

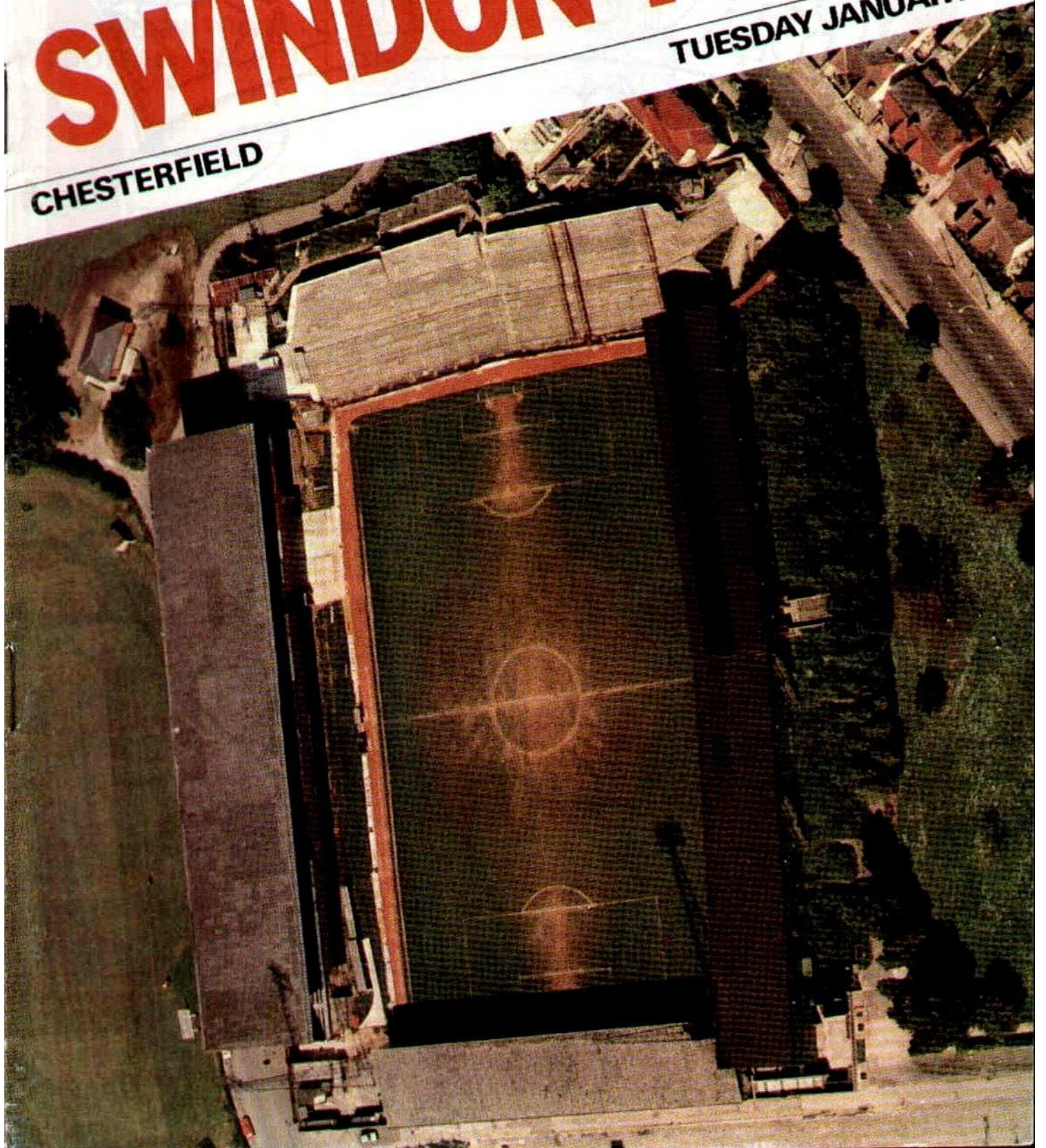
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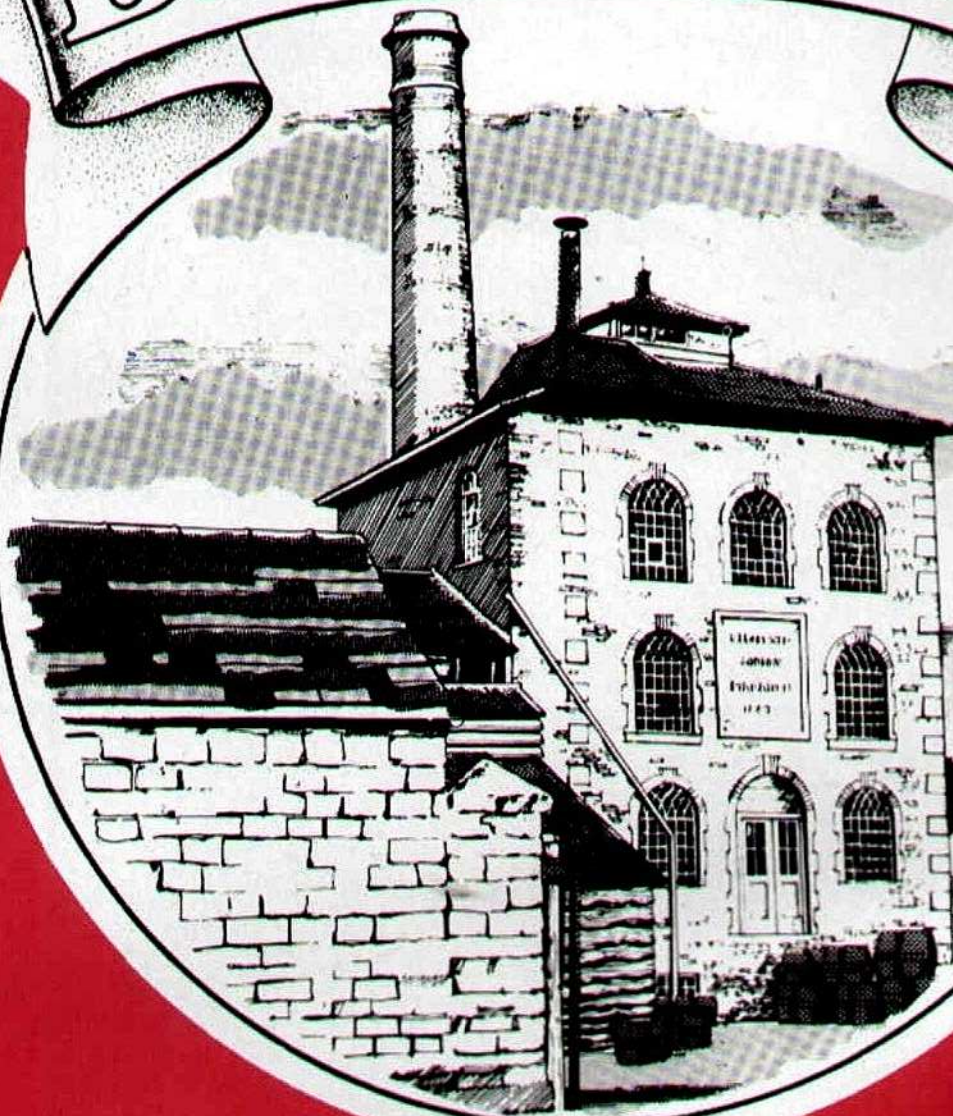
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## Chairman's Comments



