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From the desk of Ken Beamish



Welcome to the players and officials of Bury Football Club. Having just missed out on promotion last season, they are yet again making a determined effort to get into the 3rd Division. Although of late they have lost their momentum, I am sure they will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

Unlike Bury, we ourselves have put together the beginnings of what promises to be an excellent sequence of results. With some strong opposition coming up in the near future, we will need to show the best of our recent good form to maintain our unbeaten run.

Our winning result against one of the "fancied" teams, Doncaster, at our last home game brought about a great feeling of satisfaction for both myself and the players. For although the result read 2-1, Doncaster were very fortunate that the goals against tally was not a lot higher, for after their early penalty goal we totally dominated the game.

However, the performance against Doncaster was completely overshadowed by our display at Millwall in the 2nd Round of the F.A. Cup at The Den last week.

I remember the days, not so long ago, when if we went a goal down that would more than likely mean defeat. Not anymore, the character and attitude of the players could not have been highlighted to better effect than in this game. To have beaten Millwall 3-2 was a fine achievement but to have done it after being a goal down on two occasions made the result even more satisfying.

As was to be expected everybody was full of themselves, all waiting and hoping for a favourable draw against one of the "Big Uns" but as so often happens in this game of ours when you are on cloud nine you are always brought down to earth with a bump almost immediately. Sure enough, this happened shortly after 5.30 pm on Saturday with the news of yet another away tie, this time at Carlisle.

Just to change the subject and become a little more seasonal, may I take this opportunity of firstly thanking all those supporters who have sent us Christmas cards and all the players and myself wish you a very Happy Christmas.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for what we hope will be another exciting game, with our friends from Bury.

A cordial welcome to the Players and Officials from Bury.

When people ask me what I want for Christmas, I always give the same reply and that is for maximum points from our games with Bury, Torquay, Wrexham and on January 2 the difficult one against Bristol City.

Those of you who went to Millwall were well rewarded by a fine team performance which put us in the hat for the next round. We heard the draw for the 3rd round whilst returning to Swindon on the coach and were naturally hoping that Lionel Smart would pull out a home draw against a First Division Club but as you know, it was not to be. The draw at Carlisle could not be worse in that very few of our loyal supporters will be able to make the journey and Carlisle have two very attractive home league games against the league leaders Sheffield Wednesday on December 31st and the local derby against Kevin Keegans Newcastle United on December 27th, so we cannot anticipate a bumper gate. All we can hope for is a team effort like we saw on Saturday which I'm quite confident could get us a result at Carlisle.

The sending off of Colin Gibson on his 19th birthday was I felt a very harsh decision and I am concerned regarding the standard of refereeing I've witnessed this season so far.

George Graham, the Millwall manager said in his programme notes on Saturday "Several times I've bitten my tongue rather than criticize individual referees" and I can say the same. He goes on to say that he is concerned about the number of bookings being handed out in the lower divisions and we have seen several games this season that have had no bad fouls, yet the referee has taken many names. I do not complain that we have had officials showing unfairness its rather a lack of consistency in that petty infringements get the whistle far too often and then a bad foul sometimes goes unpunished. I am quite sure that erratic refereeing is often the spark that sets off crowd violence and whereas I know that officials must take no notice of boos and catcalls from the crowd, they must realise that their dictatorial attitude on occasions is not the best way to show their authority and it is their job to make the game flow and be entertaining. To whistle and stop the game for every minor niggles is frustrating for both players and spectators.

I would remind those of you who are Shareholders in the Company that the A.G.M. is Wednesday next, December 21st. 7 p.m. in the Supporters Club. To those who are not Shareholders, again I say, speak to Ron Morse.

Finally as this is our last game before Christmas, I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas, a Prosperous New Year, with the sincere thanks from all of us at the Club for your loyal support so far this season.



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BEHIND THE SCENES

The subject of schoolboy soccer players and the problems involved at this level have become the concern for many clubs and organisations such as the Football Association, The English Schools' Football Association and the Football League. There are many anomalies in the regulations regarding the coaching and playing of youngsters and, for some reason unfathomable to anyone within League football, non-league clubs are able to coach and play boys at a younger age than are those within the League.

It is a belief by many League Managers that the influx of young players into the game is decreasing because they are being overplayed in their early years resulting in quite frequently permanent minor disabilities or, more often, losing their appetite for the game. Far too often the parents of gifted children encourage them to play competitive games, as early as eight years old, a number of times each week. It seems that a cabinet of trophies often outweighs the pressures kids have to endure from a surfeit of competitive matches. As Keith Burkinshaw recently said, children are not machines that you can tuck away to bed at night and expect them to awake topped up with oil

the next morning. If parents and boys were warned of the medical consequences of continually playing 11-a-side matches on big pitches they might start to think. Then we might get some players with some imagination, some freshness and some technique bordering on the South Americans. And some young players who are not impaired through injury.

I am glad to say that there is now developing an improved relationship between clubs and only last week the clubs of Group Five, that is Wales and the West, met officers of the English Schools to debate the question of schoolboy football and their concern equalled our own in the area of lads playing school football, and then being expected to compete on Saturdays and Sundays. They informed us that, following discussions with their Association, the Football Association planned to open a school at Lilleshall where initially twenty five boys would board and receive soccer coaching and training, obtaining their general education at a school some nine miles away where they would be taken daily by coach. The only reservation regarding the scheme is that the facilities at Lilleshall are situated at the end of a two mile drive in the middle of a vast estate and permanent existence might be a little too monastic. In addition to the Football Association School, the F.A. are to organise Centres of Excellence. I am not sure I like the title but the idea of such centres, and this Club might well become one, where young lads can receive professional coaching is certainly excellent.

