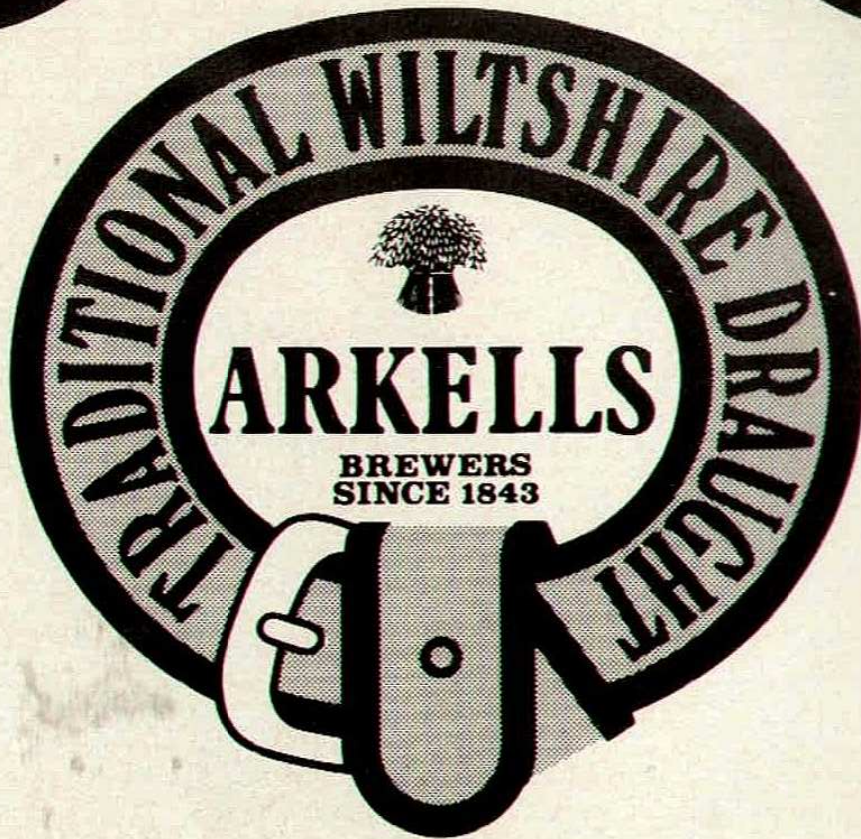
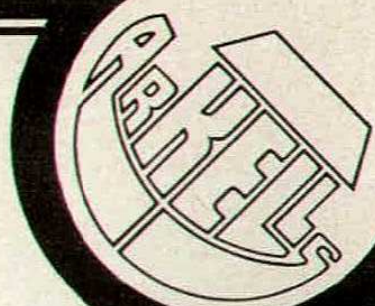


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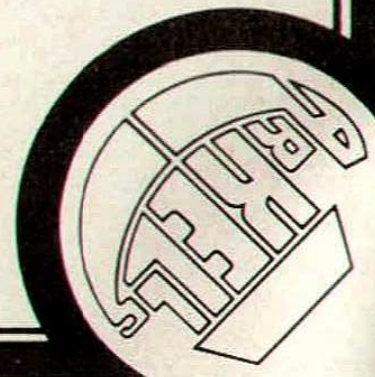
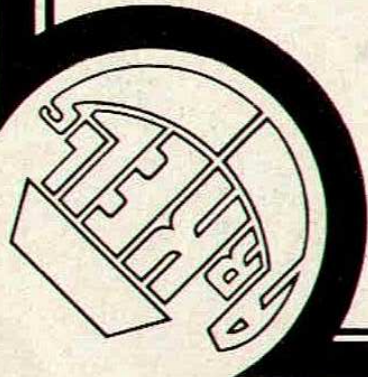
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Bob Smith says.....

It is nice to be back playing on our home ground after three successive away matches on the trot, the three games being Colchester, which we won 3 to 2, Chester which we drew one each and which took us through to the third round of the League Cup and finally at Rotherham last Saturday where unfortunately we lost 0-3. In all three games the players came out with a lot of credit as I feel they worked equally hard in each of the three games, but the last one was one of those days when an individual mistake cost us dearly. We went in at 3-0 at half time, but never once did I see any head drop and we took the game to Rotherham for all of the second half. One of our main themes this season between the players and myself has been creating consistent performances and in these three games I have seen the players striving for this consistency. Today we play Chesterfield and next Tuesday we play Chester and our target will be nothing less than 4 points.

Last week I wrote about our scouting system and this week we see the results of this system when we signed two young players. First of these lads is David Round from Dudley, Nr. Birmingham a centre half signing apprentice/professional forms and the other being Mike Ellery a young professional who is twenty years old and plays in midfield. Mike comes from Swansea and was recommended to us by Garry Moore who was an ex-playing colleague of mine at Grimsby and we hope that both players have a long and successful playing career with us here at Swindon.

