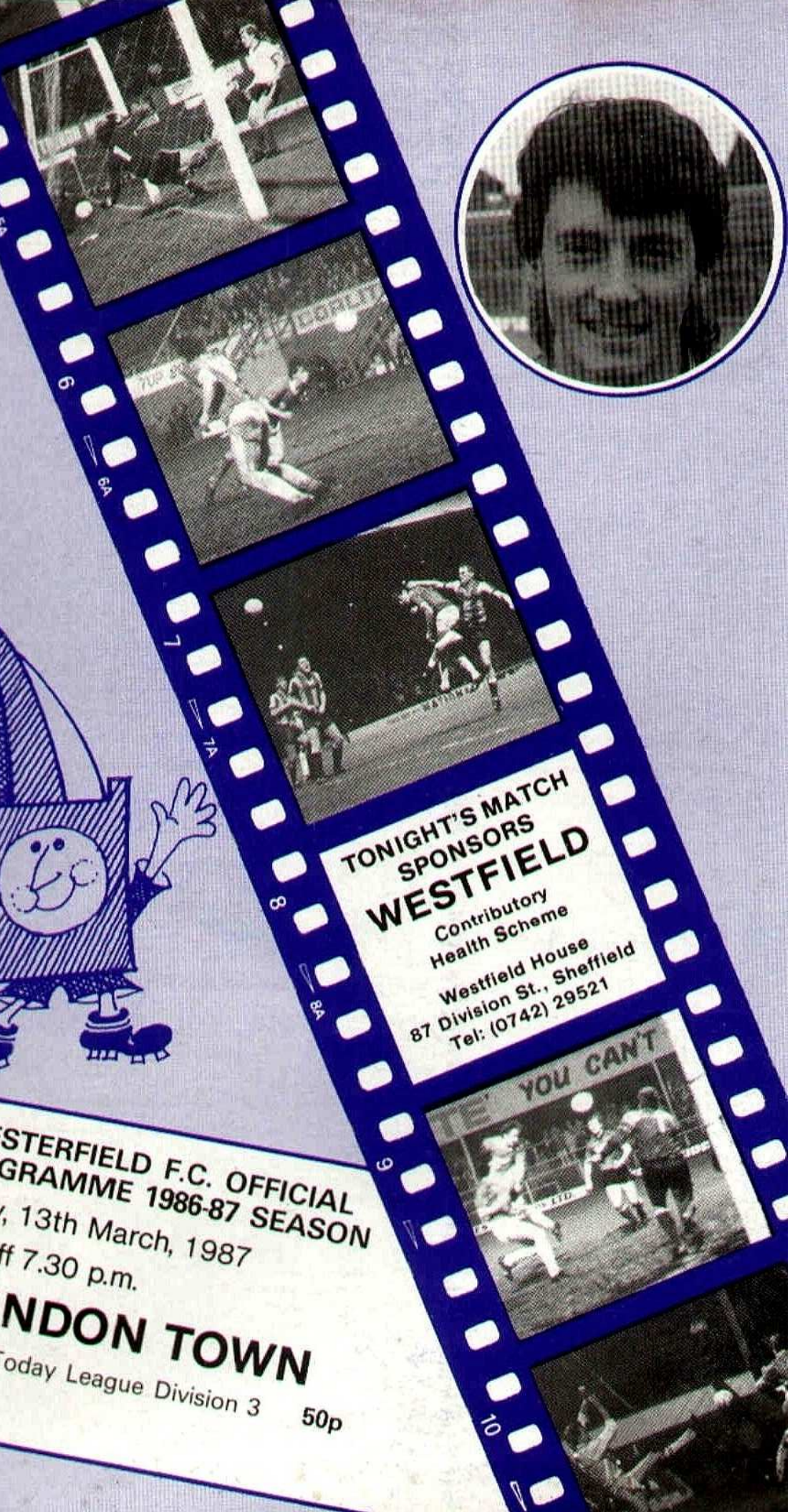
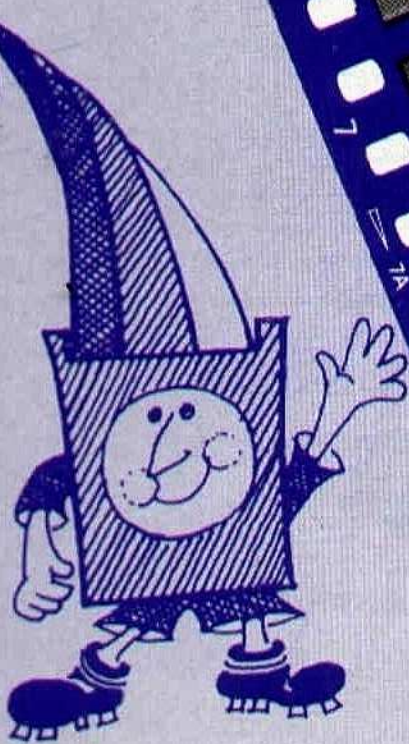


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Cover Pictures

Jamie Hewitt, our teenage defender is featured in the circle tonight. The strip features goal-mouth action from previous evening matches played at Saltergate over the last few years. Opponents are Bradford City, Hereford, Plymouth and Reading.

KICK-OFF



What a shocker at Newport!

County's home record prior to our visit to Somerton Park last Sunday read played 14; won 1; drawn 7; lost 6.

September 20th, 1986. Newport 3 Doncaster 2. That was the last time the Welshmen enjoyed a victory on their own ground in Division 3, but unfortunately we were dragged down to their level in what was a far from impressive display. Newport would never have scored, but seconds before half time, a 70 yard run by their central defender Roy Carter ended in a fully stretched Gary Bellamy steering the ball past a despairing Jim Brown in our goal to register their strike. Gary had been off the field for 11 minutes earlier in the half to have a cut stitched up, and he no doubt wished he'd stayed off when that ball trickled in. Dave Caldwell had a couple of second half chances to equalise, but it was one of those days when we would never have scored.

At the match was Swindon boss Lou Macari, and bearing in mind he also saw Chesterfield lose 1-0 at Bristol City in another lack-lustre display in January, he'll be confident that Swindon can maintain their challenge for honours. However, we all know that our young team can do much better, so let's hope Lou has underestimated our ability and we send his Robins home red with embarrassment!

An interesting point regarding the Newport game was that the High Court appointed administrator currently running the show put the admission prices up to a £3.00 minimum for the game, and the crowd of 1567 was their second lowest of the season, a good 500 down on the Somerton Park norm. Perhaps a lesson for all clubs to learn there?



Another chance for Dave Caldwell at Newport but his shot hit the advancing keeper

Martin Frost looks at our visitors

SWINDON TOWN F.C.



Swindon's Record Breakers

Last season Lou Macari's men won Division Four with a League record 102 points. However, after 8 games of the season The Robins had won 2, drawn 1 and lost 5, and they were in 21st place in the re-election zone. Their remaining 38 matches saw them lose just 3, draw 5 and win an incredible 30 games. They hit the top of the League on December 28th and lost top spot only briefly for 1 week after that. Best run of the season lasted through January, February and March when Town were forced (through postponements) to play 6 consecutive away matches — and they won them all! Well done Swindon, worthy successors to Champions of 1984/85 — Chesterfield!