Thank you for coming along this afternoon and I hope you enjoy your outing.



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Town Facts & Figures

Season 1983/84

Date	Opponents	Home Score	Att.	F.A.	Allan	Henry	Baillie	Emmanuel	Gray	Graham	Hockaday	Richardson	Rowland	Mayes	Nelson	Quinn	Batty	Baddeley	Barnard	Endersby	Gibson
Aug 27	Chesterfield	3343	1-0	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11					
Sep 3	Plymouth Argyle MCI(1)	2891	4-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
6	Chester	3635	2-3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
10	Halifax Town		0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
13	Darlington		0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11						
17	Plymouth Argyle MCI(2)		1-4	1	5	2	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
23	Blackpool	2867	0-0	1	1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
27	Stockport County		3-1	1	1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Oct 1	Aldershot		1-2	1	1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
8	Rochdale	2626	2-1	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
15	Crewe Alexandra		0-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
17	York City	2517	3-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
22	Tranmere Rovers		1-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
29	Colchester United	3079	2-1	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Nov 1	Reading		2-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
6	Hereford United	3645	3-0	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
12	Northampton Town		0-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
19	Hartlepool United	3074	3-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
26	F.A. Cup 1 Kettering Town		7-0	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Dec 3	Doncaster Rovers		2-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
10	F.A. Cup 2 Millwall	3545	2-1	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
17	Bury		3-2	1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
26	Torquay United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
27	Wrexham			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
31	Peterborough United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
1984																					
Jan 2	Bristol City			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Chester (F.A. Cup 3)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Chesterfield			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
21	Blackpool			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
28	Darlington (F.A. Cup 4)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Feb 4	Rochdale			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Milk Cup SF (1L)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
11	Stockport County			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Milk Cup SF (2L)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
15	Hereford United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
18	Reading (F.A. Cup 5)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
25	Colchester United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Mar 2	Tranmere Rovers			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
6	Northampton Town			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
10	Hartlepool United (F.A. Cup 6)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
18	Crewe Alexandra			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
24	York City (Milk Cup Final)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
30	Halifax Town			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Apr 7	Aldershot			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Doncaster Rovers (F.A. Cup SF)			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
20	Wrexham			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
21	Torquay United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
29	Manfield Town			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
May 5	Bristol City			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Peterborough United			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
12	Bury			1	2	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						

GOALSCORER SUMMARY

League	Cup	Total
A. Mayes	9	9
J. Quinn	4	8
A. Rowland	5	6
P. Batty	2	4
L. Barnard	2	4
D. Hockaday	2	3
G. Emmanuel	1	2
S. Gibson	1	2
G. Nelson	1	2
C. Henry	1	1
C. Batty	1	1

Appearances	Substitute	Goals
Lge. Cup	Lge. Cup	Lge. Cup
Allan	8	1
Henry	12	
Baillie	18	
Emmanuel	17	
Gray	9	
Graham	18	
Hockaday	13	
Richardson	7	
Rowland	17	
Mayes	16	
Nelson	12	
Quinn	5	
Batty	12	
Baddeley	5	
Barnard	12	
Endersby	10	
Gibson	7	

