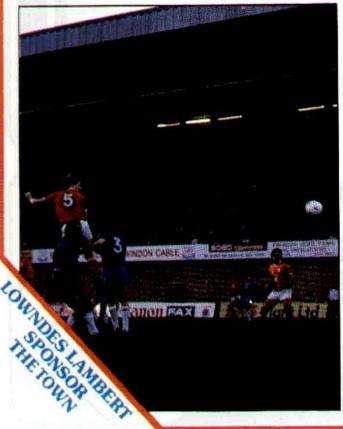
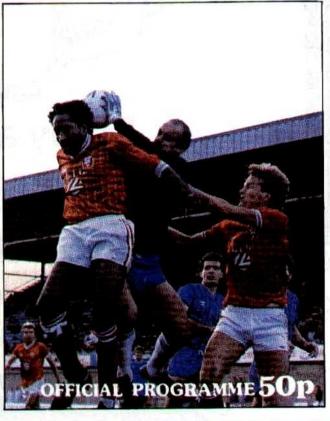
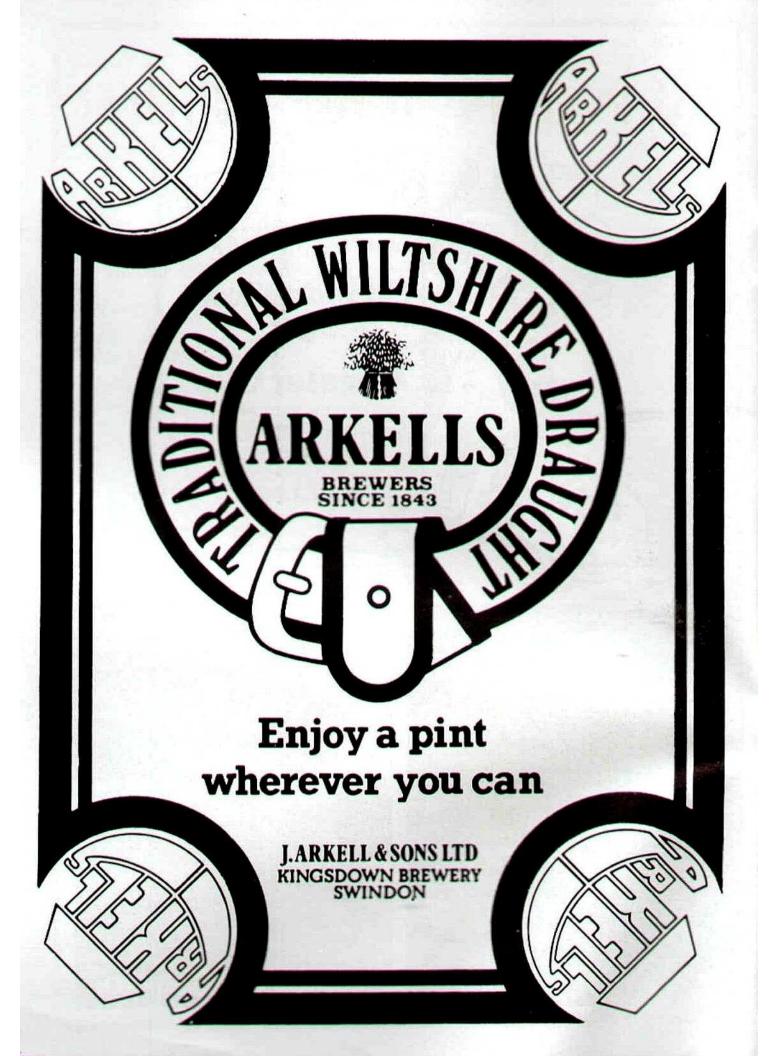
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Chairman's Chatter

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of Chester City. Our previous fixture this season ended in a close 1-0 victory for us on our visit to Sealand Road. With a first half goal from Colin Gordon providing the vital difference between the two teams. Since that occasion, today's visitors have proved



that they are worthy challengers for promotion from this season's Fourth Division. Both clubs are eager for points to move into a more comfortable League position, therefore today's game should be as equally hard fought and entertaining as our first fixture. We also have the added incentive of setting a new club record of fourteen successive home wins and so surpass the previous record established in 1924.

We were given a harsh lesson in the realities of what can be expected for any Fourth Division Club, that successfully negotiates the forthcoming hurdles in the race to the Third Division, when we visited Bristol Rovers in the Freight Rover Trophy recently. Despite enjoying the luxury of creating numerous goalscoring opportunities, we found that Rovers, like Bristol City in the F.A. Cup earlier this season, were more adept in making the most of limited chances.

Whatever the outcome of today's important encounter, please do not forget that we have an equally important match here at the County Ground next Saturday. When we hope to reverse the defeat that we suffered earlier this season, when we lost 2-0 to Crewe Alexandra. Thank you for your attendance this afternoon and enjoy what I am sure will be a splendid advertisement for Fourth Division football.

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Face to Face

A NEW PROGRAMME FEATURE WHERE LOU ANSWERS QUESTIONS



EDITOR: Without wishing to sound critical of what has been obtained this season, could you give the supporters your view of the low scoring ratio we have shown in comparison to the amount of chances we create?

LOU: Without natural goalscoring forwards we will struggle to be consistent but there are a lot of clubs in this position.

EDITOR: What do you intend to do to rectify what many hope will not become a deciding issue when the promotion positions are settled in late April or early May?

LOU: I am always on the lookout for new players. At 4-40 p.m. each Saturday I am looking ahead to see if there is someone better than we have, who may be available. That is not to the detriment of the players that we currently have here, it is a natural procedure adopted by all managers.

EDITOR: While it would be easy to sweep this question under the carpet, some of the club's supporters are becoming increasingly concerned that you do not have a contract with the club as Manager. Could you please clarify the position and your intent?

LOU: I never had a contract with this club from day one and had no intention of seeking one, they are really just a piece of paper. Although having seen someone here rewarded who demanded a contract, any manager should safeguard his own interests. I have no intention to seek a contract it is up to others if they wish to offer me one.

