindon were not worried and came away from Turf Moor with a useful 2-1 lead. The second leg saw Swindon start as favourites but after 52 minutes they were two goals down, only to fight back to force a third game. The decider was played at West Brom's ground and Swindon eventually triumphed 3-2 after extra time.

After playing 11 games, two of which had gone to extra time, the Robins were at Wembley!

On Saturday March 15, 1969 Swindon and Arsenal met on a mud bath of a

Wembley pitch in front of 100,000 spectators. Swindon drew first blood just 10 minutes before half time when Smart scored after the irrepressible Rogers had outplaced the Arsenal defence. In the second half Arsenal piled on the pressure but Swindon held firm until 4 minutes from time when Gould equalised. Many expected Swindon to crack but against the odds they came back and scored twice in extra time through "man of the match" Rogers.



Don Rogers — former Swindon Town favourite

The team that won the Cup for Swindon was:- Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope: Butler, Burrows, Harland: Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble and Rogers, Substitute: Penman.

Swindon's victory was achieved at a time when only First Division clubs were allowed to enter the then Inter Cities Fairs Cup and so a special match was arranged with Roma, the Italian Cup winners, and Swindon won 5-2 on aggregate. This competition was the forerunner of the infamous Anglo-Italian competition which Swindon also won in its inaugural year, by beating Napoli 3-0.

Previous to their Wembley triumph Swindon's best performance in the competition had been achieved when they lost to West Ham in a fourth round replay in 1963-64. Three years later they had again reached the fourth round but were beaten by the then holders, West Brom.

In recent years their League Cup fortunes have fluctuated somewhat. In season 1976-77 they suffered a first round defeat at the hands of Northampton Town, losing 3-4 on aggregate. The following season saw them dreaming of another Wembley appearance, however. In the opening round they defeated Swansea 3-1 at the Vetch Field and 2-1 at Swindon and in the second round they hammered Cardiff 5-1. After a 1-1 draw at Portsmouth in round 3 the Robins triumphed 4-3 in the replay. They then travelled north to Wrexham having scored 15 goals in 5 ties only to lose rather disappointingly by two goals to nil.

Last season Swindon's first round opponents were Portsmouth whom they beat 4-2 at Swindon after a goalless draw in the first leg. In the second round they travelled to Upton Park and

beat West Ham by 2 goals to 1. The reward for this fine performance was a game with Third Division strugglers Peterborough and again hopes of a good run were high especially when Swindon drew 1-1 at London Road. The replay, however, saw the Posh score twice without reply and Swindon's run was finished.

This season's first round draw again paired Swindon with Portsmouth. The away leg resulted in a 1-1 draw with Rowland scoring for Swindon and goals from Carter and Mellor (own goal) saw Swindon through to round two and their meeting with the Seals.

Swindon are managed by ex Seals player **BOBBY SMITH** who joined them from Bury, after having taken Bury from Division 4 to Division 3. Bobby will be able to call on the experience of General Manager **DANNY WILLIAMS** and Coaches **WILF TRANTER** and **BRYAN HAMILTON** to help him in his managerial career with the Robins.

Swindon's playing staff contains many experienced professionals. Competing for the goalkeeper's jersey will be Scotsman **JIMMY ALLAN** and Lancastrian **CHRIS OGDEN** who played 24 and 22 League games respectively last season.

Following the sale of Steve Aizlewood to Portsmouth during the summer, the back four will be chosen from **ANDY FORD**, **RUSSEL LEWIS**, **KEN STROUD**, **BILLY TUCKER**, **BRYAN HAMILTON** and **JOHN TEMPLEMAN**.

Ford joined Swindon from Southend in 1977-78 and has since made 39 appearances. Lewis is a young central defender who

will be hoping to gain a regular first team place this season after making 5 appearances in the last campaign. Stroud is one of the longest serving players at the club having made his debut in 1971-72. He has been a first team regular since 1974-75 and can also operate in midfield. Tucker is a player well known in Third Division circles. He began his career with Hereford before joining Bury in 1977 and moving to Swindon last year.

