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DARIO'S VIEW

From the comments of many supporters before our game last Saturday, I know the importance you placed on a victory over Port Vale. We didn't manage to get that victory and I assure you that the players were no less disappointed than you were. For myself, I have to say that although I was disappointed I was probably less disappointed than most supporters and certainly all the players. As a team I thought we functioned quite well and played a full part in an open and attractive game. I am certain we played far better on Saturday than we did against Scunthorpe when we won. I think the match which has disappointed me the most was the Hereford game when I could not see a goal coming. Although we have not scored in our last three matches, we have created several chances in all those games. Saturday was typical, in that we wasted our chances, but the opponents punished us for our mistakes. If you think I am saying that everything is fine and we have only to continue turning out and victory will automatically follow, then I promise you, I don't mean that either. I don't think we are merely having an unlucky spell. I often use the expression to the players about "firing on all cylinders". We are not doing that at the moment because some, few in fact, of the players are playing up to their best form. The fault is certainly not lack of effort. Some of you regularly shout to me "liven them up Dario" at half time if we are behind. Often the remedy is the opposite: it is composure in front of goal that is required. Peter Farrell brought composure to the side and he looks as though he is capable of scoring a goal also. I think Gary Armstrong added to some quality on Saturday and had his best game to date. John Crabbe had a particularly good second half and started to run the game in mid field. Steve Davis and Nigel Hart looked in control of their situations, but none of the others played as they or I would have liked although they all had their moments. We look so much better this year in training than we did last year and the biggest problem I have is transferring that performance to match days. It is no good me blaming the players for our defeats. The problem is mine because I think we have a fair amount of talent in the squad and it is up to me to get the best out of the players I pick. I have made one or two changes today in an effort to find a team which does "fire on all cylinders", though I would prefer to keep a settled side. I hope that Vernon Allatt will make his debut today although he still has a little way to go before he is 100%. However, he will not do his injury any harm so I am not risking his fitness by playing him. He has scored three goals in the last two reserve games and I expect him to give us greater aerial power, especially on the crosses. His first goal last Saturday deceived the keeper on its fifth bounce, and we could do with a bit of his luck also in our team!!



You will have read about the progress we have made with our plans for a floodlit, artificial turf training area on the car park so I will not enlarge on the press articles, other than to say how pleased all of us at the club are to have received such encouragement from the Council, the Sports Council and the football Trust. If, not when, that dream becomes a reality, we will have taken a giant step forward to becoming a club all of the people of Crewe can be truly proud of.

When training at a Shavington school, 13 year old Martin Griffiths who plays in goal for his school team attempted to stop a Nigel Hart special after it had beaten Dave Cheshire. As he attempted his save he only succeeded in cracking a bone in his wrist. We wish him a speedy recovery and he and his parents will be our guests at the Rochdale game.

Front Cover Shots:

A determined raid on the Southend goal.
Steve Davis and Dave Waller cut out a centre at Vale Park.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford Utd.	9	7	1	1	15	3	22
Bury	9	6	2	1	17	8	20
Chesterfield	9	6	2	1	16	8	20
Peterborough United	9	5	3	1	12	5	18
Colchester United	8	4	3	1	17	12	15
Tranmere Rovers	9	5	0	4	15	11	15
Blackpool	9	4	3	2	13	9	15
Darlington	9	3	5	1	13	8	14
Hartlepool	9	4	2	3	12	13	14
Stockport County	9	3	4	2	13	11	13
Port Vale	9	3	3	3	10	10	12
Chester	9	3	3	3	12	13	12
Swindon Town	9	3	3	3	12	13	12
Crewe Alex	9	4	0	5	12	15	12
Torquay United	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
Mansfield Town	9	2	3	4	7	9	9
Scunthorpe United	9	2	2	5	16	17	8
Exeter City	8	2	2	4	8	10	8
Aldershot	9	2	2	5	10	14	8
Wrexham	8	2	1	5	13	17	7
Rochdale	9	1	3	5	6	14	6
Halifax Town	8	2	0	6	3	14	6
Northampton Town	9	1	1	7	5	19	4

SCENE FOUR

It was inevitable that the run of Hereford United without conceding a league goal would have to come to an end but it took promotion contenders Chesterfield to do that in a midweek game when Kevin Rose was beaten three times by the home forwards. In the next game at Edgar Street, Hereford won by three clear goals and also did not concede a goal on that occasion, the victory however was marred by the sending off of Chris Price, in that same game Colin Calderwood of Mansfield was also given his marching orders.

