

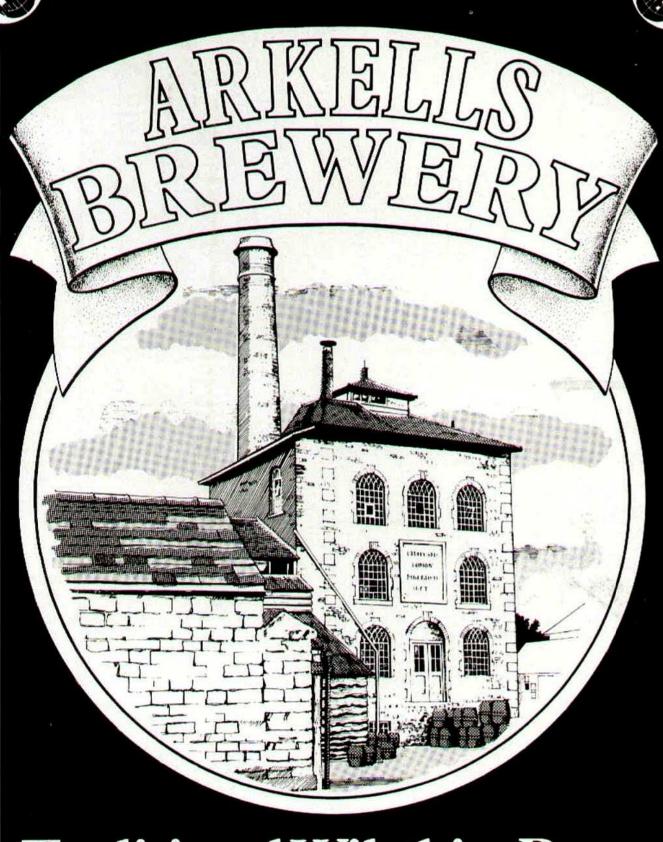
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From the desk of Ken Beamish



This afternoon we welcome Crewe Alexandra Football Club to the County Ground, a team that is having one of it's best seasons in the way of results for some years, in fact only York and Doncaster have more away wins than Crewe in the Fourth Division. However, after our result in mid week against Walsall, who have done so well in League and Cup Competition this season, we should have the confidence to go out this afternoon and repair some of the damage we have brought upon ourselves in recent home fixtures in the League.

Yet again on Tuesday evening last each individual proved to himself his capability as a player and as a team unit the standards that can be and should be attained in League performances. It was gratifying to see that the number of supporters attending this match equalled that for recent League games, proving the acceptance and viability of the Competition.

The Swindon Schoolboy team gave another good performance on Tuesday last on what I understand to be atrocious conditions in drawing at Rotherham no score. At the time of writing these notes we are unaware of the replay date but it will be played here on the County Ground and I hope that these young lads will receive the support they deserve.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Jimmy Allan a speedy recovery from the further treatment he received at the Princess Margaret Hospital this week to his damaged arm. Although this injury seems to be a long drawn affair we are assured by the medical staff that there should be no problem about Jim's future. I would also pass on our good wishes to Ron Manners, the Manager of our Supporters Club who was taken ill this week and is also a patient in the Princess Margaret Hospital. Get well soon Ron.

Thank you all for coming along to the County Ground this Sunday afternoon and I sincerely hope that the result of the game will go a long way to making your weekend break enjoyable.



Firstly may I thank all those people who heeded my plea to come to our games and 'Cheer not Jeer'. They certainly made a great impact upon the team last Tuesday evening in the Associated Members Cup match against Walsall. With the supporters encouragement the team put on the kind of performance we know them to be capable of and came out worthy winners by three goals to nil against top Third Division opposition. Those lapsed supporters who did not come to the game missed an evenings good entertainment and let us hope that those of you present this afternoon witness an equally entertaining game.

This afternoon we welcome the team, officials and supporters of Crewe Alexandra. Our opponents are having quite a good season and I am sure will present our players with a tough job in gaining maximum points but please, do not forget, with your encouragement the lads are capable of beating the best in the League.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without offering my congratulations to the Swindon Schoolboy Team in holding Rotherham boys

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

to a no score draw at Millmoor last Tuesday. We shall be staging the replay and I am sure that very many of you will want to come along to cheer the boys into the final tie of the English Schools Trophy.

On the 30th April next we are to hold the first of a series of Dinners in the Rendezvous Club, events that are to be held regularly to help us keep the Club viable in the financial field. The Guest speakers at this first function will be Jimmy Hill, the B.B.C. Sports Presenter, Julian Wilson, Television Racing Commentator and Mike Rafter, the England Rugby Player, Tickets for the Dinner, to which both ladies and gentlemen are invited, are already selling quite well and for those of you who are interested in attending, please contact any Director or Doug Buswell, our Commercial Manager who will be pleased to sell you a ticket. But please do not be disappointed by leaving it too late.

