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## NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

Our visitors today, are passing through a difficult period, since the beginning of December 1976, culminating in a home defeat by Portsmouth 1 - 2 on Saturday.

Last season they came to the County Ground for the opening game, and departed victors by the only goal. Earlier this year, in our fourth game, to be exact, we won by one goal to nil at Chesterfield, so much is at stake. The desire of our visitors to return to form, and also gain revenge for the home defeat. We on our part do not want a repeat of last seasons result, but to forge ahead with our league games, and the gaining of points to move up the League Table.

With all the glamour and excitement of the Cup over, and almost forgotten, from now on it is the League games. There is much leeway to make up, especially with games cancelled. The determination to continue, with the fine cup form, was shown last Saturday at Wrexham. Maybe a draw 2 - 2 was a little disappointing after taking a two goal lead, but all in all it was a fine performance against a splendid team occupying third place in the table.

From the spectators point of view, it was an outstanding game, with plenty of thrills, and very much enjoyed by the seven thousand spectators, among whom were a considerable band from Swindon.

Not quite as many as joined us at Everton, where there must have been almost five thousand from Swindon. We certainly have a hard core of real loyal supporters.

New Manager Arthur Cox has recently taken over from Joe Shaw, who has spent many years at Chesterfield. It is a homely club, with some fine long serving Directors, and one is always assured of a very warm welcome, when visiting the town with the Twisted Shirt.

The match today, will bring back memories to one of our players Ray McHale who began as an amateur with Chesterfield. He was signed on professional forms by the then manager, Jimmy McGuigan. After spending three seasons there he moved on to Halifax for two more, before coming to Swindon.

It could well be, he is the first player to be associated with Swindon and Chesterfield since the arrival of Harry Cousins in the early thirties. A former Swindon player Jimmy Cookson, still holds the goal-scoring record for that club, 44 in Season 1925-26 (3rd Division North). He of course came to Swindon from West Bromwich Albion.

Some players retire from football and almost forget about the game, while others cannot resist being part of it. One of our previous players who just lived for football, belongs to the latter group.

Now in business in Ledbury Town he made his debut in a home game for that club not in the First Team, but for the second string in the Herefordshire League. I'm sure he enjoyed every minute of it, and what a thrill for his team mates. Yes, Ernie Hunt will always be in Football.



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# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

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Today we play our first home League fixture since we played Brighton on the 1st January.

Although we were all terribly disappointed to lose at Everton, we did prove to thousands of people that we are capable of more than just holding our own in higher grades. Our performances since this game have also proved that our lads have the character to overcome such reverses.

Our local press has pointed out that we have collected something in the region of £25,000 from our cup ties and while this is true, I feel that I should make the point that we the Club, are indebted to the bank to the tune of approximately forty thousand, plus a loan of forty thousand interest free from the Directors. I point this out so people are not misled by such statements to believe that we have money to burn.

We are determined to strengthen the team if and when the opportunity arises and to this end Danny and Frank are working.

The Football Pink headed an article "Knock, Knock", and this they always seem pleased to do, when it comes to writing about our Club, although they are always pleased to cash in on any success that we create. To put the facts right concerning their article on our Rendevous Club, both Mike Summerbee and Ed Stewart were admitted to the Club in their own rights because they held tickets in the Directors Box, which entitles them by the rules of the Club to be a member for a day. The Bromley players wives were refused admission on the occasion of our game with that Club because they were not entitled by the rules to be admitted.

The same position arose with membership of the Supporters Club and we have to refuse admission to visiting supporters on match days.

It is a pity that I have to explain these things in my notes when this could be avoided if the local reporter had obtained the facts before rushing in to print.

Our first video tape recording was taken of the home Everton Cup Tie and although the film was good, it can be improved on, by taking the sequence from a higher elevation. To this end we are retaining the platform erected in the top of the South Stand. Our film was actually taken from ground level, which does not give a clear picture at times. With the present platform remaining, we are more likely to get

the opportunity of the television company's using it, because the cost of originally erecting, is somewhere in the region of £800, which they have to pay for.