When we visited Hartlepool it looked for a time that we would return with the points but the home side had other ideas and following that win they have notched up another two wins. The first of these was away at Darlington, this being their only 'local Derby' game they undertake and ended the Quakers unbeaten record when winning by a single goal margin in front of a gate which was over 5,000. In their next game, at Prenton Park despite having Tony Smith sent off they won 2-1 and now move up to ninth position in the table. They have a very attractive home tie today when they take on the current league leaders, Hereford United.

Northampton Town gained their first win of the Season when winning at Vale Park in midweek but then failed to consolidate on it when they lost for the fourth time at home, this time to Scunthorpe United, that victory moved Scunthorpe out of the bottom four spot. For the second successive week the Wrexham forwards scored three goals and yet finished on the losing side, at home they had been defeated by Stockport 4-3 and last weekend it was in the away game at Torquay. In recent games Craig Madden has not been hitting the net but his colleague Wayne Entwistle, now back again with the club that gave him his chance of league football has really found the goal touch, he got one of the duo that defeated Southend United and kept them in second place in the table on goal difference. Had you noticed in the league table that Exeter City are now the only team in the league who still have to win a game away from home this season, this is quite a difference from the Third Division where there are still seven clubs waiting to win on opponents grounds.



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A Game to Remember

BRADFORD v. CREWE ALEX Our best ever win at Park Avenue.

by Roy Greer, *Crewe Chronicle*

Bradford v. Crewe at Park Avenue on January 21, 1967 will be remembered by Alex fans as Billy Dearden's match. An amazing second half transformation by Crewe, which was largely inspired by some brilliant work on the right wing by Dearden, saw them pull up from a goal down at the interval to a well deserved 4 - 1 success.

Apart from Bradford's goal, scored by Deakin and hotly disputed by Crewe, there was little to enthuse over in the first half. Bradford had most of the play but missed chances.

But Crewe were a vastly improved combination after the break. Dearden had a hand in all four goals. he outpaced the Bradford defence in the 55th minute and his hard low cross was steered in by Albert Harley for the equaliser.

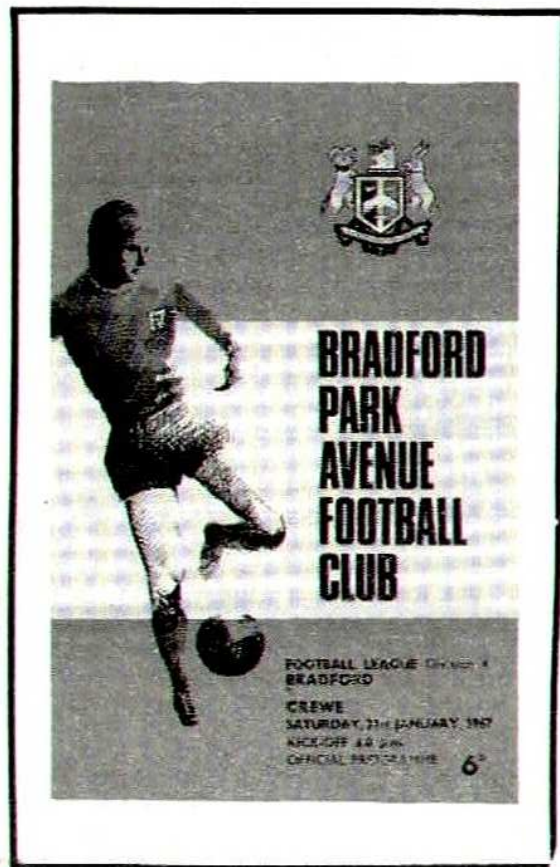
Dearden burst down the middle in the 64th minute and, with the hesitant Bradford defence standing back and waiting, he ran on and fired past goalkeeper Hardie.

Four minutes later Dearden pounced again, running on to a superbly floated lob from near the halfway line by John Archer to put Crewe 3 - 1 up.

Crewe completed a handsome win in the 72 minute when Dearden worked well down the right and laid on a spot - on centre for John Regan to head in.

Bradford: Hardie; McGillvray, Lightowler; Symonds, Taylor, McGrath; Ham, Deakin, Madden, Broadbent, Robinson. Sub: Gordon.

Crewe Alex: Mailey; Marshall, Leigh; Stott, Barnes, Gannon; Dearden, Archer, Regan, Harley, Gowans. Sub: Bradshaw.