Mr. Dave Crook, who has been responsible for our ground catering for a number of years has decided, for health reasons, to relinquish his post and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested taking on this job on match days. Dave has been responsible for earning a sizeable annual revenue for the Club and it is one we can ill afford to lose but I am sure we can find a worthy successor for this vital match day job.

Thank you all for your attendance this afternoon and let us look forward to another three points to our tally.



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Our "5000 Club" is now starting to fill up and if you require any further information then do not hesitate to contact us.

There is one vacancy at First Team matches for any group or organisation to take advantage of our "Group Booking Scheme". This entails a tour of all facilities at the County Ground, Lunch, a seat in the North Stand and a Match Day programme, plus other extras. The cost if £5 for adults and £3.85 for juniors. The only date left is for the match versus Mansfield Town on 29th April. If you want more details, ring Swindon 31510 and ask for Doug Buswell.

Do you like meeting people? If so you may be the person we need. We require two persons, part time, to promote our fund raising activities in Swindon and the surrounding areas. Good rates of pay and bonus. Must be of smart appearance and a car owner. If you think this is for you, then ring us on Swindon 31510 or 42984.







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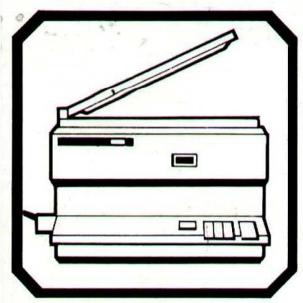
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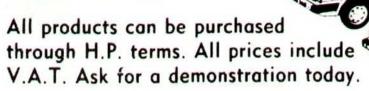






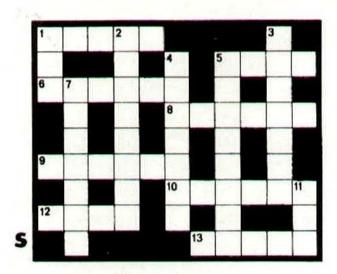


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ACROSS

- 1. & 5. Huddersfield's home sounds like a winning way . . . (5, 4)
- 6. & 5. . . . whilst Scarborough's sounds like a fast-bowler's route. (6, 4)
- Irish striker seen at Stoke in the 1960s or a Scottish midfielder there in the 1970s. (6)
- 9. Works out in the week. (6)

- Old centre-forward whose 400 matches and 250 goals were shared mainly between Blackburn and 4 DOWN, his effective first and last club. (6)
- 12. The nickname of Wimbledon. (4)
- 13. --- Kirkpatrick, former referee. (5)

DOWN

- 1. - Cocker, former Leeds and England trainer. (3)
- Town to which teams travel to take on Queen of the South. (8)
- John - -, stopper-turned-striker, had a nomadic career which began at Tranmere in the 1960s, included a return visit there and concluded with his second spell at Crewe. (7)
- 4. Are they the favourite side of sailors? (7)
- 5. Brazil's most-capped player, (8)
- Soccer club not uncommon as a first name among West Indian cricket stars! (7)
- The old Sheffield and England Clegg brothers each earned this title. (3)



CREWE ALEXANDRA



Back Row (L to R): Mark Leonard, Nigel Hart, Steve Smith (Now Player/Manager, Trowbridge), Nick Longley, Gary Blissett,
Steve Davis, Jimmy Dyer (Physio)
Middle Row (L to R): Paul Brady, Stuart Ashton, Dave Pullar, Dario Gradi (Manager), Bob Scott (Captain), Dave Waller, Danny Bowers, Steve Edwards.
Front Row (L to R): Paul Spittle (Now Trowbridge), Tony Cliss, Peter King, John Crabbe.

Introducing.... The Men from Gresty Road

Crewe Alexandra have had to re-apply for reelection to the Fourth Division on seven occasions since the Fourth Division was introduced in 1958-59. The last application was last season when they finished in twenty-third position, one place above bottom club Hereford United, but only on goal difference.

That they will not have to do so this season can be attributed to the astute and shrewd management of Dario Gradi. One of the more unusual managers in the Football League in that he has never played football at League level. Dario's playing career was spent in the main with Sutton United, he did play for England at amateur level, he has had spells as coach to Chelsea, Derby County, Wimbledon and was also Youth team coach at Orient. His managerial experience before being appointed as manager of Crewe in May of last year as successor to Peter Morris was at Wimbledon where he led them to promotion in 1978-79 from the Fourth and Crystal Palace.

The first assignment that faced Dario on his appointment was to recruit virtually a new squad of players for this season, this was achieved with no money available, just a shrewd knowledge of the transfer market and knowledge of players who would blend into the framework of the playing style he wished to adopt last August.