Our Opponents Squad — In Brief SWINDON TOWN F.C. PLAYING STAFF 1986-87

Player	Position	Age	Birthplace	Date Signed	Previous Club	1985-86 League Apps.	Goals
Goalkeepers							
Fraser DIGBY	G		Sheffield	12/86	Manchester United (£30,000)	-	-
Alan CHURCHWARD	G	18		8/86	Apprentice	-	-
Defenders							
Colin CALDERWOOD	CD	22	Stranraer	6/85	Mansfield Town (£25,000)	46	2
David COLE	CD	24	Isle of Man	2/85	Swansea City (free)	44	3
Gary GILLET	LB	18		9/86	Apprentice	-	-
David HOCKADAY	LB	29	Billingham	8/83	Blackpool (free)	34+3s	1
Denny MUNDEE	RB	18		8/86	Queens Park Rangers (apprentice)-	-	-
Tim PARKIN	CD	29	Penrith	7/86	Bristol Rovers (£27,000)	43*	2
Chris RAMSEY	RB	24	Birmingham	8/84	Brighton & Hove Albion (£8,000)	43	3
Andy ROWLAND	CD	32	Derby	9/78	Bury (£80,000)	12+6s	-
Midfield							
Leigh BARNARD	LM	28	Worsley	7/82	Portsmouth (free)	37+1s	3
Charlie HENRY	CM	25	Acton	2/80	Apprentice	37+1s	18
Mark JONES	RM	25	Berinsfield	9/86	Oxford United (£30,000)	4+2s*	-
Chris KAMARA	CM	29	Middlesbrough	8/85	Brentford (£15,000)	19+1s	1
Alan McLOUGHLIN	LM	19	Manchester	8/86	Manchester United (free)	-	-
Jamie REYNOLDS	CM	19	Swindon	9/85	Apprentice	-	-
Forwards							
Dave BAMBER	CF	28	St. Helens	11/85	Portsmouth (£15,000)	23	9
Peter COYNE	CF	28	Hartlepool	8/84	Hyde United	30+1s	10
Mark GARDINER	CF	20	Cirencester	9/84	Apprentice	0+1s	-
Jimmy GILLIGAN	CF	23	Hammersmith	6/86	Grimsby Town (£31,500)	19+6s*	4
Bryan WADE	CF	23	Bath	5/85	Trowbridge Town (£6,000)	31+3s	10
Steve WHITE	CF	28	Chipping Sodbury	7/86	Bristol Rovers (free)	37+3s*	12
Jimmy QUINN	CF	27	Belfast	12/86	Blackburn Rovers (£40,000)	29+2*	4

Visiting Manager — Lou Macari

This is Lou's first visit to Saltgate in charge of Swindon Town. It should be his second, for the very popular 37 year old Scot was amazingly sacked and reinstated either side of the Wiltshire club's visit to Chesterfield on April 9th 1985 (Blues won 1-0). That five day dismissal apart, Lou has seen success after success in his short time at the County Ground. In that first season the club finished in 8th position in the Fourth Division. Last Season, after a far from good start, Swindon Town romped away with the Fourth Division championship notching up 102 points (a record in the era of three points for a win). It made Lou a rather hot property in the busy busy of the football management game, with offers coming from Coventry City, Leicester City and his former club Celtic, where he was offered the post of assistant manager. Despite turning down those offers, it may only be a matter of time before Lou is lured away by a bigger and richer club. As a player, he was one of the most popular players ever to wear the red shirt of Manchester United, the club he signed for in 1973 from Glasgow Celtic. He went on to collect 24 Scottish Caps and an F.A. Cup Winners medal (1977 v Liverpool) before joining Swindon as player/manager in 1984/85. Lou's assistant is Swindon's longest serviceman JOHN TROLLOPE, who made nearly 800 League appearances for the Robins.

Playing Staff

the goals did not come at the beginning of this season, and Charlie was loaned out to Torquay for a month. Acton born, he joined Swindon in 1980.

DEFENCE

Sheffield born **Fraser Digby** is the first choice goalkeeper. He signed for Swindon from Manchester United for a fee of £30,000 last December after a successful loan period. The loan came about after keeper **Kenny Allen** was injured earlier this season in the Littlewoods Cup Tie against Southampton. He has since left to join Torquay. Fraser was recently selected for the England Under 21 side in Spain. Eighteen year old reserve keeper **Alan Churchyard** was signed as an apprentice in August, and has yet to make his league debut. With **Dave Hockaday** injured at the time of writing one of the full back spots is up for grabs. **Chris Ramsey** may be back in the team. Ramsey joined the Wiltshire club from Brighton in December 1984, again after first completing a loan period. He was a member of the Brighton Side that was defeated by Manchester United in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final. Tall 29 year old defender **Tim Parkin** formerly played for European Cup Finalists Malmö of Sweden. He made over 200 appearances for Bristol Rovers before joining Swindon last July for a tribunal fixed fee of £27,500. **Dave Hockaday** arrived at the County ground from Blackpool in the Summer of 1983. Formerly a winger he proved a revelation at full back in the latter half of last season, a position he has continued to make his own this season. However, as previously mentioned, Dave may be out of the team tonight with an injury sustained in training two weeks ago.

MIDFIELD

Middlesbrough born **Chris Kamara** is in his second spell with our opponents after playing 147 games for them first time around. He rejoined Swindon from Brentford for £12,500 last season, following two stints on the south coast with Portsmouth. Kammy made his 400th league appearance against his home town club back in September. **Leigh Barnard** is in his fifth season with the Robins after moving from Portsmouth on a free transfer in the 1982 close season. During the 84/85 season Leigh found himself in the unusual situation of playing against his own club while on loan at Exeter, a situation which was reversed in the return fixture. He scored the decisive goal in Swindon's 2-1 victory over Chesterfield last October. Nineteen year old **Jamie Reynolds** is regarded by many of the Swindon fans as their club's finest discovery in recent times. The England Youth International toured China during the close season, being named as an England substitute in a match against China in front of an attendance of 60,000. Jamie made his debut back in 1984 but has found his chances in the successful first team hard to come by. **Charlie Henry** was switched from full back to a midfield role at the beginning of last season, and amazed everybody, even himself, by finishing as the club's leading scorer with 18 league goals. However,

FORWARDS

Twenty eight year old **Peter Coyne** originates from the north east and started his career with Manchester United in November 1975. He played just twice for the Red Devils before moving on to Crewe where he enjoyed first team success, scoring 47 goals in 134 league appearances. He then moved into non-league football with Hyde United before joining Swindon in August 1984. **Dave Bamber** is currently the club's leading scorer with 17 goals at the time of writing. At 6 foot 3 inches the lofty striker is a handful for any defence. He scored a goal and missed a penalty in this seasons earlier meeting. Dave signed from Portsmouth for £15,000 and has also played for Blackpool, Coventry and Walsall. Centre-forward **Jimmy Quinn** is another man in his second spell with Swindon after commanding a £40,000 fee from Blackburn three months ago. The 27 year old Northern Ireland International was spotted in non-league football with Oswestry Town. He joined the Robins for £10,000 before leaving for Bristol Rovers at a healthy profit. **Steve White** in another former Bristol Rovers player with considerable experience. In 1979 he was transferred from Rovers to Luton for £200,000 before returning to the south west. Steve was surprisingly given a free transfer at the end of last season after scoring 16 goals for The Pirates and he was snapped up by Lou Macari. Forward **Mark Gardiner** made his debut for Swindon in April 1984 after progressing up through the Junior and Reserve teams. He has found his first team chances hard to come by since making his debut, and therefore also had a spell on loan at Torquay this season. **Jimmy Gilligan** was the first of the summer signings. He moved from Grimsby to the County ground in June for £31,500, as a replacement for Colin Gordon, who left to join Wimbledon. Six foot two inch Jimmy started his career at First Division Watford, but with his chances limited by the form of Blissett and Barnes moved to Blundell Park for last season. Striker **Bryan Wade** made the climb into professional soccer from Southern League Trowbridge Town last season. Formerly with Bath City he played a prominent part in Town's Championship season with ten goals from 34 league appearances.

STAR PLAYER — Colin Calderwood

(Central defender). The 22 year old Scot hasn't missed a match since joining Swindon from Mansfield for £27,500 at the start of last season and he has been attracting the attention of several First Division clubs. Currently the Robin's player of the year, Colin played a major part in Swindon's Fourth Division championship season and is The Lynch-Pin of a strong defence. A six-footer, Calderwood made exactly 100 league appearances for the Stags — his only other club.

FORM REPORT

Swindon's form report was compiled prior to Tuesday's Freight Rover Southern semi-final with Aldershot. Last Saturday's home match with Darlington was postponed.