Our Youths went out last week of the Youth Cup to the holders West Bromwich Albion, and so we went out of two cups in one week. We have done very well in this competition, but last Thursday week was not our night and we had to accept defeat to a better team on the night.

Everyone will be pleased to know that Maurice Owen is on the mend and has in fact, made a start again on the ground, but he will have to be careful for a while yet.

Our defeat at Preston was disappointing after we played some good attacking football without getting the end product and we hope that we can make amends today.

We welcome our friends from Chesterfield today and look forward to a good game.

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## FAN MAIL

Alan Bunting  
209 Mather Avenue,  
Liverpool 18  
Merseyside.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to congratulate you on your fine performance at Goodison Park. I am a Liverpool supporter but I thought perhaps a surprise might be on the cards. I was lending my support to the many Swindon fans who had followed their team up here although I was in a different part of the ground to them, amongst Everton supporters.

Again I congratulate you on your performance and say that I thought it was better than either Crystal Palace's or Carlisle's against Liverpool at Anfield.

Yours faithfully,  
Alan Bunting.





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# OUR VISITORS

## CHESTERFIELD

by Tony Pullein

### PHILLIP TINGAY (Goalkeeper)

Phillip regained his place last month following the transfer of Steve Hardwick to Newcastle for £80,000. Phillip first made the Chesterfield side in 1971/72 and the following season he spent a period with Barnsley on loan. He returned and was the number one 'keeper for three years until Hardwick's emergence.

League record: Chesterfield 122 aps; Barnsley (on loan) 8 aps.

### LEN BADGER (Defender)

Len joined Chesterfield last season after distinguishing himself for many years with Sheffield United. While at Bramall Lane, Len won England youth honours and later gained 13 under-23 caps. He made his debut in the First Division in 1963.

League record: Sheffield Un. 457(1) aps., 7 gls; Chesterfield 39 aps.

### SIAN O'NEILL (Defender)

Stan was kept out of the Leeds United team by their many international stars but he soon proved himself after his transfer to Chesterfield in 1974 when he went straight into their senior team.

League record: Leeds nil aps; Chesterfield 103 (2) aps., 3 gls.

### LES HUNTER (Defender)

Les graduated through the junior teams to make his League bow on the opening day of last season. He took his chance so well that he missed only one game throughout the campaign. Though he lost his place this season, he was recently recalled.

League record: Chesterfield 56(1) aps., 2 gls.

### KEN BURTON (Defender)

Ken began his career with Sheffield Wednesday when they were in the First Division and he held a regular place for almost two seasons. He later went to Peterborough on loan before transferring to Chesterfield in 1973. He is a former England youth international.

League record: Sheff. Wed. 54(2) aps., 2 gls; Peterborough (on loan) 3(1) aps; Chesterfield 128(1) aps., 4 gls.

### JOHN COTTAM (Defender)

John joined Chesterfield from Nottingham Forest last summer. After initially making the Forest team in 1970/71 as substitute, he won a first-team place the following season. He later spent loan periods with Mansfield and Lincoln.

League record: Nottingham For. 92(3) aps., 4 gls; Mansfield (loan) 2 aps., 1 gl; Lincoln (loan) 1 ap; Chesterfield 21 aps.

### MALCOLM DARLING (Forward)

With 19 goals Malcolm was top scorer last season, repeating a feat he had performed at Blackburn (twice) and Rochdale. Before joining Chesterfield in 1974, Malcolm spent a year with Bolton Wanderers.

League record: Blackburn 114(13) aps., 31 gls; Norwich 16 aps., 5 gls; Rochdale 82(4) aps., 16 gls; Bolton 6(2) aps; Chesterfield 100(3) aps., 33 gls.

### ANDY KOWALSKI (Midfield)

Andy graduated through the junior teams to take his first-team bow in 1972/73 and he has been a fairly regular member of the senior squad for the past three seasons.

