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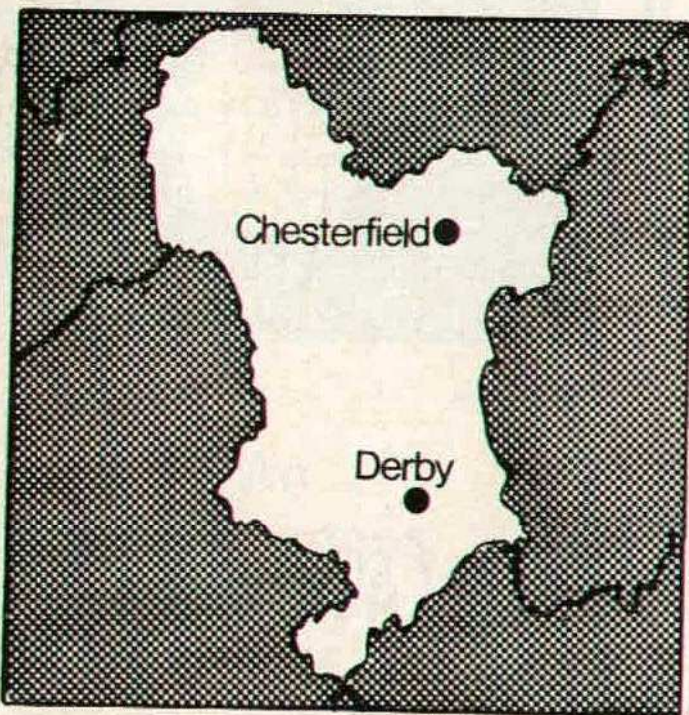
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## REPORT FROM THE MANAGER



### JOE SHAW writes

Victories over Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham United considerably eased our position in the Third Division, but the situation is so close that a couple of defeats could see us right back in trouble.

Not that we are right out of trouble yet, but there is no doubt that the position is a lot easier

than it was three or four weeks ago. After being held to a draw at home by Cardiff City we faced four successive away matches, but we came out of them reasonably well with wins at Shrewsbury and Hillsborough.

The 3-1 victory which enabled us to complete the double over the Owls was indeed a smart performance. Things didn't look too healthy for us when Wednesday went ahead, but a penalty taken by Malcolm Darling quickly put us back in the game and when Rodney Fern scored one of the best goals I have seen for a long time I knew we were on the right path.

After Malcolm had made it 3-1 just after halftime we started to sit back and let Wednesday come at us and I thought we overdid it a little for if they had managed to snatch another goal we might have been up against it. That would have been a travesty of justice for as far as football was concerned we were the far better side.

What a great tragedy it is that such a famous club as Sheffield Wednesday with their magnificent ground are in such a sorry plight. They managed to win against another of the clubs in deep water, Colchester United, last Saturday, but the defeat we inflicted on them will take some getting over.

Last Saturday we captured two more points towards our safety goal by defeating Rotherham United 1-0 at home in a game which overall was not a particularly good one to watch. In fact the first 20 minutes I thought we were going to give a repeat performance of the Hillsborough display, but it did not turn out that way.



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## REPORT FROM THE MANAGER

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Our goal was a cracker. It followed a free-kick which Malcolm Darling touched to Steve Cammack and the former Sheffield United player hit it into the net like a rocket. It was good to hear him get the cheers and I am sure he will earn many more in the weeks ahead.

My only real regret was the we did not give you all a treat and show you just how good we can play as was the case not only at Hillsborough, but also at Shrewsbury. You certainly deserve it, but it is a strange fact that at the moment we are reserving our best performances for away matches.

Billy McEwan missed the matches against Wednesday and Rotherham through injury and this enabled me to bring in Harry Charlton for his first full games for us and he did a good job for us without being particularly outstanding. Len Badger was available again for the Rotherham clash, but it would have been unfair to have changed the side that pulled in the points against Wednesday and so he had to be content with the substitute spot.

Last Tuesday we had another vital away game – against Halifax Town at The Shay, but due to the early deadline for these notes I am unable to comment on what happened in this programme. Halifax, of course, are another of the clubs in the relegation zone and so the outcome would be of double value.

This afternoon we receive yet another of the clubs in the battle for Third Division survival, Swindon Town, who are managed by a well-known figure Danny Williams. Last Saturday Swindon went down at home to our neighbours Mansfield Town and as a result found themselves in bottom place.

We visited Swindon in the opening match of the season and came away with both points from

a 1-0 victory. Danny's lads will be fighting hard to try to ease their position this afternoon and we cannot afford to take any chances with them.