Whilst we are on the subject of our young players, at this moment in time we are occupying top place in the Midland Youth League and you can see below in the League table the good company we are in. We have also not dropped a point in the South East Counties League and this indicates the principle we work to throughout the club that every player must have a high work rate throughout

all games whatever League he is playing in. Thank you for joining us at the County Ground this afternoon and please give the players



plenty of encouragement throughout the whole game.

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

TABLE OF RESULTS w/e 8.9.79

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
SWINDON TOWN	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Coventry City	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
Leicester City	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Birmingham	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Derby Co.	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Wolverhampton	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Luton Town	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
W.B.A.	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Northampton	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

TOWN THROUGH TIME — Goalkeepers

by Paul Plowman

part four



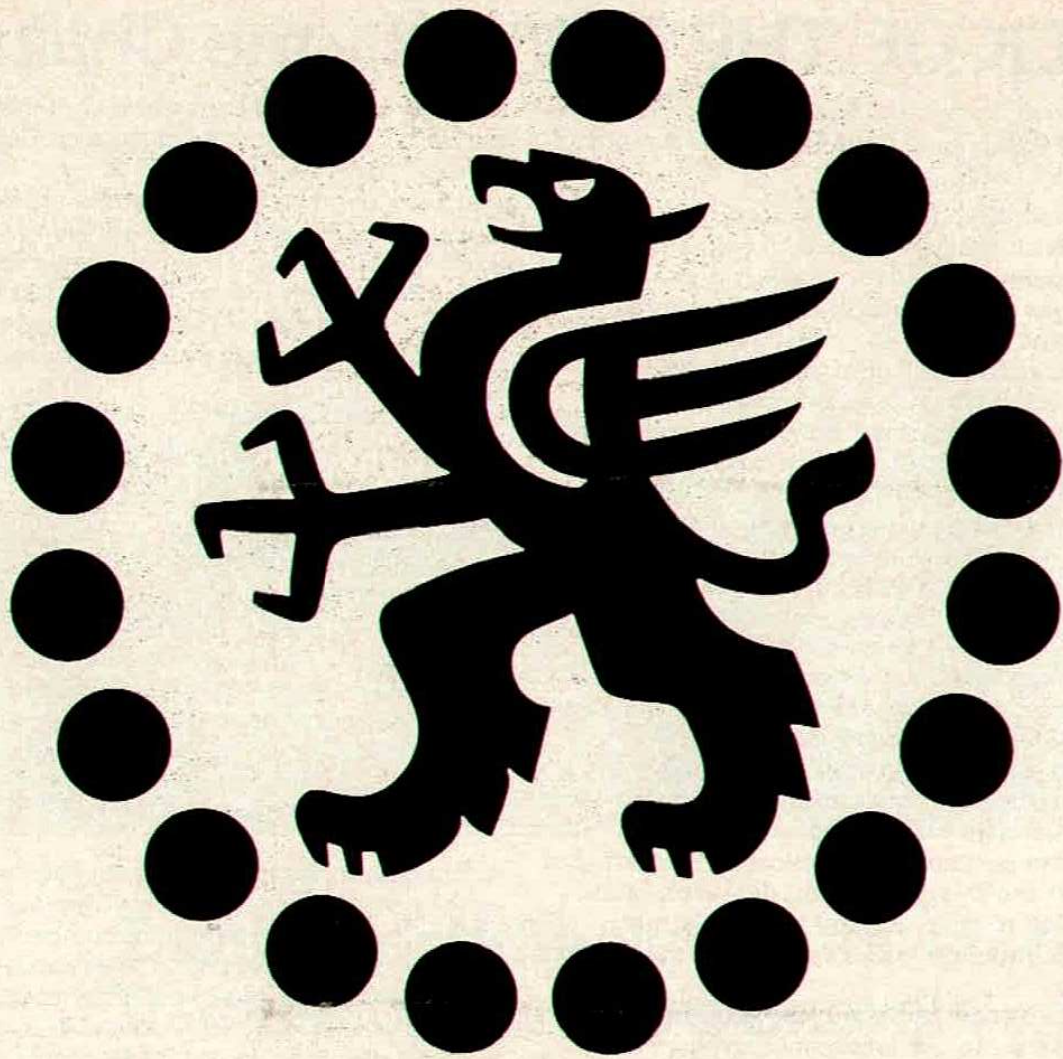
With Len Skiller now departed, TEDDY NASH had the goalkeeping berth to himself for the 1922-23 season. At the time there was no smaller keeper than Nash - at a shade over 5' 8" - on duty in the Third Division, but his safe handling or 'fielding' as it was known in his day kept him as the number one choice of the selecting committee. The term 'fielding' was more appropriate for Teddy's other occupation as wicket keeper for Wiltshire — who could also call on the services of Harold Fleming as a rather useful bowler. Challenging for Nash's place between the posts was OSWALD RANDALL who had joined the Town from Brighton in the summer of 1922 along with fullback Harry Bentley. For Randall it was a move nearer home - being a native of the Berkshire village of Thatcham. He was not given a chance to prove himself, however, until Teddy Nash fell out of favour in November 1923. 'Ossie' got off to a shaky start at Swindon, when seven goals went past him in his first three outings, but the directors' faith in retaining him was rewarded when his next four appearances produced four 'blanks'. Randall held his place for the remainder of the season and assisted Swindon in attaining a final league position of sixth. This was improved upon in 1924-25 when the Town ended fourth and Ossie kept an impressive eighteen clean sheets in his 41 games. In one eight-match spell, following a home Cup defeat by Fulham, only one side managed to get the ball past him. His only non-attendance that season was on Easter Monday when the team was given a grand holiday shuffle, five changes being made. Teddy Nash stood in.