League record: Chesterfield 126(6) aps., 13 gls.

### DAVID BENTLEY (Midfield)

David made his name with Rotherham United where, apart from a brief loan spell with Mansfield, he was a regular for six years. He didn't make an early impact at Chesterfield, when he joined them in 1974, but earned a senior place last season.

League record: Rotherham 243(7) aps., 13 gls; Mansfield (loan) 1(3) aps., 1 gl; Chesterfield 50(2) aps., 1 gl.

### ALAN JONES (Midfield)

Alan joined Chesterfield from Halifax during the early weeks of this season. He had been a senior player at The Shay for three seasons. He began as a defender with Huddersfield, making his League debut in 1970/71.

League record: Huddersfield 30(2) aps.; Halifax 109 aps., 6 gls; Chesterfield 17 aps., 3 gls.



# CHESTERFIELD



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DATE	LGE.H POS./	OPPONENTS	H-T	F-T	SCORERS (P) = PENALTY	A D
S 14 AUG	( )	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	1-0	3-2	STROUD, GODDARD, SYRETT	
W 18 AUG	( )	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	0-0	0-2		
S 21 AUG	( )	H PORT VALE	0-0	1-0	SYRETT	
TU 24 AUG	( )	A PORTSMOUTH	0-2	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 28 AUG	(4)	H WREXHAM	0-0	3-2	MOSS 2, PROPHETT	
S 4 SEP	(3)	A CHESTERFIELD	0-0	1-0	ROGERS	
S 11 SEP	(2)	H SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	5-2	MOSS, SYRETT 2, ANDERSON AIZLEWOOD	
S 18 SEP	(3)	A LINCOLN CITY	0-0	0-0		
S 25 SEP	(3)	H GILLINGHAM	1-1	2-2	STROUD, AIZLEWOOD	
W 29 SEP	(3)	A PETERBOROUGH UNITED	0-1	0-1		
S 2 OCT	(10)	A READING	0-3	1-4	MOSS	
S 9 OCT	(6)	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 16 OCT	(10)	A WALSALL	0-1	0-2		
S 23 OCT	(5)	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-0	5-1	ANDERSON (2P), MOSS MCLAUGHLIN, SYRETT	
TU 26 OCT	(5)	A BURY	0-0	1-0	DIXON	
S 30 OCT	(5)	H TRANMERE ROVERS	1-1	1-1	ANDERSON (P)	
TU 2 NOV	(4)	H CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1	1-1	SYRETT	
S 6 NOV	(6)	A BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	0-3	0-4		
S 13 NOV	(11)	H ROTHERHAM UNITED	1-2	2-4	ANDERSON (P) STROUD	
S 20 NOV	(-)	H BROMLEY (FAC1)	1-0	7-0	MCHALE, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2, ANDERSON 2	
S 27 NOV	(10)	A MANSFIELD TOWN	0-0	1-1	ANDERSON	
S 11 DEC	( )	A HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2)	1-0	1-1	DIXON	
T 14 DEC	( )	H HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2R)	1-0	Aban.	SYRETT	
S 18 DEC	(12)	A CHESTER	1-0	1-2	MOSS	
T 21 DEC	( )	H HITCHIN TOWN	0-0	3-1	SYRETT, MOSS 2	
M 27 DEC	(11)	H OXFORD UNITED	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 1 JAN	(11)	H BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (Aban)	2-0	4-0	STROUD, MOSS, MCHALE 2	
S 8 JAN	( )	A FULHAM (FAC3)	3-1	3-3	ANDERSON, MOSS, MCHALE	
T 11 JAN	( )	H FULHAM	2-0	5-0	ANDERSON, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2	
S 22 JAN	(13)	A PORT VALE	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, SYRETT	
S 29 JAN	( )	H EVERTON (FAC4)	1-1	2-2	SYRETT, STROUD	
T 1 FEB	( )	A EVERTON (FAC 4 R)	0-0	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 5 FEB	(13)	A IPSWICH	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, AIZLEWOOD	
T 8 FEB	(13)	A PRESTON	0-1	0-2		
S 19 FEB	( )	A SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY				
M 21 FEB	( )	A TRANMERE ROVERS				
S 26 FEB	( )	H LINCOLN CITY (FAC5)				
S 5 MAR	( )	A GILLINGHAM				
T 8 MAR	( )	H GRIMSBY TOWN				
F 11 MAR	( )	H READING				
S 19 MAR	( )	A SHREWSBURY TOWN (FAC6)				
S 26 MAR	( )	H WALSALL				
F 1 APR	( )	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN				
F 8 APR	( )	A OXFORD UNITED				
S 9 APR	( )	H PETERBOROUGH UNITED				
TU 12 APR	( )	A CRYSTAL PALACE				
S 16 APR	( )	H BURY				
TU 19 APR	( )	A YORK CITY				
S 23 APR	( )	A ROTHERHAM UNITED (FACSF)				
S 30 APR	( )	H MANSFIELD TOWN				
TU 3 MAY	( )	H PRESTON NORTH END				
S 7 MAY	( )	A GRIMSBY TOWN				
T 10 MAY	( )	H BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION				
S 14 MAY	( )	H CHESTER				
T 17 MAY	( )	H PORTSMOUTH				



