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CANON DIVISION FOUR
SATURDAY
4th FEBRUARY

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

40p

DALE v SWINDON TOWN

ROAD RACE

THE Dale Winter Road Race will be on Sunday 26th February, starting at Spotland.

A 10 km road race under AAA and WCCA laws will start at 11.00 am and a three and a half mile fun run will start at 10.00 am. The entry fees are £2.00 for the 10 km run, and £1.50 for the fun run. There will be medals for finishers in both events.

Entry forms are obtainable from club secretary Bill Kenyon.

COME TO DINNER

A SPORTSMANS Dinner will be held in the social club on Monday 12th March. The main guest speaker will be former Liverpool manager Bob Paisley.

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1948-49, 1970-71



Manager's Notes

SINCE the disaster against Telford in the F.A. Cup we have played two away games and taken four points from them.

After the cup game the players were told what I expected of them for the rest of the season, namely commitment, and they have shown this at Crewe and Reading.

In these games I have introduced Sean Reid who is with us under the Youth Opportunities Scheme. I feel some clubs take lads like this on just to give them a job, but this shows this is not the case at Spotland.

I am pleased with the way things have gone in general on the field in the two away games. We now have to keep this up to the end of the season.

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SUPPORTERS' NOTES

AT LAST week's meeting of the Supporters' Club, at Spotland, chairman Colin Smith warned that the club could fold unless more people are willing to help.

Four of the club committee have threatened to resign unless more people come forward to help with administration.

Colin said: "Most of the people on the committee have saved for a number of years, and it has really been a case of 'let them do all the work'. Several appeals have been made before for help, yet no one has approached us. This has left some of the committee feeling very bitter about things.

"Unless we get more help people will resign and this could lead to the supporters' club folding. I would hate to see this happen so if you think you can help, please come forward.

"New ideas are needed which can only come from people joining the committee. But most of all we badly need help to spread the workload."

Dave Crossley will now take matchday bookings for coaches to away games at the club shop.

Tomorrow the club hosts a programme fair at Spotland. Please give it your support.

Rochdale AFC Supporters' Club

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ASSOCIATE CUP

Dale have been drawn at home to Preston North End in the first round of the Associate Cup for Third and Fourth Division teams.

The game will be at Spotland on Wednesday 22nd February, and the tie will be decided on the night. The rules do not allow for replays. If the scores are level at the end of normal time there will be 30 minutes extra time, and if the scores are still level then, a penalty shoot-out will decide the issue.



Associate Cup Round One

Dale v Preston N.E.

Wednesday 22nd February

Kick-off 7.30 pm

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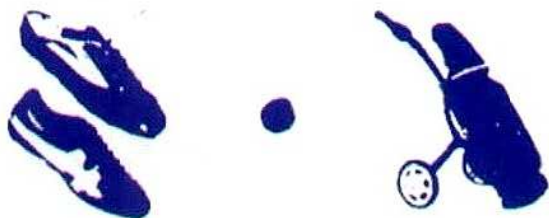
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

(Taken from 'Forward with Dale', a history of Rochdale AFC by Brian Clough).

IN SEASON 1945-46, the last of the regional soccer seasons, Joe Hargreaves scored 25 goals, a feat which he equalled in the 1946-47 season to set up a post-war club goal-scoring record. The 'Dale also has a good F.A. Cup run in 1945-46 winning through to the third round before being beaten by Bury, after defeating Stockport and Tranmere in the first two rounds. (The first six rounds of the competition incidentally were played on a home and away basis). It was also in 1946 that Mr. F. S. Ratcliffe joined the board of directors and seven years later, in 1953, he became the youngest chairman of any league club.

In 1946-47, the 'Dale reached the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup but were beaten by the eventual cup-winners, Charlton. In the first three full league seasons starting in 1946-47 Rochdale finished in the top half of the table and a brighter future was being predicted. During the close season of 1948, the Spotland pitch was levelled, the soil removed forming the Spion Kop at the Pearl Street end of the ground. Unfortunately the pitch suffered as a result, and in consequence the first round F.A. Cup match against Barrow had to be switched to Oldham following an F.A. inspection. The result was a one all draw with Rochdale going down 2-0 in the replay.