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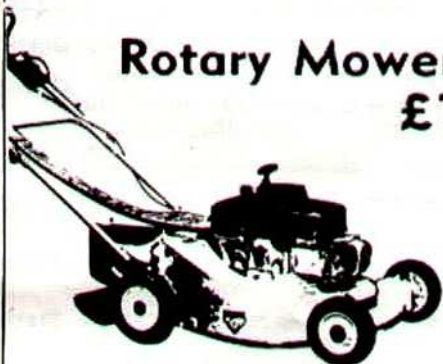
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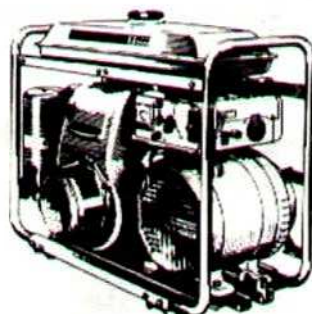
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Date	Opponents	Score	Endersby	Gould	Baddeley	Batty	Quinn	Hatter	Osborne	Fulbrook	Slattery	Gardiner	Barnard	Elliott	Gray	Matthews	Payne	Wollen	Hughes	Mayes	Henry	Richardson	Kelly	Robinson	Hockaday	Nelson	Blackler	Rowland	Nash
1983																													
Wed Aug 31	West Ham United	H 0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	8	3	1	10	4	9	1
Wed Sep 14	Leicester City	A 0-0	1	2		4 ¹			11		9		4	3	5	6	7	8			5	8							
Sat Sep 17	Watford	A 1-1	1	2					11		9				5	6	7	8	9		5	8	3						
Tue Sep 27	Crystal Palace	H 4-1	1	2			9 ¹		11 ¹		10 ¹	10 ¹			6	7	8	9											
Sat Oct 1	Arsenal	A Postponed																											
Tue Oct 4	Ipswich Town	H 2-2	2				9 ¹		11		8		4	6	6	7	8	9	10 ¹	5			1						
Wed Oct 12	Millwall	A 0-4	2	3					11		8	10				7	8	9					3	1					
Tue Oct 18	Birmingham City	H 0-3	2	4					11	7	9			5	6	7			11			8	3	1	10				
Sat Oct 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-2	2	4			9				10			5	6	7						3	1						
Tue Oct 25	Fulham	H 1-0	2	3			9		7	8	10			5	6	7						4	2	1	11 ¹				
Tue Nov 1	Queens Park Rangers	A 0-7	2	3			10 ²		11	8	10			5	6	7			S			8	2	1		4			
Tue Nov 8	Norwich City	H 2-3	2	3					11	4	7			5	6			S			9	5	4						
Tue Nov 15	Chelsea	A 1-4	2						11	6	8	10 ¹	3			7	S					8	6	1					
Tue Nov 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 1-1	2	3					11	4		10			5							8	6		9	11 ¹			
Sat Nov 26	Luton Town	A 1-4	2	3					11	4	9			5		7				10 ¹		8	6						
Tue Nov 29	Luton Town	H Postponed																											
Tue Dec 6	Southampton	H 2-3	2	3					11	4	7	10 ¹			5 ¹					10		8	6	1				9 ¹	
Sat Dec 10	Swansea City	A 1-4	2	3						4	9				5	7						8	6	1		11			
Tue Dec 20	Bristol Rovers	H 1-4																											
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Sat Jan 7	Reading	A																											
Tue Jan 11	Norwich City	A																											
Sat Jan 14	West Ham United	A																											
Tue Jan 24	Leicester City	H																											
Tue Jan 31	Crystal Palace	A																											
Tue Feb 7	Watford	H																											
Sat Feb 11	Ipswich Town	A																											
Tue Feb 14	Oxford United	H																											
Tue Feb 21	Arsenal	H																											
Sat Feb 25	Tottenham Hotspur	H																											
Tue Feb 28	Fulham	A																											
Wed Mar 7	Oxford	A																											
Sat Mar 10	Queens Park Rangers	H																											
Tue Mar 13	Swansea City	H																											
Wed Mar 21	Bristol Rovers	A																											
Tue Mar 27	Birmingham City	A																											
Sat Mar 31	Reading	H																											
Tue Apr 3	Charlton Athletic	A																											
Tue Apr 10	Chelsea	H																											

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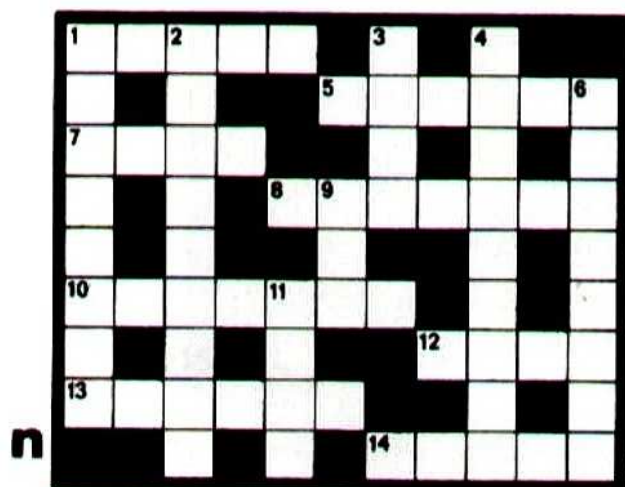
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Ninety-Niner Crossword

devised by David Peck



ACROSS

- 1 & 5. Scorer of the first League goal of this season. (5, 6)
7. Stopper Billy sounds like a complete club from across the border. (4)
8. It provided 1 & 5 ACROSS with his goal. (7)
10. Keeper whose 1960s to 1980s career began with West Ham, although Lincoln proved to be his principal club. (7)

12. He tasted success with Sunderland in his long stay (1964-1979) there before winging down with Blackpool and Hartlepool. (4)
13. - - - Bonhof, famous West German star. (6)
14. Club which mooted a move to Milton Keynes. (5)