# STATS

(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)

ATTEN ACCUM  
DANCE PNTS

S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER

Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
SYRETT	01	02	03	04	05	06	07S	08	09	10	11	12
7037	01	02	03	04S	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
6138	2	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	10	12	09	11
7898	2	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	09	11
6204	4	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	08	12	09	11
4148	6	01	02	03	04	15	06	07	08	12	09	11
DERSON	8	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08	12	09	11
7379	9	01	02	03	16	05	06	13	08	12	09	11
8678	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	16	11
5783	10	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08S	12	16	11
11670	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	10	12	16	11
9017	12	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	10	12	16	09
5529	12	01	02	03	04	08	06	13	16	12	10	11
SS	7285	14	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16
TT	6405	16	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16
7776	17	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16S	11
11317	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11
18761	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	03S	10	12	16	11
OD	7604	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	09	16S
MOSS 2,	6497	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11
6663	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11
4827	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
7261	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02S	12	16	11	07
3399	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11
6064	01	08	17	04	15	06	13	02	12	16	11	07
13491	21	01	02	17	04	05	06	13	07	12	16	11
12369	21	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11
CHALE	16460	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11
2, MOSS 2	23883	01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02	12	16	11
4446	22	01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02S	12	16	11
24347	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	06
38063	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
D	7287	23	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16
9409	23	01	08	17	04S	05	06	13	02	12	16	19S

Totals include appearances as substitute  
Code used on  
Stats. Page

## SWINDON TOWN PLAYING STAFF 1976-77

	This Season	League	League Cup	F.A.Cup
	Apps/Goals	Apps/Goals	Apps/Goals	Apps/Goals
01 JIMMY ALLAN	(23)	94	2	7
02 JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	(18/1)	185/8	2	7
03 TONY TAYLOR	(15/1)	285	2	1
04 KENNY STROUD	(27/2)	108/8	2/1	7/1
05 STEVE AIZLEWOOD	(19/3)	221/20	2	6
06 COLIN PROPHETT	(23/3)	245/13	2	6
07 DON ROGERS	(2/1)	500/182	2	1
08 WILF DIXON	(20/1)	274/9	2	7/1
09 HOWARD GODDARD	(11)	75/18	2/1	nil
10 GERRY O'BRIEN	(10)	103/2	2	nil
11 TREVOR ANDERSON	(20/7)	110/26	2	7/5
12 DAVE SYRETT	(22/6)	101/28	2/1	7/6
13 DAVE MOSS	(22/6)	163/36	nil	7/7
14 PHIL HARRIS	(1)	1	nil	nil
15 FRANK BURROWS	(3)	484/14	nil	1
16 RAY MCHALE	(2/4)	228/50*	nil	7/2
17 JOHN TROLLOPE	(17)	675/20*	nil	7
18 JOHN GILLIGAN	1	6+	nil	nil
19 WYN HOOPER	(2)	1	nil	nil