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Editorial Comment

I wonder just how many people other than Wrexham supporters would have backed them to get into the second round of the U.E.F.A. Cup competition when they had to take on F.C. Porto with only a single goal advantage from the first leg tie at the Racecourse! not so many. Even the National Press reported that the Welsh Team Manager, Mike England turned his radio off when Wrexham had gone three goals down only to find out the following morning that the away goal scored by Wrexham had seen them through.

The unfortunate thing about that victory is the fact that Wrexham actually lost some £5,000 on the tie for their home receipts were around £12,000 compared with F.C. Porto's receipts of £100,000 from their home leg. With each team having to cover their own travelling expenses it does not need an accountant to work out what a disparity there is in the figures available to the clubs. Maybe the fact that Roma will be the visitors to Wrexham for the second leg tie will see a much higher attendance this time and so give them ample reward for their efforts.

In almost every season there is some factor that seems to come to the fore, this time it has been the abuse that coloured players have received from so called supporters when they have visited Newcastle. Quite rightly, Jack Charlton the boss at Newcastle has been most annoyed about this new trend and has asked for the culprits to be made known to the police so that they can deal with the matter quickly and effectively. Whatever the colour of a players skin they should remember that they are in the team on merit and there are many teams in this country who would miss these players if the mindless supporters forced their exclusion.

Next week England are at home to Finland in their World Cup Qualifying game at Wembley, obviously this is a game they cannot afford to lose if they are to make progress. In recent games at Wembley Stadium the fans have not always been too kind to the players so it would seem that the best way that the players can answer back without actually saying a word would be for them to give them plenty of goals to cheer about. With the evenings gradually turning colder plenty of action on the field is almost a guaranteed way to forget such things.

Tomorrow, Sunday, there is the Annual Programme Fair at the Pack Horse Hotel in the City Centre at Bolton. Many thousands of items will be available.



A new role for the Alex captain, coaching schoolboys at Shavington School.

(Photo by courtesy of Evening Sentinel.)



John Crabbe, a study in concentration.
(Photo by courtesy of World Group Newspapers)
A finger tip foils Bob Scott.
(Photo by courtesy of Robert Spraston.)

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Profile On DAVE PULLAR

Some record books indicate that Dave was born in London but in fact it was in County Durham, to be precise at Pity Me, he moved to Selsey in Sussex when he was 10 years of age. He was quickly playing in the schools side and also got into the Sussex County side. He first signed for Portsmouth on Schoolboy forms and was soon in their Youth and reserve sides and played in the reserve side when still at school. He was to sign apprentice forms when 16 and later became a full time player at Fratton Park. His debut in league football was in a Third Division game at Peterborough United at home but he well remembers his first league goal, this being in the away game at Rotherham when he scored with a right foot shot.

It was during his time at Portsmouth that he was invited to join the England Youth side for a trip to Monaco but in view of the fact that his services were required by the club he had to forego that opportunity. The Youth team coach at Portsmouth was Ray Crawford and he is very grateful for the help and encouragement that he gave him during those early years, quite a number of that youth side have done well in League football, Steve Foster, Chris Kamara, Keith Viney, Leigh Barnard and Peter Ellis. He was with Portsmouth for four Seasons and served under four different Managers at Fratton Park, John Mortimer, Ian St. John, Jimmy Dickinson and Frank Burrows. On being released by Portsmouth he was signed by Exeter City for a fee of £12,000 and Brian Godfrey was the Manager there and in his first Season there he was elected as the club's player of the Year. His spell at St. James was also for four years but during the latter part of that time he was out of action having undergone two operations in a period of 14 months.

During the Summer of 1983 he was contacted by Dario Gradi and in consequence he joined the staff at Gresty Road. His debut for the Alex came on 28th September 1983 in the away game at Peterborough and his first goal for us came in the away game at Tranmere on 26th November last. To date he has played in 40 league games, 4 in the Milk Cup, and 1 each in the F.A. Cup and the A.M.C. Cup Competitions. During those games he has played in a variety of positions for the club.

There are several games that he particularly remembers, there is one at Fratton Park when the attendance was 32,000 and with the famous Pompey Chimes ringing out it was quite an experience. Another that also comes high on his list is playing for Exeter City in an F.A. Cup game at Liverpool and despite the fact that the Grecians lost the game 2/0 the atmosphere there is a memory that will always be with him. Does football run in the family?, well his father was in the Royal Navy and he played regularly and was at one time offered the chance to join Dumbarton but turned it down.