Two defeats to open the following campaign brought unrest to the Swindon camp. The press blamed a 1-3 home defeat by Bristol City on the entire defence. Changes were made - but two involved forwards and the only member of the rearguard to lose his place was the unfortunate Randall. Made scapegoat for the Town's poor start, he spent the rest of the season back in the reserves and was never to see first team duty at Swindon again. Once more Mr. Nash answered the call. During the autumn of 1925, the Town

embarked upon their seventeen-goal demolition of two non-League sides in the Cup. Teddy was a virtual spectator at Farnham - where it ceased to be a contest after half-time, with Swindon already seven goals to the good. Perhaps through sheer boredom, he then conceded a penalty by pushing a home forward. This was no charitable gesture, however, as he pulled off a brilliant diving save to deny the amateurs the satisfaction of scoring until the dying moments of the game. It was only then that outside-left Bicknell came to disturb the snow behind the Town keeper.

Nash was never absent until September 1926. By this time Oswald Randall had moved west to Exeter, in company with Town forward George Purcell - so on the eighteenth of that month a new name appeared between the sticks for Swindon, that of JACK BOURNE. Born in the Potteries, at Burslem, Bourne had served his apprenticeship at Bolton. There he had made a strong challenge for the time-honoured position held by the great Dick Pym. Another of his colleagues at Burnden at that time was former Town keeper Fred Hinton, before he became the subject of a £500 transfer to Tottenham. Jack Bourne received a harsh baptism of life in Third Division football when, during the first thirteen minutes of his debut at Brighton, he had to pick the ball from the back of the net three times. By the time the half-hour had passed the Town trailed 0-5 and, although the Town forwards brought some respectability to events by netting three in four minutes, worse was to follow. No fewer than four more sailed past the bewildered newcomer after the break. In spite of that 3-9 disaster, the management remained unruffled and Ted Nash returned to the scene only on the isolated occasion. It took another goal massacre - 2-8 at Merthyr in October 1927 - to convince Sam Allen and the board that perhaps a change in the last line of defence might be beneficial, with the club now floundering near the foot of the table.

To be continued



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TALK OF THE TOWN by the Chairman

Welcome to our visitors from Chesterfield and a special welcome to Colin Prohett if he is in their team today.

The Squash Club/Supporters' Social Travel Club, which has been formed to help improve our supporters behaviour image, is proving a big success and following the organisation of coach trips to our away games, which has been very successful, the Travel Club are organising a train to take them to Stoke because of the large numbers interested and the fare will be £4.00p. Details of this trip can be obtained from Mick Conley or Mick Lewis from the Supporters' Social Club.

Our forum which we held in the Rendezvous Club on Monday, 3rd September was well attended by over 150 people and a lively discussion was held on all aspects of the Club. Our manager along with Wilf Tranter sat on the panel and they seemed to enjoy the evening. A question raised by a member of the audience concerned press coverage of crowd behaviour and he felt along with others that they are highly exaggerated as much as he deplored misconduct of any kind and this, people felt, did give a false impression of what actually happens at the County Ground.

Bob Jefferies our secretary was asked to provide special passes to our local paper to come and report on crowd behaviour at the Reading match and in view of the fact that the Club issue ten passes for the press to our local paper, we did not feel it was in anyones interest to encourage extra people to come for such purposes. As a member of the forum pointed out that, if a particular good thing happened at a match, it received a mention of the back page, while any bad thing that happened could find its way to the front page. We at the Club do not wish to cover up anything that is wrong, but we also do not wish to encourage bad behaviour by giving the louts the publicity they are looking for.

On a happy note we the Club would like to congratulate Mr. Bunny Shayler the official club photographer who has been placed highest in the traditional finishers of the July Kodak Quality Award placings. In view of the intense competition this is indeed an honour. In my last programme, I mentioned that John Trollope and his youngsters had made an excellent start to the season and since then they have won further victories over Leicester City 5-2 in the Midland Youth League at home and a 1-1 draw

with the Wolves away and another home win in the South East Counties League over Cambridge United youths beating them 4-2.