After last seasons struggle Crewe's playing record holds comparison with most, with five wins away only Aldershot, Doncaster and York City can boast more away wins, and it was only a fortnight ago that the men from Gresty Road registered their highest score of the season in a 6-1 home win over Halifax Town. In fact the last three league matches have involved Crewe participating in seventeen goals for after the Halifax match, they lost 2-5 at York and last weekend beat Bury 2-1 in a home match with Dave Waller and a John Crabbe penalty turning a 1-0 half time deficit into victory.

At home Crewe have suffered three defeats, the first to a Mike Quinn hat trick for Stockport in a 0-3 defeat, by the same score to York, and a solitary goal defeat to Rochdale. Besides the recent home wins over Halifax and Bury others have been gained over Chesterfield (2-1), Darlington (2-1), Swindon (2-0), Northampton (3-2), Hartlepool (2-0), Torquay (2-1), and Blackpool (2-1). They have had to share the points with Aldershot (0-0), Doncaster (1-1), Bristol City (2-2), Chester (1-1), and Colchester (1-1).

Those five away wins have been at Chester (1-0), the only points to come from the first seven away matches, Tranmere (3-2), Hereford (1-0), Chesterfield (3-1) and Stockport (3-2). Those three wins coming in a four match sequence of away matches, the other match a (3-3) draw at Mansfield. Defeats have been at Rochdale (0-1), Blackpool (0-3), Peterborough (0-1), Reading (0-5), Halifax (0-1), Colchester (0-2). The last three away matches have resulted in defeats for Crewe at Hartlepool (1-(1-2), Northampton (0-2) and the loss at York.

The squad of players assembled by manager Dario Gradi includes goalkeeper Stuart Naylor, this 21 year old former Lincoln City keeper was a England Youth International, made only seven appearances for Lincoln and eight with Peterborough before moving to Alexandra.

Central defender Bob Scott has now been with Crewe for five seasons, 31 year old Bob was born in Liverpool and began his career with Wrexham with fifteen matches, spent a brief period on loan to Reading before joinin Hartlepool where he made forty appearances, a free transfer to Rochdale followed, Bob making seventy eight appearances at Spotland scoring three goals. Joining Crewe he has now made near two hundred and twenty appearances for the Club scoring fifteen goals, five of them this season.

Steve Edwards was born at Birkenhead, 26 year old Steve made eighty four appearances for his first League Club Oldham Athletic. A former Boundary Park apprentice Steve joined Crewe last season and has made over fifty appearances for the Club scoring once.

25 year old Nigel Hart made a solitary appearance for his first League Club Wigan, before joining Leicester City on a free transfer, but he had to move to Blackpool to again sample first team football where he made over forty appearances before joining Crewe, has since made over fifty appearances for the Gresty Road Club, this season scoring his first goals in League football when scoring both goals in a home 2-0 win over Hartlepool.

Paul Brady was a former Birmingham City apprentice, but only on joining Northampton Town did he break into League football, made over sixty appearances for the Cobblers before joining Crewe. 22 year old Paul has scored four career goals, three at Northampton and one with Crewe, scoring against Chesterfield in the Gresty Road Club's first match at home this season.

Peter King joined Crewe after being released on a free transfer from Anfield, failing to make the Liverpool first team it was only on a move to Crewe he made his league debut this season, has six goals to his credit.

lan Bowers born at Stoke, began his career with his home town Club making just over forty appearances in the Potteries Club first team. He left to join Crewe for a £8,000 fee five seasons ago, a left sided player 29 year old lan has scored three goals with Alexandra, only one this season but that was enough to give Crewe a single goal advantage in a home Milk Cup win over Third Division Burnley.

Midfield player Dave Pullar was born in London and was a former Portsmouth apprentice, 25 years old he made over one hundred appearances while at Fratton Park scoring seven goals. A £12,000 transfer took him to Exeter where he played over 150 matches scoring twenty seven goals before being given a free transfer at the end of last season.

'The Build Up, and the Aftermath'

by DAVE KING

On a day fifteen year ago this weekend, we enjoyed our greatest triumph, victory in a Wembley Cup Final. A lot has been written about that day, then and since, but let us look at the day from a different angle, the build up, and the aftermath.

The media beforehand were viewing the match as City Slickers v Country Bumpkins. A view that was encouraged more by Geographical location than the progress the two teams had made to the final. The progress made by Swindon had hardly been any less impressive than that of Arsenal.

For after disposing of Torquay and Bradford City in early rounds, we beat First Division Clubs Coventry and Burnley, and the men from Turf Moor were eventually beaten on neutral ground, at the Hawthorns, home of West Bromwich Albion after three titanic matches.

Before those semi-final matches with Burnley, two Second Division Clubs were to fall to Danny Williams team, Derby who were to finish Second Division champions and Blackburn. At that time we were joint leaders of the Third Division, and in 1968-69 we had outstanding players in all departments, before the match serious students of the game felt that Arsenal possessed no better individual players than Swindon but as a First Division Club they were obviously regarded as clear favourites.