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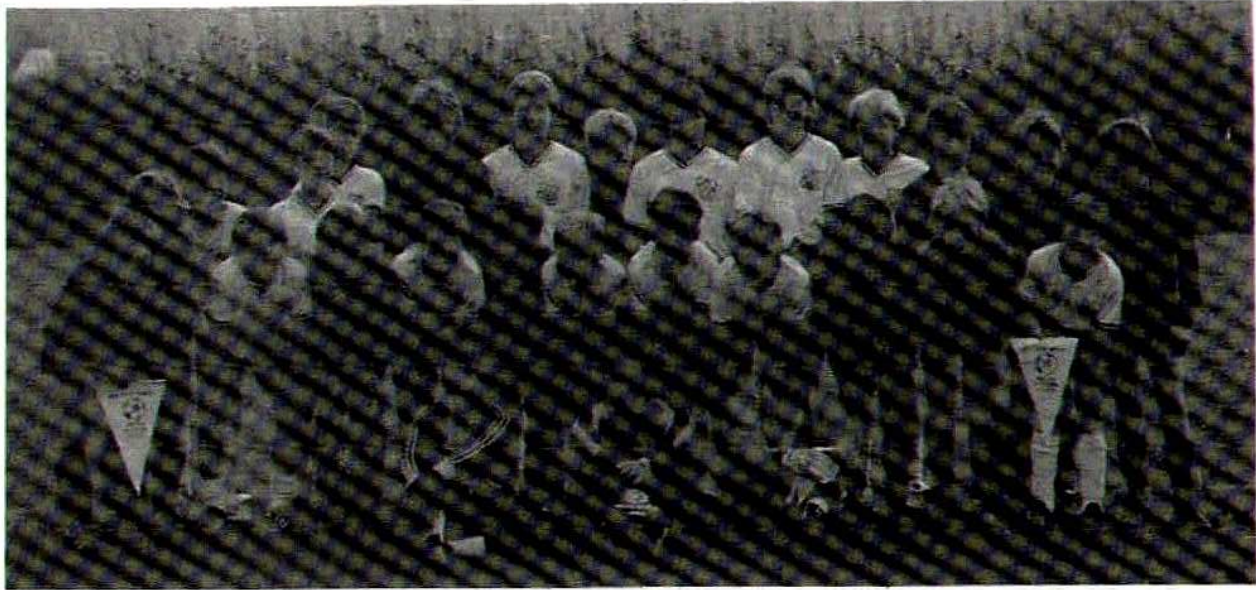
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The Lads' and Dads' Connection



When the games were played between the Cheshire Lads and Dads and their guests from Rahway in the United States they were at differing ages and were all selected on a representative basis. We feature above the two teams at the youngest end of the scale, the American boys are in the lighter coloured shirts and the Cheshire Boys in the darker strip. The actual colours were Red shirts for the Cheshire boys and White shirts with black trim for the team from Rahway. It is such competition that is the essence of the Lads and Dads, to be able to take part.

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Our Visitors...



Back Row: (Left to right). Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollen, Mark Hughes. Centre: Harry Gregg (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner. Front Row: Paul Batty, Gary Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari (Player Manager), Andy Rowland, Alan Mayed, Colin Bailie. Seated: Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.

On their last two visits to Gresty Road, visitors Swindon Town have returned home pointless but the games have always been interesting and full of attacking play from both sides. Last Season in the return game at the County Ground, Swindon won by a single goal margin in a game which could easily have seen Crewe return with the points and Stuart Naylor also saved a penalty.

With this season's side we welcome for the first time as their Player/Manager, Lou Macari who took over from Ken Beamish during the last close season after being granted a free transfer by Manchester United, the club he had served for so long, the fine attendance at his Testimonial game went to show how popular he had been with them. He did play on Gresty Road last Season in a Manchester United side which came for a friendly fixture in October and was instrumental in setting up the second goal for the visitors.

As his assistant he has Harry Gregg who first came to Crewe to take over from Jimmy Melia as Manager in January 1975 and he remained with the Alex until he took over as a Goalkeeper coach with Manchester United at the end of November 1978 and he held that position until the arrival of Ron Atkinson as Manager, he has however been to Gresty Road on other occasions since that time. There is also another connection between the clubs for during the close Season one of the players who was recruited by Swindon Town was Peter Coyne who had been in non league football for the past three Seasons since he was released by the Alex. He had been brought to Crewe originally by Harry Gregg from non league Ashton United where he had gone after leaving Manchester United.