\* Includes 4 apps., 2 goals for Halifax Town

+ Currently on loan to Northampton Town

† Includes apps., for Newport County



# PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

# Swindon v Chesterfield

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## SWINDON TOWN V. CHESTERFIELD

### FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon Score First)

FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon Score First)							Gate
*	Sep.	27	1958	Away	3 - 1	Kelly 3	9,000 (approx)
	Feb.	14	1959	Home	1 - 2	Owen	8,451
	Sep.	26	1959	Away	3 - 1	Darcy, Edwards, Hoskins	7,376
	Feb.	13	1960	Home	1 - 1	Layne	5,929
	Sep.	17	1960	Home	2 - 0	Layne, Jackson	12,239
	Feb.	4	1961	Away	1 - 1	Summerbee	3,099
	Oct.	2	1974	Away	2 - 0	Eastoe 2	3,573
	Nov.	5	1974	Home	1 - 0	Anderson	8,277
	Aug.	16	1975	Home	0 - 1		7,675
	APr.	3	1976	Away	0 - 4		3,646

\* Swindon Team in first Football League Fixture between Clubs:

Burton; Neal, Bingley; Morgan, Jack, Owen;  
Corbett, Micklewright, Kelly, Edwards, Chamberlain.

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Swindon Town: Houldsworth; Duckworth, Herod; Cousins, Armstrong (W), Merrick;  
Peters, Armstrong (T), Fowler, Bowl, Gunson.

Attendance : 19,165

Receipts : £1,085

### LEAGUE SUMMARY (Not including this season)

	W	D	L	F	A	
Home	2	1	2	5	4	
Away	3	1	1	9	7	
TOTAL	5	2	3	14	11	SWINDONS SUCCESS RATE : 60%

### TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS:

Harry Cousins from Chesterfield Debut v. Bournemouth away August, 27th, 1932.

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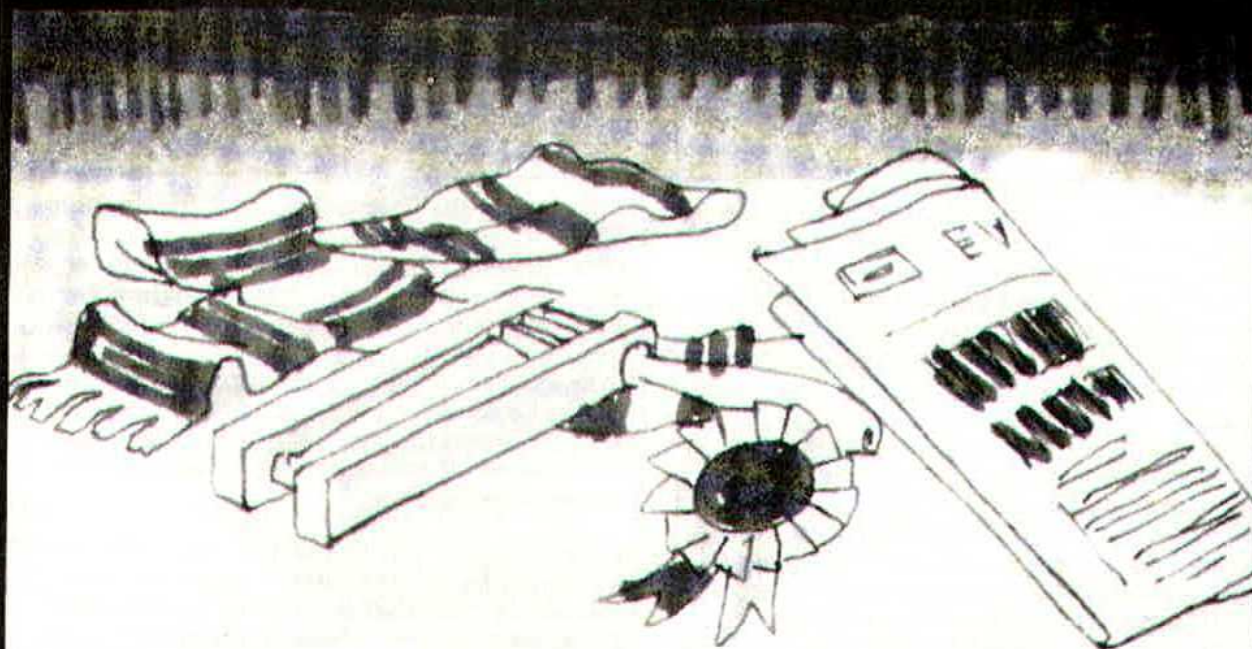
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# The Club That Always Has A Goalkeeper Up Its Sleeve

