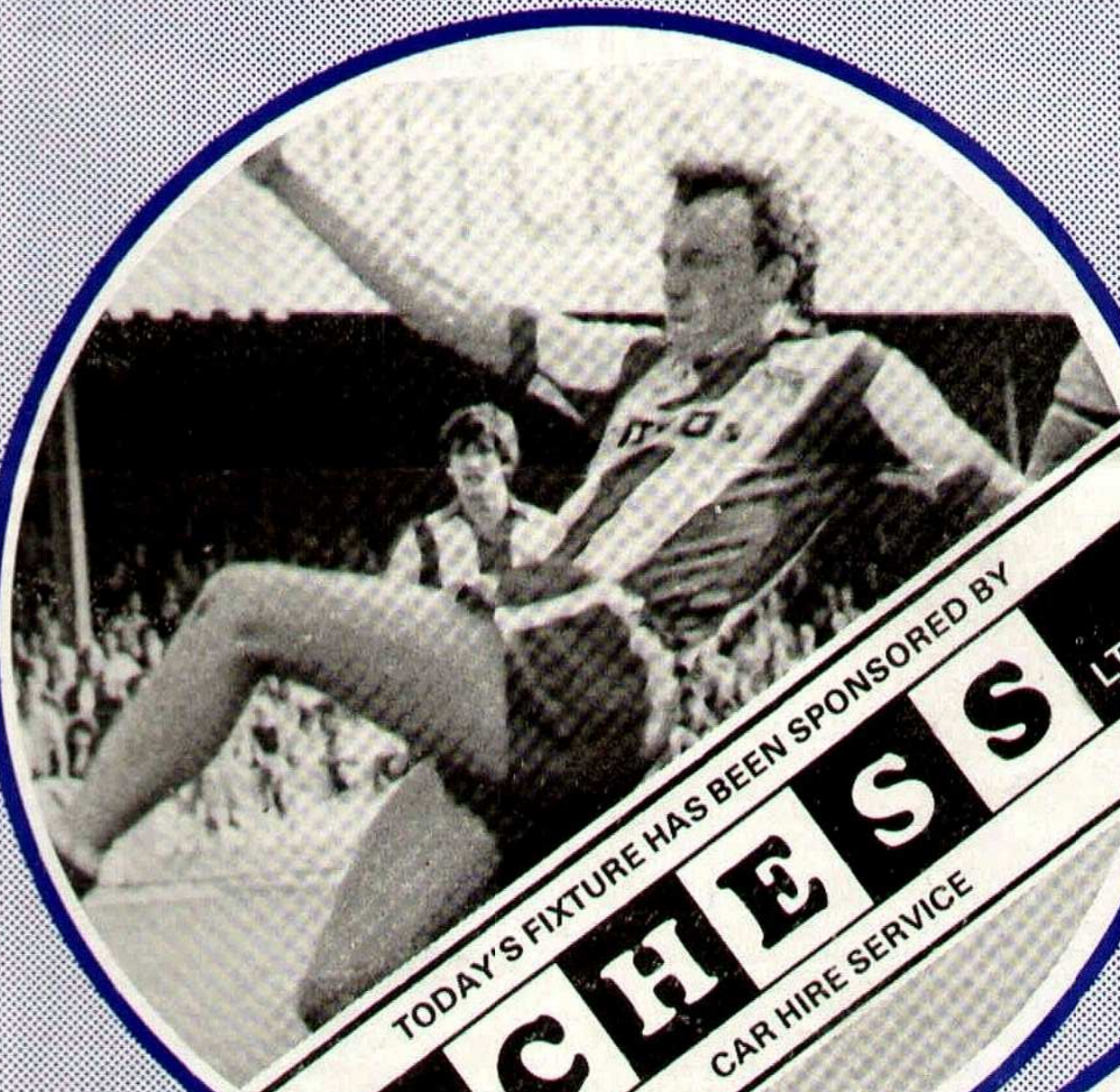


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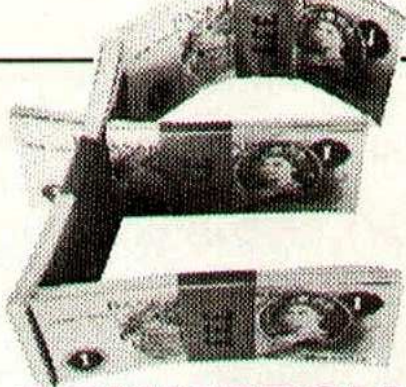
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COMMERCIAL COMMENTS

"SEAL-IT" . . . the Chester Top Lottery was launched last Monday and the signs are that we have a "thumbs up" from our agents and supporters. Initial reaction has been most encouraging, several agents already have placed repeat orders.

The Chester Top Lottery offers a top prize of £1,000 and has an average winning ratio of 1 in 7. Don't miss out — look for the "SEAL-IT" signs . . . you could be the next £1,000 winner.

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CHESS ON THE SPOT . . .

Whilst a complete rebuilding programme is being carried out at The Parkgate Road premises of CHESS CAR HIRE, the Seals official sponsors will be offering their usual high class services from offices situated at Chester Football Club . . . this further forges the strong link between Chess Car Hire and C.F.C.

JUNIOR SEALS

All three of the J.S. teams played a week last Sunday (17th October '82), the under 12's, 14's and 16's although only the latter had any success by holding Newscene to a scoreless draw. Results and tables for the weekend 17.10.82. were as follows . . .

Under-12 Division: Chester Boys' Club 1, Newton 1; Westminster Park 1, Broughton SS 3; Highfield Juniors 14, Blacon AP 0; Waverton 2, Vicar's Cross 2; New Scene 4, Junior Seals 1; Helsby Juniors 0, Sealand 6.