Jan. 28 2-2 D v Bournemouth (H) Coyne 2 (F.R.T. 1st round A.E.T. Swindon won 4-2 on penalties)

Feb. 3 1-2 L v Leeds Utd. (H) Bamber (F.A. Cup 4th Round)

Feb. 7 1-1 D v Blackpool (A) Bamber

Feb. 10 4-2 W v Hereford Utd. (H) Quinn, Coyne, White, Bamber (F.R.T. 1/4 finals)

Feb. 21 2-1 W v Rotherham Utd. (A) Quinn, Bamber

Feb. 28 1-0 W v Middlesbrough (H) White

Lying in 4th place in the 3rd Division Swindon arrive at Saltergate today with the best away record in the Division, with only 3 defeats on their travels. They began the season with an away win at Bolton, and then proceeded to lose their first home match of the campaign to Notts. County. It took three home matches to register a win at the County Ground, and it was three away matches before they suffered their first defeat at Middlesbrough.

HISTORY – FACTS – STORIES – PLAYERS



Dave Lee looks at our visitors' past.

SWINDON TOWN

The undoubted highlight in Swindon Town's history occurred back in 1969 when they beat Arsenal 3-1 after extra time in the League Cup Final at Wembley before a crowd of 98,189. This fine victory was the culmination of a cup run which had seen them struggle and falter forwards. On the way to the final they had beaten Bradford City, Derby County (after a replay and a very fortuitous winning goal), Coventry City and Burnley (after extra time in the third game). Swindon became the second Third Division Club to beat First Division opponents in a Wembley League Cup Final in three years for in 1967 Q.P.R. (then of the Third) beat W.B.A. (of the First) 3-2. Swindon's win was largely due to the fine play of winger Don Rogers who scored two extra time goals and goalkeeper Peter Downsborough who was in superb form. The Swindon team that day was Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble (Penman), Rogers. Of the other Swindon players that day mention must be made of Rod Thomas the Welsh International full back who had a long and successful career winning 50 Welsh caps 30 of them as a Swindon player, of John Trollope who had an even longer career — spanning the twenty years from 1960-1980 and played 770 league games for the Wiltshire club a League record number of appearances for a single club (beating the record of the late Jimmy Dickinson of Portsmouth who played 764 games for Pompey), and of Peter Noble who I well remember playing a prominent role in Burnley's successful First Division side of the early seventies.

Swindon's League Cup success meant entry into Europe for the Robins — not in one of the major competitions as U.E.F.A. said that, being a Third Division club, they weren't good enough to enter one of their premier competitions (instead the beaten finalists, Arsenal took their place in the Fairs Cup — and won it), but in the specially designed Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners Cup. Again Swindon pulled off a major surprise beating Roma whose side was at that time (1969) valued at a staggering £2 million. The following season brought yet more success with the Robins' victory in the first Anglo-Italian Trophy — the final of that tournament was notable, played in Naples Swindon were beating the home side 3-0 when rioting broke out which resulted in the match being abandoned and awarded to Swindon. Of course on a result of such outrageous crowd behaviour the totally unbiased stalwarts of U.E.F.A. banned all Italian teams from playing in any of their competitions for an indefinite period — I don't think!!! This riotous conclusion to the game was the second time that Swindon had suffered an early termination to a game against Italian opposition — in 1963 they were players against Torino in the final of an international youth tournament when they scored the deciding goal with about six minutes left, the Italians vigorously contested the award of the goal, so vigorously in fact that the referee was forced to flee the pitch and lock himself in the dressing room — charming people these Italians!

Swindon were formed in 1881 by a clergyman — a common occurrence last century when robust Christianity was very much in fashion. The club was very successful in local football and by 1894 the club had adopted professionalism and became founder members of the first division of the Southern League. Swindon finished bottom in that first season and responded by employing a totally professional team — unusual at the time, most clubs employed several professionals but still had a strong amateur presence. This had the desired effect and Swindon emerged as one of the League's strongest teams up until their entry into the Football League, along with their opponents from the old Southern League first division in 1920. In fact up to the outbreak of the First World War the Wiltshire team had won two Southern League Championships and two F.A. Cup semi-finals. They lost both of their cup semi-finals to the eventual winners, Newcastle United in 1909/10 and Barnsley (yes Barnsley) in 1911/12.

Swindon were members of the Third Division (South) for the whole of that Division's existence never finishing higher than fourth and being forced to apply for re-election on three occasions, in 1933, 1956 and 1957. Their form in the fifties was not brilliant, when the all important 1957/58 season started it looked odds on that they would become founder members of the Fourth Division at the seasons end — after all it was nine seasons since they had finished the season in the top half of the table. However the required miracle duly took place they finished fourth and joined Chesterfield in the new national Third Division. They settled well in their new surroundings and gained promotion on runners-up in 1963. Their first spell in Division Two lasted two seasons before relegation found them back in their old Third Division haunts. They were promoted again in the year of their Wembley triumph and this time managed to survive five seasons before relegation. Further relegation followed in 1982 and Swindon took their place in the Fourth Division for the first time. Their spell in the basement finished quite conclusively last season as they finished as Champions with a League record 102 points to their credit, their manager Lou Macari succeeded John Duncan as Fourth Division manager of the season — things may have turned out rather differently if the Swindon board had not reversed their decision to sack Macari the previous season — you may remember that when they played at Saltergate in our Championship season they were managerless, Macari just having been sacked, and their supporters bedecked the ground with banners calling for his reinstatement — for once the interests of the supporters weren't ignored.

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We've Met Before — Paul Kellett looks at our past record

The very first meeting between Chesterfield and tonight's visitors — SWINDON TOWN came in the F. A. Cup back in 1935. It was a further 23 years before we had chance to avenge that defeat in a League game and in that season both sides won on their opponents ground.

Our early League meetings at Saltergate were very fruitless as it was not until the fifth game that we were able to celebrate a victory, the 4-0 win in 1975/76 representing our biggest win. However our recent form shows a complete reversal, as today we will be defending a seven home match unbeaten run and hoping to level the number of victories both sides have achieved, currently standing at 11-12.

Complete Results

Season	Comp.	HOME Result	Att.	AWAY Scorers	Result	Att.	Scorers
1934/35	F.A. Cup (3)				1-2 L	19,165	Dawson
1958/59	D. 3	1-3 L	10,535	Blakey	2-1 W	8,449	Frear, Bottom
1959/60	D. 3	1-3 L	7,376	Lewis	1-1 D	6,245	Hutchinson
1960/61	D. 3	1-1 D	3,099	Havenhand	0-2 L	12,239	
1973/74	L. Cup (2)	1-0 W	4,639	McHale			
1974/75	D. 3	0-2 L	3,573		0-1 L	8,277	
1975/76	D. 3	4-0 W	3,646	O'Neill, Fern 2, Darling	1-0 W	7,675	O.G.
1976/77	D. 3	0-1 L	4,147		0-3 L	7,901	
1977/78	D. 3	3-1 W	3,428	Cottam, Fern, R. Green	1-2 L	6,847	Parker
1978/79	D. 3	1-1 D	3,904	Fern	0-1 L	6,176	
1979/80	D. 3	2-1 W	8,101	Birch, Bonnyman	1-2 L	6,176	Walker
1980/81	D. 3	2-2 D	5,222	Crawford, Birch	1-0 W	6,717	Moss
1981/82	D. 3	2-1 W	2,028	Walker, Bonnyman	2-1 W	5,365	Ridley, Crawford
1983/84	D. 4	1-0 W	4,161	Birch	2-1 W	3,936	Kendal, Newton
1984/85	D. 4	1-0 W	4,420	Walker	0-4 L	3,575	
1986/87	D. 3				1-2 L	5,787	Moss

League Summary 1958-86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	% Won
Home	22	10	7	5	33	26	27	45
Away	23	6	6	11	27	35	19	26
Total	45	16	13	16	60	61	46	36

Rare Letter

Last Saturday's 'Green 'Un' featured a rare letter from a Chesterfield fan — Geoff Evans of Whitwell. Under the heading of "Congratulations John" we reproduce this worthy letter in full in case you didn't see it.

"Among all the turmoil at Saltergate over these past couple of months, I feel I must write to congratulate John Duncan on his tireless efforts to keep the team reasonably successful where it matters — on the field! Stripped of cash to work with and the loss of good players, notably Brown, Scrimgeour and Moss, the Scottish wizard still manages to put out a side that can see off promotion "certs" Middlesbrough and match Sam Ellis's expensive outfit.