The Fleet Street press of that day were depicting the London Club as being in a specially determinted mood to wipe away the memory of the previous seasons final when they were defeated by Leeds United, the team they were trying to model.

This in itself brought them grudging praise as they battled to the final, beating Sunderland, Liverpool, Tottenham, Blackpool and Scunthorpe, such verbal descriptions as dogged, physical, disciplined and purposeful. Arsenal craved friends as much as they did trophies.

As we all know, we were to end that day victorious 3-1 after extra time. The after match quotes were predictable especially from the vanquished, Don Howe saying 'A match that should have been over and won by us at half time', adding amazingly 'We won't take too much notice of it! This image of unconcern was only to show a mask to the public, but upon deeper reflections he knew, as did most of the Nations soccer public, that Arsenal would not win any important trophies without considerable evolution.

Again the result raised a familiar and a somewhat pointless speculation, as to whether our success following in the wake of that obtained by Queens Park Rangers two seasons before, would bring a likewise breakthrough by Third Division Clubs in the F.A. Cup.

Of course Third Division Managers are usually advocating the theory that they would, this is usually stated because it is understandable that a Third Division Clubs success is not to be cheapened by suggestions that First Division Clubs do not try as hard in this competition.

They do - but more so in later rounds, though with financial gain to be had it is no coincidence that no Third Division Club has won the Cup since.

In retrospect how can we look at Arsenal's attitude to us on that March afternoon fifteen years ago, well no one will ever convince me that a team reaching a final is concerned with any other matter than winning, and even more so when the opposition is from a lower Division. Surely no team likes to lose in the way Arsenal lost to us at Wembley, the humiliation is particularly hard to bear when the rivalry is considered with Arsenal's nearby neighbours in North London, Tottenham.

My view is that Swindon Town were to play a large part in the conception that took place in the minds of Arsenal manager Bertie Mee and coach Don Howe, they had quietly expressed doubts upon their playing strategy, after the defeat Swindon Town inflicted upon them, those doubts they had were hardened into conviction.

Consider their team of that day: Wilson, Storey, McNab, McLintock, Ure, Simpson, Sammels, Court, Gould, Armstrong. Sub Graham.

The following season Arsenal achieved the doube of the League championship and F.A. Cup, also winning the Fairs Cup in 1970.

From that defeat Arsenal introduced such players as Ray Kennedy, Eddie Kelly, Charlie George, and the conversion of Frank McLintock into a centre half, were to provide Arsenal with an upsurge in promoting their own staff as replacements for those players the management team considered to have fallen by the wayside on that fateful March day.

Swindon did Arsenal a favour that day, although no sense of gratitude could be, or was born towards us that day, only a taste of bitterness, but this match was a major influence in their thinking for the decade that followed.

There is no easier stance in football than to view from retrospect and it is somewhat easy to say that Arsenal lacked a player with the flair of Don Rogers, who didn't? His vision, acceleration, control and finishing ability were on a par with any player then, or since. The subsequent events of the change in tactics and personnel of the following season highlighted the lessons learnt from that match, a less violently committed centre half than lan Ure was found by curbing the adventurous attitude of Frank McLintock, then an attacking

wing half, by moving him to the pivot position. The replacements of David Court and Bobby Gould, with a sharper midfield player, a more predictable and reliable front player. Yes Swindon played its unobvious part in the good fortunes of Arsenal in the early seventies.

What of Swindon besides the much vaunted Don Rogers, there was the midfield expertise of the resourceful John Smith, a much travelled player prior to his County Ground days, a player who could have been a large part of the capital scene if his arrival had not coincied with such names as Blanchflower, MacKay and Moore. It was his arrival from Torquay for a fee of £8,000 that completed that vital part in Danny Williams famed eleven.

The departure of Danny Williams to Sheffield Wednesday was not to become such a blow until several seasons had departed, his successor Fred Ford sensibly kept the team intact after his arrival from Bristol Rovers. It was upon the introduction of Dave MacKay to follow Fred that Danny was missed. His sorties into the transfer market helped by his aide of pre Wembley days in the building of that team, Jack Conley, would have helped to

replace and rebuild those sections of the team that had served the Club so well. Instead the decline of the next decade had begun and brief flirtation with a League Cup semi-final with Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1979-80 is the only incursion we have made into the later rounds of the now renamed Milk Cup.

Since that season Arsenal have retained their First Division status with more Cup final appearances, we gained a Division, and lost two, Don Howe like Danny Williams left and returned, as did Don Rogers, and you, like me remain, and this is the only consistent aspect of soccer, the supporter, although despite those post match quotes of 1969 made by Don Howe 'We won't take much notice of it', he did, and so did Arsenal and that image of unconcern is something he subsequently drastically disproved, and Arsenal's success, from the day of that defeat, had is consolation. Whilst no futuristic event will ever dim that memory of a golden day in March 1969 which will live forever in the memories of those privileged to be there.