It will be a tough fight, but our players are beginning to realise that they are not a relegation side and the sooner they fully realise it the easier the task will become. Let's hope it sinks home and that they show you just what are capable of doing.

We have another tough home game on Wednesday with Brighton and Hove Albion supplying the opposition. Brighton are right up at the top of the table fighting hard for promotion and so this should prove to be a very entertaining game.

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**Manager:** Danny Williams

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**Last Season:** 4th

After losing out on promotion to Division 2 last season by a mere 2 points, everyone was tipping Swindon for certain honours this season, our own Joe Shaw included. And now look where they are – bottom of Division 3 and looking likely to take the big drop into Division 4! Things have seemingly gone wrong for the Robins ever since the first day of the season when we went to the County Ground and came away with both points after a 1-0 win.

Things look bleak off the field too with a £75,000 overdraft to be paid off. One novel idea to raise money is their invitation to become a Director for a day. For £20, one can have a seat on the team bus, lunch with the team, a seat in the directors box and a meal on the way home. Any takers?

Manager Williams was the busiest in the country during transfer deadline week, making 5 deals in all. Out went Tommy Jenkins (to U.S.A.) and Peter Eastoe (Q.P.R.), whilst new arrivals were former Swindon ace Don Rodgers (from Q.P.R.), Steve Aizlewood (Newport) and Gerry O'Brien (Southampton).



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**ALLAN, James** (Goalkeeper) – Born Inverness. Signed as an Apprentice Professional from Brora Rangers in October 1970 and signed professional in July 1971. He made his debut in the First Team in September 1971. Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 11 st. 7 lbs.

**BARRON, Jim** (Goalkeeper) – Born Tantobie, Co. Durham. Signed 22nd July 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United. Height 5 ft. 11½ ins. Weight 12 st. 7 lbs.

**BURROWS, Frank** (Centre Half) – Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the Club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played 3 seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in the First Team. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968-69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of 1968-69. Played in League Cup winners Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter Club Competition winning team Season 1969-70. Height 6 ft. 1 ins. Weight 12 st. 8 lbs.

**BUTLER, Joe** (Full Back) – Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the Club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability

amply make up for his lack of inches. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968-69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup Winning Team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter Club Competition Winning Team Season 1969-70. Height 5 ft. 6½ ins. Weight 10 st. 10 lbs.

**DIXON, Wilfred** (Full Back or Midfield) – Born London. Signed September 1973 from Reading. Height 5 ft. 8 ins. Weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

**HUBBARD, Terry** (Inside Forward) – Born Newport. Joined Club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional 1969. Has now established himself as a regular First Team and Welsh Under 23 player. Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Weight 10 st. 10 lbs.

**McLAUGHLIN, John** (Right Back) – Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the Club from Colchester on the 3rd December 1973, and has made the left back position his own. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

**MOSS, David** (Inside Right) – Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969. Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Weight 11 st. 3 lbs.

**PROPHETT, Colin** (Forward) – Born Belfast. Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International. Height

5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 2 lbs.

**STROUD, Ken** (Midfield) – Born London. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970. This skilful player is rapidly becoming contender for a regular First Team place. Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 12 st.

**SYRETT, David** (Forward) – Born in Salisbury. Joined the Club as an apprentice professional on the 13th July 1972 and as a professional on the 8th November 1973. During the past season he became a member of the First Team Squad and was a member of the England Youth Team. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 3 lbs.

**TROLLOPE, John** (Full Back) – Born Wroughton, near Swindon. Joined the Club from school and has become its longest serving professional, signing in August 1960. Since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon. Height 6 ft. Weight 12 st. 4 lbs.

**ANDERSON, Trevor** (Forward) – Born Belfast. Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 2 lbs.

**ROGERS, Don** (Forward) – Rejoined Swindon in March 1976 following a £20,000 transfer from Q.P.R. Started his career at Swindon where he made over 400 appearances before moving to Crystal Palace. A great favourite wherever he plays. Born Paulton.

**AIZLEWOOD, Steve** (Defender) – Joined Swindon in March 1976 after a £12,000 transfer from Newport County. Welsh U.23 international. Born Newport.

**O'BRIEN, Gerry** (Midfield) – Joined Swindon in March 1976 following a £15,000 transfer from Southampton. Began his career with Clydebank, and has also spent a loan period with Bristol Rovers. Born Glasgow.