EDITOR: I have been asked by a group of club supporters why Swindon Town seem reluctant to pay transfer fees this season. Especially with the success obtained by players who you have had on loan this season namely Nicky Coleman and Dave Bamber.

LOU: It is only worth paying a required fee the product is worth the asking price. Take the situation regarding Dave Bamber, he originally cost Portsmouth £20,000, now they are seeking £25,000! With no disrespect to Dave, his move to Portsmouth has been a flop, in fact his ten weeks with this club provided him with the best ten weeks of his career. The players here made him into the player the crowd enjoyed seeing. But in no way possible was he worth that asking price.

EDITOR: Will there be any moves into the transfer market before next months transfer deadline?

LOU: Yes, I hope so, I can assure all the club supporters that if and when a player becomes available to improve our playing staff, I shall bring him to the County Ground, there will be movements.

EDITOR: Have you a sum of money available for new players?

LOU: With gates of 6,000 and 8,000 there has to be money for me to strengthen the team. I don't need to ask, it is quite obviously there and the Directors will give it to me when I ask.

EDITOR: Which clubs do you see being involved in the promotion race as the season enters it's closing stages?

LOU: It is still possible for another club to creep into the top four positions. While equally one of the leading clubs could fade. Obviously it is usually more difficult to come from behind and afford to drop points though.

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Jock presence at the County Ground on match days is sadly missed by the friends who accompanied him to the matches and many acquaintances he made during more than 40 years as a Swindon Town Supporter.

All who knew him remember him as a cheerful good humoured man whose company always contributed to an enjoyable Saturday afternoon, even on the days when the result of the teams efforts on the pitch had not given much cheer.

The match ball today has been kindly donated by MR. RON FRANKLIN OF THE RAT TRAP, STRATTON, SWINDON, and our mascot is

KEVIN YATES OF STATION ROAD, SWINDON aged 7 who attends Gorse Hill Infants School. Kevin's favourite player is Peter Coyne. Enjoy yourself Kevin.

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Quite a number of you have been disappointed that you could not sponsor any of the above during the present season. Although next season is some way off a number of people have provisionally reserved some sponsorship spots for 1986/87. If anyone else would like to add their names to the lists then ring me on Swindon 31510 for further details.

Another supporter of long standing Mr. John Hulford of HULFORD CAR AND VAN HIRE SPECIALISTS had agreed to sponsor the next meeting of our "Junior Robins" in February. The Junior Robins meet each month under our Director Dick Matticks guidance and the membership is growing all the time. Our thanks to Mr. Hulford for his generosity.

KENNY ALLEN has won the Award for 'Our Player Of The Month' for January. We are once again deeply indebted to Mr. Selwyn Cound of the Oxford Hotel, Swindon, for donating the Award.

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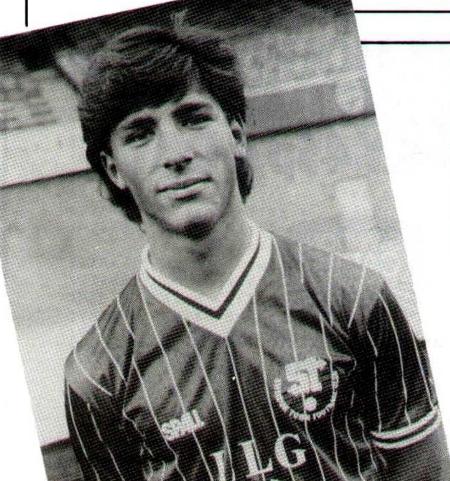


The Town Crier Fact File on Town Men

Mark Hughes

FULL NAME: Mark Christopher Hughes BIRTH PLACE: Swindon BIRTHDATE: July 17th 1967 HEIGHT 5' 9" WEIGHT: 10st 4lbs MARRIED: No LEAGUE PREVIOUS CLUBS: None LEAGUE RECORD: One appearance (Debut at 16) FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: News of the World PLAYERS MOST ADMI-RED: Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush FOOTBALL HERO AS A

BOY: Kevin Keegan FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and Snooker FAVOURITE **SPORTS** PERSONALITY: Barry McGuigan BEST TEAM EVER SEEN: Liverpool BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Having been out with a groin strain this season, for six months. FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: The Dell. Southampton. LIKES AND DISLIKES: Television. therefore dislike people talking when I am watching T.V.



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Eddie Murphy
FAVOURITE ACTRESS:
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Bad Luck Stuart!

When Stuart Rimmer of Chester City was put out of action through injury earlier this season, it appeared to end any likelihood of any current Fourth Division player passing the total of goals scored by Terry Bly of Peterborough United, who scored an incredible total of 52 goals during the 1960-61 season! The totals for each season since the innovation of the Fourth Division have been:-

SEASON	LEADING SCORER	CLUB	GOALS
1958-59	Arthur Rowley	Shrewsbury Town	37
1959-60	Cliff Holton	Watford	42
1960-61	Terry Bly	Peterborough United	52
1961-62	Bobby Hunt	Colchester United	41
1962-63	Ken Wagstaff	Mansfield Town	34
11	Colin Booth	Doncaster Rovers	34
1963-64		Carlisle United	39
1964-65		Doncaster Rovers	36
1965-66	Kevin Hector	Bradford Park Avenue	44
1966-67	Ernie Pythian	Hartlepool United	23
1967-68	Roy Chapman	Port Vale	25
"	Les Massie	Halifax Town	25
1968-69	Gary Talbot	Chester City	22
1969-70	Albert Kinsey	Wrexham	27
1970-71	Ted MacDougall	Bournemouth	42
1971-72	Peter Price	Peterborough United	28
1972-73	Fred Binney	Exeter City	28
1973-74	Brian Yeo	Gillingham	31
1974-75	Ray Clarke	Mansfield Town	28
1975-76	Ronnie Moore	Tranmere Rovers	34
1976-77	Brian Joicey	Barnsley	25
1977-78	Steve Phillips	Brentford	32
	Alan Curtis	Swansea City	32
1978-79	John Dungworth	Aldershot	26
1979-80	Colin Garwood	Portsmouth & Aldershot	27
1980-81	Alan Cork	Wimbledon	23
1981-82	Keith Edwards	Sheffield United	36
1982-83	Steve Cammack	Scunthorpe United	25
1983-84	Trevor Senior	Reading	36
1984-85	John Clayton	Tranmere Rovers	31

The Town Crier looks at

YOUNG MAN TRYING TO MAKE HIS MARK!