While the day is forever the main concern, the build up and aftermath all play a significant part.

INTRODUCING THE MEN FROM GRESTY ROAD continued

A regular this season with Crewe he has scored four goals.

Another midfield player is John Crabbe, 29 year old John, born at Weymouth was a Southampton apprentice making thirteen appearances with the South Coast Club, but it was after being transferred to Third Division Gillingham that he enjoyed the most fruitful phase of his career, two hundred and three appearances with thirteen goals were played for the Kent Club. A move to Carlisle on a free transfer led to thirty three matches with the Cumbrian Club scoring four goals before a move back South to Hereford last season on a free transfer led to John making eighteen appearances for the Edgar Street Club but an end of season free transfer took John to Crewe to play for his fourth Club. He has scored five goals this season.

Former Peterborough United player Tony Cliss, who played in over seventy matches for the London Road Club scoring eleven goals, with twenty three appearances as a playing substitute, has scored three this season for Crewe adding to his four of last season. Has now made over fifty appearances in Crewe colours, Tony is 24 years old. Dave Waller was leading goalscorer for Crewe last season, his first full season with seventeen goals. After a slow start to this season Dave is again leading scorer this term with thirteen goals, which include two hat tricks, the first in a Milk Cup Tie against Queens Park Rangers in a 3-0 second leg match, mind Rangers had won the first leg by 8-1! Dave's second hat trick was only a fortnight ago in a 6-1 home win over Halifax, with a goal in nearly every second match Dave is a useful acquisition for Alexandra.

Mark Leonard was signed on a free transfer from Everton this season, born at St Helens Mark failed to make the Everton First team and was loaned to Rochdale last season to make six appearances with eight goals to his credit. Mark is the second highest scorer for Crewe this season, he has scored in three of Alexandra's last four home matches.

Paul Spittle, signed on a free transfer from Oxford United, scored one of the two goals to defeat us earlier this season, the only goal he has scored to date, his appearances being spasmodic.

Gary Blissett has scored four goals for Crewe this season, signing for Crewe just before the season started from non League football. He scored twice in Crewe's 3-2 away win at Tranmere last November.

Phil Williams has made over fifty appearances for Crewe and this season has scored three goals. Born at Swansea, Phil had ealier spells with Arsenal and Blackpool without breaking into their League team and then entered American Football before returning to English soccer with Crewe.

We lost 2-0 on October 8th in our fourth away defeat of the season to goals from Paul Spittle and Bob Scott in front of 2,111, the half time score was 1-0, Crewe's third home win of the season.

In Cup competitions Crewe had a fine 5-3 aggregate 1st Round win over Burnley, winning 4-3 at Burnley, before suffering a 8-1 defeat on the plastic surface at Queens Park Rangers in the 1st Leg of the 2nd Round Match, winning 3-0 at home. A 1-0 defeat at Rochdale meant a First Round departure in the F.A. Cup. Victory was obtained at Stockport in the Associate Members Cup on penalties by 3-0 after a 2-2 draw resulted after extra time.

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# SURVEY ON DIVISION IV BY DAVE KING

Due to financial pressure Torquay United were forced to sell winger Keith Curle to Bristol City for a fee of £10,000. Curle who had only joined the Plainmoor Club earlier this season is seen by the Ashton Gate Club as an added insurance due to the injury of top scorer Alan Crawford as they strive to enter Division 3. Curle was originally with Bristol Rovers at the start of the season, and Rovers had negotiated 25 per cent of any subsequent transfer of £5,000 when they sold him to Torquay four months ago, Curle was an apprentice at Rovers when City manager Terry Cooper was manager at Eastville. In his short spell with the Devon Club Keith had scored six goals, all at home including two from the penalty spot.

City were involved in another £10,000 transfer when signing striker Trevor Morgan from Bournemouth, he had scored 16 goals this season for the Third Division Club. Trevor promtly scored on his debut for City in their top of the table battle at York City.

Defender Nigel Gray who is on a months loan with Third Division Brentford from us, scored on his debut for the Bees at Port Vale, this was only the Third League goal for Nigel in two hundred and fifty two League matches.

Other transfer moves . . . . . Wigan Athletic signed Steve Johnson from Rochdale for a fee of £20,000 . . . . . . Chester took Andy Wharton from Third Division Burnley on a free transfer. Ron Sinclair joined Wrexham on Ioan from Notts Forest . . Bob Coy joined Chester on a months Ioan from Wolves.

Martin Dobson, Burnley and former England International is a strong candidate for the player/managers position with Bury. While Frank Burrows our former defender now a coach at First Division Southampton is reported to be one of nine candidates for the Cardiff City vacancy as manager.

The two goals scored by Alan Walsh of Darlington in their recent 5-3 home win over Northampton meant he became the very first Darlington player to score a century of goals for the Club.