Under-14 Division: Sealand 4, Helsby Juniors 2; Newton 0, Chester Boys' Club 3; Vicar's Cross 8, Waverton 3, Junior Seals 3, New Scene 4.

Under-16 Division: Helsby Juniors 3, Chester Alex 5; Chester Boys' Club 0, St. Werburgh's 2; Broughton SS 7, Metro 1; New Scene 0, Junior Seals 0.

UNDER-12

New Scene	4	3	7
Sealand	4	3	7
Broughton SS	4	2	6
Chester Boys' Club . . .	3	2	5
Vicar's Cross	4	1	5
Highfield Jnrs.	3	2	4
Newton	4	1	4
Junior Seals	4	1	3
Waverton	4	0	3
Westminster Bank . . .	4	1	2
Blacon AP	4	0	0
Helsby Jnrs.	4	0	0

UNDER-14

Chester Boys' Club . . .	4	4	8
New Scene	4	3	7
Sealand	4	2	6
Junior Seals	4	2	5
Vicar's Cross	4	2	4
Helsby Jnrs.	4	1	2
Newton	4	0	0

UNDER-16

Broughton SS	4	4	8
New Scene	4	3	7
St. Werburgh's	4	3	6
Junior Seals	4	2	5
Chester Boys' Club . . .	3	1	2
Vicar's Cross	3	1	2
Chester Alex	4	1	2
Helsby Jnrs.	3	0	0
Metro	3	0	0

● Today's referee KEN WALMSLEY (Blackpool) commenced refereeing at 17 and progressed via local leagues in Wigan and Leigh areas to the Lancashire Combination and Football League list. Has officiated in no fewer than 39 non-league finals. Was a linesman for a European Cup Match in 1975, also an Amateur International — England v. Ireland, and the Amateur Cup Final in 1973. Also refereed the 1982 F.A. Vase Final in Wembley. Played football and cricket for Lancashire schools before cartilage trouble caused retirement. Is keen, generally, on all sports, he is a married man and works as a Sales Manager for a wine and spirit merchants.

● Other Division Four fixtures today are:-

Aldershot v. Bristol City
 Bury v. Colchester
 Hereford v. Rochdale
 Mansfield v. Darlington
 Northampton v. Peterborough
 Port Vale v. Blackpool
 Torquay v. Scunthorpe
 Tranmere v. Hull City
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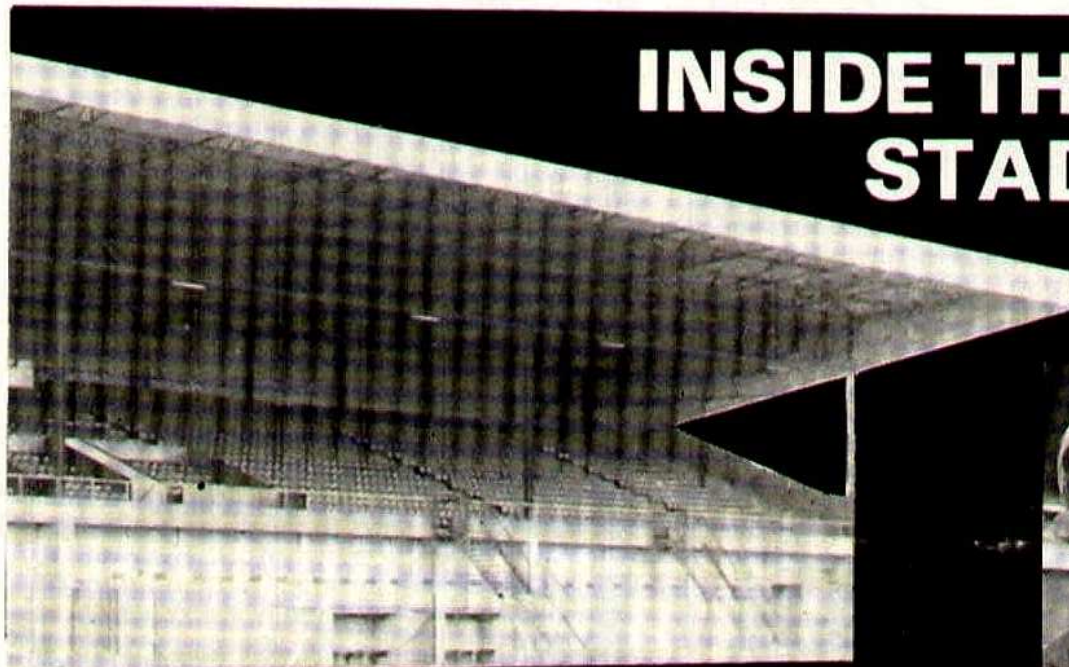
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INSIDE THE STADIUM



THE postponement of last week's fixture at Colchester certainly gave us breathing space in our battle to save many of the club's injury problems.

Seven days later, numerous players have been visiting the Physio Room for extensive treatment . . . at the time of writing it is still touch and go as to whether or not some of the injuries will have cleared: Grenville Millington and Phil Harrington both have arm injuries, Nigel Edwards and John Thomas both have groin strains, Martin Lane has a calf strain and Peter Zelem has been receiving treatment for an achilles tendon strain.

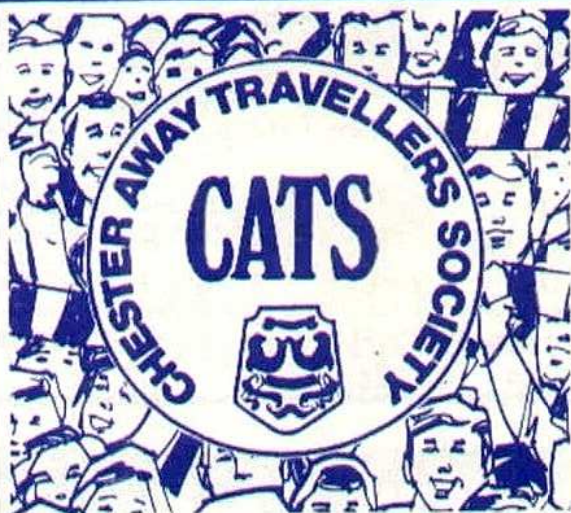
In the event of my having to select a couple of the club's younger players as replacements today, will you please give them every encouragement.

