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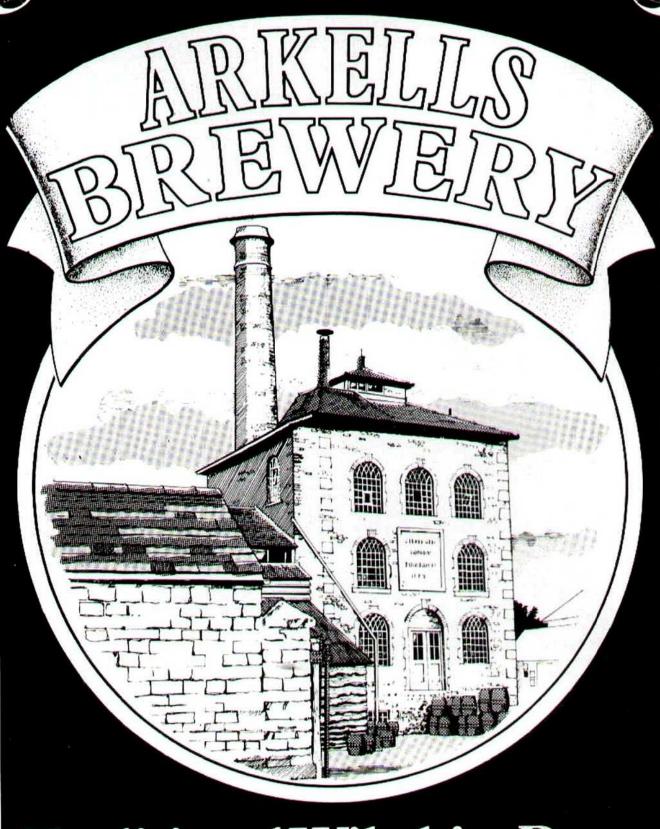
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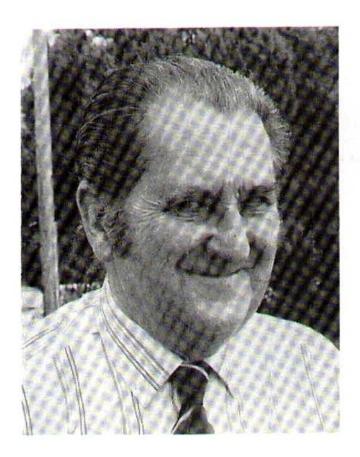
## From the desk of Ken Beamish



Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Colchester United and of course, our own supporters and I wish them better weather than they experienced last Saturday. Under the conditions of last Saturday against York City, I thought both sides put up an exciting and entertaining 90 minutes football. We could not have got off to a better start, but I thought we might have our backs to the wall in the second half after allowing York to pull back from a two goal deficit. In actual fact we applied ourselves so much better against the elements than did York and finished up worthy winners, so proving, I believe, that if we maintain that kind of standard in the way of commitment and professional attitude we will sail up the league in the near future.

Having had a very relaxing weekend for once we then made our trip to Tranmere for Monday evening's game, a game in which we got off to an absolute flier playing our best football of the Season and going into a 1-0 lead after ten minutes. With a little good fortune we could have gone in at half time with the score line 3-0. Unfortunately we allowed our opponents to score just before half time and this gave Tranmere a lot of confidence for the second half in which we were again unfortunate to concede an own goal. But it shows how tight the League is this season when you realise had we won the game we would have been fifth in the table this morning. The performance at Tranmere deserved better rewards.

The Reserves played Birmingham City in mid-week and although we were in with a chance against a strong Birmingham side until the last 15 minutes, unfortunately we eventually lost by three goals to nil. However, the education of our young apprentices is coming along nicely and their game will only improve playing against such opposition.



# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This afternoon we welcome players and officials from Colchester United F.C. Last season we defeated them by three goals to nil at home, scorers being Andy Rowland 2 and Paul Rideout from a penalty and we lost 0-1 at Layer Road.

First of all I wish to say a very sincere thankyou to all who came to see the York game last Saturday. I did not expect to see a thousand spectators as the weather was atrocious, yet 2500 of you came and gave the team excellent support and I'm sure you'll agree, were rewarded with an exciting game.

There had been some reports in the local press during the week preceding the game in which I had said that I was disappointed with some of our recent performances, particularly at Crewe on the previous Saturday. I do not retract from what I said then but the team certainly gave their reply on Saturday with a first class all out effort which brought the rich reward of 3 points and in beating the league leaders.

Our Youth team also did well on Saturday morning, beating Brentford by two goals to one.