Dave Caldwell has found a new lease of life since his move from Mansfield and with his pace and skill he often promises to open up the opposition's defence single-handed. If only his final pass or shot matched his approach work I'm sure he'd be playing First Division soccer instead of Third!

Jamie Hewitt, who has progressed via the Spireites youth team to become a stylish, composed right full back and Tony Coyle and Lee Rogers certainly have come on in leaps and bounds.

Keep up the good work John Duncan, Kevin Randall and all you players. Hopefully, the fans will do better than 2,4,6,8 and get behind the club when they're most needed — NOW.

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WORDSEARCH

A tricky one this evening — only 14 names hidden in the wordsearch grid, the name of the 14 clubs in the Irish Football League (Northern Ireland). Names can be up, down, backwards, forwards or diagonally. Good Luck.

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FIND THE ELEVEN FOOTBALL TEAMS HIDDEN IN THE GRID AND CROSS THEM OUT. YOU WILL THEN FIND THE REMAINING LETTERS SPELL OUT SOCCER GIRL'S FAVOURITE CLUB.

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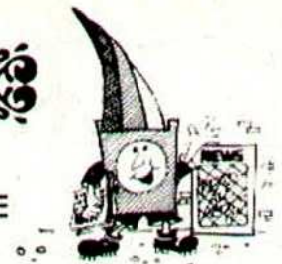
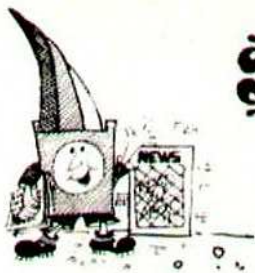
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TOWN TOPICS



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Darren Wood



Tony Reid

Teenage newcomer Darren Wood impressed everyone with his mature displays in the heart of Chesterfield's defence in 3 games when Gary Bellamy was injured, but the 2,000 fans at Saltergate for the Gillingham match 10 days ago were even more staggered by the Alfreton lads incredible "debut" performance, up front, leading The Spireites attack in place of the suspended Dave Caldwell. Showing a turn of pace that even his best mate surely didn't realise he possessed, Darren got the better of the Gills experienced centre backs Weatherley and Greenall, even having a hand in the build up for Carl Airey's winner. What a disappointment it was when he had to hobble off with an ankle injury after 54 minutes after a dreadful late (and dare we say deliberate) challenge from the cynical Greenall, who clearly hadn't acquired enough experience in his 200 plus League games to cope with an 18 year old in his first ever game up front. Well done Woody — get fit soon.

Two booked at County

Two Chesterfield players, Bob Bloomer and Tony Reid, were booked by Surrey referee Noel Butler in our defeat at Newport County last Sunday, together with home defender Paul Compton. However, not one of them deserved a caution in what was an excellent example of a game played in perfect spirits. Bob was booked for throwing the ball in the direction of where a free kick should have been taken, and the other two for mistimed tackles which hardly upset the rhythm of the offended player. Mr. Butler also found time to speak to both benches about touchline coaching (we all know John Duncan never does that!) and generally blow at anything that resembled physical contact. The game never got going at all, the referee never let it.

Annual Meeting

Shareholders, who should have received notification anyway, are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of Chesterfield Football Club plc will take place on Thursday, 26th March at The Saltergate Club, starting at 7.30p.m. Only shareholders or their proxy are entitled to attend, but the other fans can read a report of the business in our next but one "Spire" for the game v York City on April 4th.

Date Changed

Fans are reminded that our next home game v Bristol Rovers has been brought forward 24 hours to Saturday, 28th March at 3.00p.m. Bring a friend please!

Overdue Win

The 1-0 victory over promotion chasing Gillingham in our last home game was indeed a welcome one, for the Kent side had become one of our recent bogey sides. Prior to the Carl Airey goal that gave us maximum points over Keith Peacock's men, we'd not beaten the Priestfield team since Alan Crawford and Phil Bonnyman scored in a 2-0 home win back in August 1980 — nine meetings earlier!



Dave Caldwell fires the ball wide of the Newport goal during last Sunday's 1-0 defeat

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			Score	Att.	J. Brown	J. Hewitt	C. Williamson	G. Bellamy	B. Scrimgeour	T. Reid	S. Kendal	E. Moss	D. Caldwell	M. Henderson	T. Coyle	L. Rogers	D. Walker	A. Taylor	B. Bloomer	P. Brown	O. Bernadcau	A. Kowalski	L. Coombes	C. Marples	S. Baines	P. Greaves	J. Lowey
AUG 23	Blackpool	(A)	0-0	4032	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
AUG 26	Wrexham LC	(H)	0-2	1603	1	2		5	3	6	7*	8		10	11	4	9*	12	14								
AUG 30	(1) Walsall	(H)	3-2	2603	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11	12											
SEP 2	Wrexham LC	(A)	2-2	2031	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9*	10		5	8			11	12						
SEP 7	Mansfield Town	(A)	1-1	4771	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11											12	
SEP 13	(2) Bristol City	(H)	0-3	2605	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	11*		9									12	
SEP 16	(3) Rotherham Utd.	(H)	2-1	2850	1	2	3	4	5		7	8		10			9			11	5	6					
SEP 20	Middlesbrough	(A)	0-2	7633	1	2	3	4	5	6	7*	8		10				9	12	11							
SEP 27	(4) Notts. County	(H)	1-2	3249	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	12					11*	7*						
SEP 30	Bolton Wanderers	(A)	2-1	3931	1	2	3	4		6		8	9	10						11	7*	5	12				
OCT 4	Bristol Rovers	(A)	2-3	2768		2	3	4	9	6		8		10						11	7	5	12	1			
OCT 11	(5) Port Vale	(H)	2-4	2755	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10						11	7*	12					
OCT 18	Swindon Town	(A)	1-2	5787		2						8	9	10		4			7	11	5	6	3	1	5		
OCT 21	(6) Wigan Ath	(H)	4-3	1804			3	2		6		8	9	10					7	11	12	4*		1	5		
OCT 25	(7) Newport County	(H)	3-2	1895				4	2	6		8	9	10		3			7	11*	12			1	5		
NOV 1	Gillingham	(A)	0-3	4373				4	2	6		8	9	10	12	3			7	11*				1	5		
NOV 4	(8) Fulham	(H)	3-1	2249		2		4	5	6		8	9	10	7	3					5			1		11	
NOV 8	York City	(A)	1-1	3225		2		4	5	6			9	10	7	3	12	8*					D. PERRY	1		11	
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NOV 22	AFC Bournemouth	(A)	0-2	4312		2		4	12	6*		8	9	10	7	3								1		5	
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DEC 9	Doncaster FRT	(A)	0-0	1006	1	10		4	2	6		8	9*		7	3	1		5		D. WOOD				11	5	
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DEC 27	Darlington	(A)	1-1	2040	1	2		4	5	6	8		9	10	7	3	11*		12								
JAN 1	Brentford	(A)	2-2	3622	1	2	5	4		6	8		9	10	7	3	11		5								
JAN 3	(12) AFC Bournemouth	(H)	1-1	3029	1	2	5	4*	9	6	8			10	7	3	11		12								
JAN 25	(14) Mansfield Town	(H)	0-1	4080	1	2	5	4		6	8			10	7	3	11		9			5					
JAN 27	Rochdale FRT	(A)	0-3	890	1	2	5*	4			8		9	10	7	3	11*		6		14	12					
JAN 31	Bristol City	(A)	0-1	6426		2		4		6	8		9	10	7	3			5		12			1		11*	
FEB 7	Rotherham Utd.	(A)	1-0	3462		2		4		6	8		9*	10	7		11		5			3	12	1			
FEB 14	(15) Middlesbrough	(H)	2-1	4085		2			6	8		9	10	7	3	11			5	4*		12		1			
FEB 17	(13) Blackpool	(H)	1-1	2468					6	8*		9	10	7	3	11			5	4		12		1			
FEB 21	Notts. County	(A)	1-2	5020		2*			6	8		9	10	7	3	11			5	4		12		1			
FEB 28	(16) Bolton Wanderers	(H)	0-0	3202	1	2	12	4			8			10	7	3	11		5		9*	6					
MAR 3	(17) Gillingham	(H)	1-0	2026	1	2	12	4			8			10	7	3	11		5	9*		6					
MAR 8	Newport County	(A)	0-1	1567	1	2		4		6	8*		9	10	7	3	11		5			12					
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Naughty Boys

Wolverhampton referee Terry Holbrook booked Gillingham No.6 **Colin Greenhall** in our last home match and Surrey based N.S. Butler cautioned **Bob Bloomer**, **Paul Compton** and the ex-Newport player **Tony Reid** in his first match back after suspension.