I am sure that you will have been

pleased with the performance of our on-loan goalkeeper Mike Salmon from Blackburn Rovers — I feel sure he will continue that form during his short stay and that during the next week of events the team will regain the early season consistency and move on to the fringe of the leading clubs in the division.

As I stated in my last programme notes this game of football is all about consistency, it obviously does not help plans when one is confronted with so many injury problems, but with the vocal support from the terraces I feel that this will help lift the team through a sticky patch.

Cliff Sear, Manager.



NEXT Tuesday (2nd November) the Seals travel to BRISTOL CITY . . . Return Fare will be £4.00. Many supporters have already booked for the journey to Ashton Cafe having been told of a 4.15 p.m. departure: N.B. THE COACH TO BRISTOL NOW LEAVES AT 3.45 p.m. Any supporters wishing to book on the above coach will they contact John Cowap (300745) or Terry Vickers (377003) or book today at the ground.



RESERVE REPORT

AFTER having gained promotion in each of the last two seasons the Chester 'B' team is now setting the pace in Division One of the Chester & District League. At the time of writing the Young Seals have a one hundred per cent league record and they are continuing in the same manner as last term in being one of the league's leading goalscorers. In fact during their opening six games they have scored on twenty-three occasions, an average of four goals per game! The results of those six games were as follow:-

Sept. 7 Frodsham United H 4-0
 Sept. 11 Highfield Reserves A 3-0
 Sept. 18 Fire Service H 4-2
 Oct. 2 Upton AA Reserves H 3-0
 Oct. 9 Guilden Sutton A 5-0
 Oct. 16 Cestrian Alex A 4-3

They've suffered only one defeat to date and this came on September 25th when they played away at Highfield in the League Cup First Round. The Chester Youngsters put up a brave fight against the Premier Division side before falling to a last minute winner, the final score being 4-3. Although their successful start to the season has been very much a team effort, Heswall lad Dave Wilson deserves a mention for he has scored in virtually every game so far.

The 'B' teamers are currently taking part in a special training and exercise programme at the Dick Hubbard Fitness Centre. They have been kindly offered use of the facilities at the centre during two evenings each week, for a short period of time.



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An alphabetical look at some of the players who have played for Chester F.C. past and present.

CONTINUING our A to Z feature this week is **GORDON DAVIES** who joined Chester in 1957. Gordon spent 5 seasons at Maine Road playing mainly in the reserves but he did score 5 goals in his 13 first team games. Gordon played just twice for Chester and moved on to Southport in August 1958.

JOE DAVIES made his Chester debut in season 1947-8 but it was in season 1949-50 that he really started to shine in the number 8 shirt until tragedy struck in the form of a broken leg sustained at Christmas. Joe was never really able to come back and left Chester in 1952 with just 55 appearances and 10 goals to his credit.

RON DAVIES is surely one of the most famous players to ever wear a Chester shirt. Born in Holywell, Ron joined the Chester groundstaff from school and made his first team debut in season 1959-60 at the age of 17. The following season he was by far and away the leading scorer for a disappointing Chester team which finished in bottom place, even so Ron managed 23 goals in 39 games. 1961-62 again saw Ron as leading scorer with 14 goals — 9 more than the next player in the list and in 1962-63 he managed just 7 goals in just 9 games — a total which was to be the second highest (8 was the highest) in the Chester scoring charts that season — before his move to Luton in October 1962. In just one season at Luton Ron scored 21 goals in 32 games and he became a much sought after striker. In September 1963 he moved to Norwich where he gained the first of his 29 Welsh caps. After 3 years, 113 games and 58 goals it was a journey to Southampton and overnight success. The Saints had wingers Terry Paine and John Sydenham providing the service for "big Ron" who obliged with 134 goals in 240 games. After almost 7 years at the Dell, Ron moved to Portsmouth and then Manchester United and Millwall before ending his illustrious career in America.

ERIC DAVIS spent just 19 months with Chester. Eric was a centre-forward whose career started with Plymouth (23 goals in 63 games), next stop was Scunthorpe (20 goals in 40 games) before he was reluctantly allowed to join Chester in February 1959. He played 32 games and scored 12 goals before moving on to Oldham in September 1960.

WILLIAM DEAKIN was a Yorkshireman, signed by Chester from Barnsley in July 1952. He played just 25 games for Chester in season 1952-53 before moving on to Corby Town.

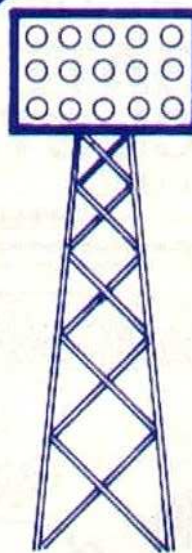
BILLY DEARDEN now the Chesterfield coach, proved to be a very shrewd signing when he joined Chester from Crewe in June 1968. Billy Whizz as he became known, played 85 times and scored 22 goals before being "given away" to Sheffield United for £10,000 in April 1970 at a time when Chester desperately needed money. At Sheffield Billy became a regular first teamer and scored 61 goals in 175 games. Billy rejoined Chester in February 1976 and played a further 36 games before finally re-crossing the Pennines and joining Chesterfield in August 1977.