At the end of the 1948-49 season, 'Dale became the first Third Division North club to win the Lancashire Senior Cup when they defeated Blackpool 1-0 in the final at Boundary Park. The winning goal was scored in the last minute by 'Dale centre-forward Jack Connor. In the following season Rochdale made their mark in both the league and the F.A. Cup. In the league they finished third with 51 points behind Doncaster and Gateshead. The season's high spot came on December 10th when 24,231 spectators paid a total of £2,285 to watch the second round F.A. Cup tie against Notts County for whom the great Tommy Lawton scored both goals in County's 2-1 victory. The attendance is a club record which still stands.

One of the main strengths of the Rochdale side at this time was the half-back line of Eric Wood, Walter Birch and George McGeachie who played together in 41 consecutive games. In the same season Jack Connor, signed by Goodier from Ireland, scored nineteen goals.

Among Goodier's other signings were Tommy Barkas and left-winger Tommy Dryburgh who scored 14 goals in 1949-50 (a club record for a winger) and was later transferred to Leicester City. Ted Goodier's dealings in the transfer market are legendary. In 1951 'Dale played two friendly matches against Shamrock Rovers and Bohemians and after the second of these Billy Webb was signed on professional terms. Within two months Goodier sold him to Leicester City for a fee of over £1,000. In all, between 1945 and 1952, Goodier made a profit of almost £40,000 on transfer fees. He fell out of favour with the fans, however, when it was rumoured that he was paid a commission on these transfer fees. (A rumour which the club always denied). His policy of signing free transfer players and selling them at a profit finally came unstuck in

1951-52 when the 'Dale finished in 21st place. Rochdale did manage to reach the F.A. Cup third round in 1950-51 and 1951-52 losing to Chelsea and Leeds United respectively. The Chelsea game ended in a 3-2 defeat after Roy Bentley, England centre-forward, scored Chelsea's third goal. Bentley's harmless twenty yard shot was held and then dropped by 'Dale keeper Bert Lomas, and in his efforts to regain possession he pushed the ball over the line. Even then, 'Dale felt they had earned the right to a replay at Stamford Bridge when Jack Conner was brought down by Armstrong but the referee did not award the expected penalty.

In the summer of 1952, Ted Goodier vacated the manager's chair to take charge of Wigan, (a non-league club at the time), and was succeeded by Jack Warner, former Welsh international who had spent thirteen years with Manchester United. Warner was appointed as player-manager but his only season in charge ended with 'Dale avoiding the re-election zone by just one point. In June 1953, Harry Catterick, former Crewe player-manager was appointed manager, a post he was to hold until August 1958 when he accepted a similar position at Sheffield Wednesday. He later became manager of his former club Everton and led them to two First Division championships and one F.A. Cup triumph.

It was during the Catterick era, in 1954, that floodlights were installed at Spotland. The first floodlit match was a friendly against St. Mirren on February 2nd and ended in a 3-2 defeat. The game attracted a crowd of 7,000 which Catterick ruefully described as "the lowest so far for the opening of any floodlight installation in the country". A contemporary report claimed that "no matches will be played under better lighting conditions in this part of the country". There was no difficulty in following every incident of play, what was happening on either the opposite side of the field or in the far goalmouth could be seen in detail". A view with which Coventry manager Noel Cantwell was at variance sixteen years later!

Among Catterick's signings were former Everton players Eddie Wainwright, Gwyn Lewis and Jackie Grant, veteran centre-forward Eric Gemmell from Crewe, after spells with Manchester City and Oldham, the wing pair of Jimmy Anders and Arnold Kendall and one of his last signings, Jim Daily from Workington who scored 19 goals in 30 appearances in 1957-58, including five in one match against Hartlepool. He also signed former international inside forward Jack Haines from Bradford Park Avenue for a club record fee of £2,000 as well as introducing several local players including Frank Lord, Ray Aspden, Normal Bodell and Brian Green.