Hamilton, is the ex-Ipswich and Everton player and also has over 40 caps for Northern Ireland. He has spent most of his career in midfield but has adapted well to a full back role for both club and country.

Templeman joined Swindon this summer. He joined Brighton in 1966-67 and made over 200 appearances before moving to Exeter where he played a further 200 games.

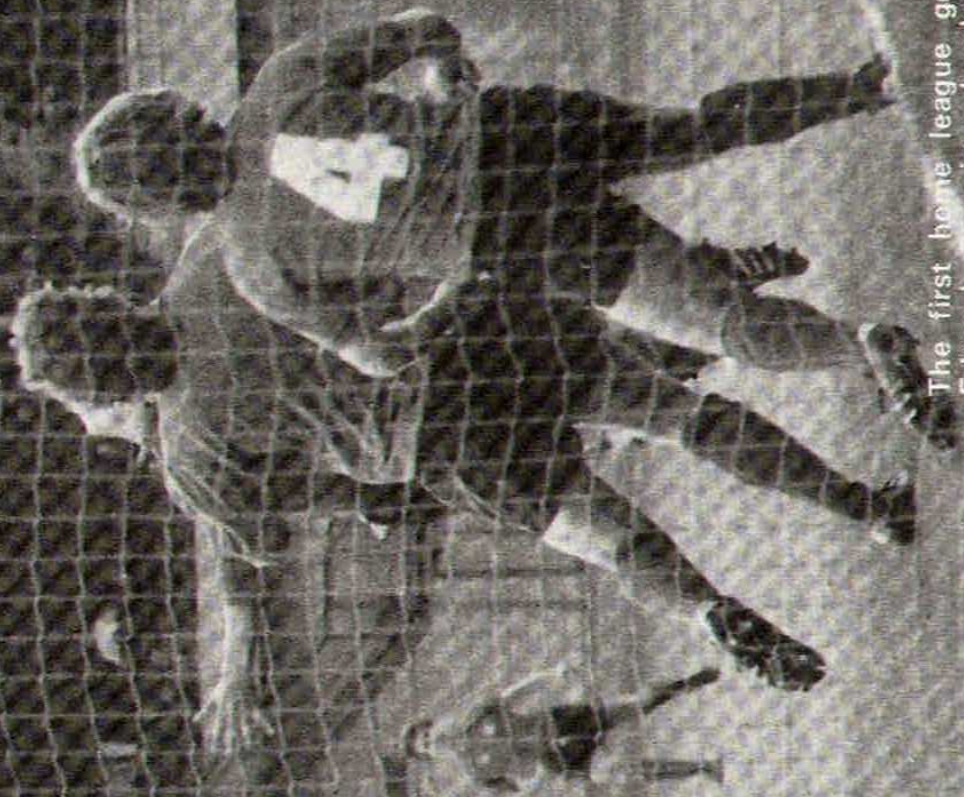
The midfield selection will be made from **RAY McHALE**, **BRIAN WILLIAMS**, **ROY CARTER** and **CHRIS KAMARA**.

Two strikers who have spent most of their careers in Division 3 are **ANDY ROWLAND** and **PHIL "CHIC" BATES**. Rowland almost joined Wrexham in September, 1978 but a last minute change of mind saw him sign for the Robins. He also played for Bobby Smith at Bury. Bates was signed from Shrewsbury in January, 1978 and was Swindon's leading scorer last season with 14 goals.

Three other players competing for forward places are wingmen **IAN MILLER** and **DAVE CUNNINGHAM** and youngster **STEVE ABBLEY**.

Chronicle in Action

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The first home league goal of '79-80...as Ian Edwards fires in a header into the 'kop' goal v Grimsby Town.