An unwanted hat trick when Peterborough captain Ray Hankin was sent off by Stockport Referee Peter Tyldsley following an incident in the tunnel at the end of their recent home match with Aldershot, when he was spotted by the Referee squaring up to Aldershot defender Don Souter. He had earlier been cautioned for a foul. This was his third dismissal this season!

Former Derby County striker Roger Davies has been released by Darlington, in his two month spell with them he had scored two goals.

The Canon monthly goalscoring award for February was won by Aldershot, who in five matches scored 18 goals, other totals were Hartlepool 10, Swindon 10, Darlington 9, Colchester 8, Doncaster 8, Northampton 8, Bury 7, Crewe 7, Peterborough 7, Blackpool 6, Halifax 6, Rochdale 6, Stockport 6, Bristol City 5, Chester 5, Reading 5, Wrexham 5, York City 5, Chesterfield 4, Hereford 4, Torquay 4, Mansfield 3, Tranmere 2.

Aldershot's fine form during February earnt Len Walker their manager the Bells Whisky monthly award.

When Dave Waller of Crewe netted his second hat trick of the season in their recent home match with Halifax this was the thirteenth occasion this season that a Fourth Division player has scored three or more goals in a match, Dave now joins Trevor Senior of Reading and Dave Caldwell of Mansfield in scoring three goals or more in two matches this season. Dave Caldwell did in fact score 4 in Mansfield's home match with Hartlepool on October 22nd of last year.

Todays visitors Crewe are the only Club to concede a hat trick on their own ground, this was achieved by Mike Quinn, now of Oldham, but who was playing for Stockport, Mike netting all three goals in County's 3-0 away win at Gresty Road.

Billy Bremner, the Doncaster Rovers manager has agreed to sign a new three year contract, Billy has been manager of the Belle Vue Club since November 1978 and had stated that this would be his last season at the Club but he has now been promised cash for new players.

News of former players . . . . . a recent Souther n League match between Cheltenham Town and Stourbridge was a real ex Swindon affair with Chris Ogden, Steve Scarott, Paul Collicutt and Ray Baverstock for Cheltenham and David Round for Stourbridge. Also in the Stourbridge line up was former England schoolboy International Kevin Ash who appeared in the same England team as Paul Rideout, he was released by Everton and Leicester City after unsuccessful spells with both Clubs.

The sad sight of Andy Wollen being taken off in our recent Youth team match with Oxford brought back memories of his father Terry suffering the same fate with our Club when he also suffered a broken leg. The same misfortune also befell Rob Furley a former apprentice, it's good to see he is now playing regularly again for Southern League Forest Green.

In last weekends matches Doncaster's run of fifteen games without defeat ended in a 3-1 reversal at Blackpool. Les Lawrence became the second Aldershot player to score four goals in a game this season when he scored four in Aldershot's 5-2 home win over Chester. Glenn Burvill having scored four in the Shot's 7-1 home win over Mansfield five weeks previous.

York City maintained their lead at the top of League with a 3-1 win at Torquay thus ending the Plainmoor Club's unbeaten run of seven matches since David Webb took over as manager. If it's goals you want to see the Recreation Ground at Aldershot is currently the place to be, seventeen in three home matches is the total for the Shots and the aggregate for the matches is twenty two! After a dismal season Hereford have hit a purple patch. Prior to yesterday they had gone six matches without defeat, their previous best had been three. The goal from Paul Barry at Hartlepool extended our unbeaten run to five matches, with just two defeats in the last thirteen League outings.

When Alan Walsh of Darlington scored twice in the recent 5-3 home win over Northampton, it meant he had scored a century of goals for the Club.

Andy Rowland about to be brought down in the Walsall penalty area to give Swindon a spot kick for their third goal in the mid-week Associate Members Cup match.

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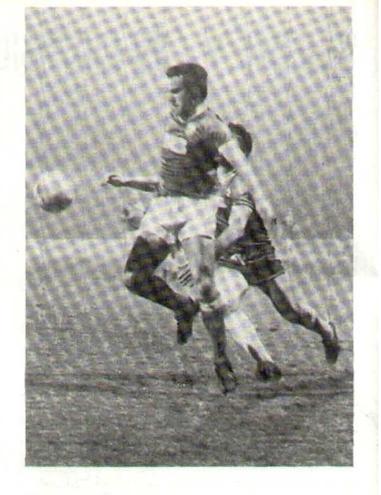
Alan Mayes scores his second goal and the Town's third in the win over Walsall at the County Ground on Tuesday.