(to be continued)

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SOCCER VIEW

By Les Barlow

THE LAST few weeks have produced a bumper crop of statements which makes one wonder what football is coming to, or rather the people behind some clubs.

Cast your minds back just more than a year when Robert Maxwell, chairman of Oxford United was involved in the supposed merger of Oxford and Reading. What a ballyhoo was made of it all at the time. The only thing was Reading claimed they knew nothing about it until they read of the proposals in the newspapers.

Mr Maxwell looks to have done it again. The national press claimed he was interested in moving in to Birmingham City. Guess What? Birmingham claimed they knew nothing about it.

More upsetting for Oxford fans was the fact that manager Jim Smith might be the first to move to Birmingham if Mr Maxwell switched allegiance.

Oxford have had a highly successful season. They are in the Division Three promotion race, and have done really well in the F.A. Cup and Milk Cup. What a time for Mr Maxwell to supposedly make a statement on a move to Birmingham. It must have worked wonders for the confidence of the players. However the move looks to have been beaten off.

Still with the men in the boardrooms the Football League have investigated the connections of a Mr Anton Johnson who on the face of it appears to have had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus.

It recently revealed that money from one club had been loaned to another with which Mr Johnson was involved.

Do these people really love the clubs they are involved with? Or is it all an ego trip down football road for them.

It is perhaps as well that they were not on the general committee of Yorkshire Cricket Club. Had they been there and done the things they are claimed to have done no doubt it would have been a short trip to the wall at dawn.

Staying on the subject of Yorkshire CC and a certain Mr Geoffrey Boycott and his supporters. The decision taken recently could set a dangerous precedence for sport. Could we have a situation in the future where a star soccer player gets the backing of rebels at a top club and forces changes in the boardroom. Democracy can be a strange thing at times.

The views expressed in this programme are not necessarily those of Rochdale A.F.C.

PICTURE SCENE



STEVE CONROY — a highly rated goalkeeper who was manager Jimmy Greenhoff's first signing in the close season. He was previously with Sheffield United, and had a loan spell with Leeds United.



STUART THOMPSON — a local lad and a former England schoolboy international. His appearances in the senior side up to this season were limited, but he has been an important member of the senior squad this season and has scored four goals.



LES CHAPMAN — could be said to be one of footballs travellers, although he has never moved far from his native Oldham. Previously with Oldham, Huddersfield, Stockport and Bradford City. Has played on every league ground except Swansea.



BOB OATES — came to Dale in the close-season. A vastly experienced player whose only previous club was Scunthorpe United. He played more than 300 games for them.



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DIVISION FOUR REVIEW

SINCE our last programme two managers have parted company with their clubs, one club has a new manager, and another almost went to the wall.

Bruce Rioch left Torquay United shortly before one of their Saturday night games, and Maurice Evans was sacked last week by Reading.

Chester City appointed former Port Vale boss John McGrath as manager. Up in the North East, Hartlepool were faced with another financial crisis and yet another winding-up order in court. But at the time of going to press it was believed someone had produced the money to save them.

Division Four interest in the F.A. Cup ended last weekend. Darlington took the lead at Plymouth only to lose 2-1, Swindon did likewise at home to Blackburn Rovers, and Blackpool slipped 2-1 at Oxford United, both the home goals being penalties.

In the league, bottom place Hartlepool went two up against Bristol City with goals from Dobson and Staff, but City came back to draw thanks to goals from Riley and Pritchard.

Chester took the lead at Crewe through Phillips, but Leonard equalised, while a goal from Sword gave Stockport a point at Colchester.

Torquay left it until the last minute against Peterborough, Sims scoring the winner.

Harle, Miller and Russell shared the goals as Doncaster crushed Hereford 3-0.