by Tony Pullein

At one time, so it is said, all a Northern manager had to do was whistle down a pit and up would come a footballer. Those days of hungry footballers have passed but one old adage that seems to have survived the toll of the years is — if you want a goalkeeper, go to Chesterfield!

The Saltergate club has been produced great goalkeepers for almost a century now and still it manages to maintain its standards. The latest Chesterfield 'keeper to make it to the top is young Steve Hardwick who, with scarcely a couple of dozen League appearances beneath his belt, was transferred to Newcastle for £80,000 a few weeks ago.

Hardwick was tipped for the top when he was still in the youth team so it was no real surprise to those who have followed his career that he has made the First Division. What is surprising is the rate at which this club keeps churning out fine goalkeepers.

Three years ago Chesterfield sold Jim Brown to Sheffield United for £70,000 and it wasn't long before he was playing for Scotland. Brown was not a Chesterfield discovery — he began his career with Albion Rovers — but he did get his first experience of English football with the club.

In January 1972 Chesterfield picked up a handy £50,000 when Alan Stevenson moved on to Burnley. Within a year Stevenson was winning the first of his 11 England under-23 caps.

Chesterfield's knack of finding great goalkeepers goes way back to the days of Sam Hardy, one of the coolest and calmest goalkeepers ever to grace the game. Hardy was born in Chesterfield and made his League debut with the local club in 1902. Such was his class that, within a couple of years, he had been snapped up by one of the big clubs, Liverpool, and went on to earn 21 England caps. He later played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest.

Hardy was described by the great Charlie Buchan as "the best goalkeeper I have ever seen." Yet it's doubtful if even Hardy could bear comparison with, perhaps, the most glorious 'keeper of all time — Gordon Banks.

Banks joined the Chesterfield club in October 1955 but, after going away for national service, seriously debated about giving up football for a more secure occupation. That was before he had made his first-team debut for Chesterfield.

He quickly changed his mind after making his bow in 1958/59. At the end of that season he was transferred to Leicester — for just £6,000 — and, as we all know, he became a legend in his own playing days.

Gordon played more games (73) for England than any other goalkeeper in the game's history, memories of his great saves being left behind on almost every ground where he played. There was one fabulous penalty save for Stoke against West Ham in a League Cup semi-final which kept the Potters in the competition. Best of all, though, was his phenomenal point blank effort from Pele in the 1970 World Cup.

Some while before Banks, there was a remarkable character called Ray Middleton in the Chesterfield goal. He once made 252 consecutive appearances for the club and was then transferred to Derby. Middleton, who became a J.P., never played for England yet had he not been a contemporary of such goalkeeping legends as Frank Swift, Bert Williams, Ted Ditchburn and Gil Merrick he must surely have done so. Middleton was bracketed with Sam Bartram as the greatest uncapped goalkeeper of his era.

John Osborne played for England schoolboys as a wing-half but Chesterfield got hold of him and turned him onto a goalkeeper. He gave the club five years of splendid service before it was his turn to move on to West Bromwich in 1967. Now, ten years later, he still holds his place for the Throstles.