BOB DELGADO was one of football's "wanderers" but nevertheless, one of the most popular players to appear for Chester. Before moving to Sealand Road in October 1975 Bob had appeared for Luton, Carlisle, Workington

and Rotherham and had made 112 league appearances — at Chester "big Bob" played 128 games in just short of 3 years before moving to Port Vale in the deal that brought Peter Sutcliffe to Chester.



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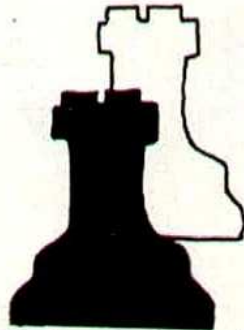
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1 YEAR AGO

Saturday, 31st October, 1981
League Division III
Chester: Millington, Cottam, Raynor, Storton, Zelem, Needham, Jones, Howat, Ludlam, Phillips, Sutcliffe. Sub: Allen.

STRAIGHT from the kick-off Chester's defence was under pressure from high-riding Reading. Suffering from the previous weeks 5-1 hammering at Plymouth, another slaughter looked likely. Millington had other ideas, five superb saves in the first ten minutes amazingly kept the scores level. In City's first attack Sutcliffe's chip was headed past Fearon by Phillips. Supporters could hardly believe it, but in the 26th minute Needham was left alone on the edge of the box and his shot made it 2-0. The luck couldn't continue — Kearney made it 2-1 shortly before half-time after a fortunate deflection then Raynor nudged Kearney in the area and referee Midgeley gave a penalty, possibly remembering an earlier appeal for blatant handball. Webb's penalty went in off the post. Reading's positive ideas continued after the break and with half an hour remaining Dixon ran clear to blast his shot into the roof of the net. REFEREE: N. Midgeley, Salford. ATTENDANCE: 1,765. FINAL SCORE: Chester 2 Reading 3.

5 YEARS AGO

Saturday 29th October, 1977
League Division III
Chester: Lloyd, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards, Phillips. Sub: Jeffries.

ON many occasions a team collects maximum points from an indifferent performance then loses the following game after playing well. Chester were fortunate to beat Swindon the previous week but Preston, aided by a freak goal and a sharp eyed linesman turned the tables. Alan Oakes displayed his first division talents, supported well by Livermore and Phillips, only his finishing eluded him. North Ends first came when Wilson intercepted a pass from Edwards, the eventual shot from Bruce struck Storton and as Lloyd was already committed the ball trickled over the line. Concentration was lacking from the second-half kick-off, Doyle caught the City defence square and Bruce darted through for his second. Within two minutes Delgado rose high above Preston's defense to nod home a corner from Phillips. When Walker crossed in the 82nd minute Crossley flung himself forward to head the ball past Tunks for an apparent equaliser, but the linesman's flag indicated the centre had gone behind the goalline before curling back into play. REFEREE: C. Seal, Carlisle. ATTENDANCE: 7,550. FINAL SCORE: Preston 2 Chester 1.

10 YEARS AGO

Saturday 28th October, 1972
League Division IV v. Cambridge (H)
Chester: Taylor, Edwards, Griffiths, Walker, Turner, Pountney, Owen, Purdie, Draper, Clapham, Hollis. Sub: Davies.

AT a time when referees are clamping down on the four steps rule, it was unusual for both 'keepers Taylor and Vasper to be penalised for carrying the ball too far, and both occasions led to a goal. Slack defensive play by both sides made the game entertaining for supporters but a headache for the managers. Cambridge produced a lively opening, the nearest they came was a header from Collins that hit the bar and Greenhalgh missed an open goal from the rebound. Against the run of play the 'keeper conceded the free-kick and a goalmouth scramble led to Graham Turner hooking in his first goal of the season, only a timely clearance by Thompson denied him a second soon after. Neil Griffiths revelled in the freedom down the wing, the width of the post 'keeping out his long range effort. Not to be outdone, Ross struck Chester's bar before Taylor was penalised, Walton took the free-kick and Ross headed the equaliser. REFEREE: W.P. Johnson, Kendall. ATTENDANCE: 3,412. FINAL SCORE: Chester 1 Cambridge 1.



SCORES WITH **CHESS**

Today, John Thomas will officially receive his sponsored Marine Estate from Chess Car & Van Hire director Mr. Geoff Cole. John is featured on the cover of today's "Seals Scene" v. Torquay.

VISITORS FACT FILE...

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JIM ALLAN (Goalkeeper) Born Inverness. Experienced goalkeeper who has been with Swindon since signing from Scottish junior football in 1970. Made his league debut in September 1971 and has been the regular first team goalkeeper since 1976. Now the longest serving player at the club with 318 league appearances to the end of last season.

KEVIN BADDELEY (Defender) Born Swindon. Although brought up in Swindon Kevin joined Bristol City to serve his apprenticeship and made one league appearance for them against West Ham United in August 1980. Joined Swindon in July 1981 and established himself in the first team last season making 29 league appearances. Can play in either full back position although usually found on the left.

COLIN BAILIE (Defender) Born Belfast. Promising young full-back who signed professional last season after completing his apprenticeship. Made one first team appearance at Oxford United in April 1982.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield) Born Worsley. A player who served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and spent several seasons with them after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977. A busy hardworking player he made around 90 league appearances for Portsmouth before joining Swindon in July 1982.

PAUL BATTY (Midfield) Born Edlington, Yorkshire. Young player who completed his apprenticeship last season and signed professional but had not appeared in the first team at the season's end.

RAY BAVERSTOCK (Defender) Born London. Young fullback who served his apprenticeship with Swindon but had not appeared in the first team at the end of last season.

KEN BEAMISH (Forward) Born Bebbington. Ken is a coach at the County Ground but also available as a player and made two league appearances last season. A very experienced player with a good scoring record he made 552 league

appearances for Tranmere Rovers (twice), Brighton, Blackburn, Bury and Port Vale before joining Swindon in July 1981.