On Monday we travelled to Tranmere who are having a very good run at the moment. We continued our Saturdays all out work rate, scored a magnificent goal after 10 minutes and dominated the play until conceding a goal just in half time. In the second half, Tranmere came more into the game and scored a lucky winner leaving us with nothing to show for a very good performance.

The Tranmere Chairman told me after the game that we were far away the best side they had seen this season. Cold comfort when you come away with no points.

Our Competitions Manager, Mike Lewis has left the Club and taken a similar position with Bristol Rovers. We had no previous knowledge that he was seeking another position and believe that he was approached by the Bristol club. I take exception to this kind of "poaching" by another club, particularly a neighbour. However we are extremely fortunate in that Doug Buswell, our previous Competitions Manager, has agreed to come back and manage our Competitions. Doug is well known in the area, he did a good job for us before and I'm quite sure he will do so again. Our Lotteries and Bingo competitions are so very important to our very existence and as we are always seeking new agents to sell our tickets, why not consider enrolling now. You could have the satisfaction of being a real help to the Club and earn yourself some extra cash as well.



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## **Behind the scenes**

by Bob Jefferies

This week I would like to take the opportunity to convey the message of importance that our attendance figures must increase if the club is to progress, perhaps even survive. Lapsed supporters say to me that they will not resume their support until we reach a higher level in the League and of course, it is such a difficult task to improve our status until we receive greater support - a classic "chicken and the egg" situation.

Let me quote you a few figures to illustrate the enormity of our task.

The receipts from our last game were £2,973.00 from a gate of 2517 persons, inclusive of season ticket holders. From this sum must be taken £387.90 VAT, £442.28 police charges, £218.50 gatemen and stewards, £93.00 printing and postage etc., £4.00 to First Aid Helpers and 4% of the net gate, amounting to £73.13 to the Football League pool. The balance of £1,828,22 is all that remains to pay the expenses of running the club and wages and remember we receive a home gate on average only once every two weeks for nine months of the year. It is little wonder that our other sources of income from lotteries, licenced clubs, shops etc are so vital if we are to stay in business.

If everyone here today could persuade a friend to join them at our next match and they in turn bring someone extra to the following match what a difference that would make to our future. Tell your friends to forgive us our past sins, make a fresh start and judge us for what we are, not for what, in their opinion, we have been. I am sure that most everyone in Swindon would like to see a successful football club in their town but this cannot be achieved without their help. Start the ball rolling - bring a friend next time. This week we have read of yet another club, Charlton Athletic, facing closure because of enormous debts - please do not let this happen to your club.

It has been suggested to me by one of our regular supporters, Mr Michael Skinner (thanks for the letter Mike, I will be replying soon) that we include a classified advertisement section in the programme and we are pleased to give this a try. We must make a small charge, 2p per word and, if advertisers wish to use a box number instead of stating their address or telephone number, then a further sum of 16p will be required in order that we might forward replies on. If anyone who has items for sale, or indeed are in need of an article, would care to let me know the details, sending me their remittance in accordance with the above-mentioned charges, I shall be pleased to include their advertisement in the next programme published.

Thank you for joining us this afternoon and enjoy yourselves.

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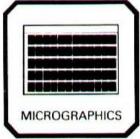




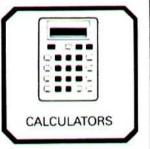












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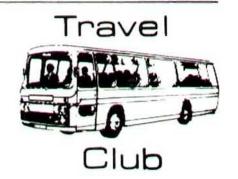
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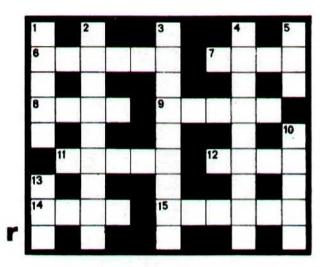
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# Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



#### **ACROSS**

- The Road to this London club is named after a major city of 4 down. (6)
- When England played 4 down three times. (4)
- Ashton - - has featured soccer in all four divisions over the last four seasons. (4)
- The home city of St Johnstone (and also a major city of 4 down). (5)

- 11. Niedzwiecki's first name. (5)
- 12. One of the spate of managerial Smiths. (4)
- 14. What more is needed for Whatmore. (4)
- He has collected over 50 caps since first turning out for Northern Ireland in 1971. (6)