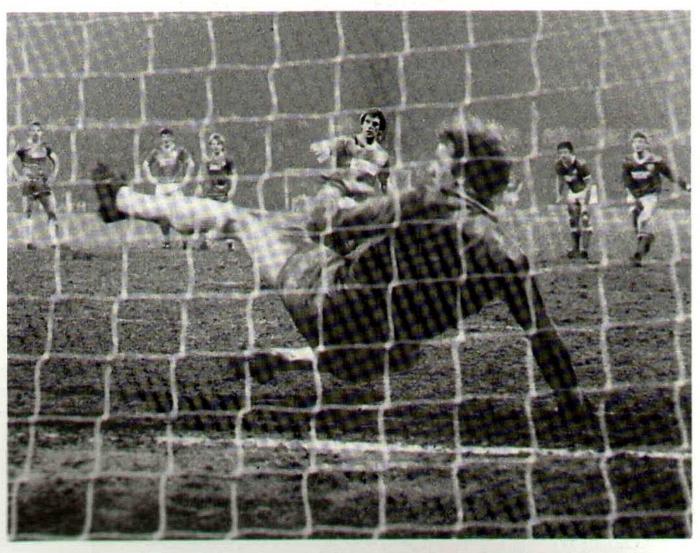
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Swindon's Dave Hockaday narrowly misses the target in Tuesday's Associate Members Cup tie victory against Walsall.

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Town skipper Andy Rowland causes more trouble to the Walsall defence in Tuesday's Cup win.





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ALDERSHOT	Banton 18, Lawrence 18, Burvill 11, McDonald 11(inc pens), Mazzon 2, Briley 1, Day 1, Own Goals 2.
BLACKPOOL	Mercer 12, McNiven 7, Stewart 7, Hetzke 6(inc 3 Pens), Windridge 6, Britton 5, Dearey 4,(inc 2 Pens), Greenall 3, Serella 3, Bardsley 1(Now with Watford), Moore 1, Walsh 1, Own Goals 2.
BRISTOL CITY	Crawford 14, Riley 13, Ritchie 12, (inc 7 pens), Pritchard 10, Kerr 4, (Now Stockport), Stroud 3, Stevens 2, Morgan 2, Hirst 1.
BURY .	Madden 18, Entwistle 10, Jakub 8(inc 2 Pens), Bramhall 6(inc 1 Pen), Hilton 6(Now West Ham), Cutler 2, Carrodus 1, Potts 1, Park 1, White 1, Spence 1, Own Goals 2.
CHESTER	Holden B. Parker 5, Zalam 5, Elliott 3, Philips 3, Allen 2, Blackwell 2, Camden 2, Williams 2, Brett 1, Dixon 1, Sanderson 1, Wharton 1, Storton 1, Own Goals 3.
CHESTERFIELD	Newton 9, Birch 9(inc 5 pens), Kendal 7, Clayton 5, Bell 3(inc 1 Pen, Now Scunthorpe) Spooner 3, Scrimegeour 3, Brown 2, Bellamy 2, Baines 1, Hunter 1, Waddington 1, Klug 1.
COLCHESTER	Adcock 28(inc 10 pens), Bowen 15, Wignall B, Houston 5, Phillips 3, Cook 2, Brown 1, Groves 1, Leslie 1, Nichols 1, Mutrie 1, Own Goals 2.
CREWE	Waller 13 (Inc Pen), Leonard B, King 6(Inc 3 Pens), Crabbe 5,(inc 2 Pens), Scott 5, Blissett 4, Pullar 4, Cliss 3, Williams 3, Hart 2, Bowers 1, Brady 1, Spittle 1, Own Goals 1.
DARL INGTON	Walsh 18,(Inc 1 Pen), Todd 7, Honour 4, Cartwright 3, Hannah 3, Barton 2, Gilbert 2, Johnson 2, McLean 2, Davis 2, Smith 2, Pugh 1, Own Goals 1.
DONCASTER	Douglas 14, Moss 13, G Snodin B(Inc 1 Pen), I Snodin 6, Harle 6, Russell 5, Miller 4, Humphries 3, Lister 2, Woods 2, Green 1, Kowlaski 1, Mutrie I(on loan from Hull City, now Colchester), Yates 1, Own Goals 1.
HALIFAX	Staniforth 7, Cook 6(inc 2 pens), Gallagher 6(Inc 2 pens), Mell 4, Little 3(inc 1 Pen) Hendrie 2, Kendall 2, Nuttall 2, Ward 2, Cooper 1, Evans 1, Greenway 1, Smith 1, Thornber 1, Own Goals 1.
HARTLEPOOL	Dobson 7, Staff 4, Kennedy 3, Linacre 3(inc 1 pen), Dixon 3(on loan from Carlisle), Bird 2, Waddle 2(Now with Peterborough), Linighan 2, Lowe 2, Hogan 2,(inc 1 pen), Ray 1, Robinson 1, Own Goals 2.
HEREFORD	Phillips 13, Kearns 8, Harvey 4(Inc 1 Pen), Beacock 3, Danziel 3, Bray 1, Butler 1(on loan from Wolves), Emery 1, Price 1, Pejic 1, Dwn Goals 1.
MANSFIELD	Caldwell 15, Barrowclough 10(Inc 3 Pens), Nicholson 6, Lowery 5, Ayre 3, Dungworth 2,(Inc 1 Pen now Rotherham), Kearney 2, Calderwood 1, Keegan 1, Woodhead 1, Own Goals 2.
NORTHAMPTON	Austin 11, Belfon 8, Hayes 7, Gage 6, D'Neill 5,(Inc 1 Pen), Jeffrey 4, Lewis 2, Martinez 2(on loan from Newport), Mundee 1, Syrett 1, Tucket 1.
PETERBOROUGH	Hankin 8, Waddle 8, Clarke 6, Chard 6, Benjamin 6, Buchannan 5, Quow 5, Pike 3, Slack 2, Wile 2, Beech 1, Imlach 1, Worrall 1(on loan from Man Utd), Own Goals 2.
READING	Senior 33, Beavon B(Inc Pen), Horrix 7(Inc 1 Pen) Crown 6, Sanchez 6, Tutty 3, Wood 9, Price 2, Barnes 1, Hicks 1, White 1, Own Goals 3.
ROCHDALE	Johnson 10(Now Wigan), Farrell 9(Inc 3 Pens), Allot 6(Inc 1 Pen), S Thompson 5, Higgins 4, D Thompson 3, Griffiths 3, Doyle 1, Hamilton 1, Oates 1, O'Connor 1, Williams 1, Thomas 1, McMahon
STOCKPORT	Quinn 17(Inc 2 Pens, Now Oldham), Sword 9(Inc 1 Pen), Williams B, Evans 6, Kerr 6, Emerson 3, Coyle 2, Jones 2, Thorpe 2, Rutter 1, White 1.
SWINDON	Quinn 14, Mayes 13(Inc 5 Pens), Rowland 9, Batty 7, Barnard 6, Nelson 5, Gibson 3, Hockaday 3, Emmanuel 3, Bailie 2, Henry 1.
TORQUAY	Sims 10, Cooper 6, Curle 6(Inc 2 Pens,Now Bristol City), Hughes 5, Barnes 4, Anderson 3, Holmes 3, (Inc 1 Pen), Bishop 2, Little 2(Now Halifax), Carter 2(Now Newport), Sheridan 2, Dawkins 1, Pugh 1, Squires 1, Young 1, Own Goals 1.
TRANMERE	Aspinall 14 (Inc 1 Pen), Hilditch 7, 6 Williams 5, Ferguson 4, Philpott 4, Palios 3, Hutchinson 2, Brown 1, Mathias 1, Own Goals 4.
WREXHAM	Gregory 11(Inc 1 Pen), Arkwright 5, King 5, Hunt 5, Edwards 4, Buxton 3, Coleman 3, Muldoon 3, Keay 2, Hume 1, Evans 1, Heath 1, Jones 1, Steel 1.
YORK	Byrne 20, Walwyn 20, Ford 8, Pollard 7 (Inc 3 Pens), Sbragia 5, McPhail 5, Pearce 3, Hood 2, Senior 2, Hay 1, Own Goals 1.