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
YORK	24	16	4	4	54	24	52
DONCASTER	26	14	8	4	49	32	50
READING	27	12	8	7	56	41	44
BRISTOL CITY	25	13	4	8	41	23	43
BLACKPOOL	25	13	3	9	33	25	42
ALDERSHOT	27	12	6	9	33	41	42
COLCHESTER	24	11	8	5	42	23	41
STOCKPORT	28	11	7	10	40	39	40
NORTHAMPTON ..	25	10	9	6	30	25	39
PETERBOROUGH ..	26	10	7	9	40	29	37
BURY	24	10	7	7	37	29	37
CREWE	25	10	6	9	29	36	36
TORQUAY	27	9	8	10	36	43	35
TRANMERE	24	8	9	7	32	29	33
CHESTERFIELD	26	7	12	7	30	34	33
SWINDON	25	8	7	10	34	32	31
HALIFAX	26	7	9	10	25	38	30
WREXHAM	25	6	9	10	31	35	27
DARLINGTON	24	8	3	13	20	26	27
HEREFORD	26	6	9	11	21	35	27
ROCHDALE	25	6	8	11	33	46	26
MANSFIELD	24	6	6	12	34	42	24
CHESTER	25	2	9	14	21	45	15
HARTLEPOOL	25	3	6	16	21	50	15

Up to and including Monday 30th January

Dale Checklist

	Appear.			Goals		
	LM	CF	FAC	LM	CF	FAC
Steve Conroy	25	2	3			
Bob Oates	22	2	2	1	0	0
Les Chapman	25	2	3			
Mike Doyle	17	2	2	1	0	0
Andy Higgins	17	2	2	3	0	0
Bill Williams	17	0	3	1	0	0
Peter Farrell	20	2	2	8	0	1
Neville Hamilton	22	2	3	1	0	0
Jimmy Greenhoff	4	1	0			
Dave Thompson	24	2	3	1	0	0
Steve Johnson	17	2	2	7	1	2
Vernon Allatt	22	2	3	3	0	1
Ian Griffiths	21	2	2	0	1	0
Stuart Thompson	11	0	1	4	0	0
Geoff Thomas	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gerry Keenan	5	0	0			
Malcolm O'Connor	6	0	1	1	0	0
Brian Greenhoff	6	0	2			
Ian McMahon	2	0	0			
Sean Reid	2	0	0			
Own Goals				1	0	0

Up to Monday 30th January
(including appearances as substitute)

CANON LEAGUE

DIVISION FOUR 1983/84

1983
AUGUST
Sat. 27—Crewe Alex. H 1-0

SEPTEMBER
Sat. 3—York City a 0-2
Tues. 6—Wrexham a 1-5
Sat. 10—Reading H 4-1
Sat. 17—Colchester Utd. a 0-4
Sat. 24—Northampton Town H 1-1
Tues. 27—Hartlepool Utd. H 2-0

OCTOBER
Sat. 1—Swindon Town a 1-2
Sat. 8—Blackpool a 2-0
Sat. 15—Chesterfield H 2-4
Tues. 18—Peterborough Utd. H 2-1
Sat. 22—Darlington a 0-1
Sat. 29—Chester H 1-1

NOVEMBER
Tues. 1—Mansfield Town a 0-3
Sat. 5—Stockport Co. H 2-2
Sat. 12—Tranmere Rovers a 2-2
Sat. 19—F.A. Cup Round One Crewe H 1-0
Sat. 26—Aldershot a 1-2

DECEMBER
Sat. 3—Hereford Utd. H 3-3
Sat. 10—F.A. Cup Round Two: York City a 2-0
Sat. 17—Bristol City H 0-1
Mon. 26—Bury a 1-3
Tues. 27—Halifax Town H 1-1
Sat. 31—Torquay Utd. a 2-4

1984
JANUARY
Mon. 2—Doncaster Rov. H 3-3
Sat. 7—F.A. Cup R. 3: Telford Utd. H 1-4
Sat. 14—Crewe Alex. a 1-0
Sat. 28—Reading a 0-0

FEBRUARY
Sat. 4—Swindon Town H
Sat. 11—Northampton T. a
Tues. 14—Mansfield T. H
Sat. 18—Chester a
Sat. 25—Darlington H