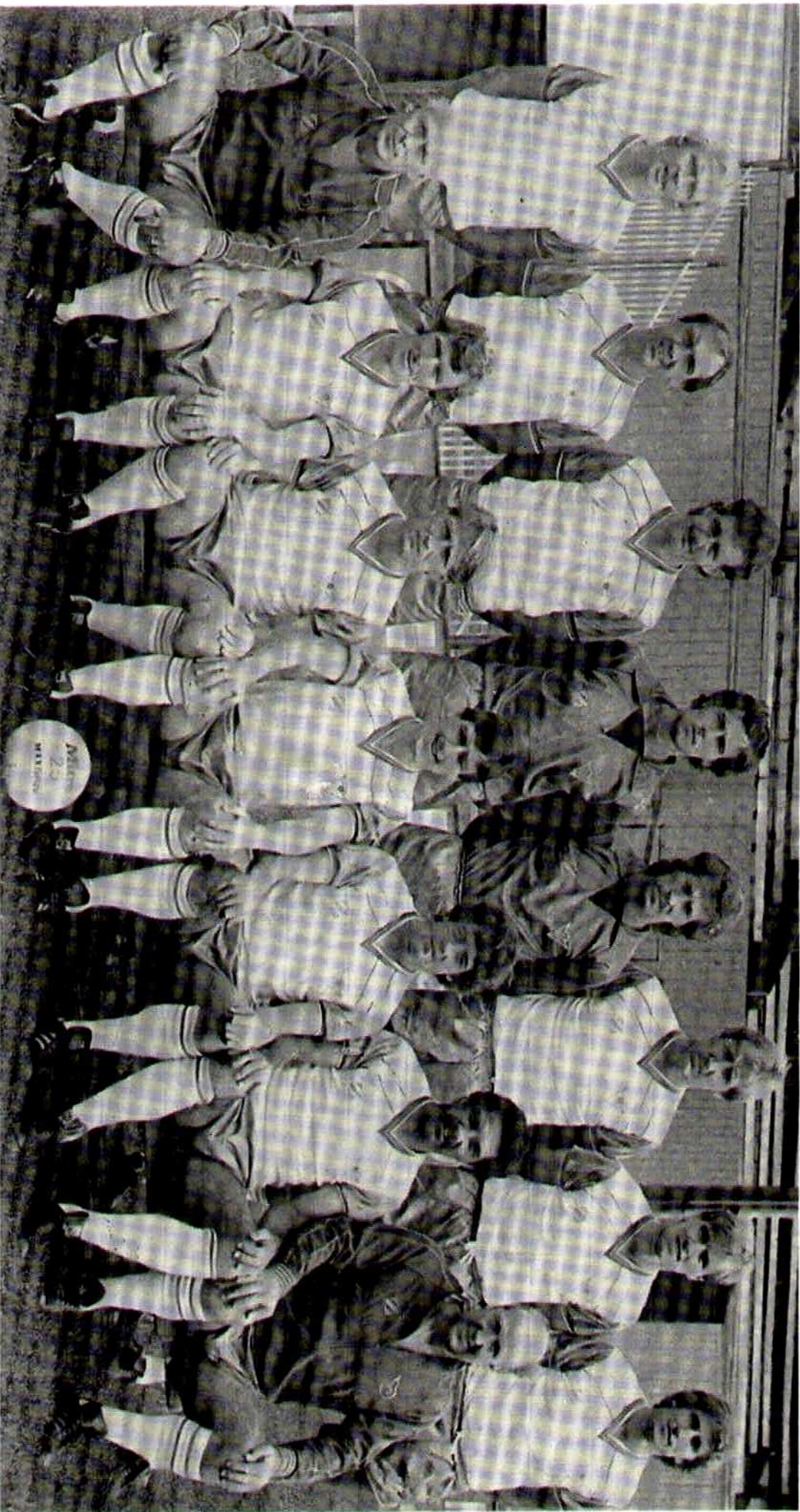
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1. Old Yorkshire brothers (and England men) Colin and Jack or their cousins, the brothers Dennis and Jack. (8)
2. An ever-present for Shrewsbury last season after arriving from Anfield. (9)
3. Exeter has been his principal club, but he is always a principal keeper!! (4)
4. Referees ran into controversy last season when they began to - - - the professional foul rule. (9)
6. His mid-1960s to mid-1970s period with Pompey brought him 100 goals in 300 League games. (3, 6)
9. The career of the brilliant Brazilian Tostao was hampered and concluded by a damaged one. (3)
11. Boss in turn of Barnsley, Blackburn and Bury. (4)



"I HAVE TO RUSH OFF AFTER THE MATCH ...
STILL SOME DELIVERIES TO MAKE!"

BURY



BACK ROW: Derek Spense, Terry Pashley, Paul Hilton, David Brown, Gary Milton, John Bramhall, Wayne Entwistle, Frank Carrodus
FRONT ROW: Wilf McGuinness, Eric Potts, Craig Madden, Joe Jakub, Gordon Coleman, Paul Gardner, Jim Iley (Manager)

PEN PICTURES

DAVID BROWN.

Goalkeeper began his career with Horden Colliery Welfare in the North East. Established as first choice keeper two seasons ago after signing from Oxford United. Born Hartlepool.

TERRY PASHLEY.

Signed from Blackpool during the close season where he had been for a number of seasons and named their Player of the Year on a couple of occasions previously with Burnley. Born Chesterfield.

PAUL GARDERN.

Full Back released by Blackpool at the end of the 1981/82 season but quickly snapped up by Manager Jim Iley. This 26 year old strong tackling defender first played for the Seaside seven years ago when they narrowly missed promotion to Division One. Born Southport.

GORDON COLEMAN.

Signed in the close season from Preston North End where he was a former captain at his only Football League Club. Born Nottingham.

JOHN BRAMHALL.

Defender. A five figure fee secured his signature from Tranmere Rovers in March 1982. Close to 250 Fourth Division appearances and at 6' 2" is the tallest of our defenders. Born Liverpool.

PAUL HILTON.

Defender. Tall commanding and adventurous a bright future is predicted for this former schoolboy international who started his football league career as a striker. Born Oldham.

ERIC POTTS.

Now in his second season with the Shakers after being signed from Burnley, previous clubs include Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton and Preston North End. Born Liverpool.

CRAIG MADDEN.

Striker who two seasons ago shattered the Clubs goal scoring record set in 1926, also finished top scorer last season with 20 league goals. Born Stockport.

WAYNE ENTWISTLE.

Signed from Wimbledon during the close season, started his league career with Bury before being transferred for a sizeable fee to Sunderland. Former England Youth International. Born Bury.

JOE JAKUB.

Midfield. Team Captain who hails from Scotland a player of skill and vision who previously played for Burnley. Born Falkirk.

CHRIS CUTLER.

Striker former apprentice who made tremendous progress last season in the Central League side. Born Manchester.

FRANK CARRODUS.

Forward. Joined the Shakers in August '83 on a free transfer from Birmingham City after a career that has taken in over 250 league apps. with Manchester City, Aston Villa and Wrexham, where he gained first and second division experience. Born Manchester, began his career with Altrincham.