A Cut Above



Gary Bellamy

Chesterfield's 24 year old defender Gary Bellamy, excels not only in football, but also cricket, but we're sure he wouldn't be able to make a career in boxing as this season he's suffered badly from facial cuts, reminiscent of Good Old 'Enry Cooper. In The Spireites last two matches the Worksop born one club man has received cuts, a nick against Gillingham on his forehead which wasn't too bad, but last Sunday at Newport Gary had to have 4 stitches in a wound on his right eyebrow — the same place he had 4 stitches after a clash at Walsall in November!

FOR THE RECORD

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1987

Today League Division 3

Chesterfield 1 (Airey) Gillingham 0

C.F.C. Brown, Hewitt, Rogers, Bellamy, Bloomer, Kowalski, Coyle, Airey, Wood, (Sub: Williamson), Henderson, Walker. **Colours:** Blue and white. G.F.C. Kite, Haylock, Elsey, Quow, Weatherley, Greenall, Pritchard, Gordon, Smith, Jacobs, (Sub: Hinningan), Cascarino. **Colours:** All red. **Referee:** T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton). **Booked:** Greenall. **Corners:** C.F.C. 6, G.F.C. 8

Sunday, 8th March, 1987

Today League Division 3

Newport County 1 (Bellamy own goal) Chesterfield 0

N.F.C. Freestone, Jones, Lewis, Berry, Compton, Carter, Giles, Gribbins, Staniforth, Vinter, (Sub: Millett), Mills. **Colours:** Amber and black. C.F.C. Brown, Hewitt, Rogers, Bellamy, Bloomer, Reid, Coyle, Airey, (Sub: Kowalski), Caldwell, Henderson, Walker. **Colours:** Blue and white. **Referee:** W. Butler (Surfey). **Booked:** Compton, Bloomer, Reid. **Corners:** N.C.F.C. 5, C.F.C. 6.



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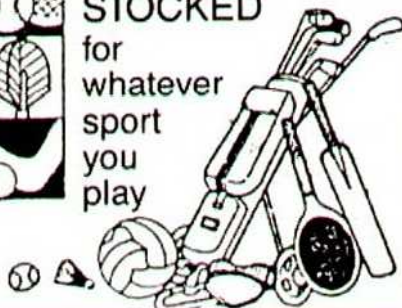
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Jackie Sinclair played only 10 games when loaned from Sheffield Wednesday in 1972/73 to help the Blues fight off the threat of relegation. His main claim to fame came in just his second game when he scored Chesterfield's penalty winner in a 1-0 victory at Blackburn, the only league game ever ordered to be replayed. The league made the unique decision to order a replay after Jim Brown's registration forms had got lost in the post. Chesterfield won the original game 2-1 and since they had already beaten Rovers 3-1 at Saltergate Sinclair's goal secured the only league treble ever. Sinclair was a Scottish international, one of only three ever to play for Chesterfield.

Tony Shanahan is also remembered for his penalties. His Chesterfield career lasted for just 56 games with 28 goals, but 14 out of the 28 came from the spot. Terry was a contemporary of Malcolm Darling, who was equally lethal from 12 yards with 8 goals out of 8 attempts. What would we give for a 100% penalty record this season?

We've had some classic games with **Sheffield Wednesday** over the years. The first of many came in 1899/1900, our opening league season, when the Owls, runaway second division leaders, lost 1-0 to a Herbert Munday goal in front of a crowd estimated at 5000, the biggest ever seen at Saltergate at that time. In 1932/33 over 10,000 Spireites saw us gain a 2-2 draw at Hillsboro' in the third round of the cup and a crowd of 19,652 for the Saltergate replay witnessed one of the best first-half performances in our history, four goals came in the first 25 minutes from Cook, Abel, Austin and Lee as we beat the first division team 4-2 — a scoreline which did not accurately reflect how one-sided the game was. Many fans will remember the Owls five seasons in division three, during which they never won at Saltergate and no-one who was at Hillsborough for our 3-3 draw there in 1979/80 will ever forget that game. The fact that the Dee-Dahs, with the appallingly

hyped-up Curran, pipped us for promotion means that most Spireites hate them to this day.

Alan Sliman was one of the stars of the 1930's. Signed from Bristol City in 1932, after playing well for them at Saltergate, Alan became club captain and a first team regular until the end of 1937/38 when he moved to Chelmsford City as player/manager. Alan was one of three ever-presents in our 1935/36 championship team.

Until research in the 1970's confirmed Herbert Munday's scoring record all the record books showed **George Smith** as our leading scorer of all time. George was signed from Manchester City and over seven seasons scored 97 goals in 250 appearances and was leading scorer for three seasons in the mid-fifties.

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TAYLOR'S TRIVIA

"B" Draws

So far this season all our draws at home have come against teams beginning with "B": Bury, Bournemouth, Blackpool and Bolton.

Double Blank

We have to go back all the way back to the first half of last season to find the previous time we kept clean sheets in successive matches before the Bolton and Gillingham games. These were the goalless draws at home to Doncaster and away at Plymouth. The last time we kept clean sheets in successive home games was towards the end of the previous season when we beat both Swindon and Torquay 1-0. The Christmas Holiday period of 1984 saw double blanks against Mansfield (0-0) on Boxing Day and three days later a 2-0 victory over Peterborough.

Counties and Clubs

Having recently been asked the question "Which are the only Counties not to have a team in the League?" I thought it worth while having a look at the number of clubs per county in England. In all there are 45 counties in England, including Greater London, and the other Metropolitan Counties, and 88 clubs although there are only 87 grounds with Crystal Palace and Charlton sharing.

Only 8 counties are without a club: Northumberland, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire, Somerset, Surrey, West Sussex and Cornwall, although if we used the old boundaries and allegiances, Northumberland, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Surrey would all claim at least one club. Not surprisingly Greater London top the list for having most clubs with a dozen. Next on the list is Greater Manchester with

eight. The full analysis is shown below.

No. Clubs	Counties	No. Counties
12	Greater London	1
8	Greater Manchester	1
6	West Midlands	1
5	South Yorkshire	1
4	Lancashire, West Yorkshire	2
3	Humberside, Merseyside, Notts	
2	Hampshire, Devon	5
2	Cleveland, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffs, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Avon, Tyne & Wear	8
1	Cumbria, Durham, N. Yorks, Lincolnshire, Shropshire, Leicester, Hereford & Worcester, Northants, Norfolk, Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Bedford, Wiltshire, Berkshire, East Sussex, Dorset, Kent	18

Now, if you haven't dropped asleep reading these thrilling facts, you will be able to astound your friends with your depth of geographical knowledge acquired at Saltergate.