Inside The Stadium

Don't forget your lottery ticket, these lucky people won £1,000

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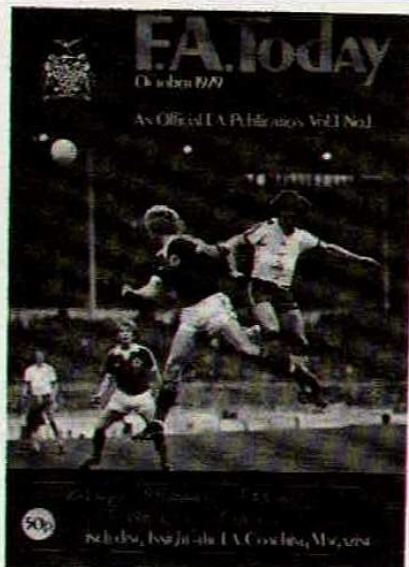
The start of the '79-80 season for Chester Reserves got underway recently when the 'A' Team entertained Tranmere Rovers. After a comprehensive and workmanlike pre-season set of friendlies Cliff Sear's youngsters were now to be put to the real test of 'proper' competitive football. Tranmere were the better organised outfit during the opening minutes and showed plenty of imagination; at half time it was no surprise to find Rovers in front at 2-1 (Chester's goal being an own goal) — the second 45 was a totally different story, the Seals youngsters at last started to put passes together and looked impressive in the visitors' penalty

area. Chester equalised with a brilliant goal, a long through ball from Ian Howat found Dave Brett on the right flank, Brett cut in beating two defenders before unleashing a terrific shot into the roof of the net.

The Seals had several chances during the latter stages of the game and with only two minutes remaining Richie Gendall took a one-two return from substitute Jones and pushed the ball under the advancing Rovers' keeper. The Chester 'A' Team was Millington, Needham, Mooney, Edwards, Zelem, Gendall, Brett, Howat, Lewis, Rush, Cooke and Jones.



*Cliff Sear
C.F.C. Youth Team Manager — pleased with early season performances.*



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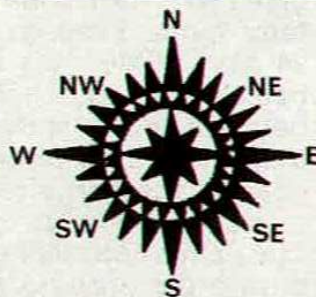
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DIARY DATES

Football League Division 3
Saturday 8th September, 1979
Kick-off 3.00 pm

v. Millwall

Lancashire League
Saturday 15th September, 1979
Kick-off 2.30 pm

v. Oldham Res.

ABC of Football

Tonight's soccer oddities are under the headings beginning with the letter 'D' —

DEBUTS

S. Milton had an unhappy debut in the Football League as goalkeeper for Halifax Town against Stockport County on 6 Jan, 1934; he conceded 13 goals, an unenviable record. Yet another goalkeeper who will not forget his baptism in League football in a hurry is D. Murray (Crewe Alexandra) v Lincoln City in a Division 3(N) game on 29 September, 1951 — he conceded 11 goals.

DIASTERS

The biggest disaster in the history of the game occurred in The National Stadium, Lima, Peru on Sunday 24 May, 1964. Six minutes before the end of the match between Peru and Argentina, the referee disallowed a goal by the home team and a riot quickly broke out. The police used tear gas, and during the ensuing panic to get out of the ground 301 people were killed and over 500 injured.

71 people were killed and about 200 injured in a stampede at The River Plate Stadium, Buenos Aires, 23 June, 1963, following a game between River Plate and Gival Baca Juniors.

The worst British football disaster occurred at Ibrox Park, Glasgow — 2 January, 1971 when 66 people were killed and close on 150 injured in a crush whilst leaving the ground at the end of a Rangers v Celtic fixture.

Burnden Park, Bolton was the scene of a nasty disaster in March, 1946, 33 people were killed and over 400 injured as crush barriers broke in a tightly packed section of the ground during an F.A. Cup tie, Bolton v Stoke City.