NICK DEACY.

Forward. Started career at Hereford, later having a spell on loan at Workington before being transferred to PSV Eindhoven for £22,500. Then moved to Berigen and Vitesse and returned to league football when Hull City paid a fee of £93,600 in Feb. '80. Capped by Wales 13 times, Nick signed for Bury in September from Hong Kong club, Happy Valley.

PAUL'S FIRST IN DIVISION 1

by DAVE KING

Paul Rideout's first ever goal in the Premier Division of the Canon Football League prompted the local sports paper to interview him and for Town fans here are a few of the extracts that you may find of interest:-

Villa's young striker Paul Rideout admits the goal he scored again Leicester last week gave him as much relief as excitement. "It was beginning to worry me that I hadn't scored a League goal, I think my confidence was being affected", he said. But having broken his duck the £200,000 teenager is now aiming to make that goal the first of many.

"I've already got further than my 10 appearances for the season and I think I ought to aim to score some more goals as well", he says.

"When I signed for Villa from Swindon in the summer I felt that if I got 10 first team games I would be happy for a first season. Now I want at least 20."

"When I was involved in the squad and played several games earlier in the season I felt that I wasn't quite match fit and sharp enough."

"But after spending time in the Reserves and learning things in training I've felt fitter and sharper this time. Obviously it's been a good piece of luck for me that Gary Shaw was injured. That's not meant to sound nasty. Any footballer will tell you that you have to take advantage of other peoples bad luck, just as they will get their chance if your luck turns. But knowing he'll be fit soon adds a bit more pressure. I'm enjoying playing in front of big crowds and I want to stay in the team."

When Rideout signed he was billed as being the next Peter Withe, but he says the two are not as similar in style as he expected. "I play anywhere along the front three while Peter tends to stay in the middle and knock the ball off."

"I suppose there are similarities in that we are both good in the air, but there are probably more differences."

"It's certainly been an education for me to work alongside him, he shows exceptional skill at times - especially with his chest control."

"There have been times when he has gone for balls that I thought he would be bound to head, and instead he has killed it dead on his chest and then knocked a pass off."

"I don't think he gets the credit he deserves. I had read all the stuff about him being a battering ram before I came here - but he's got much more skill than people give him credit for."

Rideout's biggest problem has been settling into the big City atmosphere of Birmingham. "I tend to go home to Swindon at every opportunity," he admits. "But I don't think that matters because I'm really enjoying my football at the moment."

"I didn't those first few games, but now its great to play in front of big crowds, I love the atmosphere."

Meanwhile what are Peter Withe's thoughts about Paul. "He is doing very well, he has moved from the Fourth Division to the First and coped with the difference in pace and the way the game is played."

"As long as nobody gets carried away and he keeps working hard as he has done he looks as if he could go a long way."

Incidentally one of Paul's partners in last seasons European Youth Championship, Tony Simmons of Sheffield Wednesday, has entered the First Division with Queens Park Rangers having joined them for a fee of £50,000. The boost of scoring his first goal for Villa gave Paul that extra confidence for it did not take him long to score his second scoring the only goal of the game in their home match with West Ham on December 3rd.

The progress Paul is making in his attempt to establish himself in one of England's premier clubs can be measured when we take a look at the England Youth Team of last season which gained third place in the European Youth Championship, the team which defeated Italy on Sunday morning, May 22nd at Vicarage Road, Watford.

I. Andrews (Leicester), B. Venison (Sunderland), A. Spearing (Norwich), D. Norton (Aston Villa), G. Humphries (Doncaster), L. Sinnott (Walsall), D. Kerslake (Q.P.R.), I. Painter (Stoke), P. Rideout (Swindon), S. Mills (Sheffield Wednesday), D. Clarke (Notts. County), Subs. B. Little (Charlton).

From this team only Barry Venison, Lee Sinnott who has since joined Watford and Ian Painter have played in this seasons First Division, so Paul's progress charted against others of the same team is most favourable. He made nine appearances for England at this level last season scoring twice, winning his caps in matches with Norway, Israel Under 21, Israel Olympic XI, Belgium, Spain, Scotland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Italy.

The only players to gain more caps than Paul's nine were David Kerslake (QPR), with 14, Tony Simmons (Sheff. Wed., now QPR) 11 and B. Little (Charlton) 10, and this was mainly because of availability.

At the start of the season the team that played in that match with Italy had registered League appearances as follows: Venison 57, Humphries 55, Sinnott 36, Painter 22, Mills 1, Clarke 16, Little 2, whilst Paul had made 95 with us.

With over a century of League appearances, and now scoring in the First Division, Paul is making satisfactory progress to the zenith most wiseacres of our national game predict.