ROY CARTER (Midfield) Born Torpoint. Roy played part-time football for Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975. His league debut was at Halifax Town in April 1975 and he played in the Third Division Championship team of 1976. Made 71 league appearances before his transfer to Swindon in December 1977. His height and pace have made him a complete utility player and he has played in every outfield position whilst with Swindon for whom he had made 197 league appearances at the end of last season. Usually found as an attacking midfield player he was the team captain and penalty taker last season.

GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield) Born Swansea. Gary started his career with Birmingham City making his debut in January 1975 at Stoke City. He played 71 first division games for the blues before a transfer to Bristol Rovers in December 1978. A further 65 league appearances followed for the Eastville club and he joined Swindon in an exchange deal during the 1981 close season. Gave some all-action displays last season.

MIKE GRAHAM (Defender) Born Lancaster. Mike began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made his league debut as substitute at Mansfield in March 1978. He made 46 league appearances for Bolton, mostly at fullback before he joined Swindon in the summer of 1981. He made 30 league appearances last season often in the centre of the defence but also in midfield.

CHARLIE HENRY (Defender) Born Acton. Charlie grew up in Swindon and served his apprenticeship with the club signing professional in February 1980. By September 1980 he had made his first team debut in a league cup match at Lincoln City and went on to establish himself in the first team at right fullback although he can also play at centre-half. Had made 69 league appearances at the end of last season.

TEN YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
81-82 (Div. 3)	46	13	13	20	55	71	52
80-81 (Div. 3)	46	13	15	18	51	56	41
79-80 (Div. 3)	46	19	8	19	71	63	46
78-79 (Div. 3)	46	25	7	14	74	52	57
77-78 (Div. 3)	46	16	16	14	67	60	48
76-77 (Div. 3)	46	15	15	16	68	75	45
75-76 (Div. 3)	46	16	8	22	62	75	40
74-75 (Div. 3)	46	21	11	14	64	58	53
73-74 (Div. 2)	42	7	11	24	36	72	25
72-73 (Div. 2)	42	10	16	16	46	60	36



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 Most league appearances: John Trollope, 770, 1960-80
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 Record receipts: £56,024 v. Tottenham F.A. (4) 26.1.1980.

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BRIAN HUGHES (Midfield) Born Ludgershall. A former Swindon apprentice he signed professional in 1980 and made his first team debut in a league cup-tie at Lincoln City in September of that year. A player of considerable potential despite his lightweight build he had made 51 league appearances at the end of last season.

RUSSELL LEWIS (Defender) Born Blaengwynfi. Russell joined Swindon from Welsh League Football in 1976 and made his league debut at York City in April 1977. He had to spend several seasons as reserve centre-half before winning a regular first team place a right full back during the 1979-80 season. The following season he took over at centre-half and at the end of last season had 138 league appearances to his credit. A wholehearted tough-tackling player.

HOWARD PRITCHARD (Forward) Born Cardiff. Howard served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his league debut against Aston Villa in August 1978. He made 38 league appearances over the next three seasons and was released to join Swindon in July 1981. He made 28 league appearances for Swindon last season and usually plays as an orthodox winger on either side of the pitch although usually favouring the right.

JIMMY QUINN (Forward) Born Belfast. Swindon signed Jimmy from Northern Premier League side Oswestry Town in December 1981 after a months trial and he made his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. He made two full appearances and one more as substitute last season after a rapid rise from junior football. An old fashioned centre forward who is good in the air.

PAUL RIDEOUT (Forward) Born Bourmeouth. Paul was the regular centre forward in the England Schoolboys team for two seasons and signed as an apprentice for Swindon in May 1980. He was given a professional contract on his seventeenth birthday but by that time had already scored on his league debut against Hull City in November 1980 and made 16 league

appearances last season to take his total to 51 before his eighteenth birthday. His ability to produce goals out of unpromising situations marks him as a player with the potential to succeed at the highest level.

DAVID ROUND (Defender) Born Sedgley. A former Swindon apprentice he is a tall central defender who had not yet appeared in the first team at the end of last season.

MARTIN BLACKLER (Midfield) Born Swindon. A former Swindon apprentice who has yet to make a first team appearance.

