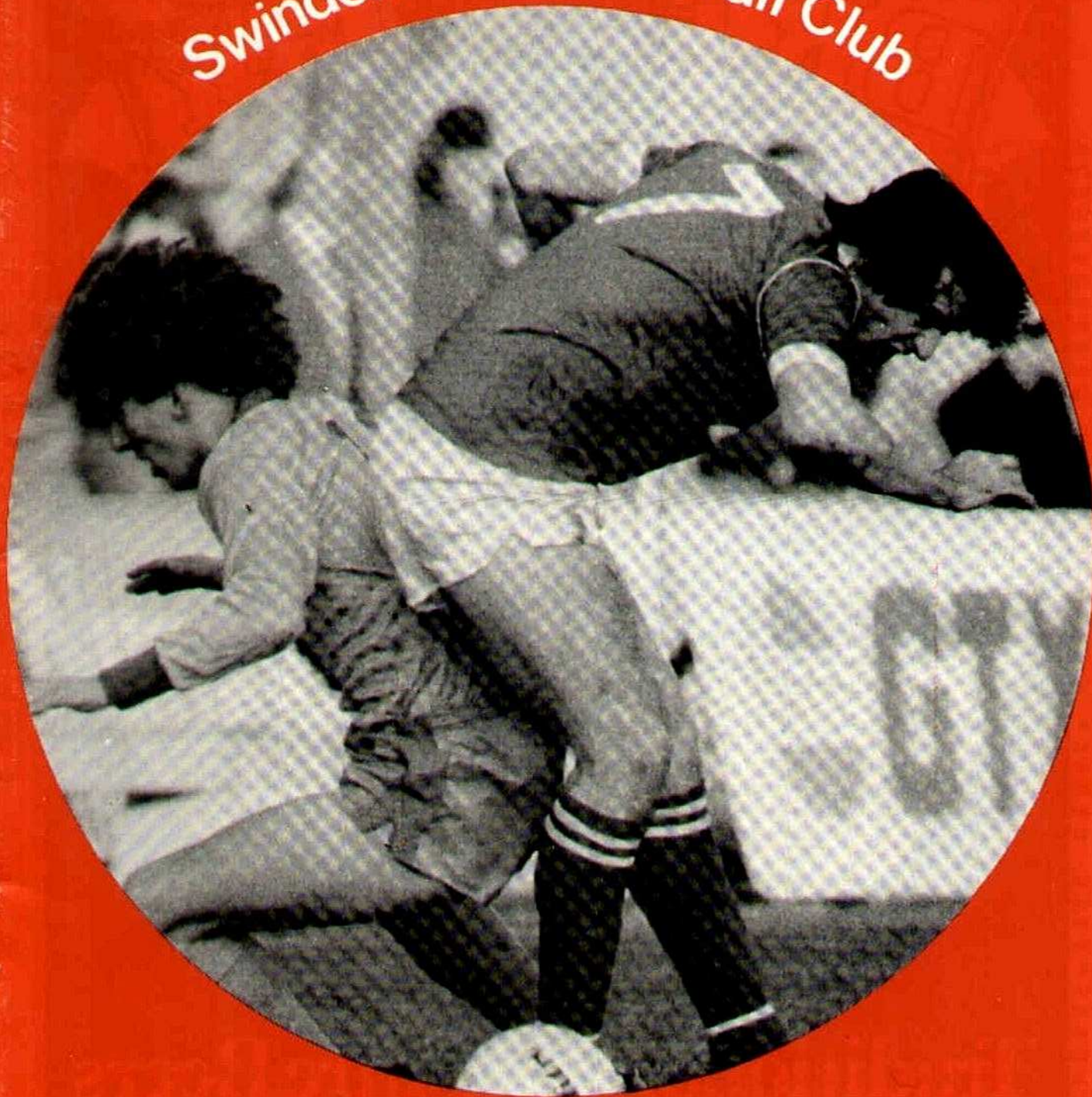




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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we welcome to the County Ground the Players and Officials from Rochdale Football Club. We are all hoping that we can start winning maximum points again. The recent points that have slipped away from us, has not been because we have lost form, but a number of things have happened such as missed scoring chances, the occasional defensive lapse, and we cannot forget the doubtful decisions. Only the supporters that were there, can appreciate such a statement, and I must admit that I was pleased to read Clive King's report on the Port Vale game, because there was a case to emphasize my point and I was almost embarrassed telling my friends at the golf club on Sunday last that we had outplayed Port Vale and yet lost 3-0. I was asked the question how can your team win 7-0 one week, and lose 3-0 the next. I suppose that is the reason why so few people win the pools.