#### DOWN

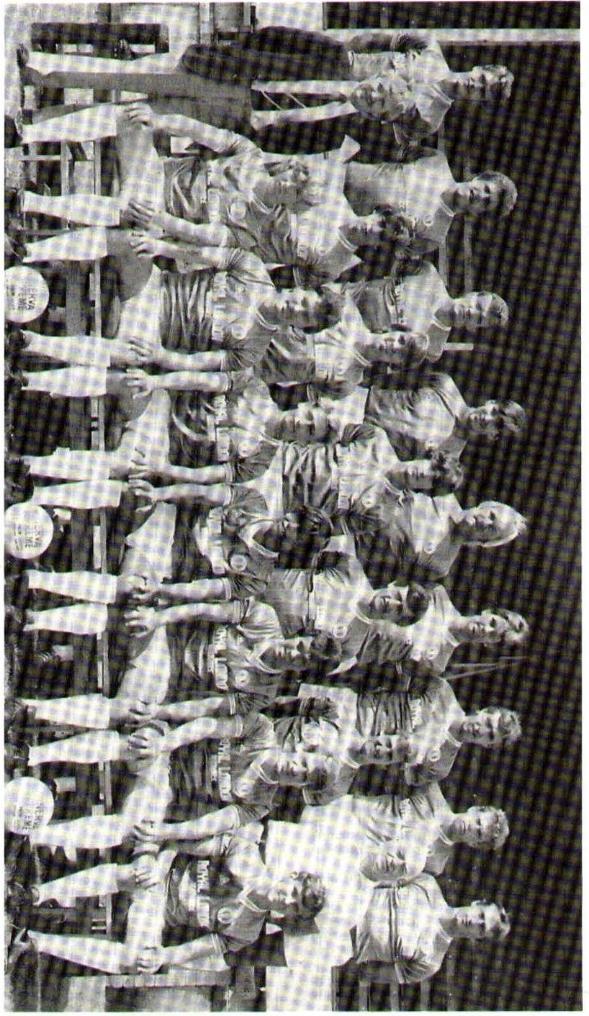
- With over 50 international appearances during his decade-plus at Partick, he became far and away the club's most-capped player. (5)
- The ground of the 1983 European Cup-Winners' Cup winners. (9)
- Top scorer at Old Trafford for the last couple of seasons. (9)
- Country beaten by both East and West Germany in the 1974 World Cup finals. (9)
- 5. One of Sunderland's shades. (3)
- 10. The nickname of Chester. (5)
- How many of the famous Jack brothers played for England? (3)

# QUIZLINE

- Which post-war England international made his international debut after the fewest number of 1st team matches?
- Which club has played in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Divisions but never in the 2nd Division?
- 3. Which 1st Division club's heaviest defeat was at the hands of a club no longer in the league?
- 4. Who was the last Channel Islander to play in an F.A. Cup Final?
- 5. Which TWO clubs have added the title City to their name since the war?
- 6. Which was the first club from a communist country to reach the final of any European competition?
- 7. Against which country did Billy Wright play his 105th and final game for England?
- 8. Which club was relegated from the 1st Division with a POSITIVE goal difference?
- 9. In which year was a post-war F.A. Cup semifinal postponed because of snow, on the day of the match?
- 10. Only six football league clubs have played every other club in league matches, how many can you name?

- 11. Which player holds the unique distinction of being the most capped player with two different clubs?
- 12. Which club has won the championship, the F.A. Cup, and the League Cup just once each?
- 13. Two players won England Under 23 Caps while playing for Scottish Clubs, one was Joe Baker, who was the other?
- 14. Who was the last player to win a FULL England Cap while with a non-league side?
- 15. Who scored 5 goals in a World Cup Final stage match yet finished on the losing side?
- 16. Which player has played in the greatest number of 1st DIVISION matches?
- 17. What is the largest crowd to watch a midweek league match in England?
- 18. Who was the last amateur to score in an F.A. Cup Final?
- 19. Liverpool F.C.'s flag pole at Anfield had unusual origins, do you know where it came from?
- Can you name England's eight post-war internationals with surnames beginning with Mac OR Mc.

# COLCHESTER UNITED



Back Row — Left to Right: Craig Oldfield, Phil Coleman, Steve Wignall, Alec Chamberlain, Mike Walker, Keith Bowen, Tony Hadley,
Perry Groves, Mickey Cook
Middle Row — Left to Right: Cyril Lea (Manager), George Dalorto, Simon Vurman, John Taylor, Roger Osborne, Jeff Hull, Charlie Simpson (Physio).
Front Row — Left to Right: Andy Farrell, Ian Allinson, Robin Reid, Alex Chappell, Steve Leslie, Tony Adcock, Steven Allen.

# PEN PICTURES

TONY ADCOCK. Red haired teenage winger who made an immediate impression when earning rapid promotion from the Reserves last season. Scored five League goals and one in the F.A. Cup. Born in Bethnal Green.

PHIL COLEMAN. Utility defender who was signed from Millwall for £15,000 in February 1981. Twenty-two year old, Woolwich born, with the knack of popping up with vital goals. Scored many in League games last season.