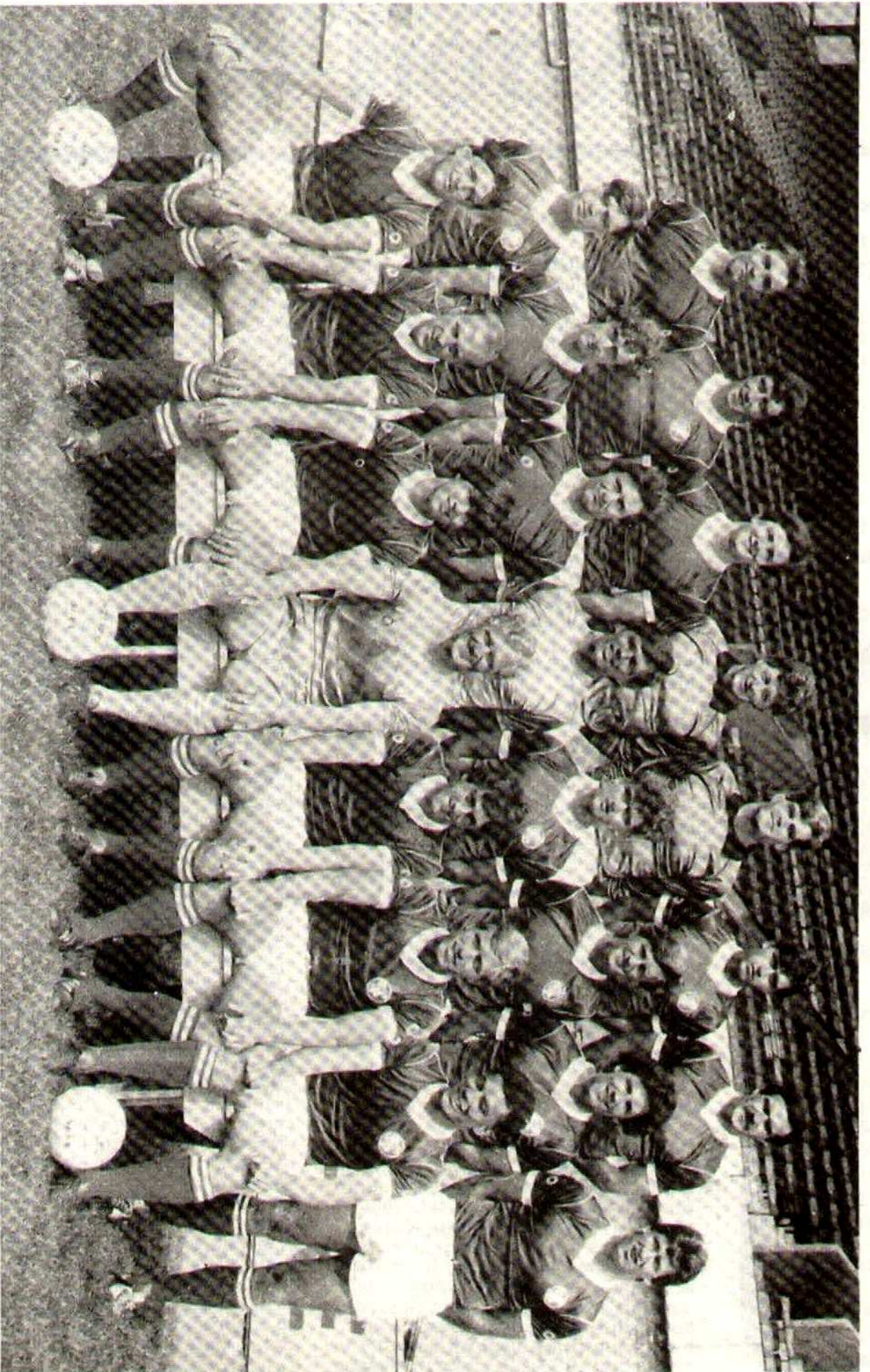
DAVID BRISTOW (Midfield) Born in Hackney, David signed as a professional during the close season after serving his apprenticeship at Swindon.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward) Born Derby. Andy was an apprentice with Derby County but did not appear in their first team. During 1974 he was transferred to Bury and made his league debut at Swindon in August that year. He was three times leading scorer for Bury and played 174 league games for them before his transfer to Swindon in September 1978. He made 141 league appearances for Swindon at the end of last season and has a consistent goalscoring record.

MARK STEVENS (Goalkeeper) Born Bristol. Tall goalkeeper who served his apprenticeship with Bristol Rovers and signed for Swindon in the summer of 1981. He was awaiting his first team debut at the end of last season.

GARY WILLIAMS (Defender) Born Nantwich. Although he made his league debut at Gillingham in May 1977 whilst playing as an amateur for Tranmere Rovers his professional career began in Sweden where he played several seasons for Djurgarden of Stockholm. In 1980 he was signed by Blackpool and made 31 league appearances for them in one season. He signed for Swindon in August 1982. He prefers to play at left fullback but spent quite a lot of last season playing in midfield.

All figures and statistics listed are up to and including the commencement of the current season.



SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1982-83

Back Row: (Left to right) - Jimmy Quinn, Russell Lewis, Charlie Henry, Jimmy Allan, Mark Stevens, Paul Rideout, Andy Rowland, Middle Row: Martin Blackler, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish, David Bristow, Roy Carter, Kevin Baddeley, David Round. Front Row: Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty, John Trollope (Manager), Ray Baverstock, Leigh Barnard, Gary Williams.

ELTON WELSBY REPORTS



SORRY to harp on about it, but the problems being caused by the new regulations relating to the so-called professional foul are becoming so commonplace that clearly something will have to be done to help both the players and the referees.

Neither group appear to have much idea when it comes to the interpretation of these new laws. I also believe that many referees are very sympathetic towards the players' feelings, which are, I am sure you won't be surprised to learn, rather sensitive concerning the whole issue.

Take the case of Dave Watson and Sandy Clark. In the recent Milk Cup tie between Stoke City and West Ham United at the Victoria Ground, Watson was seen to wrestle Clark to the ground after the West Ham striker had run clear, with only the goalkeeper to beat. On the face of it an obvious example of the 'professional foul'.

The referee thought so too, saying to Watson at the time, 'you'll have to go'. But it was Clark who sprang to Watson's defence, telling the referee that the foul was accidental. Now you know that's ridiculous, I know that's ridiculous and I would like to bet the referee in question knows that's ridiculous. But Watson got away with it. The

trouble is, next time it happens, Watson, or whoever happens to be involved, will be sent off, comparisons will be made and understandable allegations that referees are inconsistent will hit the back pages once again.

"A vastly improved player" since the World Cup, that's Billy Hamilton according to his Burnley and Northern Ireland team mate Tommy Cassidy.

'Cass' was telling me recently that Hamilton's success as one of Ireland's two front runners in those memorable World Cup games has made him a far more confident player all round. "He used to be a very quiet lad who needed to show more confidence, even arrogance if you like. His goals and the publicity they received has certainly made him a more outgoing character this season, said Cassidy. "I don't mean big headed, either. Billy's a smashing lad, but all strikers need to have a special sort of confidence that makes them believe they're going to score. Billy acquired that during the World Cup and thankfully for Burnley he's still got it."