This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Chesterfield F.C. who at the time of writing these notes prior to the Christmas programme of games are riding high at the top of the table. Last season Chesterfield beat us 1-0 at their ground on the opening day of the season and completed the double against us here 1-0 in January when we were going well in the F.A. Cup competition. Hopefully this season will be our turn to win and make a good start to 1985.

As this is our first home game of 1985 I would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very happy New Year and hopefully give you something to cheer about on the football front with a revival of our fortunes, may I also say to those of you coming along today for the first time this season that I hope you will feel entertained well enough to come along more frequently to support us.

During 1985 we would hope to bring to a satisfactory conclusion our negotiations with the Thamesdown Authority over the question of a viable schedule of payments for the County Ground and its facilities but so far we have received no answers to the propositions that we put to them back in November:

For our game here against Colchester United we were pleased to have as our guest Mr Simon Coombs our Member of Parliament who enjoyed the game and hopes to be a more frequent visitor in the future.

At our last Board meeting we were pleased to meet members of the Supporters Co-operative Committee and they expressed their willingness to try and find ways that they can help the Football Club and we have subsequently arranged to have a 'Sports Quiz' evening here at the Rendezvous Club on Monday Feb 18th when represented will be teams from the Supporters, Players and Directors. Also arranged is a 'Sports Night' in the Supporters Club on Monday 21st January and a mini-marathon or fun run on a date to be arranged but probably Sunday March 31st.

Our Youth team have been drawn at home to West Ham United in the next round of the F.A. Youth Cup and with an attractive draw as this one would hope to draw a large crowd to support and cheer them on, a date as yet to be arranged.

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# Welcome to Chesterfield

**BY DAVE KING**

It is appropriate that on the first day of a New Year we should be visited by the Club currently in first position in the League table, for prior to Christmas this was their situation.

Former Hartlepool and Scunthorpe Manager John Duncan, now in his second season with the Club, has built a team on the well known recipe for promotion from the Fourth Division with no fewer than seven of the players who have appeared in this seasons matches at least six feet in height! With three of them in the back four they present a formidable obstacle for any aerial challenge.

Unbeaten at the Recreation Ground, the Spireites' have only lost one away match at Hartlepool by a solitary goal. Well on course for promotion, they appear a good bet for the championship itself and they will be looking for a continuation of the form they have displayed in the first half of the season during the second. That fine form brought the following League results upto and including December 15th:-

HOME: Aldershot won 2-1, Southend United won 2-1, Blackpool won 2-1, Hereford United won 3-1, Darlington drew 0-0, Exeter City won 5-1, Colchester United drew 1-1, Tranmere Rovers won 4-2, Stockport County won 3-0.

AWAY: Northampton Town won 3-1, Scunthorpe United won 4-2, Hartlepool United lost 0-1, Bury drew 0-0, Halifax Town won 3-1, Port Vale drew 0-0, Chester drew 1-1, Torquay United won 1-0, Crewe Alexandra drew 1-1.

Dismissed from the Milk Cup by Halifax Town on a 3-2 aggregate, the Yorkshire Club being the only victors at Recreation Ground this season with a 2-1 win in the first leg. Also out of the F.A. Cup due to a 1-0 defeat at Walsall in the second round these are the squad of players at Manager John Duncan's disposal to seek a return to the Third Division they left in May 1983:-

Goalkeeper CHRIS MARPLES who made his debut for the Club in this season 0-0 draw at Bury on September 29th. Chesterfield born Chris has held a regular place since, in fact in League matches he has only conceded 8 goals in twelve matches.

Former Club apprentice GARY BELLAMY made his debut v Millwall May 2 1981, standing at 6'2", twenty two year old Gary waits for 4-2 victories to score League goals, scoring his first in the League in a 4-2 win at Rochdale on Oct 15th last

season, adding two more in this season 4-2 away win at Scunthorpe on Sept 15th.