MICKY COOK. One of the stalwarts of the lower divisions and a great Colchester favourite. This right-back has played well over 650 League and Cup games for his club and is the longest serving player on the books. Born in Enfield and signed professional in February, 1969. Was formerly an Orient amateur.

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN. A 6' 2" nineteen year old goalkeeper born in March in Cambridgeshire. Commenced his career by leaving Ramsey Town and moving to Ipswich Town F.C., signing for them in 1981. Alec played for their Youth team and signed for Colchester United last season. Alec played four games for our first team last season.

PERRY GROVES. This former apprentice is now a full-time professional after playing eight League games two seasons ago. Groves, 19, made a marked impression in mid-field.

STEVE LESLIE. Another long serving loyal servant. Was signed by Dick Graham back in 1971 and has made over 400 League and Cup appearances. One of the mid-field hubs he started out as a striker. Born in Brentwood. Former Youth International, he also has made appearances with Mill-wall and Chelmsford.

ROGER OSBORNE. Another ex Ipswich Town favourite. He cost £25,000 in February, 1981. Earned immortal fame as the scorer of the F.A. Cup winning goal against Arsenal in 1978. Born in Otley.

MIKE WALKER. One of the longest serving goal-keepers in the game. Came from Watford. Was earlier with Shrewsbury, York and Reading. Mike had four Welsh under 23 caps. He has only missed 5 games in 10 seasons. Now in his 11th season with Colchester. (21st season overall). Mike is now our Reserve team Coach.

STEVE WIGNALL. Strong and consistent central defender who has been a pillar of strength since he signed from Doncaster Rovers in September, 1977, previous to which he played for Liverpool Youth, after which he went on loan to Notts Forest and then to Colchester.

CRAIG OLDFIELD. A 19 year old centre-forward, who signed professional forms with us in March of this year. He played for our reserve team last year and was their highest scorer in the League with 35 goals. Born in Sheffield, his first club is Colchester. Craig also played with the other shaped ball very well, as he had trials for England at Rugby.

KEITH BOWEN. Keith is a 24 year old centreforward born in Northampton. His first club being his home town before going to Brentford and then on to Colchester. Keith has just taken his final exam for Chartered Accountancy.

TONY HADLEY. Tony is a midfield player aged 28. Born in Rochford. His first professional club was Southend, from 1973 to 1982. He played against Liverpool in the Cup in 1981 in the third round, drawing 0-0 at Roots Hall, but losing 3-0 at Anfield. Tony is married to Janice.

GEORGE DALORTO. A London born 17 year old right winger who played for Orient on school-boy forms for two years. Came to Colchester in 1982. Whilst attending school in London he was in the side who won the London Cup and the Essex Cup. George played for the Reserves at Colchester last season.

SIMON BURMAN. A 17 year old right back. Born in Ipswich, Simon came straight from school to Colchester United, and played for our Reserve team last season.

JOHN TAYLOR. John is a 6' 2" midfield player, 18 years old. Norwich is his birthplace. He signed professional forms at Colchester at the beginning of this season. Has played for Colchester United Reserves for 2½ years previously.

JEFF HULL. 23 year old Jeff came to Colchester from Southend United last season, and since his League debut hasn't looked back having played 18 games and scoring 4 goals. An apprentice at Southend, Jeff had been taken on straight from school where he had made a big impression. Has shown tremendous promise as a mid-field striker.

ANDY FARRELL. Andy is a 5' 11" seventeen year old defensive player who was born in Colchester. Andy came to Colchester United straight from school, and played encouragingly in the Reserve team last season.

ALEX CHAPPELL. A 16 year old striker who joined us straight from school. A colchester born lad who played for Leyton Youth team last season.

# SURVEY ON DIVISION IV by Dave King

(A week by week report on our Division)

In the Canon goal scoring award for Aug./Sept. we finished in joint fifth position, the full list reads as follows:

Bristol City 16, Doncaster and Peterborough 15 each, Reading, Wrexham and York 13 each, Bury 11, Halifax, Rochdale and Swindon 10 each, Blackpool, Hereford and Northampton 9 each, Chesterfield 8, Aldershot and Colchester 7 each, Chester, Crewe, Hartlepool, Stockport and Tranmere 6 each, Torquay 5, Darlington 4 and finally Mansfield 3.

Whether there was any significance in the fact that there were no first division matches on the weekend of October 8th due to England playing away to Hungary on the following Wednesday, but the aggregate gate for the Division was the highest to date this season an increase of 10,741 on the previous highest weekend figure.

Hereford United have decided to release forward John Black after a two month trial.