On the other hand if you are looking for a striker whose lost that belief in himself, sadly Manchester United's Frank Stapleton is a perfect example. Like Garry Birtles before him, Frank's confidence in front of goal has disappeared and it really is a sorry sight, especially for an ex striker who also feels that Stapleton is one of the best centre forwards in Britain.

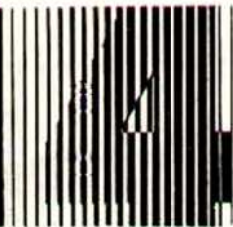
Says my colleague Denis Law "Frank's got everything, but unfortunately for him at the present time he's suffering from a goals famine that afflicts all strikers from time to time.

"The urgency has gone out of his play, so too has the knack of spotting the half chance, and when he does you can see his confidence to convert that chance isn't there."

"I had my doubts whether Garry Birtles would ever be a prolific scorer for United, and I was proved right, although I am also glad he has now found his true form back at Nottingham Forest.

"I don't have the same fears about Frank, though, with him it's a matter of time before the goals start flowing. I'm sure he'll turn out to be one of United's most successful centre-forwards."

FOCUS ON



LAST Saturday's most surprising result must have been at Ashton Gate where Wimbledon lost the only unbeaten record in the League. Bristol City who had been bottom of the division in the morning went into a three goal lead before half time, Riley completed his hat trick, two minutes after Wimbledon pulled a goal back through Leslie, Nicholls netted the first Bristol goal on the half hour. Riley now joins Evans of Wimbledon, and Syrett of Northampton who have hit a hat trick this season in the fourth, Syrett in fact scored four against Bristol City.

Port Vale, who last week signed Wrexham's Steve

Fox on a free transfer brought in Crewe's biggest gate of the season, 4,713 when the Potteries side, won there last week, another ex-Wrexham man Wayne Cegielski score one of the Vale goals with Newton scoring the winner from the penalty spot.

On the subject of crowds the highest attendance for a Fourth Division game this season came in the Friday night fixture at Scunthorpe three weeks ago when 7,483 turned up for the visit of Hull City, previous to that no team had had a crowd of five thousand plus for a league fixture the highest being 4,877 at Bristol City once again the visitors being Hull City. A sad reflection on the state of the game is that current leaders Bury have yet to attract over two and a half thousand fans to Gigg Lane for a league fixture this season. With current trends it looks doubtful if any of today's games will attract five thousand fans with the Port Vale fixture against Blackpool the most likely candidate. Anyone who doubts whether regionalised football is the answer should note the top gates in last weeks games came in the Crewe v. Port Vale game and the Bristol City v. Wimbledon clash.

Seals Statistics

*substituted player OG Own goal for Chester

Fixture	F.A.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub.
DIVISION FOUR														
AUG. 28 CREWE ALEX.	1-0	3,180	Millington	Edwards	Bradley	Lane	Zelem	Dean	Sloan	Johnson	Simpson	Cooke	Thomas	Allen
Sept. 4 Rochdale	1-0	1,489	Millington	Bradley	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Cooke	Allen	Johnson*	Thomas	Dean*
Sept. 7 Northampton Town	1-1	2,171	Millington	Bradley	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Thomas	Allen	Johnson	Cooke	Dean
SEPT. 11 TORQUAY UNITED	0-0	2,370	Millington	Brady	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Cooke	Allan*	Johnson	Thomas	Simpson
SEPT. 18 Port Vale	1-2 (OG)	3,303	Millington	Bradley*	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Kinsey	Simpson	Johnson	Thomas	Ludlam
SEPT. 25 HEREFORD UTD.	5-0	1,828	Millington	Edwards	Lane*	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Johnson	Simpson	Wilson	Thomas 2	Cooke*
SEPT. 29 BLACKPOOL	1-2	2,256	Millington	Edwards	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Johnson	Simpson	Thomas	Wilson	Cooke*
Oct. 1 Halifax Town	0-0	1,925	Millington	Edwards	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Dean	Thomas	Kinsey	Wilson	Simpson
Oct. 9 Darlington	2-0	1,387	Millington	Edwards	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Dean	Sloan	Kinsey	Thomas	Ludlam	Wilson	Bradley
OCT. 16 MANSFIELD TOWN	1-3	1,668	Millington	Edwards*	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Dean	Sloan	Johnson	Simpson	Ludlam	Cooke	Allen*
OCT. 20 PETERBOROUGH U	1-1	1,401	Salmon	Bradley	Lane	Storton	Zelem	Dean	Sloan	Ludlam	Simpson	Thomas	Cooke	Allen
OCT. 30 SWINDON TOWN														
Nov. 2 Bristol City														
NOV. 6 BURY														
Nov. 13 Aldershot														
Nov. 27 Hull City														
DEC. 4 HARTLEPOOL UTD														
DEC. 18 YORK CITY														
Dec. 27 Tranmere Rovers														
DEC. 28 STOCKPORT C														
Jan. 1 Scunthorpe Utd.														
JAN. 3 WIMBLEDON														
JAN. 8 ROCHDALE														
Jan. 15 Crewe Alexandra														
JAN. 22 PORT VALE														
Jan. 29 Blackpool														
Feb. 5 Hereford United														
FEB. 12 HALIFAX TOWN														
Feb. 16 Peterborough Utd														
FEB. 19 DARLINGTON														
Feb. 26 Mansfield Town														
MAR. 2 BRISTOL CITY														
MAR. 5 COLCHESTER UTD														
Mar. 12 Swinoon Town														
Mar. 19 Bury														
MAR. 26 ALDERSHOT														
Apr. 2 Stockport County														
APR. 4 TRANMERE R.														
Apr. 9 Hartlepool United														
APR. 16 NORTHAMPTON T														
Apr. 23 York City														
APR. 30 HULL CITY														
May 2 Wimbledon														
May 7 Torquay United														
MAY 14 SCUNTHORPE UTD.														
Colchester United - A														
FOOTBALL LEAGUE "MILK" CUP														
SEPT. 1 BLACKPOOL (IR.1L) H	1-2	2,559	Millington	Edwards	Bradley	Bradley	Zelem	Lane	Dean	Sloan	Johnson	Cooke	Thomas	Allen
Sept. 14 Blackpool (IR.2L) A	1-5	3,429	Millington	Bradley	Lane	Lane	Zelem	Ludlam	Sloan	Cooke	Simpson	Johnson	Thomas	Edwards



a trip down... **Memory Lane**

A Match-day feature that will look at Chester F.C. season-by-season — recalling the ups and downs of the Clubs league and Cup exploits.