Belfast born SHAUN O'NEILL was a former Leeds United apprentice but he had to move to Chesterfield before making his League debut v Southend on Aug 17 1974 now in his eleventh season with the Club 32 year old Shaun was ever present in 1979-80, made his 350th League appearance on March 18th this year v Rochdale.

Signed in the close season from Mansfield 29 year old JOHN MATHEWS began his career as an Arsenal apprentice, going on to make 45 League appearances scoring 2 goals for the Highbury Club before joining Sheffield United for £90,000; at Bramall Lane he made 103 League appearances scoring fourteen goals, John then moved to Mansfield playing in 72 League matches scoring six goals. This season he has missed only the away match at Torquay since making his Club debut on the opening day of the season at home to Aldershot. Six foot tall John's only League goal this season came from the home match with Southend on Sep 8th.

Player Coach STEVE BAINES is another of 6'0" players on the Clubs staff, 30 year old Steve began his career as a Notts Forest apprentice after two appearances in 1972-73, he had to move to Huddersfield Town for the 1975-76 season for Steve to appear again in League matches, after ten goals in his 114 League matches he joined Bradford City for £15,000 during the 1977-78 season. A £50,000 fee took him to Walsall after 99 League matches and seventeen goals. After 48 matches in the League with the Saddlers and a seven match loan period with Bury a £5,000 fee took him to Scunthorpe for 1982-83 season. Made his debut for the Club in our opening away match of last season, missed only one match last season at Aldershot on Dec 31st. Ever present this season with one goal v Stockport.

Former Club apprentice 6'2" LES HUNTER is in his second spell with the Club, made his debut here at the County Ground on Aug 16, 1975, made 165 League appearances before joining Scunthorpe in 1982, 29 year old Les appeared in every League match of 1982/83, and after 15 matches of last season, totalling sixty one consecutive League appearances, he moved back to the Recreation Ground, scored against his former Club in this seasons 4-2 away win at Scunthorpe; also scored twice in the home match with Exeter City on Oct 20th.



Ever present to date this season.

Sheffield born PHIL BROWN at 18 years old is not only the youngest but also the smallest member of the squad at 5'7" with an eye for goal, he scored on his debut v Blackpool in a 1-1 draw on Feb 25th, in all he scored 6 goals in his sixteen League matches to the end of the season. Phil has missed only one match this season on Dec 1st with Stockport, scored seven goals up to Dec 15th.

The career of ERNIE MOSS is dealt with elsewhere in the programme.

Former Huddersfield Town apprentice BOB NEWTON spent eleven seasons in the Football League before returning to his home town club last season scoring 14 goals from thirty three appearances. In four seasons with Huddersfield 28 year old Bob scored 5 goals from forty two League Matches, a £5,000 transfer took him to Hartlepool in 1977; in six seasons at the Victoria Ground he scored 48 goals in one hundred and fifty League matches. Port Vale paid £20,000 for him in 1982 and his 20 goals in forty one matches helped the Potteries Club to promotion. Ever present this season Bob has scored six League goals. Scored one of Chesterfield's goals in their 2-1 win here last season.

The other scorer in last seasons victory here at the County Ground was 23 year old STEVE KENDAL who after one appearance for Notts Forest at home to Wolves on April 10th 1982 in a solitary

goal defeat, joined Chesterfield in an exchange deal in 1983, to the end of last season he had scored 9 goals in his sixty five League matches. The 4 goals he has scored this season have come from his ever present record this season. Another player standing 6 foot in height.

Former Derby County apprentice STEVE SPOONER made eight League appearances at the Baseball Ground in four seasons, after joining Halifax Town in 1981 on a free transfer, 23 year old Steve scored 11 goals in seventy two League games. Joined Chesterfield last season playing twenty League matches scoring 3 goals. Scored his only goal this season in the 5-1 home win over Exeter City. Played in the first ten matches of this season, then was left out of the next three matches.

After leaving Hull City in 1982, 24 year old BRIAN FERGUSON went into Non-League football with Goole Town, was signed by Southend United last season scoring five goals in twenty nine matches. Made his debut for the Club on Nov 3rd v Colchester in a 1-1 draw. After signing from Southend United where he had made four League appearances this season.

The F.A.Cup Tie at Walsall marked the return of 27 year old PHIL WALKER after his transfer from Rotherham United, after twenty seven League matches with the Millers. Scored 38 goals in one hundred and sixty six League matches in his first spell with the Club,



Back Row: (L R) Shaun O'Neill, Brian Scrimgeour, Gary Bellamy, Jim Brown, Les Hunter, Ernie Moss, Chris Marples, Dan Divers, John Matthews, Barne Stimpson.

Front Row: (L R) Phil Brown, Steve Kendal, Steve Baines (Player/Coach), John Duncan (Manager), Bob Newton, Kevin Randall (Trainer/Coach), Neil Brown, Steve Spooner, Mick Hoskins.



# "Two Hundred Not Out"

BY DAVE KING

Ernie Moss of Chesterfield is the newest member of Footballs' exclusive '200 Club.' He collected the 200th League goal of his career last October, only four other current strikers Bryan 'Pop' Robson of Carlisle United, Mike Channon of Norwich City, Bob Latchford of Coventry City and Frank Worthington of Brighton had surpassed that total of goals before him.