John Taylor

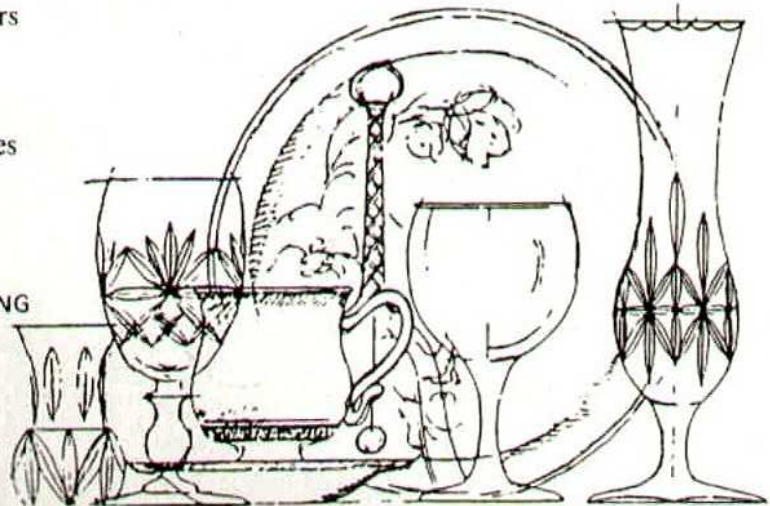
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HAT-TRICK HEROES

Paul Kellett looks at Chesterfield's Post-War Goal Heroes

No. 17 Alex Harvey — Born Ayr 28.9.28

Alex signed professional forms at Saltergate in November 1950, aged 22 after being spotted by a scout playing in the Western Scottish League for Saltcoats Victoria. To make ends meet in Scotland he also worked for the local Shell Refinery Company. Prior to joining Chesterfield for a small fee Alex had a trial with Raith Rovers but nothing ever came of it.

He made his Spireite debut at inside right away to Leicester towards the end of December and recorded his first goal in a home win over Bury three months later. At the time Chesterfield were struggling at the bottom of the Second Division and he could do little to prevent them from being relegated that season.

Alex missed most of the following season through injuries but he did manage a hat-trick at home to Rochdale — his first goal came in the very first minute of the game from a corner which was tapped on by Ian Wilson and Harvey shot through a crowd of players to open the scoring, four minutes later a George Smith shot hit the bar and the rebound came to Harvey who lobbed the ball home for number two and he completed his hat-trick with a goal in the second half. Also trying to establish himself in the Chesterfield team that season

was inside forward Pat Maxwell who was signed after recommendation by Alex who knew him from his Saltcoats Victoria days.

The 1952/53 campaign was Alex's last season of League Football, his final game being at Carlisle, however he did not leave Chesterfield until the 1954 close season. Southend had shown interest in signing Alex but personal terms could not be agreed and so he moved into non-League football with Buxton Town, where he remained for one season. Having given up the game completely Alex joined the T.I. company in Chesterfield and recently celebrated 30 years service.

Hat-trick file

9.2.52 v Rochdale 5-1 Home 3 goals.

	Appearances for C.F.C.			Goals		
	League	F.A. Cup	Total	League	F.A. Cup	Total
1950/51	7	1	8	1	-	1
1951/52	6	-	6	4	-	4
1952/53	14	1	15	9	-	9
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Phil Tooley
looks at The Division 3 Scene

On The Move

Quite a bit of transfer activity to report on again, so we'll tabulate it to make things easier.

Player	To	From
Paul Compton	Newport	Torquay
Derek Fazackerley	Chester	Blackburn
Keith Gorman	Darlington	Ipswich
Mick Halsall	Grimsby	Carlisle
Dave Hodgson	Middlesbrough (L)	Norwich
Peter Cawley	Bristol Rovers (L)	Wimbledon
Sammy McIlroy	Bury	Man. City
Andy Clement	Bristol Rovers (L)	Wimbledon
Scott McGarrey	Grimsby	Carlisle
Tony Sealey	Bournemouth (L)	Leicester
Ronnie Coyle	Middlesbrough	Celtic
Jimmy Quinn	Swindon	Blackburn
Mark Higgins	Bury	Man. Utd.
Nigel Hart	Bury	Crewe

(L) = on loan

Division 3 strugglers Carlisle United could well be on the look out for deadline day signings to boost their survival chances following the sale of both Scott McGarrey and Mick Halsall to Grimsby for a combined fee of £65,000. Promotion chasing Middlesbrough have signed Celtic midfielder Ronnie Coyle for £5,000 after a 2 month loan spell and they've borrowed their former striker Dave Hodgson from Norwich. He was also once a Liverpool player.

PFA Awards

Sunday, April 5th sees the annual PFA awards ceremony at which the divisional teams will be selected by the players themselves. "The Spire" frequently tries to predict the line-up for our section, so tonight I'll stick my neck out again. Whilst on the awards predictions, the PFA player will be Clive Allen and the young player Tony Adams — they're my selections anyway. My Division 3 team: Steve Pears (Middlesbrough); Paul Parker (Fulham); Gary Pallister and Tony Mowbray (Middlesbrough); Ken Mower (Walsall); Neil Redfearn (Doncaster); Alan Walsh (Bristol City); Stuart Ripley (Middlesbrough); Ian McParland (Notts.

County); Archie Stephens (Middlesbrough); David Kelly (Walsall).

Personally, the best player I've seen this term has been Rotherham's Andy Williams, a superb midfield operator, but I think Rotherham haven't had a good enough season for Williams to make the side and also 'Boro's Brian Laws must stand a chance, though his injury received just at voting time may make people forget him. Let's see how many I get right — last season it was 3!

In brief

Jimmy Gabriel, the ex Southampton player, has been appointed assistant to Harry Redknapp at Bournemouth, coach Roger Brown could well leave as a result of that. Steve Perryman has been offered — and he's signed — a contract as Brentford boss, his No. 2 is Phil Holder. The Fulham/Q.P.R. merger is (for the time being off).

Who's Next?

On Tuesday Chesterfield travel to Cup heroes Wigan Athletic for a Division 3 match, providing they don't have a replay in their F.A. Cup game with Leeds United. Comfortably in the Division's top 10, Athletic's game last week with Bournemouth was abandoned because of snow with the score at 1-1. However, it's the cup which has captured the imagination of the Wigan public this season, with 11453 people seeing their 5th round win over Hull City at Springfield Park. Ray Mathias' team beat The Tigers 3-0 with goals from Thompson, Jewell and Campbell, all in the last half hour. Wigan's team that day: Tunks, Hamilton, Knowles, Hilditch, Cribley, Holden, Lowe, Thompson, Campbell, Jewell, Griffiths. Sub: Cook.

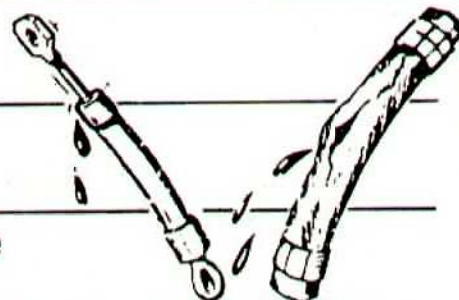
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RESERVE REVUE

Chesterfield won at Port Vale for the second time in a month back on February 28th, 2-0 being the scoreline in our favour. On January 31st we beat Vale 2-1 at their reserves ground at Keele University in what was a "home" fixture for us, the match being switched to our opponents venue because of our boiler problems; so our lads were in familiar surroundings two weeks ago and within quarter of an hour we were leading by two goals to nil.



Calvin Plummer



Chris Marples

Both of Chesterfield's goals came from striker Kevin Oldfield his first for the club in what was his 8th match in an extended trial. However, with 20 minutes gone we lost defender Dave Perry, sent off for allegedly hitting an opponent, so for the remaining 70 minutes Chesterfield sat back and let Vale do the attacking. The home side couldn't break through and the final score remained at 2-0. Spireites debut for young David Hoole, a former Chesterfield Boys player and he did well. Also in our line up were Chris Marples (pictured) and Darren Wood, rested from first team duty v Bolton that day.

Last Saturday Chesterfield entertained Nottingham Forest on a snowbound Saltreigate pitch, hoping to improve on their last performance v Forest, a 6-0 defeat in January. Wearing white shirts and black shorts, The Spireites started well against a side which included ex-Chesterfield man Calvin Plummer (pictured), Forest's recent signing from Orient Colin Foster, promising youngster Dave Starbuck and Irish International Dave Campbell, who played in Division Three for Notts. County v Chesterfield last month during a loan spell.

Simon Grisedale forced an early save out of Forest keeper Crichton, but it was our No. 1 Richard Wilson who was by far the busiest player on the park. The 20 year old save 3 times from Plummer in one against one situations, he came out on top in similar duels with Starbuck, his namesake Wilson of Forest and Glover as well as dealing well with several longer range shots. However, Richard was beaten twice as Forest won 2-0. After 58 minutes a Forest corner was headed home from the near post by 6'4" Foster and Glover got the second, a fine individual effort, near to the end.