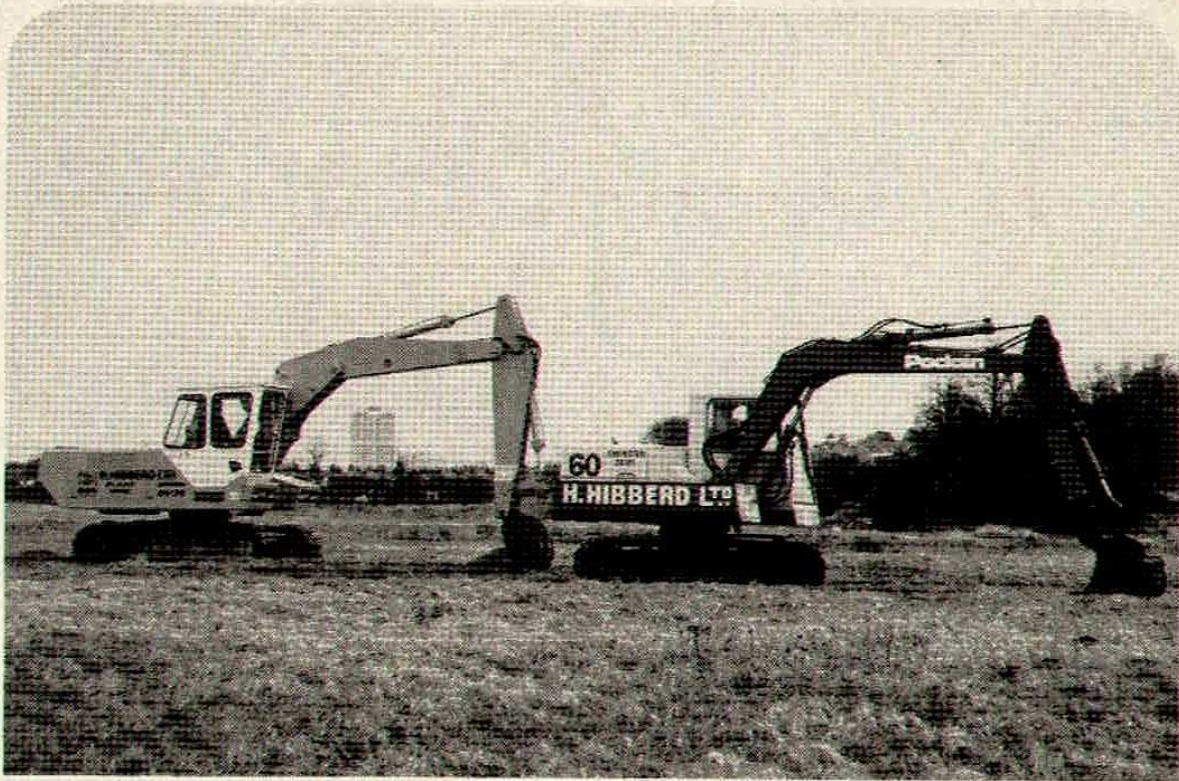
We have also played Derby County in the Midland Youth League and Wimbledon in the South East Counties. This morning we entertained Wimbledon and on Thursday last Derby County, but obviously too late for me to know the results before these notes go to press.

On Monday last we held our Annual General Meeting in the Supporters Club with the result that Messrs. A. Done, W. Dore, M. W. Earle, L. Smart and G. Whittock were re-elected for a period of three years. There were no other nominations for these positions. The meeting did not attract many of our shareholders with the result that the normal business was concluded very quickly. There have been meetings in the past which have attracted large numbers and often lively discussions and I can only presume that the majority of shareholders must be reasonably satisfied with the way our Club affairs are handled these days.

A few questions were raised over finance which were expected because of the difference in expenditure over certain items comparable with the previous season, but everybody is aware of the tremendous rise in everyday costs. The transfer market has gone mad and every club that buys hopes to spread its payments over as long a period as possible which of course means the club selling has to wait for its payments and can only buy according to this system. There has been a suggestion that all transfer fees should be paid on the completion of the transfer and in this way it is felt that transfer fees would be very much more in line with what clubs could afford.

On Tuesday last, I was priveleged to attend a Testimonial Match between Fulham and the Arsenal as a tribute to Ted Drake for his long services to the game. Ted is Assistant Manager to Fulham and people will remember him for his dashing displays as Englands Centre Forward who once scored seven goals for the Arsenal.

Today we have issued forms for signatures to support the protest for being made against Radio Oxfords decision to delete the broadcasting of Sport on Saturdays. I hope people will support this petition and return the forms to us at the County Ground. Hoping you will enjoy todays game and thank you for coming.



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The first Saturday in September saw Chester's only League defeat to date, 0-2 at Bury. Jimmy McIlwraith, who has returned to Gigg Lane after a short excursion to Portsmouth, scored - as did Bury's top marksman last year, Ken Beamish. Chester have now gone five games since last winning.

Carlisle's young Irish striker Paul Bannon, whose first two goals earned his club three points, turned villain last weekend when he headed past his own keeper Trevor Swinburne to put visitors Gillingham two goals up. United claimed a late consolation effort from Jim Hamilton.

Chesterfield continue to rattle in the goals. The three recorded against Colchester on Saturday brought their tally to twenty so far this season. Ernie Moss leads the way with seven to his name and heads the divisional scorers along with Grimsby's Bob Cumming.