Not only has Ernie reached this exclusive mark but he holds one of footballs most extraordinary records. The 35 year old Chesterfield striker, now in his third spell with his home town Club scored his 200th League Goal in a 3-1 away win at Halifax Town on October 13th, it was the first of the two goals he netted that afternoon coming in the fifth minute of the match that enabled him to register his double century of League goals and not one of them has come from the penalty spot.

Ernie explains the reason for this, 'When I started playing, I didn't fancy taking penalties and during my younger days I never asked, but as time has gone on, I have been approached to take them on a couple of occasions but I have always said No.'

'Call it big headedness if you like, but as I got nearer the magic figure, the more I wanted to achieve it without the aid of penalties. I suppose it's a question of pride. After 15 years in the game it's possible to accumulate something like twenty penalties, but this way it makes the 200 just that little bit more special.'

Ernie's favourite goal is one he scored against local rivals Sheffield United at Bramall Lane. 'That one was a bit special because it meant I had set a new Chesterfield scoring record. There was also an overhead kick against Rotherham which I enjoyed 'says Ernie, who has always played in the lower Divisions with Peterborough, Doncaster, Lincoln, Mansfield and Port Vale.

Although Ernie is now in the veteran stage and approaching the end of a career that has seen him play in 614 League matches, he still finds no difficulty in motivating himself.

'I have never found any problem in getting the old butterflies going before a match, although it's getting harder to recover from games because of the sands of time,' admits Ernie who runs a sports shop in the town with Derbyshire and England

Cricketer Geoff Miller.

'In fact, for the last three seasons I have enjoyed my football as much as at any time in my career. I suppose when you get to this stage there is always the chance that each season might be the last one so it makes you savour every match. I have never been one for planning ahead so I have not thought a great deal about next season or how long I will carry on playing. As long as I feel all right in myself and don't feel that I am cheating anyone, I would like to continue for a while longer.'

Ernie has earned himself a reputation for his honesty and professionalism, and I must admit to a personal wish that Swindon Managers in the past had considered bringing Ernie to the County Ground, his record speaks for itself and surely it can be no coincidence that he has been involved in four promotion teams, and is currently chasing promotion from the Fourth Division for the third successive season.

Ernie helped both Port Vale and Doncaster Rovers climb out of this Division in the past two seasons, and prior to that he was in Chesterfield's side that won the Fourth Division title in 1969-70, and the Mansfield team which went up to the Second Division in 1977.

Born in Chesterfield on October 19th, 1949, Ernie played for Chesterfield Tube Works before signing for the Recreation Ground Club in October 1968, in his first spell with his home town Club, Ernie made 271 League appearances scoring 94 goals, before signing for Peterborough United in January 1976, in a twelve month stay with United he scored 9 goals from his 35 League matches with the Club. A transfer to Mansfield in December of the same year saw Ernie score 21 goals in 57 League matches at Field Mill.

It was in January of 1979 that saw Ernie make his first return to today's visitors, in 107 League matches he scored 33 goals, before he was on his travels again, joining Port Vale in the summer of 1981, in a twenty month stay with the Burslem Club he scored 23 goals from his 74 League appearances. He completed the 1982/83 season with Lincoln City scoring twice in eleven matches for the Imps in the League matches, before Billy Bremner signed Ernie for Doncaster Rovers last season where his 15 goals in forty four League matches helped the Racecourse Club to promotion.





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# FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

Providing the weather has been favourable over the Christmas period, today should mark the half way stage in the majority of Clubs fixtures.

A clearer indication of which Clubs will be involved in the race for promotion to the Third Division is taking shape, taking into account no Club has lost more than fourteen matches and gained a coveted top four position and even then only Carlisle United in 1961-62, and Wimbledon in 1980-81, could afford to lose that amount and still reach their aim; We have basically six Clubs who look destined to fight for those four positions.

Those Clubs are today's visitors Chesterfield, Bury and Hereford United, who more than likely will provide the eventual champions, along with Darlington, Peterborough United and Blackpool involved in providing the fourth Club for promotion. If either Peterborough United or Blackpool are to accomplish this they will have to improve their away record of one and two wins respectively prior to the Christmas fixtures.

For those who place faith in premonitions, then Peterborough United should be a certainty for Division Three next season for they finished in seventh position in last seasons final Fourth Division table, and only once in the last ten years has the Club finishing seventh missed promotion the following year considering the following record.

In the 1973-74 season Chester finished in seventh position and were promoted the following season in fourth place, from there on it read:- Reading 1974-75 7th and in third spot the following season, with the final position in their promoted seasons in brackets with one failure the sequence went 1975-76 Exeter City 7th (2nd), 1976-77 Watford 7th (1st), 1977-78 Barnsley 7th (4th) 1978-79 Portsmouth 7th (4th) 1979-80 Lincoln City 7th (2nd) 1980-81 Mansfield Town 7th (20th) 1981-82 Portvale 7th (3rd), 1982-83 York City 7th (1st) with Peterborough United 1983-84 7th (?).

Unless Lou Macari can work a miracle this season it may be wise to attain that magical seventh position at this seasons final League table.

Those clubs not actively engaged in a promotion chase will be looking to improve enough in the second half of the season to

have conviction that they can begin a campaign for next season by them strengthening and a basis of good results in the remainder of this.

Here at Swindon we have the visit of Chesterfield today and visits from Bury, Darlington, Crewe, Tranmere Rovers and Hartlepool all in the top half of the League table.

Some observers believe that unless you are involved in promotion there is little to look forward to that to some extent is true unless you can enjoy a fight against relegation, and when in the fourth that can only mean Gola League Soccer, and the football League Clubs look a long way off from approving that.