Of all the young professionals currently on Swindon Town playing staff, Mark Gardiner poses the biggest query for Town Manager Lou Macari. The nineteen-year-old striker has proved at youth level and reserve team also, that he can produce what is required of him as regards goal-scoring.

For Cirencester born, Mark, has been a prolific scorer at junior level. Quickly establishing himself as the club's leading marksman in the club's South East Counties League team in 1983/84 with twenty-seven goals. The imminent future seemed promising for Mark when former Town boss Ken Beamish included the promising teenager in a Division Four match against Mansfield Town on April 29th 1984 at the County Ground.

Last season saw the talented multisportsman establish himself as the club's leading goalscorer at Football Combination level scoring twelve goals. Again this season Mark appears to be heading for the same distinction having scored 11 goals to date.

Since his early appearance in the Town's senior team, his opportunities have been limited to four further League appearances, one Milk Cup outing and two appearances as a substitute in the F.A. Cup. The last of those appearances came in this season's F.A. Cup tie with Bristol City at the County Ground when Mark took over from Derek Hall in a vain effort to snatch the tie from the Ashton Gate Club.

With his career approaching a seemingly cross roads situation, he has yet to establish a regular place at League level and yet having accomplished a satisfactory role at Football Combination status. What does the future hold for the prolific goalscoring teenager?

Will Mark become like so many other Town protoges who have found success at reserve level like Ian Farr and Richard Plumb among others, just another player who could not bridge that gap? There



must be a niggling doubt at the back of Lou Macari's mind, that if he released the enthusiastic teenager, he may find success at another club. No doubt Gola club Cheltenham Town would soon show interest, as they have with many of the Town discards. The likes of Brian Hughes, Ray Baverstock, Paul Collicut, Steve Abbley, Martin Blackler and Kevin Baddeley, have served the north Gloucestershire Club well in their first season of Gola soccer.

Some of those players were discarded too easily, a point which Town Assistant Manager John Trollope readily agrees with, 'Several of those could have done with another season here at the County Ground. In the case of Brian Hughes, he gave me personally, as much satisfaction as any young player I have discovered!. It is a valid point, which is hard to disagree with. So where does Mark stand at this stage, now listen to Town Manager Lou Macari on his view of Mark's future and progress to date.

Lou says, 'Mark is a natural goalscorer and who knows that within the next year, he may grow a little taller or that he will change physically to combat the rigours of first team football'. The Town Manager added, 'Mark has found that where players make mistakes in reserve team soccer they do not commit those same errors in first team football'. Lou pondered for a while before continuing by saying, 'Yes, the coming year will determine whether Mark will be able to progress in full-time soccer. It is up to him and he has shown a natural aptitude for scoring goals. He has to find that extra something in the next year but with young players it suddenly happens for At present Mark is the most promising of our younger professionals and the future could see him break through!

Whatever the future holds for the Cirencester teenager, there must surely be a niche for him, somewhere, in the ranks of the professional game.

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Derek Hall



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The Town Crier Looks at the Town's

When the first realistic League tables were printed after the fixtures of September 7th had been played, the Town were in exactly a mid-table situation. No nearer the top of the table than the bottom. This situation had come following two home wins - Northampton Town (3-2) and Torquay United (2-1), an opening day defeat at home to Wrexham (0-1) and away excursions to Hereford United where they lost (1-4) and from a draw obtained in a goal-less match at Southend. The League Table on that weekend in September read as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
ROCHDALE	5	4	1	0	11	4	13
SOUTHEND U	5	3	2	0	10	3	11
WREXHAM	5	3	2	0	7	4	11
PETERB'GH U	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
ORIENT	5	3	1	1	9	9	10
COLCHESTER U	5	3	0	2	12	6	9
BURNLEY	5	3	0	2	8	5	9
MANSFIELD T	5	2	2	1	7	2	8
CHESTER CITY	5	2	2	1	6	7	8
TRANMERE ROV	5	2	1	2	12	10	7
HALIFAX TOWN	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
SWINDON TOWN	5	2	1	2	6	8	7

Approximately one month later. following the League fixtures of October 12th, Lou Macari's team had made no progress. The results in that month had produced little cheer. Three consecutive away defeats at Peterborough United (0-3). Crewe Alexandra (0-2) and Hartlepool United (0-1), were balanced by two home wins in the space of four days at the County Ground at the beginning of October, when Exeter City were defeated (2-1) quickly followed by an emphatic (4-0) win against northern club Rochdale. The away win at Burnley on October 12th against the Turf Moor club saw the Town take full advantage of the turmoil then surrounding the Lancashire Club, following the resignation of Lou Macari's former Scotland and Manchester United team-mate, Martin Buchan. By making it three wins in a row with their 2-0 success at the home of the Lancashire Club, the first glimmer of hope of a successful season in a Division, which seemed to promise no more than moderate opposition, began to emerge. On that Autumn evening of October, the northern evening sports papers printed the following League Table:-

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The month had seen Rochdale, Wrexham and Peterborough United begin to decline from a promotion contending position. while Southend United were still maintaining their consistency by occupying second place. The emergence of Chester City, one of last season's stragglers, had taken everyone by surprise. But with only a single defeat at Peterborough United (0-3) on the second Saturday of the season, their record was begining to take on an ominous early season appearance.