DOUBLE

Only four clubs have won the Football League Championship and the F.A. Cup in the same season. Preston North End 1888-89; Aston Villa 1896-97; Tottenham Hotspur 1960-61 and Arsenal in 1970-71.

'DIXIE' DEAN

William Ralph Dean — one of the most prolific goalscorers in the game's history. Dixie netted 379 League goals in all; (27) Tranmere Rovers; (349) Everton; (3) Notts County. Considering that soon after joining Everton from Tranmere in March, 1925 Dean suffered skull fractures in a motorcycle accident, it is remarkable that he made such a recovery and even more staggering that he has headed more goals than any other Division 1 footballer!

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

Queens Park (Glasgow) were formed in 1867 and unbelievably did not have a goal scored against them by a Scottish club until Jan 16, 1875. Vale of Leven broke the seven year record.

In Division 3(S) in 1925-26, Millwall didn't have a goal scored against them in 11 consecutive matches.... more recently (1973-74) York

City equalled the record of Millwall's. Just spare a thought for Cardiff City in 1928-29; they finished their Division One season with the best defensive record of all the clubs in the League — but were relegated!

DRAWS

The record number of draws by a club in a League Season is 23 out of 42 games; this record was set last season by Norwich City.

In 1969 (Oct. 25 — Dec. 13) Torquay drew 8 consecutive Division 3 games — a League record.

On Saturday Sept. 18, 1948, there were 9 drawn games in Division 1 of the Football League, a record for any division of the League in a single day.

The following clubs have gone through a Football League Season without drawing a single game! Sunderland (Div 1) 1891-92; Small Heath (Div 2) 1893-94; Lincoln City and Walsall Swifts (Div 2) 1894-95; Stoke City (Div 1) 1895-96 and Darwen (Div 2) 1896-97.



Worldwide Soccer Snips



With the rules stating that only two foreign players are allowed in one team per fixture, an interesting thing happened recently in Austria. S.C. Rapid drew one each with Wiener Sportklub but Rapid brought on a sub thus having three foreigners on the park. The F.A. punished them for this error by awarding Wiener a two-nil victory.

Trevor Howard thirty-one year old Cambridge defender has had to quit playing due to a knee injury. Trevor has also turned out in Norwich and Bournemouth colours.

Mimis Domazos, who appeared in 490 league fixtures for Panathinaikos, has recently joined fellow Greek side A.E.K. Athens. The thirty-eight year old star has so far gained forty-nine international caps.

Leeds United's second goal, a Carl Harris 60th minute effort, in their recent 2-0 league home victory over Everton brought their league total, for goals scored, to the 4,000 mark.

Belfast side Linfield have re-signed Swindon's Peter Dornan. The 25 year old midfielder joined 'The Robins' in 1978 for a £30,000 fee from the Windsor Park based outfit.

Scottish outfit Clyde

have recently signed ex Celtic goalkeeper Denis Connaghan. Also joining him at Shawfield is Motherwell full-back Jim Boyd on a free transfer.

Cyril Lea recently took up an appointment as Alan Durban's right hand man at Stoke City. The move was a big step for Lea who terminated a sixteen year association with Ipswich because apparently he was no longer required by the club.

An American transfer, National Conference Central Division outfit, Tulsa Roughnecks have purchased Jack Brand, Cosmos goalkeeper.

Newly appointed manager at Limerick (League of Ireland) is Eoin Hand. Ex central defender Hand has appeared for the now obsolete Drumcondra, Shamrock and Portsmouth.

Landskrona Bois recently had to call on the services of their retired ex goalkeeper Rolf Nilsson and created a new record in the process. Injury forced forty-seven year old Rolf to turn out against Swedish rivals Sundsvall in a First Division fixture. Rolf's team won 3-2 but he became the oldest player to appear in a premier game beating the previous milestone, set fifteen years ago by forty-three year old Gunnar Gren

who turned out for Gais Gothenburg.

David Peach's penalty against Manchester United on the opening day of the season was his sixty-fourth goal, a record for a full-back since the league was formed ninety-one years ago.