Most Fourth Division Clubs are unable to sustain long runs in the F.A. Cup with only Darlington, Port Vale and Hereford United left in this seasons third round, and you may recall only ourselves, Blackpool, and Darlington were involved in last seasons fourth round, more than often it is usually a Third Division Club who is able to mount a reasonable challenge.

Thus the innovation of the Associate Members Cup last season did provide much needed revenue for Fourth Division Clubs, our matches with Oxford United, Walsall and Millwal brought more stimulus to the finances of the Club than the first round Milk Cup exit. No one is in a position to judge whether it will be ultimately successful but it is in operation and allows further interest when for the majority, the F.A. Cup and Milk Cup have passed by.

This seasons Fourth Division at a time of reflection has had its publicity and interest enhanced by personalities. The appointment of Lou Macari, the departure of Alan Clarke from Scunthorpe on the eve of the new season. A struggle against all the odds for trouble strewn Southend United, the European exploits of Wrexham when only bad decisions in Rome robbed them of further glory, yet they bring up the rear in this seasons League table.

But the success story of the seasons Fourth Division so far must be the upsurge in the fortunes of the North East's two Clubs Hartlepool United and Darlington, besides the improvement in their playing results this has been coupled with higher attendances enabling the Clubs to experience a much needed improvement in





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their financial situations.

Darlington had the highest attendance in this seasons programme prior to the holiday fixtures when we visited them on Sunday December 2nd, consider that our visit the previous season had attracted 1,091 and that was only the second match played at Feethams, when the interest and enthusiasm of a new season should be prevalent. Their local derby with Hartlepool attracted 5,221, while Hartlepool have had two home attendances of over 4,000, a boom welcomed by all football followers.

Spare a thought for Mansfield Town fans especially those who follow the Club away from home, for they had seen their team score two goals, and only nine at home up to the holiday period.

Colchester United striker Tony Adcock has repeated last seasons goalscoring form to prove that last seasons record was not a flash in the pan and surely this 21 year is destined for a higher division eventually.

Our position in the League will probably come as no surprise to the Club's regular followers, for the past three seasons we have been able to produce the one off result. But unable to sustain any

real consistency. We have experienced the opposite in our Cup fortunes by being eliminated by higher and lower opposition in both Cup competitions, some of our better form has so far been more evident on away grounds with the home form shown in the Blackpool and Stockport matches all to infrequent.

The injury list has given Lou Macari no alternatives from within the playing staff he inherited, and at times we have been down to a minimum of players available. changes in the playing staff are inevitable, and the addition of Lou Macari, Peter Coyne and Colin Gordon will be supplemented by newcomers in the coming year. Most Fourth Division promotion teams are based on a big and uncompromising back four, and it's no secret that we have been short of height in all departments this season.

Fortunes can change so quickly in football, for todays visitors Chesterfield, were in thirteenth position at the end of last season and such facts along with Hartlepool United being in twenty first position give all hope for a much happier New Year.



# TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE



TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	COLIN BAILIE	3
	LEIGH BARNARD	4
	NIGEL GRAY	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	DAVE HOCKADAY	7
	PETER COYNE	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	P BATTY	10
	GARY NELSON	11
	LOU MACARI	12

**Referee:**

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AGUE DIVISION FOUR

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4	JOHN MATTHEWS	
5	STEVE BAINES	
6	LES HUNTER	
7	PHIL BROWN	
8	STEVE SPOONER	
9	BOB NEWTON	
10	BRIAN FERGUSON	
11	STEVE KENDAL	
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# PHOTO CALL BY DAVE EVANS



Colin Gordon (centre), scorer of Swindon's second goal against Colchester, attempts to increase the Town's lead.



Gary Nelson evades a sliding tackle to prompt another Town attack against Colchester.



# John Ward talks to Peter Coyne

"I come from a footballing family." said Peter Coyne. My father played as a professional but his career was interrupted by the war. My brother is two years older than me and played for Manchester City in the Central League; he's in business now. I always supported Manchester United. I used to go training there in the school holidays and then in 1974 Tommy Docherty signed me as an apprentice. It was smashing for a youngster joining a big Club like that."

I asked about Tommy Docherty. There was a long pause. "He was different," Peter said eventually. "To start with he always seemed to be laughing and joking with the young lads. I was to see the other side of him later. Every so often he would get a youngster to join in the first team training. But it was really Frank Blunstone who made things happen at United. It was his decision to play two wingers. The Club did this right through to the youth team; all the United teams would play the same way.

"The first 18 months could not have gone better. I made my first team debut when I was 17, played a couple more times and went on tour. Then out of the blue I was given a free transfer. I knew something was up when I was called to see the Manager: it was a Wednesday and on Monday and Tuesday four of five others had gone in and come out with a free transfer. He never said I was not good enough or gave any explanation. He just asked me if I wanted to go to Australia!"

## GOING PART-TIME

What next happened to Peter is a sad reflection on the way in which young footballers are sometimes treated and the dismal standards of man-management which are sometimes found in professional football. That is my comment, not Peter's. He spoke of the episode in a detached, rueful way. Pressures were applied and he was told, none to subtly, that if he did not go to Bolton he might never play League football again. Two days and one reserve game later he realised he had made a mistake and told Ian Greaves, Bolton's Manager. Peter had been pressurised into a move he never wanted but, not knowing this, Ian Greaves thought that he had simply decided he didn't fancy a smaller Club. Thus Peter's reputation for being a "difficult" player was born.