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L. BADGER	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	A KOWALSKI	24	1	1	1	1	—	26	2
D. BAILEY	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	D. McELVANEY	4	1	—	—	—	—	4	1
F. BARLOW	22	—	2	—	1	—	25	—	B. McEWAN	28	2	2	—	1	—	31	2
A. BELLAMY	7	—	1	—	—	—	8	—	J. McINTOSH	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
D. BENTLEY	23	1	2	—	1	—	26	1	E. MOSS	21	5	2	—	1	—	24	5
K. BURTON	26	1	2	—	—	—	28	1	S. O'NEILL	32	1	—	—	1	—	33	1
S. CAMMACK	12	4	—	—	—	—	12	4	P. ROBERTS	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
M. DARLING	27	11	2	1	—	—	29	12	T. SHANAHAN	29	15	—	—	—	—	29	15
R. FERN	27	5	2	1	—	—	29	6	P. TINGAY	34	—	2	—	1	—	37	—
S. HARDWICK	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	R. WELCH	7	—	—	—	1	—	8	—
A. HOLMES	11	—	2	—	—	—	13	—	E. WINSTANLEY	12	2	—	—	1	—	13	2
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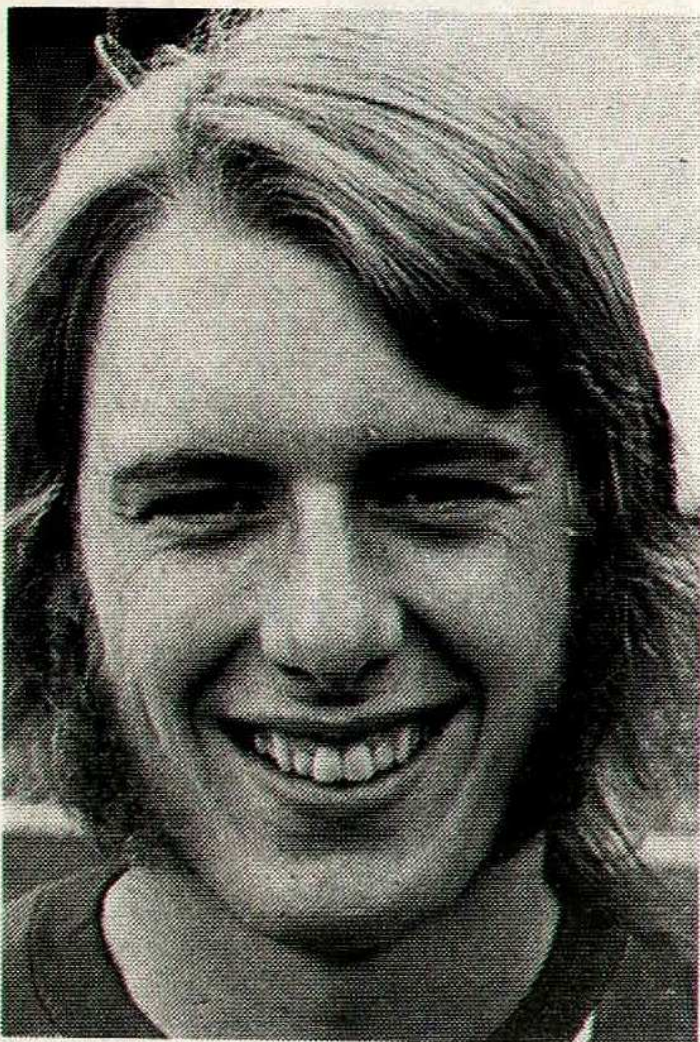
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22 year old Steve was born in Sheffield, where he still lives with his wife Anne and their two children, daughters Sarah (3½) and Sally (1), although he is presently on the look-out for a house in or around the Chesterfield area.

Steve's soccer career began in 1969 when he joined Sheffield United straight from school, after having impressed them with his performances for Sheffield Boys. 1972 was a big year for Steve, starting with his League debut away at Chelsea, and culminating in his call-up for the England Youth team to take part in the Mini World Cup in Spain, which England won, beating W. Germany in the Final 2-0 on Barcelona's ground. Steve played an important part in this victory, some of his now famous team-mates being Trevor Francis, Kevin Beattie and Graham Moseley, to name but three. Steve naturally regards his international call-up as the high-point of his career so far.

First-team appearances at Bramall Lane were at a premium, however, Steve having played only 22 full games (5 goals) in his 7 years with Sheffield United, so it didn't take him long to decide to join Chesterfield with the prospect of regular first-team soccer. Steve joined us 22nd January, 1976 in a £15,000 deal, which equalled our record transfer fee paid (also to Sheffield United for Frank Barlow in 1972).

Steve admits to having found Division 3 football difficult to get used to, but there is now ample evidence to suggest that he will be a big asset to us in the future. And what a shot he has! Welcome to Saltergate, Cammy, and let's hope that the goals keep coming!



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