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Swindon Town



There have not been too many changes in the playing staff at Swindon during the last close season and that gives the side some stability. Keeper SCOTT ENDERSBY was elected as the club's Player of the Year for the sterling work he did in goal last Season, his first full Season at Swindon. His career started with Kettering Town where he played in an F.A. Cup tie when only 15 years of age before moving to Ipswich Town. He remained there until the summer of 1981 when he joined Tranmere Rovers and came to Swindon in July 1983. COLIN BAILIE is a former apprentice with the club and made his league debut in April 1982 against Oxford United and the following Season established a regular spot in the side. Normally plays at full back but has also filled a midfield role for the club. SIMON GIBSON. Born London he served his apprenticeship with Chelsea but his opportunities of first team football were limited and after a spell on loan with Swindon joined the club on a full time basis. A strong centre half who is good in the air. MIKE GRAHAM. His career started with Bolton Wanderers and he made his league debut for them in March 1978 at Mansfield and until he joined Swindon Town in the Summer of 1981 he had 51 appearances for the Lancashire side. At the end of last season he was given a free transfer but he re:signed for the club in August. Normally plays alongside the centre half NIGEL GRAY. Another defender he was born in Fulham but it was with Orient that he started his league career and during his time at Brisbane Road he had made 262 first team appearances for them. He also made 3 on loan with Charlton Athletic before moving to Swindon in July 1983. He only made 16 appearances last season and also had a spell on loan with Brentford. CHARLIE HENRY. He was born in Acton, London but as a boy he had supported Swindon Town and he came firstly as an apprentice and then signed as a full time player, he soon established himself in the league side and should pass the 150 mark in appearances this season. Normally plays at right back, a popular and hard tackling player. KEVIN BADDELEY. His career started as an apprentice with Bristol City but he was to make only one first team appearance for them against West Ham United. He moved to Swindon in July 1981 and had made over 100 appearances to the end of last season. He was given a free transfer but he re:signed in August 1984. Usually plays at left back. LEIGH BARNARD. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and his debut in league football came in September 1977. He had also had a few games on loan to Peterborough United before moving to Swindon in July 1982. An enthusiastic player and always in the thick of the action. He should also pass the 100 mark in appearances during the current season. PAUL BATTY. He too has come through the clubs apprentice ranks and he made his league debut against Crewe in September 1982 and has now established himself in the midfield position in the side and had made 91 appearances to the end of last Season. DAVE HOCKADAY. He came to Swindon in the Summer of 1982 but prior to that he had spent 8 seasons at Blackpool and during that time had made 178 appearances for them. He is a versatile player who prefers to play on the right wing, 39 appearances last season. MARK GARDINER. Born Cirencester, he had two senior games last season when still an apprentice with the club and is considered to be a young player with a fine future in the game. ALAN MAYES. He is in his second spell with the club but his career started with Q.P.R., from there he went to Watford and after 155 games with them he came to Swindon, he then made over 100 appearances with Swindon before he went to Chelsea and returned in July 1983. A mobile striker. GARY NELSON. His only previous club was Southend United where he made his league debut in October 1979. He came to Swindon in July 1983 and normally occupies the left wing spot. ANDY ROWLAND. The most experienced player on the staff and now rapidly approaching 500 league appearances. He had made over 200 for Bury before coming to Swindon in September 1978. Up to the end of last season he had scored 161 goals. He now plays in a more defensive role but still scores with regularity. MARK HUGHES. He is also a very promising youngster who made his league debut last season when an apprentice. LOU MACARI. The Player Manager started his career with Celtic and moved to Old Trafford in 1973 and until the end of last season had made almost 400 appearances for the Red Devils. In addition he had been capped 24 times for Scotland, whether playing as a striker or in midfield he always scored with regularity every season.

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Reserve and Youth Team News

Last weekend was a blank date for the Youth Team but the previous weekend they had travelled to Preston to take on their side, quite a number of which have become regulars in their Central League side this season. Although losing 3-0 it provided good experience for the youngsters. By the time these notes are read we are hoping to have made further progress in the F.A. Youth Cup Competition for they had travelled to Dudley last Thursday evening in their quest for a place with the higher teams, it is some years since the Youth side made an impact on the Youth Cup competition.