Torquay have signed twenty-four year old Blackpool forward Tommy Sermann in a £7,500 deal. 'The Seaside' signed the player eighteen months ago from Albion Rovers for a £15,000 fee.

Italian first division side Ascoli have recently appointed Gian Battista Fabbri as their coach. Fabbri, who takes over from Antonio Renna, holds the unusual feat of taking Italian outfit Vicenza into Europe from the second division and back to the second in consecutive seasons.

After failing to persuade Ipswich manager Bobby Robson to become their new chief, Athletic Bilbao have settled for Austrian Helmut Senekowitsch.

Frank Blunstone has recently signed a one year contract with Greek outfit Ethnikos. Frank has also had experience with Manchester United and Derby as assistant manager. His last appointment was at the Baseball Ground.

Terrace Talk

The first letter in this edition of Terrace Walk is from David Morris of Saltney. David wanted to know if we could provide details of past and present Chester players who have appeared in Football League Cup Finals.

Well David, do you remember Don Weston? Don joined Chester in July, 1968 from Wrexham. He had previously played for Birmingham City, Leeds United, Huddersfield and Rotherham United. When Don was with Rotherham he played in the 1961 League Cup Final against Aston Villa. Incidentally, in the second leg of this final the Aston Villa full backs were John Neal and Gordon Lee who, of course, are now in charge at Middlesbrough and Everton.



*Don Weston —
League Cup Final '61*

Another former Chester player who appeared in a League Cup Final was Gerry Mannion. Gerry played for Norwich City in the 1962 League Cup Final against Rochdale.

The Seals' Player-Manager Alan Oakes has appeared in two League Cup Finals for Manchester City. In 1970 he played against West Brom and in 1976 he played in the final against Newcastle United. Doug Livermore, who rejoined Cardiff City in the close season,

played in the 1973 final for Norwich City against Spurs.

Thank you David for writing in and we hope you will contribute again in the future.

The second letter is from 19 years old Alan Shepherd of 4, Ashtree Croft, Willaston, South Wirral. Alan, with the help of his dad, has picked a 'best-ever' Chester side. As Alan says, positions and numbers have changed over the year but here is Alan's choice. Brian Lloyds, John Molyneux, Cliff Sear, Trevor Storton, Eric Lee, Harold Howarth, Bill Foulkes, Peter Hauser, Ron Davies, Frank Cresswell and Foster Hedley.

Alan apologises for leaving out people such as Paul Fletcher, Bill Dearden and Ian Edwards. Very interesting team that, but it is obviously open to a challenge so here goes! As the programme editorial staff are all thirty and under our choice didn't extend to the era of Howarth, Cresswell and Hedley. Still, like Alan, we think our team could easily hold its own in the Third Division. Our choice is as follows. Ron Howells, Joe Kennedy, Graham Birks, Barry Ashworth, Graham Turner, Dave Durie, Ian Moir,



*Gary Talbot —
Editors No. 9*

Mick Metcalf, Gary Talbot, Paul Richardson, Andy Provan.

Thank you for writing in Alan. Let's hear from other Seals supporters as to their 'best-ever' Chester side.

Brian Hayes of Kelsall is a Seals supporter who asked if we had details of Chester's first League Cup match.

The first match by Chester in the League Cup was against the then Leyton Orient at Sealand Road on 12th October, 1960. It was an important night for Chester as the floodlights were used for first time. The match ended in a 2-2 draw with Chester going down 1-0 in the replay at Brisbane Road.

The line-ups that evening were:- CHESTER: Bill Brown, Ronnie Hughes, John Watson, Bobby Hunt, Jack Capper, Frank Clempson, Alec Croft, Tom Barratt, Ron Davies, Alan Pritchard, Jimmy Cooper. LEYTON ORIENT: George, Eagles, Charlton, Facey, Owen, Sorrell, White, Brown, Johnston, Foster, McDonald.