South East Counties Junior League

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ROBINSON	7	2	6	HARRISLEY	6	-	-	-
BYRNE	9	2	-	SHEPPARD	2	-	-	-
ELLIOTT	8	2	6	PAYNE	4(1)	2(2)	5(2)15	5
WOLLEN	9(4)	2	6(3)	CHURCHWARD	3	-	-	-
EMMS	8(3)	2	6	PROMISE	2(1)	-	-	1
BLAKLEY	9	2	1	COOMBE	1	-	-	-
POLING	5	-	-	SMITH	-	-	6	6
REYNOLDS	9(2)	1	2	GOULD	-	-	6	6
HUGHES	7(8)	2(2)	6(6)	OSBORNE	-	-	6(6)	6
GARDINER	9(10)	2(4)	6(8)	FULBROOK	-	-	4	4
LEE	10(2)	2(2)	-	QUAN GOAL	(1)	-	(1)	2
STONE	2(1)	1	1					

Goals shown in brackets

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE TABLE
(Up to and including Saturday, Dec 10th)

Last Season Finish Position	Total Home Wins To Date	Average Date This Season	Average Home Date or Date 82-83	Highest Home Date or Date	PLAYING RECORD										AWAY										Leading Total Goal Scorer (inc caps)	Whole Career Goal H / A incl Dups
					W	L	D	F	A	CLUB	W	D	L	F	A	FLS	Diff.	Goal								
7	38,299	4,225	3,243	• 6,207	18	7	1	1	24	8	YORK CITY	4	2	3	15	11	36	+20	John	13	8	5	43			
21	34,262	3,806	3,002	• 4,439	18	6	0	3	14	8	BLACKPOOL	4	2	3	9	10	32	+5	Byrne	8	3	5	97			
9	32,441	3,604	2,795	• 4,400	18	7	2	0	22	5	PETERBOROUGH	2	5	12	16	31	+13	Mercer	7	6	1	86				
6	21,644	2,404	2,232	• 6,207	18	7	2	0	21	3	COLCHESTER	1	4	9	13	30	+14	Harkin	17	11	6	40				
DIV 3	30,000	3,333	3,316	• 4,996	18	4	3	0	22	10	DONCASTER	2	3	4	10	14	30	+8	Poole	10	10	-	21			
DIV 3	30,544	3,393	3,267	• 5,918	18	7	2	0	27	8	READING	1	3	5	13	22	29	+10	Dooley	24	17	7	32			
18	20,129	2,012	1,928	• 3,195	19	5	3	2	14	13	ALDERSHOT	3	2	4	9	14	29	-4	Seaton	10	4	6	38			
14	59,430	6,603	4,695	• 10,827	18	7	0	2	21	4	BRISTOL CITY	2	1	6	5	10	28	+12	Benton	10	4	6	38			
8	27,877	3,097	3,994	• 3,645	18	7	1	1	21	10	SHIMON TN	1	2	6	9	15	27	+5	Crawford	9	4	5	123			
15	21,975	2,725	2,595	• 3,835	18	4	1	1	6	NORTHAMPTON	2	5	2	12	12	27	+5	Alves	9	5	4	100				
5	22,921	2,546	3,092	• 3,258	17	4	4	1	16	10	BURY	3	1	4	10	12	26	+4	Austin	11	5	6	96			
19	20,923	2,323	1,929	• 2,789	18	4	3	2	14	11	TRANMERE	2	4	3	8	10	25	+1	Craig	11	5	6	96			
16	18,442	2,049	2,303	• 2,652	19	3	3	3	13	11	STOCKPORT	3	3	4	15	18	24	-1	Jackson	6	5	1	13			
12	16,305	1,811	2,312	• 2,317	18	3	4	2	11	17	TORQUAY	3	2	4	14	22	24	-1	John	14	4	10	57			
24	22,637	2,828	2,234	• 5,875	17	3	3	2	6	6	HEREFORD	2	5	2	9	11	23	-2	Sims	5	2	3	80			
17	14,505	1,561	1,454	• 2,181	18	5	1	3	9	6	DARLINGTON	2	1	6	6	12	23	-3	Stuart	9	5	4	41			
23	18,934	2,367	2,244	• 2,965	17	5	1	2	11	10	CREE	2	1	6	5	16	23	-10	Phillips	13	8	5	95			
DIV 3	36,193	4,021	3,201	• 6,488	18	3	6	0	11	7	CHESTERFIELD	1	4	4	10	14	22	0	Walsh	5	4	1	22			
10	21,710	2,412	2,312	• 3,327	18	4	2	3	19	11	MANCHESTER	1	3	5	5	20	20	-7	Allen	6	4	2	81			
20	13,787	1,531	1,689	• 1,926	18	4	1	18	13	ROCHDALE	1	1	7	7	21	20	-9	Blanch	12	10	2	43				
11	12,534	1,392	1,925	• 1,735	18	4	3	2	12	11	MALFAX	1	2	6	6	18	28	-11	Farrell	9	7	2	37			
DIV 3	29,923	2,323	2,710	• 5,472	17	3	3	3	15	11	WRECKHAM	0	3	5	7	17	15	-6	Stanforth	5	2	3	84			
13	13,801	1,523	1,903	• 2,284	18	2	2	5	10	15	CHESTER	0	4	5	6	14	12	-15	Hunt	5	4	1	17			
22	12,619	1,482	1,369	• 2,012	18	1	4	4	8	12	HARTLEPOOL	0	1	8	5	26	8	-25	Stuart Kevin Olson	5 3 -	2 3 -	3 - -	98 - 3			

GOALS - THREE OR MORE:

Trevor Senior (Reading)	3 v Stockport
John Barnes (York City)	3 v Colchester
Alan Crawford (Bristol City)	3 v Chester
Nike Quinn (Stockport)	3 v Torquay
David Caldwell (Mansfield)	3 v Crewe
David Haller (Crewe)	4 v Aldershot
Alan Marsh (Derlington)	3 v Haringey
Ronald Prichard (Bristol City)	3 v Mossley
William Brown (Colchester)	3 v Corinthian
	3 v Macclesfield