Chesterfield's attacking opportunities after that early effort were limited to hopeful shots from outside the box. Spireite stars in the defeat, apart from Wilson, were Keith Jones and Andy Wood, the latter of which had a fine game down the left.

For The Record

Saturday, 28th February, 1987

Midland Intermediate League

Port Vale 0 Chesterfield 2 (Oldfield 2)

Team: Marples, Wood (D), Perry, Pashley, Wood (A), Hoole, Marriott, Stoppard, Oldfield, Trueman, Grisedale.

Saturday, 7th March, 1987

Midland Intermediate League

Chesterfield 0 Nottingham Forest 2

Team: Wilson, Perry, (Sub: Slinn), Kowalski, Stoppard, Pashley, Williamson, Wood (A), Bernadeau, Grisedale, Trueman, Jones.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1986-87

Month	Date	H	A	Score
August	23	H	Derby	1-2
	30	A	Aston Villa	2-2
September	6	H	Peterborough	6-1
	13	A	Derby	Post.
	20	H	Wolves	0-3
	27	A	Walsall	2-3
	October	4	H	Shrewsbury
11	A	Coventry	0-1	
18	H	Notts Co (Cup)	3-0	
25	A	Leicester (Cup)	0-0	
November	5	H	Mansfield	4-0
	8	H	Derby (Cup)	0-3
	22	H	Leicester	5-0
	26	A	Mansfield (Cup)	3-3
	29	A	Wolves	Post
	December	6	A	Coventry (Cup)
13	A	Stoke	0-2	
20	H	Nottm. Forest (Cup)	2-1	
22	H	WBA	1-0	
January	3	A	Nottm. Forest	0-6
	10	A	WBA	POST
	17	H	Peterboro' (Cup)	POST
	24	A	Birmingham	0-3
	31	H	Port Vale	2-1
	February	7	H	Aston Villa
14	A	Peterborough	2-4	
21	H	Birmingham	1-2	
28	A	Port Vale	2-0	
March	7	H	Nottm. Forest	0-2
	14	A	Mansfield	
	21	H	Stoke	
	28	A	Leicester	
April	4	A	Shrewsbury	
	11	H	Walsall	
	18	A	Notts County	
May	2	H	Coventry	
	9	H	Notts County	

Reserve Appearances (Goals) League and Cup

Chris Marples 10, Steve Stoppard 17, Lee Coombes 6, Bob Bloomer 11(5), Darren Wood 16, Dave Perry 21(1), Keith Jones 8+2, Andy Taylor 9(7), Derek Walker 10+1 (5), Jason MacDonald 9, Richard Marriott 12+1, Darren Trueman 8+3, Robert Elliott 7, Andy Kowalski 16, Simon Grisedale 10+3(3), Phil Brown 8(4), Ollie Bernadeau 15(4), Lee Rogers 4+1, Andy Skelton 1, Tony Coyle 3, Shane Gibson 1, Mark Wing 0+1, Steve Baines 3, Gary Bellamy 1, Tony Reid 3, Shaun Breen 4, Brian Scrimgeour 5(2), Charlie Williamson 12, Shaun Fowler 1, Jim Brown 3, Wayne North 1, Shaun Corder 1, Kevin Oldfield 8(2), Jamie Hewitt 1, Alan Pashley 7(1), Phil Greaves 1, Neil Dougherty 1, Mark Hedley 5(1), Richard Wilson 5, Greg Hollingsworth 1, Carl Slinn 1+1, Phil Delaney 1, Gary Milner 1(1), Andy Wood 4, David Hoole 1, own goal (1).

Derek does his homework



Scottish striker Derek Walker who joined Chesterfield last summer after a successful trial in which he scored in all 5 of his pre-season games is as dedicated a pro as you're likely to find anywhere. The 22 year old who's now established in our first eleven does his homework before every Chesterfield match checking out our opposition in reference books. "I look at our opponents ages, height and weight to give me an idea of who I'll be up against" says Derek, who was born in Perth, home of St. Johnstone F.C. The information helps him get into the swing of the match, and it's stood him in good stead as his game has improved in leaps and bounds since the first of his 23 matches in League and Cups back in August. A wider role seems to suit Walker best, he prefers the right flank, but admits "I'm just happy enough to be in the team". It was John Duncan's father who first spotted Derek's talents and recommended him to Saltergate after seeing him in Scottish reserve team soccer, and the Duncan senior hunch has indeed been justified as Derek has appeared in every Spireites match since November.

Third Division Extra

Those Middlesbrough nutters have been at it again. Twelve of them were arrested before, during and after the game with Bristol City last week (Boro won 1-0). The thugs attacked 4 City coaches with bricks and golf balls causing a number of injuries. Let's hope that they manage to win promotion — we don't want to play host to them next season. However Boro's debut boy Dave Hodgson, on loan from Norwich, did little to help the off the field harmony, he was sent off for an off the ball incident. His reward? He's gone back to Norwich! That well known goody goody Joe Jordan also set a fine example — he too enjoyed an early bath in the same match again after a (separate) fracas off the ball.

Newport's 18 year old Welsh Youth International keeper Roger Freestone has joined Chelsea for a fee of at least £75,000. The struggling Welsh club could receive another similar amount if Roger proves his worth at Stamford Bridge. He looked far from impressive last Sunday against Chesterfield, fumbling several crosses and shots, but that won't be the last County fans see of him, Chelsea have loaned him back to Newport until the end of the season.

Another man on the move is Nicky Law (25) who's joined Plymouth from Blackpool for £40,000.

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BASSON'S BEAT

Ugliness steals the headlines again this week. While a small band of men have been doing their utmost to improve the image of the game others, from the terrace supporter all the way up to the boardroom executive, have indulged in a standard of behaviour that defies understanding.

In defeating Portsmouth on Wednesday, March 4th, Derby County should have achieved a high point in their splendid revival. With some woeful finishing and some typically tigerish (!) play by Portsmouth's midfield, the result was not forthcoming; by the kick-off, others had seen to it that the result, whatever it turned out to be, would be of little consequence in the day's proceedings. Pompey supporters, many of whom had been there since the morning, went on a wrecking spree that seemed to horrify the good people of Derby. While I was in a smashing little pub' near the station having three very agreeable pints of Shipstones, it appears that a full-blown riot was going on in the town.

Without wishing to play down the scale of the ugliness freely displayed I think that there couldn't have been much else of any news value happening that night. The wrecking of an amusement arcade (an attack with sinister racial overtones) and the burning of a car were, indeed, terrible things, but everything else that happened is fairly standard stuff, by First Division standards, as the citizens of Derby will find out next season. "Riot City", bellowed the Derbyshire Evening Telegraph, above front-page coverage that informed us that "Rampaging mobs terrify residents on inner-city Derby streets", that policemen were "Knocked to the ground and kicked by vicious thugs". "Shop-fronts smashed and car windows shattered", it continued, observing that roads were closed as "Police from all over Derbyshire try to quell riots." So, what? Take away the specific references to the city and the county and it could have been anywhere. It doesn't even need a top-class football team to be in town, as the residents of Exeter, Bournemouth, Hartlepool and Scarborough, amongst others, have discovered this season.

The perpetrators of Wednesday's mayhem were reckoned to be a group of men from the Portsmouth area who have attached themselves to their City's club and call themselves "The 6.57 Crew". A word of explanation may be in order: The 6.57 used to be the first train out of Portsmouth Harbour to Waterloo on a Saturday, and this group often travelled on it, hence the name of the 'club'. I suppose that passes as wit amongst these people.