On hand was one of Peter's former

school teachers, "a dominant influence", Peter called him, now running his own Non-League team, Ashton. He offered Peter a place in the team and a job driving a delivery van. After 6 months of part-time football however the team trainer told Peter he was wasting his time and ought to get back in the League. The Club contacted Harry Gregg, then manager at Crewe, who met Peter, his father and the Ashton Manager. Again Harry insisted he should make up his own mind. "He just left me his phone number and told me to think it over," Peter said. "It was his relaxed attitude that clinched the move."

Initially Peter went to Crewe on a month's trial. Problems arose when Ashton demanded a fee. The solution was a whip round amongst the crowd at one of Crewe's home games. Peter stayed at Crewe four years. The first eighteen months was with Harry Gregg before he left to join the coaching staff at Manchester United.

## TO PORTUGAL AND BACK

Two trials followed, one at Burnley, which Peter described as "my biggest disappointment ever. I thought I had done well but at the end they said there was nothing for me". The other trial was with a Portuguese Club, an episode as brief and even more bizarre than Peter's move to Bolton.

"I had a phone call out of the blue, said Peter "saying that someone from Portugal was looking for a centre forward. It was for a team which had just been promoted to the First Division. A couple of weeks later I had another phone call saying my plane tickets were ready. The flight was held up and we were very late arriving so there was nobody to meet me at the airport. I didn't even have an address to contact. Eventually someone picked me up and took me to one of the Directors. The training ground was terrible and they put me up above a pub. The conditions were so awful I decided I couldn't possibly bring my family over so after two days I caught the first plane home."

So at the age of 23 Peter found himself back in Non-League football as a part-timer with Hyde United in the Northern Premier League. Half the time he was unemployed, the rest working with his brother selling cast registers with the occasional spell of decorating thrown in.



# COMMERCIAL BREAK

**BY DOUG BUSWELL**

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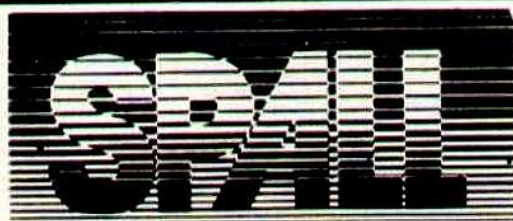
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# "From The Chaplain"

Our 'Rev' writes for us about Football Club Chaplaincies.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity of publicly expressing my thanks to the Board of Directors and the Manager of Swindon Town for the confidence they have shown in appointing me as Honorary Chaplain, and for the invitation from the programme editor to describe something of the role of a Chaplain in a Football Club.

Some fans may have come across Chaplains in the Forces or at school where their rank or position immediately provides them with a clear authority and status, but a Football Club Chaplain is much more like those Chaplains that are to be found at Theatres, Stores and Hotels in some of our cities, and similar to certain Chaplains in Industry or Hospitals - involved; integrated and very much a part of the organisation they serve, and therefore known and available to everyone there. Indeed, when I was a Hospital Chaplain in Liverpool as well a Parish Clergyman I frequently found that my ministry was just as much to the Administrative and Nursing Staff or to patients' families as it was to those were lying ill or injured in our hospital beds.

Equally, here at Swindon Town I can already see that my earliest contributions will be just as much among the members of the Junior Robins and their families as with our players and officials.

It may surprise some readers to learn that, although it is still unusual for a Football Club to have a Chaplain, there are already about 20 Clubs in the League

which have them including Western Clubs Bristol City, Torquay and Exeter, and our own neighbours at Oxford United, while several other Clubs are considering the possibility of making such an appointment.

The organisation 'Christians In Sport', which is based in Oxford and linked with St. Aldate's Church there, acts as a between most of the Chaplains, although it is not solely concerned with Football and has very strong links with professional Tennis and County Cricket. If any readers would like to know more about 'Christians In Sport' their address is P.O. Box 93, Oxford, and Swindon Town fans in particular will be interested to know that Jimmy Allen, Town's former goalkeeper, is also a member.

It is entirely within the character of Swindon Town that it should be one of the first Clubs to appoint a Chaplain, for Swindon are known throughout the Football League as a Club of integrity and honesty, a good Club to belong to and for which to play; and of course Swindon Town was actually founded by a clergyman, the Reverend W. Pitt, back in 1881 for the young men of his parish up in the Old Town. Thus, I hope, that my appointment will further enhance Swindon's reputation and enable us to be widely regarded as a Club that is interested in and which cares for the well-being of the whole man - an ideal surely of which our Club founder would most thoroughly approve.

Nigel Sands



The 'Rev' meets Dick Mattick, Junior Supporters Organiser.



# FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

10 YEARS AGO - January 1975

January 4th was F.A.Cup 3rd round day, Fourth Division Lincoln City being the visitors but Swindon easily progressed into the next round with a 2-0 win through Peter Eastoe and David Moss in front of 11,791. One week later exactly 10 fewer turned out for the first ever League meeting at the County Ground between Swindon and Hereford. Joe Butler scored nine minutes into the second-half to avenge the defeat at Hereford the previous month, and to keep the Town in a handily placed fourth.

The 18th saw us travelling to Colchester, where despite heavy rain the referee decided to start the game. The conditions turned the game into a farce, Colchester going 3-0 up by half-time, but with the rain continuing to fall the referee brought the proceedings to a halt after eleven minutes of the second half - hardly the right preparation for the Cup tie at West Ham the following week. Swindon more than held their own at Upton park, and were unlucky to go one down with 15 minutes left. However the Town didn't give up and Eastoe converted one of many chances in the 82nd minute to earn a replay the following Tuesday. This time it was Swindon who scored first, Trevor Anderson doing the honours in the 29th minute, a lead that was held until the 58th minute when Trevor Brooking equalised; Pat Holland got the winner 5 minutes from the end. The only consolation being that the attendance of 26,749 produced record receipts of £12,670.