Oxford United's Paul Berry got his side off to a good start in the local derby with Reading, netting after just six minutes. Berry has now found the target in each of Oxford's four League games played: Reading, who went down 0-4, have yet to register a League victory this season - although back on the opening day the Royals won impressively at the Manor in the League Cup.

Plymouth Argyle have slumped to one place from the bottom of the table, having now gone four League games without gaining a point. Their latest defeat, by a solitary goal at Grimsby, came just four days after a fine 2-1 League Cup win at Stamford Bridge.

Newly-promoted Barnsley moved away from the bottom by virtue of a second-minute goal from Glyn Riley, which proved good enough to clinch both points against Mansfield Town.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

DIVISION THREE up to and including Sat. Sept 8

	Home					Away					Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F-A	P	W	D	L	F-A	
Rotherham U	5	3	0	0	8-1	1	0	1	3	5	8
Oxford U	4	3	0	0	10-1	0	1	0	2	2	7
Grimsby T	5	3	0	0	11-4	0	1	1	1	3	7
Millwall	5	2	0	0	3-1	0	3	0	3	3	7
Chesterfield	5	3	0	0	8-1	0	0	2	3	6	6
Blackpool	5	2	0	0	5-1	1	0	2	5	8	6
Chester	5	1	2	0	5-3	1	0	1	3	4	6
Gillingham	4	0	1	0	1-1	2	0	1	6	4	5
Blackburn R.	5	0	2	0	1-1	1	1	1	4	2	5
SWINDON TOWN	5	1	1	0	4-0	1	0	2	4	7	5
Brentford	4	1	0	0	3-1	1	1	1	4	6	5
Sheffield U.	5	2	0	0	5-2	0	1	2	2	5	5
Hull C.	5	1	1	1	5-5	0	2	0	1	1	5
Sheffield W.	5	0	1	2	0-5	2	0	0	6	1	5
Bury	5	2	0	0	5-0	0	0	3	0	4	4
Southend U.	4	1	0	2	2-4	1	0	0	1	0	4
Wimbledon	5	1	0	2	3-4	1	0	1	2	3	4
Barnsley	5	2	0	1	3-3	0	0	2	0	3	4
Colchester U.	5	1	0	1	3-3	1	0	2	2	6	4
Exeter C.	5	2	0	1	3-3	0	0	2	2	7	4
Mansfield T.	5	1	1	0	4-3	0	0	3	2	5	3
Carlisle U.	5	1	1	1	3-3	0	0	2	0	2	3
Plymouth A	5	1	0	1	3-3	0	0	3	2	8	2
Reading	5	0	1	1	3-5	0	1	2	0	6	2
Fulham	5	5	0	0	14-2						10
Norwich C	5	4	0	1	12-2						8
Chelsea	5	4	0	1	9-5						8
Tottenham H	4	3	1	0	16-3						7
Southampton	5	3	1	1	12-7						7
Oxford U.	3	3	0	0	9-3						6
Bristol R.	5	2	2	1	9-8						6
Leicester C.	5	2	2	1	9-9						6
Bristol C.	3	2	1	0	9-2						5
Plymouth A	4	2	1	1	6-5						5
Arsenal	5	2	0	3	7-7						4
Crystal P.	5	1	2	2	8-9						4
Orient	5	1	1	3	4-7						3
Hereford U	4	1	1	2	7-12						3
Q.P.R.	3	0	2	1	7-8						2
Cardiff C.	3	0	2	1	3-5						2
Luton T.	4	0	2	2	2-6						2
West Ham U.	5	1	0	4	3-11						2
Ipswich T.	3	0	1	2	3-6						1
Birmingham C.	4	0	1	3	3-8						1
SWINDON TOWN	5	0	1	4	2-13						1
Reading	4	0	1	3	3-19						1