Russell Musker Bristol City midfield player has finally joined Third Division Exeter City after the insurance wrangle between the two clubs had been resolved. Exeter had refused to heed City's request of paying Musker's wages in case he sustained injury whilst on loan, Exeter said they could not find an insurance company to agree, but eventually they used City's insurers, and reimbursed the Bristol Club.

Our former player Peter Eastoe has joined Leicester City on a months loan from his present club West Bromwich. Another of our former players Howard Goddard has just returned from playing in Finland and is set to sign for Southern League Club Salisbury.

Roger Smee 35, new chairman of Fourth Division neighbours Reading, has entered this months New York marathon in a bid to raise cash for his hard up Club.

Andy Rowland who this season is proving to be the Divisions most versatile player must have set some kind of record when he appeared as a central defender. In the last three consecutive matches he has appeared in goal versus Rochdale, his normal position versus Crewe, and last Saturday as central defender versus York City.

The inclement weather of last weekend brought the lowest crowds of the season, ironically our lowest home crowd of the season was the highest gate of the day in our Division, the weather probably cost us what would probably have been our highest gate of the season, still the victory over league leaders York City compensated somewhat. With two matches postponed and crowds kept down in the matches that were played the weekends statistics read for October 15th:

Home Wins: 6, Away Wins: 2, Draws: 2, Goals Scored: 37. Total Aggregate Attendance: 19,459, Highest Attendance 2,517 Swindon v York,

Highest Aggregate Score: Rochdale 2 v Chesterfield 4, Average Gate: 1,945.

Although York suffered their first defeat in six matches they still head the Division by one point as the League Table stands after the weekends matches.

Tranmere's home win over second place Bristol City by 2-0 meant that they had not conceded more than one goal in any of their League matches. Northampton retained their unbeaten record by drawing 2-2 at Layer Road, the home of todays visitors Colchester United. They have now gone twelve League games without defeat taking account the last two games of last season, they have a most unusual record this season, identical home and away with one victory and four draws.

John Impey of Torquay was sent off in their away match with Mansfield, this being his second dismissal of the season, earlier he had been sent off at Peterborough, however this did not stop Torquay's mini revival with three wins and a draw in their last four matches, incidentally this was only their second win at Mansfield since the second world war.

Stockport obtained their first home win of the season by defeating Darlington 2-0 with goals from Quinn and Williams.

Trevor Senior took his goals tally to fifteen for the season when he scored twice in Reading's convincing 5-0 home win with Crewe on the Friday night.

The lowest gate of the season was registered in Hartlepool's home 1-1 draw with Wrexham, a paltry 982 passing through the turnstiles.

Rochdale after their away win the previous weekend at Blackpool were back to earth with a bump when Bob Newton, Chesterfield's recent signing from Third Division Port Vale, scored twice in their 4-2 away win at Spotland.

Unfortunately Bury suffered their second postponement in three weeks when their match at Hereford was called off due to a waterlogged ground.

When we visit Elm Park Reading next weekend let us hope we can dent their home record of ten home matches without defeat, in this impressive sequence they have won five and drawn five scoring 27 goals and conceding 13, the impressive ariel ability of their leading scorer Trevor Senior has gone a long way to compensate and placate the Elm Park regulars who were worried that the transfer of the profilic goal scoring Kerry Dixon would end the goal glut they had been experiencing from their strikers, they need not have worried Maurice Evans the Reading clubs long serving player and manager shrewd replacement was to bring Trevor to Reading from Portsmouth and this seasons goals have shown what a masterful stroke of transfer business this was.

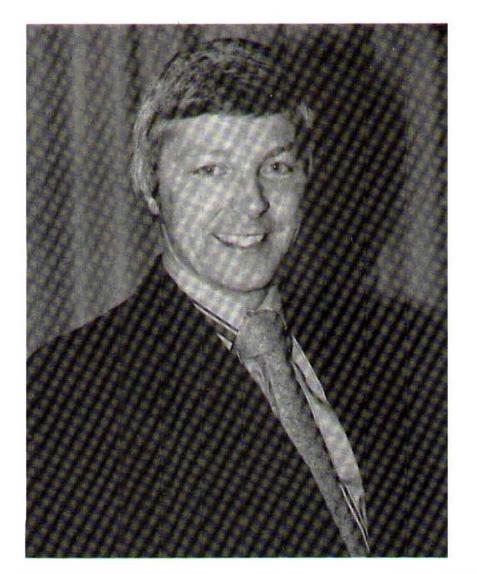


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#### ANSWERS TO QUIZLINE printed in last programme

- In 1936 when Carter and Gurney of Sunderland both scored 31 goals.
- Only once, in 1975 Ipswich would have been champions instead of Derby Co.
- Donald Carr in the F.A. Amateur Cup Final.
- Arsenal (110 yards x 71 yards).
- 5. Danny McGrain.
- Goodison Park (v. Poland in 1966).
- 7. 58 by Blackpool in 1968.
- 8 Chester (in 1975).
- Tim manager of Peru (his real name is Alba De Padua Lima).
- Gordon Smith (for Hibs., Rangers, and Dundee)
- Nat Lofthouse (v. Findland in 1956).