MARCH
Sat. 3—Peterborough Utd. a
Mon. 5—Stockport Co. a
Sat. 10—Tranmere Rov. H
Tues. 13—Bristol City a
Sat. 17—Blackpool H
Sat. 24—Chesterfield a
Tues. 27—York City H
Sat. 31—Hartlepool Utd. a

APRIL
Sat. 7—Wrexham H
Sat. 14—Hereford Utd. a
Tues. 17—Colchester Utd. H
Sat. 21—Bury H
Mon. 23—Halifax Town a
Sat. 28—Aldershot H

MAY
Sat. 5—Doncaster Rov. a
Mon. 7—Torquay Utd. H

RESERVES LANCASHIRE LEAGUE Division One

1983
SEPTEMBER
Sat. 3—Barrow Res. H 1-3
Sat. 10—Crewe Alex. Res. a —
Sat. 17—Tranmere Res. H 0-1
Sat. 24—Manchester Utd. 'A' a 1-9

OCTOBER
Sat. 1—Manchester City 'A' H p.p.
Sat. 8—Runcorn Res. H p.p.
Sat. 15—Burnley 'A' a 1-3
Sat. 22—Manchester Utd. 'A' H 0-2

NOVEMBER
Sat. 5—Formby Res. a 0-3
Sat. 12—Southport Res. H 0-2
Sat. 19—Bolton W. 'A' a 0-3
Sat. 26—Liverpool 'A' H 1-3

DECEMBER
Sat. 3—Everton 'A' a —
Sat. 10—Bolton W. 'A' H p.p.
Sat. 17—UMIST a —
Mon. 26—Stockport C. 'A' H —
Sat. 31—Burnley 'A' H —

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JANUARY
Sat. 7—Liverpool 'A' a 0-1
Sat. 14—Crewe A. Res. H pp
Sat. 21—Chorley Res. a 2-2
Sat. 28—Everton 'A' H pp

FEBRUARY
Sat. 4—Tranmere Res. a
Sat. 18—Formby Res. H

MARCH
Sat. 10—Barrow Res. a
Sat. 17—Southport Res. a
Sat. 24—Runcorn Res. a
Sat. 31—Chorley Res. H

APRIL
Sat. 14—UMIST H
Sat. 21—Manchester City 'A' a

MAY
Fri. 11—Stockport C. 'A' a

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Rochdale

1. Steve Conroy
2. Brian Greenhoff
3. Les Chapman
4. Vernon Allatt
5. Andy Higgins
6. Ian McMahon
7. Dave Thompson
8. Neville Hamilton
9. Stuart Thompson
10. Sean Reid
11. Ian Griffiths
- Sub. to be named

Referee: Mr. G. M. Tyson

Linesmen: Mr. J. A. Hope (Red flag)
Mr. L. J. Kelly (Yellow flag)

MASCOT

The Dale mascot for today's game is Richard Gandy of Torkington Road, Gatley.

Swindon Town

1. Scott Endersby
2. Charlie Henry
3. Kevin Baddeley
4. Paul Batty
5. Simon Gibson
6. Andy Rowland
7. Dave Hockaday
8. Garry Emmanuel
9. Jim Quinn
10. Garry Nelson
11. Leigh Barnard
- Sub. to be named

DALE DIARY

CANON DIVISION FOUR

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY: NORTHAMPTON TOWN v DALE	kick-off 3.00pm
TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY: DALE v MANSFIELD TOWN	kick-off 7.30pm
SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY: CHESTER CITY v DALE	kick-off 3.00pm
SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY: DALE v DARLINGTON	kick-off 3.00pm
SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH: PETERBOROUGH UTD. v DALE	kick-off 3.00pm
MONDAY, 5th MARCH: STOCKPORT CO. v DALE	kick-off 7.30pm
SATURDAY, 10th MARCH: DALE v TRANMERE ROVERS	kick-off 3.00pm

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY: DALE RES v FORMBY RES

(See local press for kick-off time)

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