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### YOUTH TEAM FEATURE SPONSORED BY



#### Featuring the Youth Team

Over the last four or five years the Youth policy has produced a number of first team players but unfortunately the future of the Youth policy depends upon whether the Club's financial position is strong enough for it to continue. Due to money problems it was at one time doubtful that such a policy would be possible this season but the generosity of sponsors such as Pretty Things and The Supporters Co-Operative made sure that it did. Having sorted out these problems, we went ahead and signed three apprentices and three others on the Youth training scheme and so maintaining our intake to around six lads a year. This gave us sufficient numbers to work with during the working week and of course it is in training sessions where improvements in the players capabilities are made. One only has to look at the South East Counties League Table to see how successful we have been this season, thus justifying the faith shown in us by our sponsors.

Looking forward to next season, we have already sounded out three possible new apprentices to join us in the summer in readiness for next season. The P.F.A. and the Manpower Services are hoping to continue the Y.T.S. scheme and if this is so we shall certainly be looking to take our quota. These lads will have been involved with us in some way.

probably playing in the South East Counties side during this season, so giving us the chance to assess their capabilities against lads of similar age at other Clubs.

To reach this stage a lot of time is spent looking at lads of all ages, even as young as twelve years of age. We also get a lot of recommendations and we always endeavour to follow these up. At present no Club is able to sign a lad until his fourteenth birthday but this is to change shortly, under a new scheme being initiated by the Football Association. With so many Clubs chasing so few good lads we are bound to suffer some disappointments as we did only a week ago with two lads from Chippenham but with the Swindon Schoolboys team doing so well, we have already signed seven of them on Schoolboy forms, the future of the Youth Team looks promising.

We must at all costs look to maintain our Youth set up and we are always looking for financial assistance whether by direct sponsorship or the support of The Co-Operatives activities.

JOHN TROLLOPE

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