- Bristol C. (1907), Oldham (1915), Cardiff C. (1924), Leicester C. (1929), Charlton (1937), Blackpool (1956), Q.P.R. (1976).
- Watford (they beat Birmingham C, 2 1).
- U.S.S.R. (between May and June).
- 15. Hartlepool.
- Everton in 1906 and 1966 their centre-forward was Alec Young.
- 17. Methil.
- 18. Jeff Astle.
- 19. Ipswich Town (in 1963-64 season).
- In 1926 v. Wales at Selhurst Park.



# Introducing The Board

GARY HERBERT is married, has two children and lives in Blunsdon. He was born in Swindon in 1945 and was educated at Pinehurst school where his enthusiasm for football was first encouraged by sports teacher Mr Fred Coleman.

After leaving school at the age of 15, Gary joined a local building firm, Building & Public Works, as an office boy in the Wages Department, progressing gradually into a higher position in the Accounts Department, and later a general assistant to the Company Secretary, finally becoming the Company Cost Accountant.

During these ten years Gary's enthusiasm for football was at its peak, playing mostly local football in the Borough League and the Swindon and District Wilts League, also enjoying playing for the Greyhound and West Swindon Thistle in the Sunday League.

In 1971 Gary joined the newly formed Winterbourne Construction Co. who are Civil Engineering Contractors and after two

years he became a Director. After a very slow start the company started to grow and has grown from strength to strength to the successful company it is today, leading to the forming of a building division and a Plant Hire Company, Transplant, of which he is a Director of both.

Gary continued his football career during this time and eventually joined Shaw United helping them to rise from Division 4 to the top of the Premier Division for four years running. At the age of 36 he decided to retire.

Gary still takes an active part in sport and is a very keen squash player, helping his company win the Plate Competition in the Hambro Life Company's Squash Tournament for 1982 and 1983, but his great love is still football and with his never decreasing interest in his local team he decided to offer his name for a future Director with Swindon Town resulting in him joining the Board in December, 1982.

## John Ward talks to DAVE HOCKADAY

However highly you rate them for footballing ability the Swindon Town squad must be one of the best qualified as far as examination results are concerned. No sooner had I finished talking to Garry Nelson with his three A levels when in stepped Dave Hockaday. Not only did he get four A levels, in Maths, Economics, History and General Studies - and a year early, at age 17 at that - but he was offered a place to read business studies by five different universities. Yet he turned them all down to play football for Blackpool. I told Dave that this would take some explaining.

"Blackpool were a good Second Division club in those days," he said. "They had recently come out of the First Division and were managed by Harry Potts. They had treated me very well ever since I had been on schoolboy forms with them. I used to go over (from his home town of Billingham in the North East) to train with them in the holidays. When I was at school I used to play more rugby union than football but I realised that there was more money in football. I took my A levels in 1975 and Blackpool offered me terms as an apprentice, I turned them down so they said they would take me on as a full professional. It was very rare for this to happen to someone at 17 so I decided to accept."

#### Alan Ball

Dave had some enjoyable times at Blackpool with a number of good cup runs, including a victory over Ipswich and taking Arsenal to three games before eventually going down. He has always played well and normally scored against Swindon and particularly remembers the first game of the season under Alan Ball's management in 1978/79 when Blackpool trounced Swindon and were the best side seen at the County Ground all season, "That was the best Blackpool team I played in footballwise," said Dave. "People were saying that that game with Swindon was between the two best prospects for promotion: they were calling it the decider even though it was only the first game of the season!

"Alan Ball was possibly the most honest and straightforward person I have met in football. Everything was either black or white and he was never afraid to say his piece. So much so that it used to take the Assistant Manager, Ted McDougall, to calm him down. Together they were a great combination. When Bally was left on his own we lost a few games and the stuffing went out of the side. We lost something like the last fifteen games that season; it was crazy when we were really a good team!"

"I had been half waiting to leave for the past two or three years," Dave continued. "Whenever a decent club came in for me either I was in the middle of a contract, or Blackpool asked a ridiculous fee. Then at Christmas last year they agreed that if I played out the season I could go at the end on a free. Last season was a strange one: the first half was probably my most consistent ever but for the second half I played with the casing of my left leg cracked. All the same there were sixteen teams in for me at the end of the season."