Nevertheless, Swindon Town proved to all and sundry that they could not be taken lightly wherever promotion contending positions were at stake, by taking the Sealand Road Club's unbeaten home record in a single goal win due to a first half goal by Colin Gordon on October 19th.

At the end of October, the Town were on the fringe of the four coveted positions. They accomplished this following the outstanding away success at Chester, while a narrow (1-0) win against Stockport County saw the Town's run of successive wins reach five League matches. The last Saturday of October saw the run halted by a (0-3) defeat at Port Vale.

November provided a cushion of League results that saw the Club begin to mount a sustained challenge. Three home wins against Tranmere Rovers (2-1), Cambridge

Climb to the Top from last August

United (1-0) and a (2-1) scoreline against Mansfield Town were interspersed with the Club's third away win of the season at Scunthorpe (2-0). The month ended on a disappointing note at Orient where a first half goal from John Cornwell settled the issue in favour of the East London Club.

The first Sunday of December saw the morning newspapers showing the marked improvement in the Town's fortunes with the following League table:-

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MANSFIELD TOWN 20 10 5 5 36 21	35
ORIENT 20 10 5 5 35 25	35
HARTLEPOOL UTD 19 11 2 6 32 27	35
SWINDON TOWN 19 11 1 7 23 21	34

Swindon Town were now one point behind fourth placed Orient, who by virtue of that single goal win against the Town at Brisbane Road, had taken fourth place.

Christmas 1985, was a happy time for Lou Macari and his team, as their outstanding home record due to a month of favourable results in December, saw the Town take the leading position in Division Four. Home wins against Preston North End (4-1), Halifax Town (3-2) and Hereford United (1-0), followed by a single goal win on a precarious surface at Torquay, enabled the Town to enter the new year sitting proudly on the top of the Fourth Division.

A first day win in 1986 against Colchester United saw the Town re-inforce their position. A surprise 3-1 defeat at Tranmere against a depleted Rovers team still left the Town in the lead, but re-emphasised the need for a higher scoring ratio. For only bottom placed Torquay United had scored less goals in away matches than the Town. The need for a natural goal-scorer may yet decide the Town's future come next May.

The progress from August to January 1986 can be compared with the first League Table shown in this article and the one below:-

	P	W	D	L	-	A	P13
SWINDON TOWN	25	16	1	8	35	28	49
CHESTER CITY	24	13	8	3	51	25	47
MANSFIELD TOWN	24	13	5	6	46	28	44
HARTLEPOOL UTD	23	13	3	7	39	29	42
PORT VALE	25	11	7	11	38	21	40

Although Chester City have since regained the leading position in Division Four. There will probably be a few more instances where that position will alternate!

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The Town Crier sees Chester

Few, if any, who attended last seasons corresponding match here at the County Ground, could possibly have envisaged that the two clubs who shared the points in a thrilling 4-4 draw, would be leading the Fourth Division almost one year later!

The improvement made by both clubs, is even more marked when you consider that of the teams likely to be fielded for today's match, show no fewer than thirteen newcomers. A reminder of the teams that took the field here at the County Ground on that May day:-

SWINDON TOWN:- Endersby; Ramsey, Bailie, Mayes, Cole, Rowland, Coyne, Hockaday, Gordon, Barnard, Nelson.

CHESTER CITY:- Kaye; Dixon, Lane, Holden, Coy, Sayer, Fox, Rimmer, Greenough, Walker, Bulmer, (Brett).

GOALSCORERS:-Swindon Town - Barnard, Coyne (pen), Dixon (O.G.), Gordon. Chester City - Rimmer, Walker 3.

The Sealand Road Club arrive in Town today with a most impressive League record. With only three defeats throughout the season! They present a most formidable obstacle for the Town to remove if they wish to set up a new club record of fourteen consecutive home wins. More importantly, it is imperative to obtain points in our bid to regain Third Division

status next season.

Although we have been the only club to inflict a home defeat upon Chester City this season, it is their away form that we are more concerned with today. After losing (0-3) at Peterborough United on August 24th, it was not until Boxing Day that they lost again! When they suffered a surprise (2-3) defeat at Cambridge United.

Maximum points have been taken on visits to Tranmere Rovers (3-2), Torquay United (3-0), Preston N.E. (6-3), Exeter City (3-1), Halifax Town (2-1) and at Hereford United last Saturday (2-0).

Chester City have remained unbeaten also at Stockport County (2-2), Northampton Town (2-2), Wrexham (1-1), Southend United (1-1) and Hartlepool (1-

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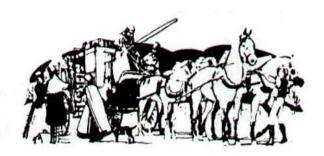
The players likely to be included in former Wigan Athletic Manager Harry McNally's team for today's match are:-

Goalkeeper JOHN BUTCHER (29) who now - made over fifty-League Chester appearances for City. John signed for Blackburn Rovers on leaving school and then had spells with Oxford United, Halifax Town and Bury before signing for Chester in August 1984. Former Bristol City and Rovers goalkeeper RAY CASHLEY (34) has deputised for John in recent matches due to a back injury. Ray is on a monthly contract with the Sealand Road Club, although he still resides in Bristol.

Full back DAVID GLENN (23) began his career as an apprentice with Wigan Athletic, appearing in 72 League matches for the Springfield Park Club before moving to Blackburn Rovers in 1983. David left Ewood Park last summer after twentyfour-league appearances for the Lancashire Club.

Central defender BOB COY (24) and RICKY GREENHOUGH (24) joined City from Wolves and non-league Alfreton Town respectively. Bob joined Molinuex Club as an apprentice and made 43 League appearances for the Midland Club, before joining Chester initially on loan and then on a full time basis. Unfortunately for the Town, Greenhough scored his first League goal in only his second League match, when he

City arrive in town



scored the opening goal in our 2-0 defeat at Sealand Road last season.

Full back MARTIN LANE (25) joined City from Manchester United in 1982. The Altrincham born defender has made over 130 League appearances since.