For the reserve team, they have completed a further two fixtures this could have been three but in view of the fact that UMIST do not have floodlights the game against them had to be postponed and will be rearranged at a date later in the season. The first of the games was at Gresty Road when they entertained Bolton 'A', they were a very young side but nevertheless a good side and the final result was a 1-1 draw. In charge of the Bolton side was Walter Joyce who was himself on the staff at Gresty Road some years ago. The Crewe side was: Longley, Timlinson, Davis, Vince, Gibbs, Bishop, Mason, Bradshaw, Green, Allatt and Wyatt. Vernon Allatt scored his first goal of the season and a fine effort it was too.

Everton 'A' were the visitors to Gresty Road last Saturday and in this particular game the reserve side was a much changed one from the previous week. At one stage we had been 2-0 down, pegged a goal back to bring it to 2-1, Everton made it 3-1 and then we got another to make the final scoreline 3-2 in favour of the visitors. Our marksman was once more Vernon Allatt who scored both the goals. The Crewe line up: Longley, Bishop, Aldridge, Vince, Tomlinson, Mason, Broomhead, Allatt, Wyatt, Bradshaw, Green. Following our away game at Chester we then have an attractive game at Gresty Road against Liverpool 'A', your support for that game would be appreciated.



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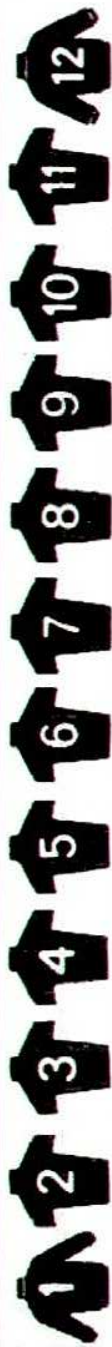
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A determined bid by Dave Pullar and the Hartlepool defender.

(Photo by courtesy of World Group Newspapers.)



FIRST TEAM FACTS AND FIGURES



DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	King	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
1984														
Aug	25 Torquay United	3-0	1720	Naylor	King	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	28 Burnley (MC1)	2-1	2997	Naylor	King	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
Sept.	1 Tranmere Rovers	1-3	1807	Naylor	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	4 Burnley (MC1)	0-3	3067	Naylor	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	8 Hereford United	0-3	19-1	Naylor	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	15 Mansfield Town	2-0	2681	Naylor	King	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	18 Scunthorpe United	3-2	1619	Naylor	King	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	22 Wrexham	3-0	2480	Naylor	Aldridge	Cliss	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Crabbe	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	29 Hartlepool United	0-3	1-38	Naylor	Armstrong	Cliss	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Crabbe	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
Oct.	2 Southend United	0-2	2028	Naylor	Pullar	Cliss	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	6 Port Vale	0-2	4145	Naylor	Armstrong	Farrill	Scott	Hart	Cliss	Crabbe	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	13 Swindon Town													
	19 Stockport County													
	23 Chester													
Nov.	27 Rochdale													
	3 Peterborough United													
	6 Northampton Town													
	10 Bury													
	17 F. A. Cup Round 1													
Dec.	23 Halifax Town													
	1 Exeter City													
	8 F. A. Cup Round 2													
	15 Colchester United													
	21 Colchester United													
	26 Aldershot													
	29 Darlington													
1985														
Jan.	1 Blackpool (7.30)													
	5 Torquay U. (FAC R3)													
	12 Tranmere Rovers													
	19 Hereford United													
	26 Mansfield Town (FAC R4)													
Feb.	1 Hartlepool United													
	8 Wrexham													
	11 Southend United													
	16 Scunthorpe U. (FAC R5)													
	23 Peterborough United													
Mar.	2 Rochdale													
	6 Chester													
	9 Stockport C. (FAC R6)													
	16 Swindon Town													
	22 Port Vale													
April	30 Northampton Town													
	6 Aldershot													
	9 Blackpool (7.30)													
	13 Bury (FAC SF)													
	19 Halifax Town													
May	27 Exeter City													
	4 Chesterfield													
	6 Darlington (7.30)													
	10 Colchester United													



Gary Blissett outnumbered by the opposition at Hartlepool.