The Chester team in those days played in Green Shirts with Gold Facings and White Shorts. The Manager at that time was the former Manchester United inside forward Stan Pearson, and the star of the City team was a young centre forward called Ron Davies who, of course, left Chester for Luton and went on to become one of the most feared centre forwards in British football.

Interesting question Brian and we hope you write us another letter in the future.

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Paul Raynor sends Mariners goalie Nigel Batch the 'wrong way' from the spot - this goal put The Seals on the way to a hard-earned 3-1 win over the visitors.

Flashback 1·5·10

1 year ago...

Saturday 2nd September, 1978 League Division III

HULL: WEALANDS, NISBET, DE VRIES, CROFT, DOBSON, HAIGH, HOOD, LORDS, EDWARDS [K], BANNISTER, FARLEY, SUB: WARBOYS.
CHESTER: LLOYD, RAYNOR, WALKER, STORTON, JEFFRIES, OAKES, DELGADO, LIVERMORE, EDWARDS [I], MELLOR, PHILLIPS, SUB: JONES.

Chester's sixteen game unbeaten run came to an abrupt end at Boothferry Park, but they only had themselves to blame. City had enough chances to have won, even taking into account Edwards' hat-trick for the home side. Alan Oakes had been named 'Manager of the Month' for the Third Division for the second successive time, but even his inspiration failed. For once Lloyd failed to hold Hood's shot and Edwards snapped up the rebound after sixteen minutes — then Mellor missed a hat-trick of first-half chances, two made by Ian Edwards and one by Raynor. Minutes before half-time a lapse by the defence let in Edwards to head home Lords' cross. The second-half followed a similar pattern with City taking the game to Hull and Jones, (replacing the injured Delgado) Storton and Walker all went close. As everyone moved up, gaps were left at the back and Edwards took advantage to complete his hat-trick in injury time.

REFEREE: A. SAUNDERS, NEWCASTLE. ATTENDANCE: 5,325.
FINAL SCORE: HULL 3 [EDWARDS [K.][3]] CHESTER 0.

5 years ago...

Saturday 7th September, 1974 League Division IV

CHESTER: MILLINGTON, EDWARDS, LOSKA, STORTON, DUNLEAVY, MATTHEWSON, WHITEHEAD, SEDDON, DRAPER, JAMES, OWEN, SUB: MOORE.
BRENTFORD: SHERWOOD, BENICE, ALLEN, SCALES, LAWRENCE, RIDDICK, GELSON, SIMMONS, CROSS, METCHICK, SALVAGE, SUB: WOON.

A strong blustery wind across 'The Stadium' made conditions difficult for both sets of players. The wind was the early winner as passes went astray. With Storton in an unaccustomed midfield position and Seddon yet to repeat his startling performances from the end of last season, a goalless draw seemed likely. Whitehead posed the only first-half threats up front while Millington pulled off two great saves from Simmons and Salvage to deny 'The Bees' an early 2-0 lead. The second-half proved a different story. After 48 minutes a rebound from an Edwards free-kick was slotted in by Draper. With Storton unsettled, Moore replaced him and immediately forced Sherwood to save. This proved the turning point and on the final whistle Edwards surged down the right and enabled Owen to make it 2-0, giving City a comfortable scoreline but did not show their disjointed performance. The win gave Chester six points from their opening five matches and lifted them into the top half of the table.

REFEREE: G. TREVETT, MANCHESTER. ATTENDANCE: 2,469
FINAL SCORE: CHESTER 2 [DRAPER, OWEN] BRENTFORD 0.

10 years ago...

Saturday 6th September, 1969 League Division IV

PORT VALE: BALL, BOULTON, WILSON, KING, SPROSON, GREEN, MAGEE, GOUGH, WOOKEY, JAMES, MORRIS, SUB: McLAREN.
CHESTER: CARLING, BRADBURY, SEAR, ASHWORTH, BRODIE, CHEETHAM, DEARDEN, SUTTON, DRAPER, HARLEY, PROVAN.