Twenty-three-year-old, Welsh International, ANDY HOLDEN has been absent from the City line-up in recent matches. Since joining Chester from Rhyl in 1983, the City utility player has made over one hundred appearances for City. during which he has scored 14 League goals. Midfield player MILTON GRAHAM (23) joined Chester on a free transfer from Bournemouth last summer. London born. Milton, who has scored three League goals for City this season, has the dubious honour of having been sent off twice in the space of six days this year! At home to Port Vale on New Year's Day and six days later at Hartlepool! The form shown by NIGEL ABEL since he joined the Sealand Road Club from Gola Club Northwich Victoria in October has been instrumental in City's success this season. Graham scored his first goal for the Club in Chester's 4-0 home win against Colchester United last November.

The former Tranmere Rovers midfield

player JOHN KELLY (25), who cost Preston £35,000 when they signed him from the Prenton Park Club in 1981, joined City last summer on a free transfer. With five goals for City this season, John has taken his career total to 41. Liverpool born, GARY BENNETT (23), followed his former Wigan Athletic Manager Harry McNally, to Sealand Road last September. It was a productive move for Gary and City for he has scored eleven goals in League matches this season including both goals at Hereford last Saturday, one from the penalty spot. Another former Wigan player to join Chester is JOHN BUTLER (24) who had made over one-hundred and twenty three appearances for the Third Division Club.

PETER HOUGHTON (31) is another former Wigan Athletic player who joined City from Preston on a free transfer last summer. The ten League goals that the Liverpool born striker has scored this season has taken his career total to ninety. When Chester lost the prolific goalscoring talent of Stuart Rimmer early this season, the Sealand Road Club's manager Harry McNally signed former Watford striker IAN RICHARDSON (21) to fill the gap. With five goals so far, Ian has proved that he is an adequate replacement.



BACK ROW: Left to Right: Mick Clarke (Trainer), Bob Coy, Andy Holden, Ricky Greenough, John Butcher, David Evans, Peter Houghton, Milton Graham, Martin Lane, Cliff Sear (Youth Team Coach).
FRONT ROW: Left to Right: John Kelly, David Glenn, Stuart Rimmer, Harry McNally (Manager), Mick Speight, David Brett, Steve Fox.



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FACTS AND FIGURES WITH THE TOWN CRIER

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SAT	AUG	17	WREXHAM	н	0-1		4,195
			Torquey Utd (Milk Cup 1)	A	2-1	Hoss, Hockaday	1,266
			Hereford Utd	A	1-4	Calderwood	4,049
			TORQUAY UTD	н	2-1	Coyne, Henry	3,378
			Southend Utd	Ä	0-0	,,	4,037
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			NORTHAMPTON TOWN	н	3-2	Coyne 3(2 Pens)	3,879
			Peterborough Utd	A	0-3	come siz rens	2,946
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			(Milk Cup 3)	н		Coyne	12,110
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	HOV 6	-	CAMBRIDGE UTD	н	1-0	Henry	5,489
	NOV 9		Scunthorpe Utd	A	2-0	Henry, Wade	1,902
			BRISTOL CITY (F.A. Cup 1		0-0		10,468
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			Replay)	A	2-4	Ramsey, Barnard	8,979
			MANSFIELD TOWN	н	2-1	Coleman Pen, Wade	4,784
			Ipswich Town (Milk Cup 4)		1-6	Yallop O.G.	12,083
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						Coleman Pen	3,945
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						Henry	4,516
SUN	DEC 2	22	HEREFORD UTD	H	1-0	Henry	7,364
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SAT	JAN 1	18	Wrexham	A	1-0	Gordon Pen	1,767
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Who would have thought at the beginning of this season, that come February that Charlie Henry would be the Town's leading goalscorer in League matches? His goal at Northampton last Saturday took his total to - NINE. Well done Charlie. Our photograph shows Charlie in typical all action style.

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THE TOWN CRIER WITH JUNIOR ROBINS

Today I am happy to publish the first winner in our "Why I think Swindon Town is a Super Club" Competition. It comes from Huw Davies of Colebrook Junior School. Here is Huw's entry:

There are many reasons why I think Swindon is a super club. Here are a few of them: I only have to pay 50p to come and watch a game instead of £2.50 which would probably mean my dad wouldn't take me. This is because I am a member of Junior Robins. I like Junior Robins because they have Christmas parties and quizes and you get a chance to see Swindon players. We also visited the ground and changing rooms.

My dad supports Wrexham and he says they are the only team to beat Swindon at home but I don't care because we won't be playing them next season.

Well done Huw, its nice to see a bit of optimism, but there is a long way to go yet. On Monday 10th February we have our

next meeting of the Junior Robins. This meeting is kincly sponsored by Hulford Motors of Shrivenham Road and will be a Goalkeeping Evening. There will be a quiz on goalkeeping and goalkeepers followed by a talk by Kenny Allen. As usual the meeting is at 6.00 p.m. in the Supporters Club.

The correct answers to the quiz at our last meeting were as follows:

I. Don Rogers had scored twenty two goals before the League Cup Final.

2. Peter Noble wore the number 10 shirt. 3. Stan Harland (Birmingham) and Peter Noble (Burnley) later played in F.A. Cup

Semi-Finals.

 John Trollope featured in the honours list.

5. Roger Smart (The Cross Keys).

The winner was Jolyon Richardson of Goddard Avenue who will receive his prize before today's match.

HOW MANY INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES DID THE ENGLAND WORLD CUP WINNING TEAM OF 1966 MAKE?.....

With the World Cup Finals of 1986 looming ever closer. A nostalgic look at 1966 shows those eleven heroes of twenty years ago completed their International careers by making the following appearances for England.