Bob Wilson, who became Scotland's goalkeeper, was born in the town though, somehow, the local club managed to miss him. Wilson joined Wolves, then moved on to Arsenal.

Now everyone is asking how long it will be before the present custodian, Phillip Tingay, moves on to pastures new.



## FAN MAIL

5 Woodfarm Hey,  
Cantril Farm,  
Liverpool 28.

Dear Swindon F.C.,

I would be very happy if you could read out my letter at your next home match.

At the recent cup-tie with Everton at the County Ground, I met up with a few good, friendly Swindon supporters, and the result being that just before the end of the game I swapped names and addresses with a female Swindon fan, but unfortunately on the way out I was being crushed at the exits and somebody must have taken my programme out of my pocket because when I eventually did leave the ground it was gone.

All I can remember of her address is that she was called JANET KERR and whatever road or street she lived in the number of her house was 60 and also that she lived in WROUGHTON'

If you could ask her to write to me first here in Liverpool and let me know her address, I would be very happy.

Yours hopefully,  
BRIAN HALFORD,  
(EVERTONIAN)

**Chesterfield Football Club** is one of the oldest clubs in the country having been founded in 1866. They were elected to membership of the Football League Division 2 in 1899 and retained their membership until 1909 when they reverted back to the Midland League. In 1921 they were one of the clubs who advocated the formation of the Division 3 North and have been members of the Football League since that date.

Chesterfield have a high reputation in the game for the number of goalkeepers who have started their playing career with the Club. The first being Sam Hardy who was an international keeper during the early part of the century and his record was only passed a few seasons ago by Gordon Banks another player who began his career with Chesterfield. Other players who have made their mark between the sticks are Ray Middleton (B. International and Derby County), John Asborne (West Bromwich Albion) Alan Stevenson (Under 23 International and Burnley) and Jim Brown (Scottish International and Sheffield United) Steven Hardwick, at present on the staff is a Youth International.

Chesterfield moved to their present ground at Saltergate in 1882. The Club have the distinction of being the first to function under the municipal after the first world war but this agreement ended when the Club were admitted to membership of the Football League in 1921.

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## FROM THE POOLS OFFICE!!!

It's back to the League today and after watching our two performances against Everton let's hope the team can produce another two points in our fight to get back among the promotion race.

To all the supporters who made the trip to Everton last Tuesday week and out cheered the home crowd you deserve a medal each. You were magnificent, let's hear it again today.

To all the motorists among you who would like to be in a position to save money on your tyres and batteries, I say watch these notes. I hope in the near future to tie up with Motorway Tyres whereby all Swindon Town Supporters will get a 20% discount on tyres and 30% on batteries so keep your eyes on this column.

Our Grand National Tickets are now available from all agents and they are still only 5p each. Over £200.00 in prizes to be won. If you want to purchase some call at The Pools Office or ring Swindon 31510.

We still need agents to sell our Competition Tickets weekly. No financial outlay is involved and commission is paid on all sales plus a bonus of 10% on winnings over £5.00 Ring SWINDON 31510 for details.

Here's hoping for a good game and two more points.

Doug Buswell  
POOLS MANAGER.

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### WILF SMITH (Midfield)

Wilf set out as an outstanding full-back with Sheffield Wednesday, earning six England under-23 caps. Coventry paid £100,000 for him in 1970 and he later switched to midfield. Following loan periods with Brighton and Millwall, he joined Bristol Rovers in 1975 and signed for Chesterfield a few weeks ago.

League record: Sheff. Wed. 206 aps., 4 gls; Coventry 132(3) aps., 1 gl; Brighton (loan) 5 aps.; Millwall (loan) 5 aps; Bristol Rovers 54 aps., 2 gls; Chesterfield 6(1) aps.

### ROD FERN (Forward)

Rod is Chesterfield's leading scorer with 13 goals, four of those coming in one game against Walsall. Once with Leicester, for whom he was top scorer in 1969/70, he continued his career with Luton in 1972 and transferred to Chesterfield last season.