#### "You'd love Swindon"

I asked what made Dave choose Swindon above the other fifteen clubs. "There was one big difference," he replied "but a very simple one. I had to go to all the other clubs but Ken Beamish came up to Blackpool. It's a fact that making you feel you are wanted is as good a draw as any. I certainly fancied Swindon to do well and when Peter Noble, who was still at Blackpool, said 'You'd love Swindon' that was it."

Dave has bought a house in Nythe and is gradually adapting to his first spell of living in the South. "It's a different way of life," he commented. "It is so much slower and the people are easier going." I asked about interests outside football. "I listen to records and read a lot of books," Dave said. "I enjoy playing golf and tennis. You can also say that I am happily single at 25 but if a good looking millionairess comes along..."

Leigh Barnard (in background) watches his shot beat York goalkeeper Mike Astbury for Swindon's winner and goal number three in last Saturday's clash at the County Ground.

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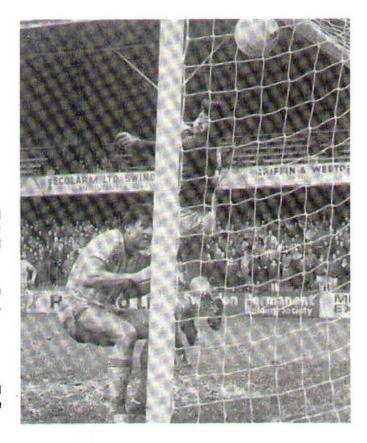
York striker Walwyn seems to have lost his head after scoring two goals for the visitors but still ending up on the losing side at the County Ground last Saturday.

Top Right

Town striker Jimmy Quinn ends up in a puddle during last Saturday's downpour against York.

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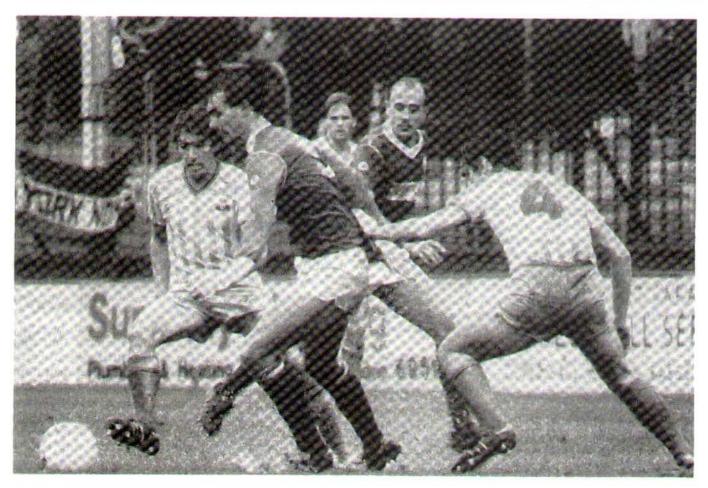
Swindon's Jimmy Quinn and Gary Emmanuel (dark shirts) splash about in midfield during the Town's win over leaders York City.





# Photo Call BY DAVE EVANS





# THE A1 DUO by Dave King

When Alan Mayes rejoined the club during the summer, after being granted a free transfer by second Division Chelsea, it brought back memories for Town fans of the prolific partnership he had shared with Andy Rowland in his previous spell at the County Ground.

County Ground regulars were obviously hoping that the understanding forged in that earlier partnership would be renewed and that we should be able to witness this productive duo leading us back to the Third Division. When Alan originally joined us from Watford and made his debut at Rotherham on February 24th 1979 we were to see the commencement of one of the most successful striking partnerships that this club and the Third Division were to see in recent years.

Most supporters are aware that Andy had joined us from Bury previous to Alan when Bob Smith the then Town manager signed him from Bury for a fee of £80,000 earlier in the same season 78-79, making his debut in a home match with Blackpool. Whilst Andy's debut was not marked with a goal, Alan's was with a sensational hat trick! The away game at Rotherham's Millmoor was the first of their double act, they formed Swindon's striking force for the remaining twenty one League matches of that 1978-79 season with Andy scoring nine goals at home and three away and Alan netting four at home and six away. They were unable to play together in any of the Cup competitions that season because we had been eliminated from the League Cup and FA Cup prior to Alan joining the Club.

In the following season 1979-80 they were to combine together in 42 of the League matches, with Andy scoring twelve goals at home and six away, including four at home in one match, with guess who, Rotherham United on April 15th in a 602 home win, they obviously had taken a liking to Danny Williams old club, pity they are not on this seasons fixture list. Alan netted thirteen goals at the County Ground and seven away.