A 3-0 scoreline gives the impression of a comfortable victory, but this was far from so for Port Vale. Chester's neat build ups were wasted by weak finishing from Dearden and Draper and could easily have shared the points. City fell one down after eighteen minutes — a half-cleared corner was crossed again by Magee and James added the finishing touch. Ball saved well from Cheetham and Provan as City went searching for the equaliser before Vale skipper King was injured and replaced by McLaren — but the youngster found Draper too hot to handle. Draper led City's drive to equalise but Provan's shot hit the post just before half-time. Disheartened by this City struggled to recover their fighting spirit. Vale sealed the issue with two goals in eighteen minutes — firstly Sproson headed down a corner for Wookey to make it 2-0, then with ten minutes remaining came a second goal from a corner — when Green hammered a rebound into the corner of the net.

REFEREE: E.D. WALLACE, SWINDON.
FINAL SCORE: PORT VALE 3 [JAMES, WOOKEY, GREEN] CHESTER .

Who? Where? When? 79.80

Date	Opponents	Venue	F	A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 18	WIMBLEDON	A S	3-2		3,548	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Storton	Cottam	Oakes	Jeffries	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Sutcliffe
Aug 22	GRIMSBY TOWN	H W	3-1		3,778	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Storton	Cottam	Oakes	Jeffries	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Sutcliffe
Aug 25	SHEFFIELD UTD	H S	1-1		6,381	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Storton	Cottam	Oakes	Jeffries	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Sutcliffe
Sept 1	BURY	A S															
Sept 8	MILLWALL	H S															
Sept 15	GILLINGHAM	A S															
Sept 18	SWINDON TOWN	A T															
Sept 22	READING	H S															
Sept 29	CARLISLE UNITED	A S															
Oct 3	SWINDON TOWN	H W															
Oct 6	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H S															
Oct 9	GRIMSBY TOWN	A T															
Oct 13	EXETER CITY	A S															
Oct 20	HULL CITY	H S															
Oct 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H W															
Oct 27	BARNLEY	A S															
Nov 3	WIMBLEDON	H S															
Nov 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A W															
Nov 10	OXFORD UNITED	A S															
Nov 17	MANSFIELD TOWN	H S															
Dec 1	SHEFFIELD WED.	H S															
Dec 7	SOUTHEND UNITED	A F															
Dec 21	ROTHERHAM UTD	H W															
Dec 26	BRENTFORD	A W															
Dec 29	BLACKPOOL	H S															
Jan 1	CHESTERFIELD	H T															
Jan 5	COLCHESTER	A S															
Jan 12	BURY	H S															
Jan 19	MILLWALL	H S															
Jan 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A S															
Feb 2	GILLINGHAM	H S															
Feb 9	READING	A S															
Feb 16	CARLISLE UNITED	H S															
Feb 23	EXETER CITY	H S															
Mar 1	HULL CITY	A S															
Mar 8	BARNLEY	H S															
Mar 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A F															
Mar 22	OXFORD UNITED	H S															
Mar 29	MANSFIELD TOWN	A T															
April 1	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A T															
April 5	BRENTFORD	H S															
April 7	CHESTERFIELD	A M															
April 12	COLCHESTER UTD	H S															
April 19	SHEFFIELD WED.	A S															
April 26	SOUTHEND UNITED	H S															
May 3	BLACKPOOL	A S															
Aug 11	WALSALL (L.C. 1st Lg)	H S	2-1		3,872	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Storton	Cottam	Oakes	Sutcliffe	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Jeffries
Aug 14	WALSALL (L.C. 1 2nd Lg)	A T	0-0		3,811	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Storton	Cottam	Oakes	Jeffries	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Sutcliffe
Aug 29	SWINDON (L.C. 2 1st Lg)	A W	0-1		6,965	Lloyd	Raynor	Walker	Jeffries	Cottam	Oakes	Jones	Ruggiero	Edwards	Phillips	Henderson	Howat
Sep 5	SWINDON (L.C. 2 2nd Lg)	H W															

* Substituted Player.