ALL ABOUT TODAY'S VISITORS;

NAME OF GROUND: 6199 Lane
GROUND CAPACITY: 22,500
HIGHEST LEAGUE POSITION: 4th Div 1 - 1928
MOST GOALS IN A SEASON: 108 Div 3 - (1960/61)
MANAGER: Jim Tier

GOALSCORERS THIS SEASON (INC. F.A. CUP AND MILK CUP):
 Stadden 11 (3 Home, 6 Away) Entwistle 5 (3H, 2A) Branhall
 4 (1H, 3A) Potts 1 (Home) Spence 1 (Home) Durr 0

PENALTY SCORES TO DATE:

5. Adcock (Colchester)
3. Esch: Hayes (Swindon), McDonald (Aldershot),
2. Esch: Hodkiss, Birch (Chesterfield),
1. Esch: (Doncaster)
2. Esch:
Deary (Blackpool), Ritchie (Bristol),
Cook (Malibu), Folland (York City),
Berrington (Hastfield), Currie (Torquay),
1. Esch:
Brennan (Bury), Jakob (Bury),
Brennan (Chester), Waller (Crewe),
Dale (Darlington), Harvey (Hesford),
Chard (Peterborough), Morris (Reading),
Journ (Stockport), Holmes (Torquay),
Burgworth (Hastfield).
2. Esch: 1960

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 35,000 v Bolton F.A. Cup 3rd Rnd 0 - Jan
RECORD VICTORY: 12-1 v Blackburn (away) F.A. Cup 1st Rnd 1887/88
RECORD DEFEAT: 0-10 v Stockport F.A. Cup - 1887/88 Pre
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN SEASON: Craig Madden - 35 Div 4 1981/82
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN CAREER: Norman Bullock - 124 1920/35
PLAYER MOST CAPPED AT CLUB: Bill Sorman - 11 Eirean Ireland

CUP)
Frankell 5 (H, 4A) Hilton 5 (All Home)
Own Goals 2 (Home)

SURVEY ON DIVISION IV

by Dave King

(A week by week report on our Division)

From rags to riches such is the fortune of recently released apprentice goalkeeper from Bristol City, Kevin Slabber, who has signed for First Division West Bromwich Albion following a four match trial at the Hawthorns.

A funny twist to Ken Stroud's second loan period for a month, he had to leave Bristol City and rejoin Newport for three days to make sure he could play in City's two Christmas fixtures, he now stays until December 29th. The Football League ruled that if City kept him and delayed the signing for three days this was not permissible so they had to let him return to Somerton Park and then sign him on a separate loan. Newport agreed on what was a pure technicality and now he can play in the Christmas fixtures, with the League only allowing five loan signings in one season, City have now used up two on the same player. The Ashton Gate Club are reported to be interested in Hull City's striker Les Mutrie who has lost his first team place.

York City extended their lead at the top of the table on Dec. 3rd when they defeated Aldershot 2-0 who had Les Lawrence sent off.

Peterborough's second away win of the season at Blackpool before the largest crowd of the day enabled them to close the gap on the leading four clubs.

Jim Quinn's fifth goal in the last three matches, along with Leigh Barnard's fourth in the last six games kept us in touch with the leaders, three points behind Colchester in fourth place.

Three of the leading clubs which occupy first, fourth and fifth positions namely York, Colchester and Doncaster have been defeated here at the County Ground, our home record is now on par with York City's and an improvement away from here will give us a reasonable chance of achieving what we all desire.

Tranmere's share of the 3-3 draw they gained at Chesterfield was the first time they had scored more than twice this season, the Saltergate club are the draw specialists of the Division, this being their tenth draw of the season.

Chester who beat today's visitors Bury gained their first win in twelve league games with their 2-1 victory.

Bottom club Hartlepool, who suffered a 6-0 defeat at Colchester, have not won in thirteen outings and look odds on to seek re-election for the eleventh time unless their form improves dramatically.

Hereford have rediscovered goal scoring form scoring three times in a 3-3 draw at Rochdale.

York City manager Denis Smith won the Bells Whisky Manager of the Month for November.

STATISTICS FOR DEC. 2nd/3rd.

Home Wins: 8, Away Wins: 1, Draws: 2, Goals: 37
Aggregate Attendances: 28,995, Highest Attendance: 4,439 (Blackpool v Peterborough), Lowest Attendance: 1,261 (Rochdale v Hereford), Highest

Aggregate Score 6: Colchester 6 v Hartlepool 0, Chesterfield 3 v Tranmere 3, Rochdale 3 v Hereford 3.

Former Chester manager Alan Oakes has been dismissed from his position of coach to Port Vale along with manager John McGrath, Vale who were one of last seasons Fourth Division promoted clubs have been experiencing a lean time in a higher Division.

Darlington rejected Colchester's club record offer for striker Alan Walsh, he has been at Darlington for four years and scored 90 goals for them in just over 200 League games, Walsh is now 27.

News of one of our former players, Chris Porter is on the move again after resigning as Bridge-water team boss, he has now signed for Western League Frome Town.

Former Plymouth chairman Robert Daniel has joined the Board of Devon neighbours Torquay United.

Our former player Brian Hamilton has obtained his former Swindon team mate Roy Greenwood on loan from Huddersfield.