20 YEARS AGO - January 1965

Swindon got off to a good start to the New Year when Charlton were beaten 2-0 here on the 2nd, Wilf Shergold giving the Town the lead with 15 minutes to go, Don Rogers adding the second two minutes from time. The following Saturday mid-table Ipswich visited us for a F.A.Cup third round tie and took a 2-0 lead before Dennis Brown could reduce the deficit in the 89th minute, but that was the end of the Cup for most of the 14,802 present. Seven days later Swindon gained a moral boosting 2-1 victory at Manchester City, Brown making it 1-0 at half-time and Mike Summerbee getting the winner in the 62nd minute.

As a reward for their appearance in the final of the F.A. Youth Cup last season, Swindon's youths faced an England team on the 19th, 4,846 saw England win 3-2 to round off a dismal week for the youths, as the previous Tuesday they had lost 8-1 to Chelsea in this seasons competition. Back to the first team, and Portsmouth came to the County Ground on the 23rd to gain a point following a 0-0 draw. The next Saturday Swindon travelled to Norwich but despite being on level terms at half-time though Rogers, eventually went down 3-1, although our League position was now 16th, a slight improvement.

30 YEARS AGO - January 1955

A trip to Norwich on Saturday the first proved fruitless with a 2-1 defeat, Alan Beard netting for the Town with a penalty in the first-half. The next Saturdays opponents Reading were still involved in the F.A.Cup, so instead of a blank date a friendly was arranged at home to Chesterfield. Roy Onslow and David Gibson helped to make it 2-1 at half-time, with Maurice Owen and Harry Williams adding to final score of 4-2. However the following week there was a blank date - the weather forcing the cancellation of home game with Southend, but the team was in action on the sixteenth in another friendly, this time at Headington United, when goals from Matt Gemmell and Cyril Riseborough gave Swindon a 2-1 victory.

Back to the League and Saturday the 22nd saw Swindon gain a point in the 0-0 draw at Aldershot. Four days later and another break in the programme, this time with a home game against Chippenham T. in the Wilts Pro Shield, Harry Williams spared the blushes by getting an equaliser six minutes from time to make it 1-1 in front of 2,271. The next Saturday Swindon were at Reading where 8,740 saw the home side victorious by two goals to one after Mickey Bull had given the Town the lead. Two days later came the third friendly of the month, Austrian side F.C. Colombia Wien the visitors. Roy Sampson (2) and Onslow made it 3-2 at half-time, Bull scoring the only goal of the second-half with 3,194 present.







# Junior Robins Page

As it is New Year's Day I thought I would suggest ten New Year's Resolutions. I hope all Junior Robins will adopt them. Indeed so might many other supporters for I think they would benefit the team, football in general and you fellow supporters.

1. I will remember that encouragement is even more important when a team is losing than when it is winning.
2. I will try to watch the Reserves and Youth teams at least once a season.
3. I will not moan about the directors but remember that they stand to lose more than anybody else if Swindon do badly.
4. I will try to bring the right change for my programme and not present the programme seller with five pound notes.
5. I will arrive in good time for the match and not blame the gateman if I miss the start after arriving at two minutes to three.
6. I will not boo the opposition simply for running on to the pitch.
7. I will not stand up and obstruct the view of others when the game is in progress.
8. I will remember that the referee is not on the pitch simply to frustrate Swindon Town and probably has a better view of things from ten yards away than I do from from fifty.
9. I will try to improve my knowledge of the rules of the game.
10. I will try to encourage at least one more person to come and watch Swindon Town.

Remember the Party for all Junior Robins is next Monday at 6 pm in the Supporters Club. If you are not a member but would like to come do not worry as you can join on the night as long as you are under thirteen years of age.

I have had one or two enquiries about the sweater I wore at the the last meeting. Red in colour, it has a small robin on surrounded by the words Swindon Town Football Club. Unfortunately Doug Woodman in the Sports Shop does not at present stock these in children's sizes but has promised that if there is sufficient demand he will get a stock in. Please let me know if you are interested as the more we order the cheaper they will be.

Finally a happy and prosperous New Year to you all and let us hope it brings something for all Junior Robins to chirp about.





PLAYERS CAREER RECORD

(upto and including Dec 15th)