In the ILeague Cup that same season the partnership played in ten of the eleven matches played leading to the Cup Semi-final with Wolverhampton Wanderers, Andy scoring four goals equally divided home and away with Alan scoring on six occasions, four at home and two away.

In the FA Cup they appeared together in all six matches played, with Andy scoring once at home and twice away, with Alan scoring in reverse twice at the County Ground and a single goal away.

The following season 1980-81 was to see the break up of this popular pair, some of the more illustrious First Division clubs had been noting the clubs cup exploits, which had brought to their attention the free scoring pair spearheading the Towns

attack. After several watching briefs it came as no real shock that Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould who were the management team of Chelsea had decided that Alan was the striker they considered could answer their clubs dilemma and a bid of around £200,000 was a sum that the Board of Directors could not reject in the face of the club's growing financial problems, but before Alan left he had played a further twenty league matches alongside Andy.

During this spell Andy netted three times at home and twice away, Alan's total amounted to six goals shared equally at home and away. They played three of the seasons five League Cup matches together with Andy netting once at home and Alan scoring three goals at home. In the FA Cup they played together once with Alan netting at home in a match with Weymouth.

A condensed look at their partnership shows the following:

1978-79	Appears. together			Alan's Home	
League	21	9	3	4	6
1979-80					
League	42	12	6	13	7
Lge. Cup	10	2	2	4	2
F.A. Cup	6	1	2	2	1
Total 1980-81	58	15	10	19	10
League	20	3	2	3	3
Lge. Cup	3	1		3	
F.A.Cup	1		-	1	-
Total	24	4	2	7	3

So in a total of appearing together in 103 matches they scored a combined total of 92 goals!

Andy scored a brace of goals in six matches and Alan in four matches. Their highest combined goalscoring in the same match was in the Home League match with Rotherham in the 1979-80 season on April 15th when Andy netted four times, and Alan once in a 6-2 home win.

They scored twice each in a 8-0 home win over Bury in the 79-80 season.

Although not taken into account, the pair have so far shown in this seasons early matches that they still have a lot to offer with both scoring further goals in this seasons early matches. Let's all hope that they can continue in A1 scoring vein.

In the 103 matches they appeared together they scored 92 of the 160 goals the club scored in these matches the Town being defeated 36 times in this period, winning 44 matches and drawing the remaining 23.

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#### **Answers 7**

#### **ACROSS**

- 6. Orient (Brisbane Road)
- 7. June
- 8. Gate (Bristol City).
- 9. Perth
- 11. Eddie
- 12. Dave
- 14. Neil 15. O'Neill

#### DOWN

- 1. Rough
- 2. Pittodrie (Aberdeen)
- 3. Stapleton
- 4. Australia
- 5. Red
- 10. Seals
- One (David)

## YOUTH TEAM FEATURE SPONSORED BY





ANDREW WOLLEN was born in Swindon on 14th November 1966 and was educated at Rodbourne Cheney, Pinehurst and Hreod Burna Schools. Andrew represented all three schools at football and also, on a number of occasions, the Swindon Schools XI. He also played for the Wiltshire Schools XI four times.

In his spare time Andrew plays squash, badminton, table tennis and snooker, in fact he has an interest in most sports.

Andrew is, of course, the son of Terry Wollen, the ex full back of Swindon Town. He is a trainee under the Youth Training Scheme, joining the Club on the 11th July, 1983.

#### F.A. YOUTH CUP

December

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> Tottenham Hotspur December West Ham United H

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Gary Emmanuel	8	Roger Osborne
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Alan Mayes	10	Tony Adcock
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#### REFEREE:

MR. E. ALAN CRICKMORE (Chaddlewood, Plymouth)

Started refereeing in 1966 in the Plymouth and District League and has progressed through the Western League to the Football League List. In 1982 acted as linesman in an F.A. Cup semi-final. A married man with two children he works as a Senior Purchasing Officer with Devon County Council. His hobbies include cricket and chess, and he enjoys giving talks to local referees socieities.

#### LINESMEN:

RED FLAG: MR. J. M. CARTER

(Christchurch)

YELLOW FLAG: MR. J. R. WAIT

(Portishead)

#### KEY OF THE BOARD

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- D Crewe v Northampton E Darlington v Rochdale
- F Mansfield v Hartlepool G
- Peterborough v Tranmere Н York City v Reading
- ı Arsenal v Nottingham Forest
- Birmingham v Tottenham H.
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- L Everton v Watford M Ipswich v Leicester
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