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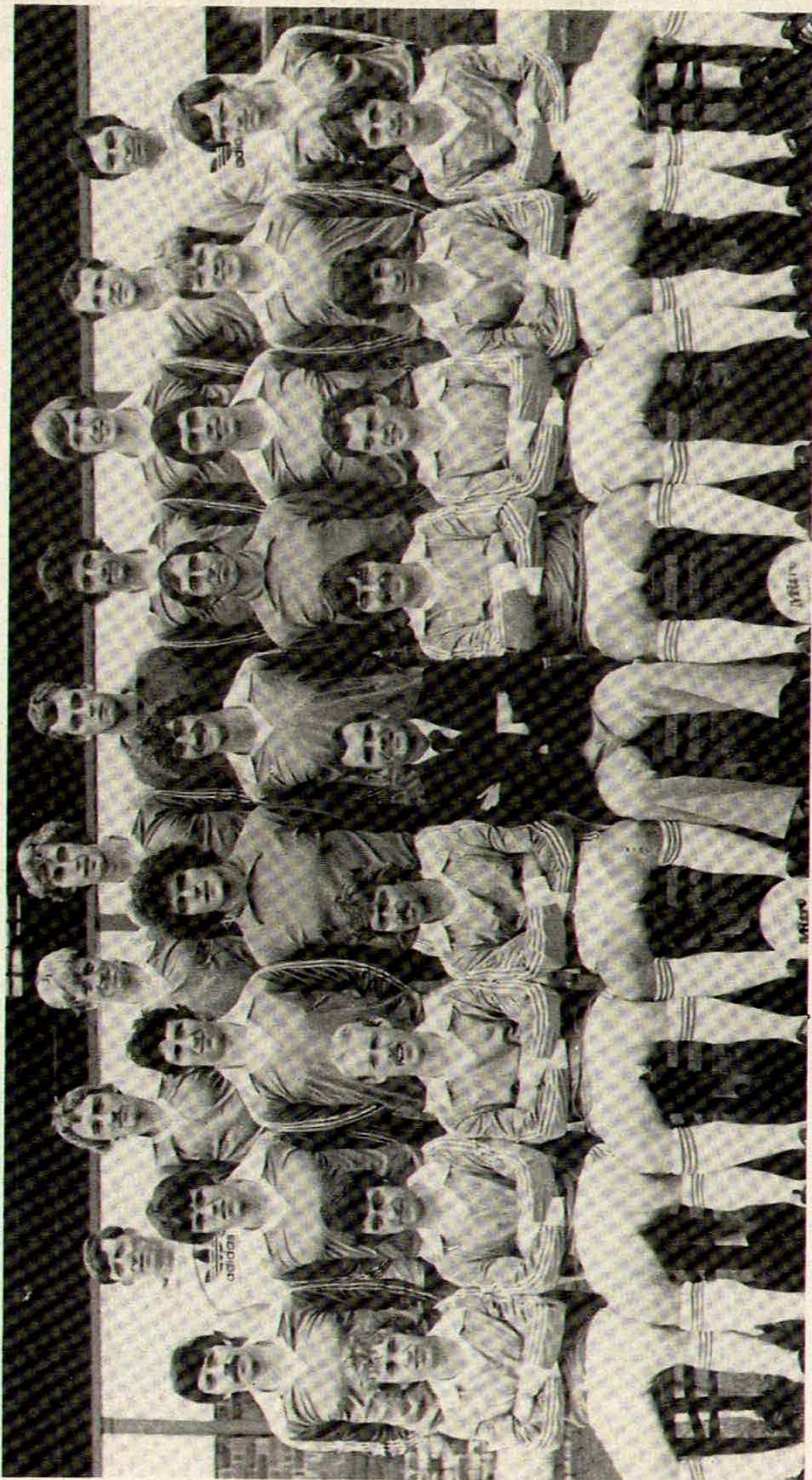
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Two goal hero Alan Mayes fires this one against the post during the 4-0 win over Brentford at the County Ground.

IN TOWN TODAY: CHESTERFIELD



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Harold Roberts (coach), Russell Athersych, John Partridge, Andy Higgins, Paul Gregory,
Gary Pollard, Gary Bellamy, Bill Dearden, Frank Barlow (coach),
Colin Proppett, Phil Walker, Les Hunter, Glan Letheren, Bill Gree, Phil Tingay, Ernie Moss,
Gary Simpson, Colin Tartt.
Alan Birch, Glyn Chamberlain, Steve Cammack, Andy Kowalski, Arthur Cox (manager),
Geoff Salmons, Shaun O'Neill, Ken Burton, Alan Crawford.

CHESTERFIELD POOR AWAY FROM HOME

By Tony Pullein

Chesterfield have made a highly encouraging start to the new season, and have pulled off some magnificent League Cup results, but one aspect of their play which needs urgent attention -- if they are to mount a promotion challenge -- is their away form.

The Spireites have lost both their away League games so far, at Mansfield (2-3) and Brentford (1-3), and they were even beaten at Hartlepool (1-2) in the League Cup. Their goalless draw at Shrewsbury, also in the League Cup, was a highly creditable performance but the fact remains that -- taking last season's games into consideration -- Chesterfield come to the County Ground today without a win in their last seven away games and with only one success from their last 16 away trips.

They did win their first three home League games -- versus Barnsley (2-0), Plymouth (3-1) and Colchester (3-0) -- so they have maintained a status quo in the League.

But they have really excelled in the League Cup with two spanking victories. They defeated Hartlepool 5-1 at home in the first-leg of the first round, so their 1-2 defeat in the return was of little importance. They then thrashed Second Division Shrewsbury 3-0 in their home leg and held on for a 0-0 draw in the return.

Last season Chesterfield only narrowly avoided relegation to the Fourth Division and manager Arthur Cox made it his business during the summer to do some team strengthening. He paid Walsall £40,000 for midfielder man Alan Birch and invested £35,000 in Leicester defender John Ridley. He then paid another substantial fee for Peterborough centre-back Bill Green. A couple of weeks ago he paid £30,000 for Rotherham winger Alan Crawford.