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1984				
Aug.	25	South Liverpool Res.	A	1-1
Sept.	1	Bury Res.	H	4-3
	8	Tranmere Rovers Res.	A	0-3
	15	Burnley 'A'	H	0-4
	22	Marine Res.	A	3-0
	29	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H	1-1
Oct.	4	UMIST	A	
	6	Everton 'A'	H	
	12	Chester City Res.	A	
	20	Liverpool 'A'	H	
	26	Stockport County 'A'	A	
Nov.	3	Rochdale Res.	H	
	7	Alsager College	A	
	10	Manchester United 'A'	H	
	17	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A	
	24	Everton 'A'	A	
Dec.	1	Morecambe 'A'	H	
	15	Formby Res.	A	
	26	Manchester City 'A'	H	
	29	Marine Res.	H	
1985				
Jan.	5	Formby Res.	H	
	12	Bury Res.	A	
	19	Barrow Res.	H	
	26	Burnley 'A'	A	
Feb.	2	Liverpool 'A'	A	
	9	Alsager College	H	
	15	Southport Res.	A	
	23	Rochdale Res.	A	
Mar.	2	South Liverpool Res.	H	
	16	Stockport County 'A'	H	
	23	Manchester United 'A'	A	
	30	UMIST	H	
Apr.	6	Barrow Res.	A	
	13	Morecambe 'A'	A	
	20	Southport Res.	H	
	27	Manchester City 'A'	A	
May	4	Chester City Res.	H	
	11	Tranmere Rovers Res.	H	

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September		
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22	WREXHAM	Sheetmetal Shop, Crewe Works. L.M. Jones
October		
2	SOUTHEND	Coppenhall Garage, Crewe.
13	SWINDON	McCorquodale Sports and Social Club.
23	CHESTER J.	Bird and Rosemary
27	ROCHDALE	Lawton Tools, Sanbach.
November		
6	NORTHAMPTON	
23	HALIFAX	Mr. Clough Greenall Whitley.
December		
15	CHESTERFIELD	Malcolm Mumm, Leicester.
21	COLCHESTER	Supporters Asscn, Sandbach Branch.
January		
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12	TRANMERE	Crewe Chronicle
26	MANSFIELD	Alex Programme Staff.
February		
1	HARTLEPOOL	Geenall Whitley, Warrington.
16	SCUNTHORPE	Crewe & District F.A.
23	PETERBOROUGH	
March		
9	STOCKPORT	Lawton Tools, Sandbach.
22	PORT VALE	Evening Sentinel
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May		
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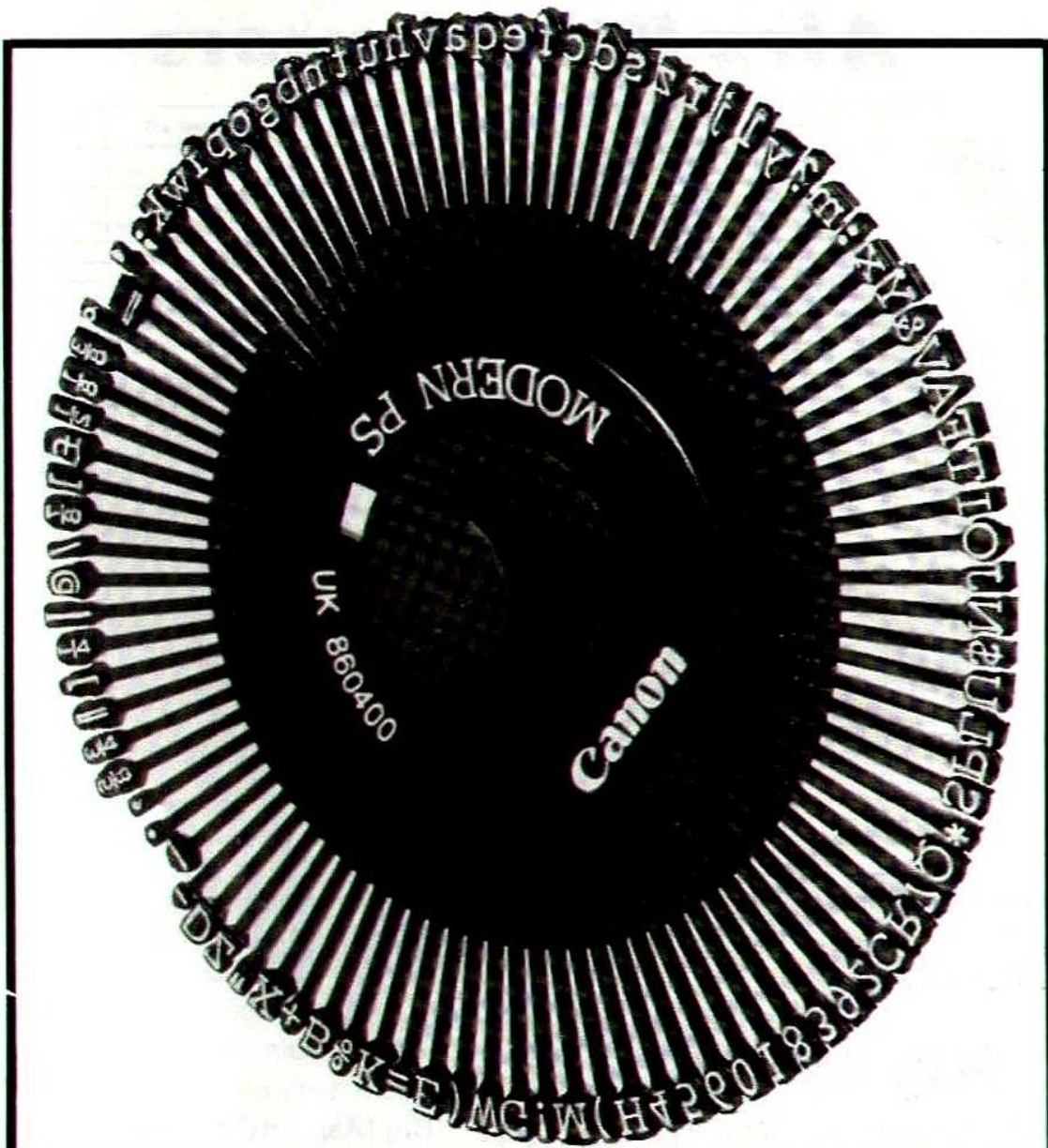
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CLUB NEWS