SEASON 1938-9

SEASON 1937-8 had finished under a cloud with rumours of discontent in the boardroom and the resignation of the manager, Mr. Raisbeck. Rumours were confirmed at the A.G.M. when all the directors retiring were opposed. Sir Thomas Brocklebank subsequently became Chairman of a new board comprising Ambrose Roberts, W.E. Tristram, F. Howarth, Alfred Davies, E. Pritchard, W.S. Shaw, Dr. Griffin and Captain G.A. Wright. The board were then joined by Harry Marsley, Sam Argyle and Alderman Price and together they met their first challenge by appointing Frank Brown from Torquay as the club's new manager.

The team that opened the campaign against Hull City was Owen, Common, Beynon, Trevis, Walters, Howarth, Horsman, McGough, Keeley, Roberts and Rogers but they only managed to gain a 1-1 draw. Four days later New Brighton went one better by beating Chester 3-1 on Chester soil. A run of five consecutive victories in September/October gave supporters some hope but the FA Cup came around in November with Chester having lost three consecutive matches 2-5, 1-4 and 1-4 and hardly giving much indication of what was to prove to be a most memorable of cup campaigns.

Once again Chester found themselves in the hat for round one after their brief run of exemption and their opening opponents were Bradford City who were comfortably beaten 3-1, despite that inconsistent league form. In round two the reward was another home tie, this time against Hull City but it really did look as if Chester had blown their chance when they again allowed the Humber side team to leave the city with a share of the spoils, 2-2 was the score. In the replay, however, Chester triumphed when Bill Horsman's goal and a tremendous team performance saw them through. Round three was something of a chance for revenge when Chester were drawn against Coventry and with it the chance to avenge that cup defeat of two years previous. The game itself was described as a "hard slog" because the pitch

was a mass of mud but Chester gained that revenge thanks to a goal from Bill Pendergast. Chester had thus reached the fourth round for the third time in their history and their reward, if one could call it that, was a trip to Hillsborough to face the might of Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday dominated the game but managed only one goal and in true fairy story style the underdogs snatched a late goal to equalise, the scorer being Bob Sanders.

The replay against Wednesday on January 25th established a then record attendance for Chester when 18,816 packed the ground and paid £1,118 for the privilege. Again Chester were not in a mood to yield and after extra time the score was again 1-1. A neutral ground was needed for the third game and the venue chosen was Maine Road, Manchester and for this game it was reported that Chester were actually the better team but when it came to scoring they couldn't, whilst Wednesday netted twice. Wednesday won the tie but Chester, it seemed, grabbed all the headlines and honours. A total of 65,554 watched the three games and the Chester side they saw was Owen, Gregg, Common, Howarth, Walters, Butcher, Horsman, McGough, Keeley, Pendergast and Sanders.

Unfortunately cup success never really rubbed off onto league performances and inconsistency was the real reason for failure to finish higher than fifth place, some 18 points behind Champions Barnsley. There were notable victories over Hartlepool (8-2 and 5-2), Halifax (5-1), York (5-1) and Carlisle (6-1) yet on eleven occasions the team failed to find the net! The final record read P42, W20, D9, L13, F88, A70, Pts. 49.

Leading scorer for the season was Billy Pendergast with 26 goals in 34 games and new signings during the season included Alf Hobson, the ex Liverpool goalkeeper who was signed for a sizeable fee, Willis Gregg ex Manchester City, Ross ex Bradford, Worwick ex Southport, and Johnnie McCreary.



Action from the Seals home fixture v. Mansfield Town . . . top pic: Steve Ludlam scores our only goal in our 3-1 home defeat: bottom pic: Terry Cooke can only watch the Stags' keeper make an amazing second-half save — pics courtesy of Mark Hibbin, Chester Evening Leader.

CHESTER

Royal Blue & White stripes

- 1 Mike Salmon
- 2 Noel Bradley
- 3 Martin Lane *Needham*
- 4 Trevor Storton
- 5 Peter Zelem
- 6 Paul Johnson *Pear*
- 7 Tom Sloan
- 8 Steve Ludlam
- 9 Gary Simpson
- 10 John Thomas
- 11 Terry Cooke
- 12 *Johnson*

Scorers _____

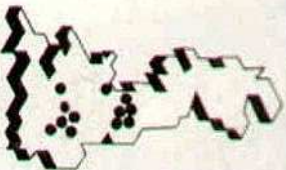
H.T. Score _____ F.T. Score _____

Referee: K. WALMSLEY, BLACKPOOL
Linesmen: (Red) G. BANWELL
(Yellow) B. COULDREY

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SWINDON

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- 1 Jimmy Allan
- 2 Charlie Henry
- 3 Kevin Baddeley
- 4 Gary Emmanuel
- 5 Russell Lewis
- 6 Mike Graham
- 7 Howard Pritchard
- 8 Paul Batty
- 9 Paul Rideout
- 10 Andy Rowland
- 11 Leigh Barnard
- 12 *Corbett*

Scorers _____

Match Attendance _____

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