League record: Leicester 132(17) aps., 27 gls; Luton 34(5) aps., 5 gls; Chesterfield 60 aps., 24 gls.

### STEVE CAMMACK (Forward)

Steve was a member of England's UEFA Youth Cup winning side in 1972, shortly after making his First Division bow for Sheffield United. He never quite won a regular place with the Blades but has met with success since his transfer to Chesterfield last season.

League record: Sheffield Un. 21 (15) aps., 5 gls; Chesterfield 31(2) aps., 6 gls.

## DANNY'S DESK

I would like firstly to thank you all for the wonderful support during our cup run, it really was fantastic both home and away. If only we could get that kind of support for our League matches, again home and away, then I am certain this would reflect in our results. I am sure that many thousands who were at our matches against Fulham and Everton have not set eyes on the County Ground since our match against Arsenal and if only these folk would realise that, with their regular support, the more likely it would be that the better teams would be visiting us every match. If the readers of this column will spread this gospel to their friends who are 'big match only' supporters and our support becomes as fanatical as for Cup Tie matches then we shall all benefit.

I am sure we were all bitterly disappointed at the way the game went away from us at Ever-

ton but everything that could be said has been said in the newspapers. Cup football adds that little extra spice to life. In a League game if the ball goes into the back of your net, that may be two points gone, disappointing but you have the opportunity of rectifying things by picking up two points in the next match. Not so with the Cup - when the whistle goes that's the end until next year. There are few things worse in this game than the disappointment felt when you have been knocked out of the Cup. Folk are approaching us asking when we are going to commence our annual kit sponsorship appeal, in fact one or two supporters have already submitted their names. We hope to include this appeal in our next programme and I am sure that the response will be equal to last seasons.

Thank you for being here this afternoon and please make your presence known by cheering like mad for the whole of the afternoon.



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# SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY 1977

**SWINDON**

at 3.00 p.m.

**CHESTERFIELD**

- 1 Allan
- 2 Dixon
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Stroud
- 5 Aizlewood
- 6 Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 McLaughlin
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McHale
- 11 Anderson



- 1 Tingay
- 2 Chamberlain
- 3 Burton
- 4 Smith
- 5 Cottam
- 6 O'Neill
- 7 Commack
- 8 Darling
- 9 Fern
- 10 Kowalski
- 11 Bentley

**Referee:**

Mr. K. W. BAKER - Rugby

**Linesmen:**

Red Flag: Mr. R. W. DAY - Clevedon

Yellow Flag: Mr. R. RIMMER - Shepton Mallett

**KENNETH W BAKER (Rugby)** Commenced refereeing in 1959. Was appointed to the Football League line in 1967 and has been on the full list for several years. Linesman in the Northern Ireland v. Wales match (1975), also the Fulham v. Birmingham City F.A. Cup Semi-Final Replay last year.

Married with four children, he is Chief Security/Traffic Officer at the National Exhibition Centre. For 12 years he served with the Metropolitan and Warwickshire Police Forces rising to a Temporary Detective Inspector.

## FUTURE GAMES

**Saturday February 19th**

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION**

**ORIENT K.O. 3.00**

**Saturday Febraury 26th**

**LINCOLN CITY K.O. 3.00**

## KEY OF THE BOARD

A	Chester v Crystal Palace
B	Grimsby v Mansfield
C	Northampton v Gillingham
D	Portsmouth v Sheffield Wednesday
E	Port Vale v Lincoln
F	Preston N.E. v Oxford United
G	Rotherham v Brighton
H	Shrewsbury v Wrexham
I	Walsall v Reading
J	York City v Peterborough
K	Birmingham v Norwich
L	Coventry v Liverpool
M	Derby v Leeds
N	Everton v Leicester
O	Ipswich v Aston Villa
P	Manchester City v Arsenal
Q	Newcastle v Middlesbrough
R	Tottenham H. v Manchester United
S	West. Brom. Alb. v Q. P. Rangers
T	West Ham Utd. v Stoke