BY DAVE KING

PLAYER'S NAME	BIRTHDATE	HONOURS	BIRTHPLACE	CLUBS	LEAGUE	APPEARANCES			AMC	LEAGUE	GOALS		
						MILK	F.A.	CUP			MILK	F.A.	CUP
SCOTT ENDERSBY	20.2.62	E.Y.	LEWISHAM	IPSWICH TOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				TRANMERE ROVERS	79	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	135	1	7	3	-	-	-	-	
CHRIS RAMSEY	28.4.62	F.A.C.		BRIGHTON	30	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NIGEL GRAY	2.11.56		FULHAM	ORIENT	233	8	20+1	-	3	-	-	-	
				CHARLTON	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	21	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				BRENTFORD (L)	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
				ALDERSHOT (L)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ANDY ROWLAND	8.9.54	E.Y.	DERBY	DERBY COUNTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				BURY	169+5	19	11	-	58	8	4	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	241+1	22	21	-	87	6	11	-	
MIKE GRAHAM	24.2.59		LANCASHIRE	BOLTON WAND.	43+3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	130	8	11	2	1	-	-	-	
LEIGH BARNARD	29.10.58		WORSLEY	PORTSMOUTH	71+8	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	
				PETERBOROUGH	1+3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	98+2	4+1	12	1	19	-	2	-	
LOU MACARI	4.6.69		EDINBURGH	MANCHESTER UTD	311+18	22+5	31+3	-	78	10	8	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	16+1	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	
ALAN MAYES	11.12.53		LONDON	Q.P.R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				WATFORD	81+16	12+3	5+3	-	31	4	1	-	
				NORTHAMPTON (L)	10	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	89	15	8	-	30	9	4	-	
				CHELSEA	61+5	1	9	-	18	0	5	-	
SWINDON TOWN	49+6	3	3+1	3	26	1	1	3					
PETER COYNE	13.11.58	E.S.	HARTLEPOOL	MANCHESTER UTD	1+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				CREWE ALEX.	114+22	4+1	5	-	48	1	1	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	18+1	1	2	-	5	1	-	-	
DAVE HOCKADAY	9.11.57		BILLINGHAM	BLACKPOOL	131+20	19+1	10+2	-	24	-	2	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	35+4	1	1	3	3	1	-	-	
GARRY NELSON	16.1.61		BRAintree	SOUTHEND UTD	106+23	3+1	6+2	-	17	1	-	-	
				SWINDON TOWN	54+1	4	5	3	6	1	0	1	
COLIN BAILIE	31.3.64		BELFAST	SWINDON TOWN	79+2	3	7	2	4	-	-	-	
CHARLIE HENRY	13.2.62		ACTON	SWINDON TOWN	122+2	7	10	1	3	0	2	0	
GARY FULBROOK			BATH	SWINDON TOWN	+1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
PAUL BATTY	9.1.64		EDINGTON	SWINDON TOWN	97+2	2	12	-	6	0	5	-	
COLIN GORDON				SWINDON TOWN	5+1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
MARK GARDINER	25.12.66		SIDDINGTON	SWINDON TOWN	4+1	1	+2	-	-	-	-	-	
MARK HUGHES			SWINDON	SWINDON TOWN	0+1	+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MARK PAYNE				SWINDON TOWN	0+3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	



# BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



May I commence by wishing each and everyone a very happy and healthy New Year coupled with the hope that 1985 will bring to the Swindon Town Football Club success and promotion. Let us also hope that the financial problems that have plagued us for so long are eased.

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You will, I am sure, have read of the new deal that the Management Committee of the Football League have struck with the Pool Promoters' Association (Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers). Very many Club chairmen are irate that the Management Committee should have negotiated the deal without a Mandate from the Clubs, more especially since the new deal is for a twelve year period during which time inflation will erode the benefits drastically. Clubs have always criticized the negotiators of the existing deal because the period was for seven years without an inflation clause being included, the current deal is for five years longer.

Briefly, the royalty has been increased from 2% of gross stakes after deduction of 42½% betting duty to 2½% with immediate effect. The licence will run until 1996 and will be subject to review in the event of any increase in betting duty.

The Chairmen were further incensed by learning of the deal from the national newspapers rather than from the League direct. In fact it was not until Wednesday of this week before we receive the League

communication. We have not heard the last of this subject I am certain.

This agreement is entirely separate from the P.P.A's Spot the Ball competition from whence a percentage of receipts is allocated towards ground safety costs.

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Coupled with the above subject Clubs are asking their Members of Parliament to assist them in having a proportion of the Pools betting tax put back into the game. The Chancellor derives some £200m annually from the Pools Promoters Association, a tax that is entirely generated by football and the use of the copyright fixtures. This tax was increased from 40% to 42½% some two years ago and we believe it is time some of it was rebated back into soccer to the Football League. 2½% would generate £5m per annum, in excess of £50,000 per Club.

VAT amounts to 13p in every £1 taken in admission money to League soccer grounds. Clubs are often criticised about the cost of admission and if VAT could be reduced or even abolished Clubs could peg or even reduce admission prices at a time of increasing unemployment and when the trend is towards more leisure time.

A motion is being tabled in the House of Commons calling upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer to return to football League Clubs some of the income received from football by way of pools, betting tax and value added tax on admission to grounds and clubs are asking their members of Parliament to support the motion.

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Getting away from the subject of football, I recently met with members of the Swindon Lions Club when we tried to find reasons why less people attended this year's firework show compared with last year. Maybe it was because the event was not on firework night itself or perhaps young children are not interested in the preceding acts prior to the fireworks. Actually we are guessing in the dark but we wish to put the matter straight before next year so I shall be most pleased to hear from anyone who stayed away this year but attended last why they gave it a miss. The information really will be helpful



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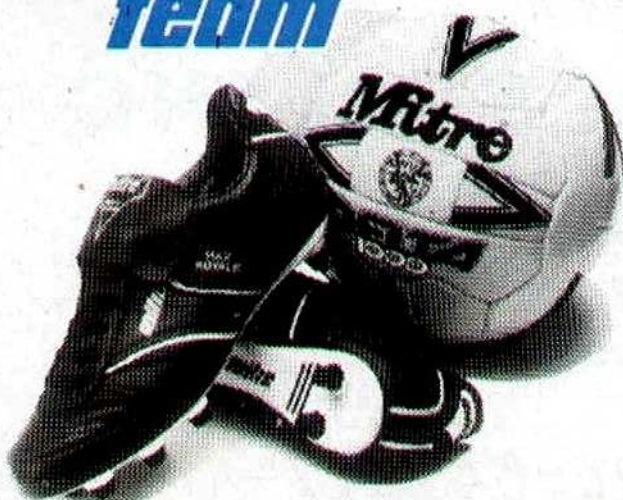
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