Bobby Moore - 108, Bobby Charlton - 106, Gordon Banks - 76, Alan Ball - 72, Martin Peters - 67, Ray Wilson - 63, Geoff Hurst -49, George Cohen - 37, Jack Charlton - 35, Roger Hunt - 34, Nobby Stiles - 28. Of those eleven players that defeated West Germany at Wembley 4-2 in 1966 the

Of those eleven players that defeated West Germany at Wembley 4-2 in 1966 the following scored these individual total of goals during their International careers. Bobby Charlton - 49, Geoff Hurst - 24, Martin Peters - 20, Roger Hunt - 18, Alan Ball - 8, Jack Charlton - 6.

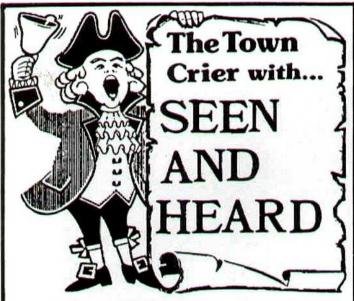
OURS AND THEIRS

While our record win of 10-1 against Farnham United Breweries in the First Round of the F.A. Cup on November 28th 1925 is a proud achievement recorded in our history. We have also been the victims of providing two League clubs with their record win!

Torquay United recorded a 9-0 victory against the Town in a Third Division (South) fixture on March 8th 1952! While Shrewsbury Town now of Division Two defeated the Town 7-0 also in a Division Three (South) fixture on May 6th 1955!

THE YOUNGEST

Scott Endersby is the youngest player to have played in the F.A. Cup competition. For when Scott appeared for Kettering Town against Tilbury on November 26th 1977. He was exactly 15 years and 288 days old!



FOOTBALL FEVER!.....

Probably soccers biggest superfan is 41 year old Alex Ferguson...Alex recently completed a 4,000-mile trip to watch England play Egypt in Cairo...His first love is Fulham...In 20 years he has seen every one of their 2,300 matches - home and away...Africa, Asia Minor, Europe, behind the Iron Curtain - you name it and Alexhas stood on the terraces there...In one recordbreaking year, he clocked up an incredible miles following favourites...Alex, from Feltham, West London, has been tear-gassed by riot police three times, lost all his teeth at the hands of rival fans and admits...He is 'permanently skint'...The London civil servant says...'Through all my troubles, it is football that has kept me sane!'.

RETIRING?.....

Remember...Lester Shapter who officiated our Milk Cup tie with Sunderland earlier this season?...Well Lester has retired from Police Force on grounds...Lester, 45, quit with a full 30year pension from the Devon and Cornwall force...He went sick last February with neck trouble...Lester says, 'I feel fine now and I'm looking forward to another two seasons on the League list'...He was scheduled...To take charge postponed home match with Peterborough United...On January 25th.

KEEP AN EYE OPEN!

For those of you who are interested in having a bet...Keep an eye open for horses owned by former Town Vice Chairman...Charles Cowley...His horses are trained by Swindon trainer Jeff King...Two

of his horses are...Socks Downe and Joy Ride...With more than 700 winners as a rider...Jeff King believes both horses will be in the winners enclosure before long.

OUT AND ABOUT

With the transfer deadline moving closer...Lou Macari scours the country in his attempts to bolster his squad...For the final stages of the season...Two northern club strikers have recently come under review...One of whom Lou would like if the asking price was sensible...A Midland Club's full back was also under close scrutiny...While a central defender with a club in the South West is also well in the sights of the popular Town boss...Money...Money...Is all the 'wee' Scot needs.

COMING NEARER.....

Town striker Tony Evans has decided to move closer to Swindon...Tony is now staying at nearby Lechlade...For several days each week...In an attempt to capture the eye of Town boss Lou Macari...Tony of course had been travelling from his Wolverhampton home previously.

STEPPING UP.....

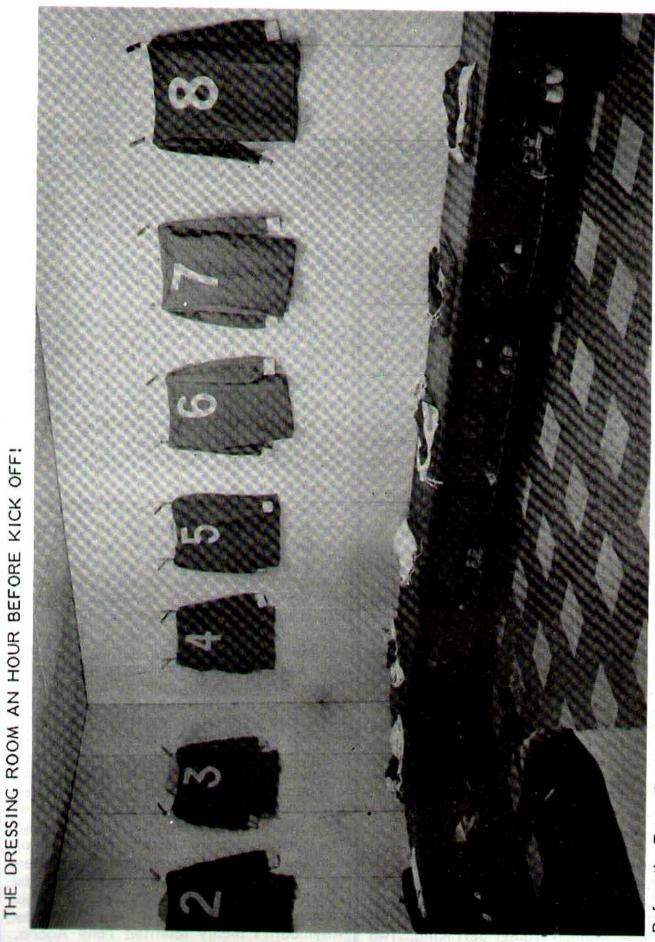
Former Town defender, Steve Scarrott has now been appointed Manager of Southern League Club...Gloucester City...Following his temporary phase as caretaker manager...City celebrated with a 4-0 home win against Rushden in their Midland Division Southern League match.

WATCHING.....