Call them scum, animals, idiots, anything you like, but don't make the mistake of thinking that these sort of people are unintelligent: They are very devious. Somehow, presumably in advance, they knew about the use of that amusement arcade in Derby as a West Indian community centre. The last time that Pompey played in Cardiff, a group of these people went along dressed in morning suits in order to convince the police that they were bona-fide guests at a wedding, and thereby escaped the usual police escorts. So, what do you do to stop them? Ban weddings on a Saturday? The use of video cameras has largely eliminated trouble from the insides of grounds, but more should be done, through the use of attendance centres and probation-type sentences, to prevent those with such a criminal tendency from ever getting anywhere near a ground or town centre on a matchday. Forget the sociologists' "root causes" of this sort of trouble: It may be too late for an educational solution, and anyway, there are only two reasons for its happening, namely (1) people enjoy it and (2) they can get away with it. So, anyone causing trouble at a match should be ordered to attend at their nearest League ground on matchdays, say, between nine in the morning and ten at night (for a normal Saturday game) where they would be locked into a wire compound with only a pack of dobermans (or should it be dobermen?) for company. The one thing we should never do is try to "understand" these people: Rather, they should be made to understand that normally civilised blokes have had enough of their presence, and will get more devious and dirtier than they are in order to stop it.

My going on about violence again has left little room for comment about the various goings-on in the 'Smoke' over the past few weeks: Just as well, then, that all this merger nonsense has been dropped by Bulstrode, Noades and all the others. The supporters of the London clubs have been spared the need to get dirty in their anti-merger campaigns and, although the supporters of Fulham may well end up watching their football at somewhere other than Craven Cottage in a few years' time, at least they'll still have a team to watch. With attendances showing a small increase, Halifax Town on the verge of safety and good old Wolves in the winning habit again, things are looking up for the game!

Enjoy the game,

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Collectors Corner



“The Spire” Programme Awards Points Table

100 marks maximum in the following categories:

No	Points	Category
1	10	Club News
2	10	Visitors Section
3	10	Home team Statistics + facts
4	10	Historical Content
5	10	Division Round-up
6	5	Reserves News
7	10	Other Interesting Articles
8	10	Originality of Content
9	5	Photography
10	10	General layout and design
11	10	Value for money (based on Division and status)

Review No. 70 Wolves v Rochdale 4.11.86 Div. 4

Cost: 50p. **Pages:** 20. **Comments:** Unimaginative cover disguises a reasonable inside in a programme produced by the same team that puts together Walsall's matchday magazine. Only 3½ pages of ads, Wolves effort includes “Molinews”, “Programme Talk” and “Soccer Scene” among several items of interest. “Just for Fun” is a page of puzzles and there's reasonably good photographs of recent games. Not too large print ensures its pages are well filled in a better than average issue — one of the best in Division 4.

Review No. 71 Charlton Athletic v Coventry 20.9.86 Div 1

Cost: 70p. **Pages:** 24. **Comments:** Advertising takes up 4½ pages of this Division 1 programme, but at 70p its quite expensive. Produced by Ward and Woolverton, experienced programme printers, the layout is acceptable and the content varied though often it lacks originality. Very good Club News, interesting historical content in a fair effort considering Athletics low gates by Division 1 standards. Just seems to lack that extra “sparkle” expected from a top flight issue.

Review No. 72 Spurs v Luton 4.10.86 Div. 1

Cost: 80p. **Pages:** 32. **Comments:** One of the most colourful editions reviewed to date, Spurs programme contains just 6½ pages of ads, leaving a fair bit for editorial content and pictures. The full colour shots take up 7½ pages, including a double page spread of Chris Waddle, the action shot being the best to date. “Celebrity View” with Chas and Dave, a full page on “Our Next Match” and “Luton Diary”, looking at day to day events of the visitors are 3 highly original items in a superb production, though 80p is a bit steep.

Review No. 73 Oxford Utd. v Coventry 11.10.86 Div. 1

Cost: 60p. **Pages:** 32. **Comments:** Same number of pages as Spurs, 20p cheaper but almost twice as many adverts. Again, good colour pics, Les Phillips in Double Page action and an attractive layout. Printed by one of Robert Maxwell's companies (Nuffield Press), the Oxford Issue contains very little original content, but there are the normal “standard” items such as “Manager's Notes”, “Manor Scene”, “Our Visitors” and “Reserve and Youth”. Good to see “First Division Scene” in a Division 1 programme which is totally adequate.

Division One Awards

By reviewing 3 Division One issues this evening, our “Collector's Corner” article has now awarded marks to all 22 issues in the top flight.

Marks (in order) awarded to the big boys are as follows: 87: Spurs and Everton. 83: Southampton and Wimbledon. 80: Sheffield Wednesday. 79: Q.P.R. 78: Watford. 77: Oxford. 73: Chelsea and Arsenal. 72: West Ham. 68: Manchester United and Liverpool. 67: Manchester City, Aston Villa and Charlton. 66: Luton Town. 63: Leicester. 59: Norwich. 47: Nottingham Forest. 42: Coventry City. 40: Newcastle. Remember our awards are mainly based on content with design, colour and price only playing minor roles in the overall judging, hence Man. United's 40p issue down in equal 12th place and Wimbledon's £1.00 programme in joint 3rd spot. Well done Spurs and Everton for their first class productions — but the likes of Forest, Coventry and Newcastle want to “pull their socks up” and give the punters value.

Programme Column

We like to think that “The Spire” is one of the League's most original programmes, our “Collector's Corner” item for instance being the only column of the 92 clubs to review every other club's matchday magazines, but Wolves Division 4 effort features Steve Davies' “Programme Talk”, an article which also appears in Walsall's edition. In the reviewed Wolves v Rochdale issue, Steve looks at non-league programmes, including Hednesford Town, Stafford Rangers and Enfield. Wolves 71 points compares with Penmandos advertising's other production Walsall's 73 points, so our third division rivals just take the company award.

Programme Award Marks

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Wolves	5	9	7	7	7	2	9	8	3	6	8	71
Charlton	10	7	6	6	5	4	5	6	4	8	6	67
Spurs	10	9	7	10	4	5	10	9	5	10	8	87
Oxford	7	8	8	7	8	5	7	7	5	8	7	77

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Middlesbrough	32	18	7	7	48	26	61
Swindon	29	16	6	7	48	31	54
Bristol City	31	15	7	9	46	26	52
Gillingham	32	15	7	10	45	34	52
Blackpool	31	13	11	7	60	38	50
Wigan	29	15	5	9	57	43	50
Mansfield	33	11	14	8	36	35	47
Chesterfield	32	11	10	11	44	48	43
Doncaster	31	11	8	12	42	43	41
Rotherham	34	10	8	16	37	48	38
Port Vale	31	9	10	12	44	48	37
Brentford	32	9	10	13	42	50	37
Fulham	33	8	13	12	47	57	37
Walsall	27	10	6	11	47	50	36
Bury	32	9	9	14	41	46	36
Chester	29	6	16	7	41	39	34
Bolton	32	8	10	14	39	46	34
Bristol Rovers	29	8	9	12	31	50	33
York	31	8	9	14	35	56	33
Darlington	29	5	12	12	30	50	27
Newport	31	5	11	15	35	52	26
Carlisle	30	6	6	18	29	53	24

Appearances and Goalscorers 1986 - 87

	League		Cups	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Jim Brown	19	-	5	-
Jamie Hewitt	29	1	5	-
Charlie Williamson	15 + 2	1	3	-
Gary Bellamy	29	2	6	1
Brian Scrimgeour	19 + 1	4	5	1
Tony Reid	27	3	4+1	-
Steve Kendall	6	-	2	-
Ernie Moss	19	8	4	-
Dave Caldwell	25	11	4	-
Mick Henderson	33	1	5	-
Tony Coyle	23 + 2	1	4	-
Lee Rogers	21 + 2	-	5	-
Derek Walker	16 + 1	2	4+2	-
Bob Bloomer	14 + 5	2	2+2	-
Andy Taylor	2	-	0+1	-
Phil Brown	10	1	2	1
Ollie Bernadeau	5 + 3	-	0+2	-
Andy Kowalski	8 + 7	-	0+1	-
Lee Coombes	1 + 2	-	-	-
Chris Marples	14	-	1	-
Steve Baines	4	1	-	-
Phil Greaves	5	-	2	-
John Lowey	2	-	2	-
Carl Airey	13	4	1	-
Dave Perry	0 + 1	-	-	-
Darren Wood	4	-	-	-
Own Goals	-	2	-	1

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