With the added interest of what was our shortest trip to the Potteries to take on Port Vale last weekend it was not exactly surprising that the number of bookings on the coaches showed a marked increase on some of the previous trips and in the end we needed to run two coaches to carry all those who wished to travel. In addition there were many others who had made their own way to Vale Park so that the team had a lot of local support.

The next game is also a short one, this time to Edgely Park when we take on Stockport County, as previously announced the coach or coaches will be leaving Gresty Road at 5.45 p.m. and the fare will be £2 for Adults and £1.50 for Juniors. As always an early booking would help us to organise things better. Last year there were some of our supporters who had perhaps slightly delayed their entrance to the ground and in consequence they had missed our opening goal which had been scored by Dave Waller, although the local press had all timed it at 10 seconds on a personal stopwatch it had been recorded as just six seconds after kick off, a similar start to this Season's fixture would be an ideal one. We then have two home fixtures against Chester and Rochdale before we are off on our travels once again to Peterborough, details of this trip in the next issue.

May we now bring to your attention the next of the Sportsmen's Dinners which is to be held in the Alexandra Club, this will be one for mixed company as distinct from the normal pattern of male company only. The principal guest Speaker on this occasion will be Jack Simmons the well known Lancashire County Cricketer and supporting him will be Dusty Young a comedian. Tickets priced at £11.50 each are now available from the Club Offices. We sincerely hope that this will be a very well supported evening.

Sponsors have been continuing to come forward in respect of match balls and also for kit but there are still some vacancies in both these ventures, we would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help in this respect.

SUPPORTERS' NEWS

The Junior Reds section of the Supporters Association also went to Vale Park last Saturday, in all a total of 55 travelled, this did also include some parents but in the main it was the youngsters who went. They had a busy schedule which included a full tour of the ground and all the facilities there, dressing rooms, board room, drying rooms etc. and then they were taken to a gymnasium for two events. Firstly there was a quiz between two selected teams of 4 from Port Vale and ourselves and after a tremendous battle, the Junior Reds won 49/48. After this Sam Plank from Radio Stoke took over and it was a case of all joining in, a very enjoyable experience. Finally came the game at Vale Park and the trip home.

In an effort to increase Sales in the Lottery an incentive scheme has been put into operation and provided that Agents, and particularly New Agents can sell 20 tickets each week for a period of ten weeks they will qualify for a bottle of whisky. Should you require further information then please contact our offices in Gresty Road. The open evening held in the Alexandra Club when Supporters had the opportunity of meeting Members of the Board of Directors was also a successful one and from this we enrolled both new members and new Agents. This Saturday we shall have as our guest Dag Solheim from Norway who has proved to be a real Alex fanatic.

Finally, the Sandbach Branch of the Supporters are holding a 'Cup Tie Eve Disco' on Friday 16th November at Cheshire Leisure, Elworth from 8.0 p.m. to 1.0 a.m. Tickets in advance are £1.25, at the door £1.50 and are available from Brian Ward, Wilf Cope and John Ford and also from the Club Offices. Their Sponsored Walk held recently raised the sum of £250.

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