Birch, who developed with Walsall and made his League bow in 1972/73, has really excelled in his early games, scoring six goals in his opening eight games. He has now taken over as the club's penalty-taker and two of his goals have come from the spot.

Ridley spent four seasons as a Port Vale regular and then moved to Leicester last season. But he didn't fit into Jock Wallace's plans so his latest move gives him the chance to re-establish himself.

Green is a defender of great experience. He kicked off his League career with Hartlepool in 1969/70 and moved on to Carlisle for £15,000 in 1973. Three years later the Cumbrians' sold

him to West Ham for £75,000 but, though he stepped easily into First Division football, he couldn't settle in London. Peterborough paid £70,000 for him in 1978.

Crawford is a player who can score goals as well as create chances. In 1976/77 he was Rotherham's leading scorer with 31 goals but he was not always required to play as an out-and-out striker and last season his output was only five. Though he developed with Rotherham, Alan actually made his League bow whilst on loan to Mansfield in 1972/73.

Birch was drafted into the midfield with Andy Kowalski and Geoff Salmons.

Kowalski has spent his entire career with Chesterfield, turning professional in 1973. Salmons played more than 200 games for Sheffield United and was transferred to Stoke for £200,000 in 1974. He gave the Potters' three years' outstanding service and then returned to Sheffield United on loan. Leicester signed him in 1977 and Chesterfield paid £35,000 for him last season.

Green has been playing alongside Les Hunter in the middle of the defence. Les is another Chesterfield discovery who has been in the side for most of the while since his debut in 1975.

Colin Tartt and Sian O'Neill have been playing at full-back. Tartt made almost 200 appearances for Port Vale prior to joining Chesterfield in 1977. O'Neill began with Leeds United but didn't get a chance to play in the League until his transfer to Chesterfield in 1974.

Glen Letheran won the goalkeeper's jersey but Phil Tingay will be fighting strongly to get back. Letheran got a solitary chance in the Leeds' team but enjoyed a regular run in League soccer only after going to Scunthorpe on loan in 1976/77. The following season he went to Chelsea and Notts County on loan before signing for Chesterfield in 1977.

Tingay came through from the juniors and was for over five years the number one choice.

Ernie Moss expressed his delight to be back by hitting seven goals in the opening nine matches -- the sort of shooting form that made him such a favourite in his first spell with the club.

Ernie hit 20 goals in 1969/70, 19 in 1973/74 and 23 in the following season. After completing his goals century, he moved on to Peterborough in 1975 and then Mansfield just over a year later. He re-joined Chesterfield last season.

John Ward talks to John Templeman

Ironically when he was at school John Templeman considered himself to be a better cricketer than a footballer. He had several trial games for Sussex but the rest of the team were nearly all players under contract with Sussex who looked on him as the young lad from the village come to threaten their jobs. As a result he tended to be rather overawed by the occasion and never quite made the grade. At football on the other hand anything which he may have lacked in ability he made up for by hard work and fitness, both of which he still considers to be the hallmarks of his game.

Born in the village of Yapton near Chichester John served his apprenticeship as a gas fitter while playing as an amateur with Portsmouth's youth team. Then manager George Smith brought about a dramatic reduction in playing staff, cutting out the reserve and youth teams, so John moved to Brighton, training two nights a week. He signed his first professional contract there for Archie Macanlay in 1966. He spent eight years in all at Brighton in the first team for most of the time apart for a short spell when he was out of favour with one manager who tried to ship him off to South Africa! Brighton won promotion to the Second Division, only to be immediately relegated, and managers came and went until the arrival of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor. John believes that while their way of training players may work at the higher level it is not necessarily suitable in the lower Divisions. They concluded that he did not come up to the standard which they required and he was transferred to Exeter City at the end of the 1973/74 season.

At first things did not go too well at Exeter largely because of events off the field. He had recently got married and living in a hotel for two or three months in Exeter was unsettling. His wife had a difficult pregnancy and after having lived at home or in digs where everything was done for him John found it hard to deal with problems which he was not used to. The following season showed a marked improvement however and in 1976/77 Exeter were promoted even though manager John Newman left for Grimsby halfway through the season and was replaced by Bobby Saxton as player manager. John regards Exeter's promotion and subsequent survival in a respectable position in the Third Division as a highly commendable achievement for a club with such a small first team squad.

John's contract with Exeter was due to finish

in July this year and he was having difficulty in agreeing terms for a new one with new manager Brian Godfrey. On the other hand he was reluctant to leave Exeter: he and his wife now had a nine month old son as well as a daughter who was due to start school next Easter and temperamentally John is keen to avoid too much moving around. "In any case full backs are not in the same sort of demand as forwards," he says philosophically. In addition John was now firmly established working as many hours as he could fit in with football in a youth club. "When you get to 31 or 32 you start wondering what the future will hold. I am very interested in dealing with kids and I had been a youth leader for three months. I was just getting into the swing of things and thinking about the possibility of going in for youth work when my career in football came to an end.