John Freeguard who has been appearing in the Town's Football Combination team...ls attracting the attention of former Town boss...Bob Smith of Newport County...John who has scored three goals for our reserve team is a member of high flying Western League outfit Chippenham Town...John attracted the attention of the South Wales Club earlier this season...Along with Bristol City they have also been keeping an eye on the free scoring Mark Boyland of Cheltenham Town...Mark who has eighteen goals to his credit with the Gola Club was watched by Lou Macari earlier this season...Lou left more impressed by Weymouth's highly talented Tony Agana.

Action Replay

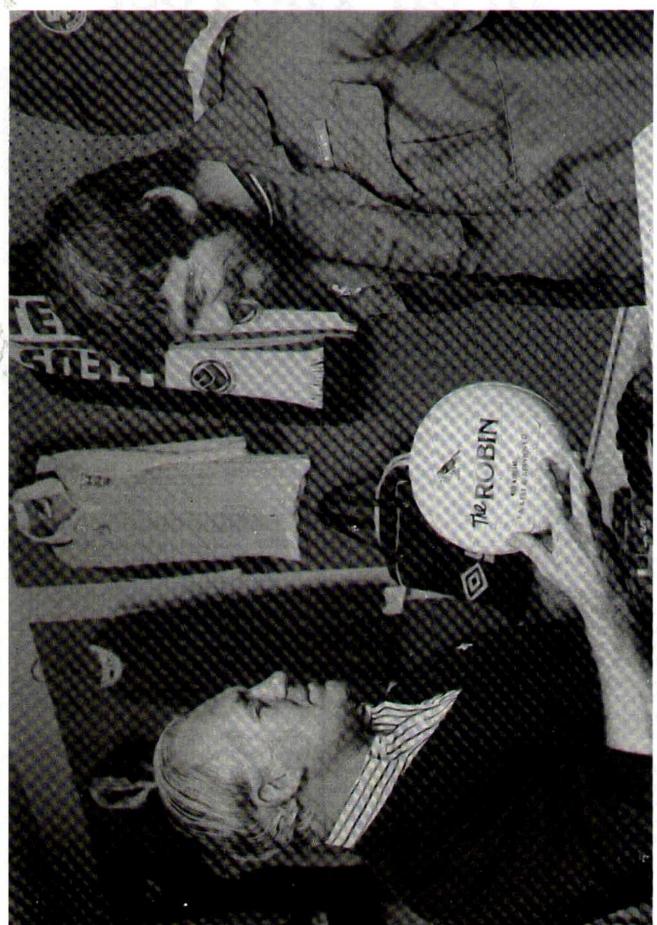




Before the Town players arrive at the Ground for todays match this is how they will find their Dressing Room - all neat and tidy.

Action Replay





Doug Woodman showing off kit to a prospective customer.

WHY NOT GIVE OUR SPORTS SHOP A VISIT?

In off The Post

23 Wilmington Close Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8QB

Dear Editor,

I came to Swindon on Sunday December 22nd last year to see your game against Hereford United in the Canon League Division 4.

This was part of a campaign to visit every ground of professional clubs in England and Wales but as it was a very popular fixture this season I was unable to purchase a programme for the game as they had all been sold by the time I arrived at the around.

I was, therefore, writing to ask if you had any spare programmes for the aforementioned game still in stock. When I asked at the main office after the game, which I was pleased to see you win, the chap behind the desk said they would be having some more printed and that if I wrote to the club in the coming month, giving them about two weeks I would be able to obtain one. I enclose a cheque made payable to Swindon Town F.C. for £ I to cover the cost of postage and packaging.

I also came as a supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion so that I could see our former right full back, Chris Ramsey, play. He was my favourite player while he was at the Albion and it was good to see that he had lost none of his uncompromising attitude to the game. All Albion supporters remember Chris with a great deal of affection.

I hope you can help me and I hope you have a successful season by winning promotion to Division 3 by the end of the season. Football needs more clubs like yours to make the game the spectacle it once was.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick C. Balchin



4 Bodiam Drive Toothill SWINDON

Dear Dave,

Enclosed is a photo of my friend with Gordon McQueen, who was remoured to be coming to play for the Town.

The photo was taken in Hong Kong, after a game between the R.A.F. and McQueen's club Seiko.

His name is Tony Lees and he has been watching the Town since the 1974-75 season. Unfortunately he left for Hong Kong on a posting in April 1985 and has missed out on the good season we are having now.

A mention in the programme would be a great thrill for him and prove that although we are a Fourth Division Club at the moment, we've still got fans in far-flung corners of the globe.

Also enclosed is a S.A.E. so you can send the photo back to him.

Yours sincerely,

David Norcliffe

In off The Post continued

CHESTER CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB - Southern Branch

I would be very grateful if you would print something along the lines:

"Chester City Supporters Club - Southern Branch

If any Southern based supporters are interested in joining us please contact Steve Rooke, 9 Spenlow Drive, Chelmsford, Essex. CMI 4UQ".

We are all looking forward to what should be a good match at Swindon and I hope that both sides can do the Fourth Division proud.

With thanks and best wishes for the rest of the season.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Rooke

Has football or social behaviours changed?

Beech House Gosditch Ashton Keynes Wilts SN6 6NZ

Dear Dave,

Casting my memory back to a January day in 1956 when aged 11 and still at Junior school, I was able to recall my movements that day, as was usual for a Saturday I would catch the old steam train from Cirencester station with friends of my age and from the same class, we would journey along the old branch line to Kemble, where by catching the 'up' train to Swindon, on arriving in Swindon we would 'train spot' on the various platforms gaze upon the Cheltenham Flyer zooming by and take refreshments from the two buffet rooms usually hot 'BR' soup (it tasted good in those days) and when the time came we made our way up Manchester Road to the County Ground and so to the cup match, you could feel the excitment as one neared the ground, as was stated 16,000 fans crammed into the ground. There was no North Stand then only the 'BR' shed with

it's 100w bulbs! perched along the roof. Also in previous home matches we stood or sat at the very back of the 'bank' high on top of the rails.