Our magnificent cup win away to Millwall was somewhat tempered by the resultant away venue for the Third Round with a disappointing visit to Carlisle, nevertheless it must not diminish the performance of our team. Jim Quinn's two goals meant he scored his third brace of goals of the season, all away! Having previously scored twice at Kettering and Mansfield, and looking towards the next round while to date Carlisle have only conceded one goal at home, they have not exactly scored freely with only six to their credit. Whilst it's a tough assignment, it's not beyond our current form to upset the odds.

Other clubs in our Division had varied fortunes, Keith Bowen of Colchester scoring the only hat trick of the round, his goals coming in the first half of their home tie with Wealdstone, this was the first hat trick of his career.

Bristol City had a most meritorious away win in their 'Battle of Bristol' tie with Rovers, before the largest crowd of the Round, second half goals from Ritchie and Hirst overhauled Rovers earlier goal, also ending Rovers unbeaten home record.

Blackpool with a draw at Bangor, Northampton home to Telford, both need replays with their non League opponents, as do Darlington.

Draw specialists Chesterfield drew 2-2 at home to Burnley, while Reading also drew at home to Oxford United, who are having a season reminiscent of our 1968-69 campaign.

Mansfield losing at Bolton, and today's visitors Bury losing at Scunthorpe who had England cricket star Ian Botham in their team were the Divisions departure from the F.A. Cup.

The only League match played last Saturday ended in a 1-1 draw at Aldershot where Stockport were the visitors, the point Aldershot obtained enabled them to move into seventh place in the League table, odd fact is they have conceded more goals than they have scored!

Goalscorer-in-chief Jim Quinn celebrates after scoring the first of his two goals in the Town's thrilling win at Millwall in the FA Cup.

Bottom Left

Leigh Barnard surges forward into the Millwall penalty area, beaten by an unkind bounce.

Top Right

Alan Mayes just fails to connect with a cross to add to Millwall's torment in the Town's win at The Den.

Bottom Right

Two-goal hero Jim Quinn heading goalwards once again during the Town's FA Cup victory.



Photo Call

BY DAVE EVANS



Commercially Speaking

by DOUG BUSWELL

With Christmas almost upon us our thoughts in The Commercial Office are turning to 1984. January will see the launch of our new Lottery and Bingo tickets. They are both designed to give the Clubs finances an added boost. The Lottery tickets will be "Lucky Seven" and the Bingo ticket "Super Robin". There will be nearly £20,000 in prizes to be won each month. However we still need more people to sell our tickets. Why not become one of Swindon Towns Ticket Agents and gain the benefits available. Commission is paid on all sales and a bonus on all winners sold to the value of £5 or above. No obligation, No expense and a delivery and collection service is available. As an added bonus if you reach certain targets then you get free entry to all first team matches.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 19th DECEMBER 1983

Will all persons still holding tickets for the above, hand or send them to the Commercial Office by Noon on Monday.

All winners will be notified and names of major winners plus winning numbers will appear in the programme for the match versus Wrexham and in the Evening Advertiser of Wednesday 21st December 1983. Lists of winners will be available from the Commercial Office from Tuesday 20 December.

On Monday 21st January a team of our players will play THE CLIFTON HOTEL at Darts, Crib, Dominoes etc. The same evening will see the Draw for £2000 worth of Woolworths Vouchers which are one of the prizes on the Robin Reviver tickets. Come along and meet the lads, it should be a good night, there will also be a draw for a gallon of beer.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us in the Commercial Office.

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MARK POLING, another of our young schoolboy players, was born in Liverpool on the 16th September, 1966. He was educated at Colebrook and Kingsdown Schools, the latter which he still attends.

Mark has represented both schools at football and has represented his County and had a trial for England. He is a regular member of our South East Counties Junior side, playing at left half. He has also made one appearance at No. 7 in the F.A. Youth side at Bournemouth.

Mark's other interests are basketball and badminton.

Featuring the Reserve and Youth Teams

The Reserve Team continue to find it very hard going, both result wise and in performance. The Combination League is of a very high standard, especially amongst the 1st Division Clubs who have enough staff to field a complete full time professional team. Although we started the season fairly well, with some well earned points, we are now finding it continually difficult to string any sort of winning sequence together. Our last two games have both resulted in defeats, 3-2 at home to Southampton and a 4-1 defeat at Swansea. The performance against Southampton was good, as we had our fair share of the game and with a little more luck, could have won, but the Swansea game was yet another below par performance. We must aim to strengthen the side for the sake of those already in the team, for the professionals to regain their form and to help

the younger members of the side to improve.

The Youth Team are unfortunately out of the F.A. Youth Cup, being beaten in the replay at Southampton. The tie itself was very exciting and could have gone either way. The lads fought very hard and played some very good football, but although scoring 3 goals away from home, we conceded 4, the winner coming in extra time. The S.E.C. side travelled to Spurs last Saturday with a much younger side than usual due to reserve and County calls but managed a 3-3 draw. We again scored 3 goals but also let 3 in, so the message to our defenders must be to start 'getting clean sheets', an expression we use for conceding no goals. This result keeps us at the top of the table.

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REFEREE:

MR. KEITH COOPER
(Hopkinson, Pontypridd)
Commenced refereeing in 1969 in the Pontypridd League and in 1975 progressed to the Football League Linesmen's List. In 1981 refereed a European Youth Tournament in West Germany and acted as linesman in the World Cup qualifying games; Iran v. Kuwait, 1977, and Holland v. Cyprus, 1980. Married with two sons he works as a supervisor in conjunction with the Youth Opportunities programme. His interests include physical fitness, athletics and dancing, and he is a former Welsh Youth International.

LINESMEN:

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