John was almost resigned to staying with Exeter when out of the blue came a call from Bob Smith. He was flattered and delighted to be asked to join Swindon and within a matter of days terms were agreed, medical checks completed and his wife happy with what she saw of the Swindon area. They are now in the process of buying a house in Swindon near Jimmy Allan. John is on a two year contract but ideally - and with the example of that other long serving full back, John Trollope, to encourage him - he would like to continue playing for Swindon for many years to come. He feels that the club could well emulate the deeds of Brighton and achieve First Division status. Meanwhile he is excited by the unexpected challenge which Bob Smith has given him. In due course, once the family is settled in and as time and football commitments permit, he will seek to re-establish himself with a local youth club but for the moment all his energies are channelled into playing his part in setting Swindon Town firmly on course for the Second Division.

NEXT MATCH

Tuesday, 18th September, 1979

DIVISION III

CHESTER

K.O. 7.30 p.m.



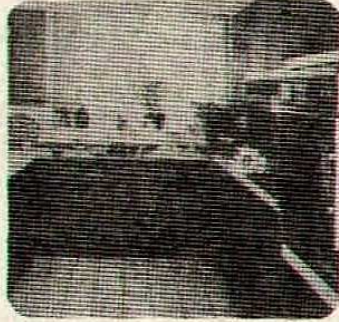
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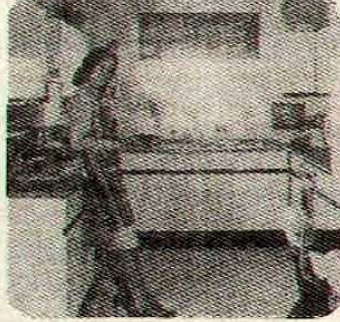


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SOCCER SCENE by Tony Pullein

It's bad news that always titillates our interest. So I suppose it was only to be expected that a couple of early slips by the usually so efficient Liverpool were greeted with screams of delight from many quarters. Yet, I believe in the long run, it will again be the Anfield men who have the last laugh.

Liverpool's first "failure" was their goalless opening match against Bolton at Anfield. Manager Bob Paisley complained of Bolton's defensive tactics that night, yet what alternative did they have?

The Reds' home record is quite fantastic. After they had returned to their best to beat W.B.A. 3-1, they looked back on an unbeaten run of 39 home League and Cup games without defeat, 33 of them won. At the moment their record is 35 wins and six draws in 41 games.

When Albion's Peter Barnes' shot went into the net he became only the sixth visiting player to score at Anfield in 33 matches since April 1978!

The last team to beat Liverpool at home was Birmingham City in January 1978 -- and that was only with the aid of a penalty.

The last visiting team to score more than once at Anfield was Ipswich who somehow contrived to draw 2-2 in April 1978.

Prophets of gloom were out in earnest again when Liverpool, looking very shaky in defence and guilty of missing countless chances, were beaten 1-3 at Southampton a fortnight ago.

But, if Liverpool are failures then I know 91 other Football League clubs who would happily mortgage their futures in order to fail in a similarly spectacular fashion.

One of the most delightful early success stories came from Carrow Road where Norwich City, just about the most unlikely of all prospective Champions, took six points from three games to go on top of the First Division table for the first time in their history.

To get there this small-town club beat three of the game's most established clubs -- 4-2 at Everton, 4-0 at home to Tottenham and, best of all, a 2-1 victory over a Leeds' side now considered to be back at its zenith.

There can have been no fluke about three performances like that yet this Norwich line-up appears to break all the laws of logic usually applied to the make-up of a successful side. They have in Kevin Keelan just about the oldest goalkeeper in the Football League; he's been going in League soccer for 20 years, the last 16

of them with Norwich, and he still manages to get in his summer stints in the States.

The man who motivates them from midfield is another veteran Martin Peters, recently described by Don Revie as "past it years ago!"

What's more Norwich have one of those normally so-difficult-to-sustain partnerships of father and son on the payroll. Manager John Bond and son Kevin have been together at two clubs -- Kevin served his apprenticeship at Bournemouth.

He later joined his father at Carrow Road where last season he established himself as the first-team right-back. Most similar partnerships in the past have been broken up purposely for various reasons because they normally don't work.

But it bonded at Norwich and it was Kevin, in fact, who scored both the goals against Leeds, one from a penalty.

Norwich's flying start has made striker Kevin Reeves feel a little easier in his mind over his decision to turn down a £1-million transfer to Manchester City. Reeves would have received a £50,000 cut from the fee and been set up financially for life.

"It was agony trying to decide for the best," smiled Kevin, now an England under-21 international. "In the end I knew I was happy at Norwich. We have a good squad of players and a fine set-up. I felt that this was where my security lay."

It's not too clear where Reeves would have fitted into the Maine Road set-up -- and that's probably one of the reservations which helped him reach his decision -- for Bobby Shinton (a £350,000 summer signing from Wrexham) and Mike Channon (bought from Southampton for £300,000 in 1977) both started the season in the reserves.

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