The ground seemed to be bursting at the seams remembering that Worksop were non-League. My memory seems clouded regarding the south stand area I am not completely sure when it was erected having been purchased from the Aldershot Tatoo ground but remember it being completed.

The only goal was scored Bob Edwards who was then the old fashioned inside right he had a tremendous right foot in the mould of 'Bullitts' Dennis Brown some years later.

The moral of this story is should or could any present day parent let their sons or daughters do what we did all those years ago, bearing in mind that as II year olds we were completely unsupervised returning home about 7.30 p.m. later that evening having made the return journey home again by train. Now aged 42 I now reckon I am in my 31st season of following the Town.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. TIMMS

Season Ticket holder north stand (standing days are over!)

John French 45 Henry Cooper Way MOTTINGHAM S.E.9 4JF

Dear Dave,

I would be very grateful if you could help me, I need a programme urgently. It is the Swindon Town v Millwall 1952-53 programme.

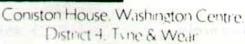
I will pay £10.00 for a good copy. If you can help in anyway. Maybe an ad in a future prog? I would be very grateful indeed.

Best of luck for the future.

Yours sincerely,

John French







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The Town Crier asks, is Dave a Lucky Charm this season?

Swindon Town midfield player Dave Hockaday could be regarded as a lucky charm for the club this season! You may ponder a while and question whether the former Blackpool winger, who has been converted into a midfield player since joining the County Ground playing staff, has been a significant factor in the club's successful form this season.

Like all players, Dave may have his detractors, but some facts this season have pointed to his presence having been crucial.

When the Town kicked off this season at home to Wrexham, the Billingham born player was included in Lou Macari's first line-up of the season. Occupying a midfield role, Dave could not prevent the North Wales Club from taking all three points. In a Milk Cup tie at Torquay three days later, Dave equalised Kevin Smith's thirteenth minute effort shortly before half time. David Moss sealed the First Leg of the First Round of the Milk Cup tie in the Town's favour with a second half goal, which gave us a narrow 2-1 First Leg advantage.

The visit to Hereford United the following Saturday saw Dave succumb to injury, with the Town crashing to a 4-1 defeat. Town followers may recall that Leigh Barnard was then occupying a full back berth. Both players were to miss the next six matches, with Leigh absent from eight.

During that period Lou Macari and Derek Hall occupied midfield roles as the Town stumbled onto a disappointing early season start. They remained goal-less in a drawn match at Southend, also in defeats at Peterborough (0-3), Crewe (0-2) and Hartlepool (0-1). The narrow 3-2 home win against an impressive Northampton Town was the only intervening bright spot.

Significantly, Dave returned to action at the beginning of October against Exeter City. Leigh Barnard also returned two matches later, this time in his more familiar



midfield role. Both players taking over in midfield from a sidelined Lou Macari and the deposed Derek Hall.

It was from those inclusions in a revamped midfield section that the springboard for the Town's successful surge up the Fourth Division table began. The odd hic-cup against Port Vale, a mere hinderance as the Town swept to the top of the Fourth Division.

The club entered the New Year with their twelfth successive home win against Colchester United. Along with marvellous home record, it was also noticeable that since Dave's recall in October, the team had also won four of their seven away fixtures! Was it all just a coincidence, a quirk of fate? Or did the twenty-eight-year-old midfield player exert more influence Town performances than may have generally believed? It is an intriguing question.

How ironic that when Dave was omitted from the Town team that appeared in this year's first away fixture at Tranmere, the Town tumbled to a surprise 3-1 defeat. Although the match was played in difficult conditions, the Prenton Park Club were minus their striking combination of Player-Manager Frank Worthington and Town discard Ian Muir, also former Bristol Rovers and City central defender Mark Hughes. Seemingly the odds should have been stacked in favour of the Town. precarious conditions Admittedly the somewhat neutralised that, or were the Town without their lucky charm for the first time in seventeen matches?

Hopefully it may have just been a mere con-incidence, but in future, keep an eye out for future events. For fact is sometimes stranger than fiction!

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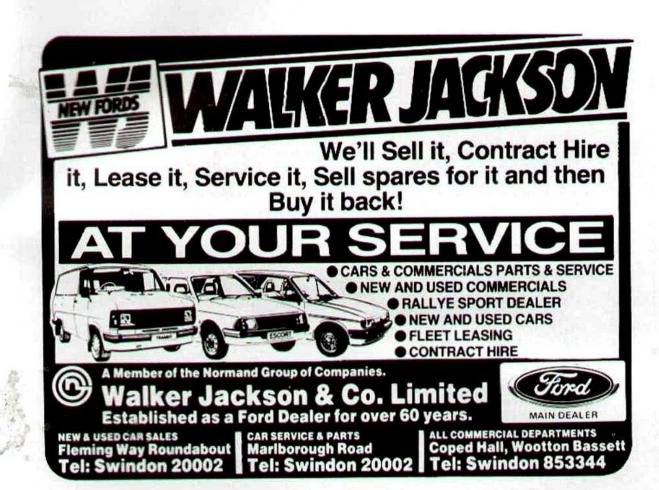
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- Crystal Palace v Portsmouth

H - Millwall v Wimbledon

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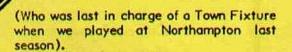
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Mr. D.J. Axcell



Linesmen



Red Flag: Mr. C. Grady Yellow Flag: Mr. C.J. Peake

Todays Mascot is Kevin Yates of Station Road, Swindon, Aged 7.



Next Tuesday afternoon we entertain Millwall in a Football Combination Fixture here at the County Ground...Kick off p.m...More League action next Saturday when Dario Gradi's CREWE ALEXANDRA visit the County Ground...Hoping

to become the first Club to complete the 'Double' over the Town...Following their 2-0 success earlier this season at Gresty Road...Will Lou Macari's gain ample revenge?...Why not come and see for yourself...Kick off 3 p.m. on February 15th...Will you be here?