It was disappointing that we were drawn away next Saturday in the Cup, but I know that John and the lads are determined to bring Burnley back to the County Ground if not a win at Burnley. Our recent displays have, we hope, attracted some of our past supporters back to the County Ground.

The recent suggested changes to the formation of the Football League have certainly attracted the leaders of the non-leaguers who hope that this could be an easy way to become a member of the Football League. Sir Norman Chester's resurrected report has been brought forward in the hope that the public will renew their interest and that a possible slim down of the formation of the various divisions will help our International selection because of fewer matches played in the First Division.

The latest suggestions published in the newspapers talks of just a First and Second Division as we know it now, with several mini leagues made up of the Third and Fourth Divisions plus the elite of the Alliance league with play offs between all the groups like they do in America. The standard of our game is what is all important and the more we dilute our league the less attractive it will become to the spectator.

Finances can be the cause of a club's decline in standard. When clubs cannot afford to run a Reserve team in a strong competitive league and run a Youth team then its chances of survival with the professionals are slight. All clubs are fighting to survive today with rising overheads and diminished incomes. The ultimate survivors will be the teams with a sound Youth Policy and that is why John has his feet on the ground because he not only recognises this fact but puts it into practice. The one problem of course is to find means and ways of financing these policies and this means that we have to look to every source of income apart from what is taken on gates, such as our Clubs, lotteries etc. Many of our older supporters will remember the playing days of Ted Nash who kept goal for us in the late twenties. Ted is now living in Swindon again, staying with his daughter in Avenue Road, after spending several years in Brighton and, of course, working for Brighton Football Club in the capacity of Secretary. Ted's number one club is still Swindon Town and he vividly recalls many exciting games on the County Ground as I am sure many of you do when he was playing for us. I am hoping to bring him to one of our home games soon, but at the moment he is indisposed and I know that you will wish him a speedy recovery to full health soon.

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JOHN TROLLOPE

The last two results have certainly illustrated the meaning of the expression of the 'ups and downs of football', the games resulting in a 7 - 0 win against Aldershot in the Football Association Cup and 0 - 3 defeat away from home to Port Vale. This latter result has certainly brought us down to earth after the 'high' of the previous game.

The result of the Aldershot game was the best since I became Team Manager and although we didn't really play to our normal standards in the first half the performance of the second half was as good as any this season. It was pleasing to see the goals go in and, although we missed several other opportunities which would have enabled us to reach double figures, the result saw us comfortably through to the next round.

After such a good win the draw for the Fourth Round was rather disappointing to say the least firstly because it is an away draw, which is always more difficult and secondly the gate will not be as big as it would against more attractive opposition and therefore the financial reward to the club will be less beneficial. It is, of course, a long journey for our supporters to make but I would ask as many of you as possible to travel as your support will be greatly appreciated by the team. Of course, this kind of low key game has to be expected if an extended cup run is to be achieved.

Last Saturday it was back to the League programme and unfortunately our disappointing run of League results continued. It has been hard to convince people this week that we played well at Port Vale and had more than our fair share of the game but the game is all about goals and our opponents took their chances well whereas, although we did not have the best of luck, we squandered some very good opportunities. Although the result was far from the one we would have liked the effort and performance of the team was very good indeed and it is a case of battling away until the results come good for us again.

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters from Rochdale to the County Ground.

Thanks to you our supporters for your continued support and let us hope that the trend towards higher gates has continued. I know you will give the team your usual excellent encouragement and hope we will all share an enjoyable and rewarding afternoon.



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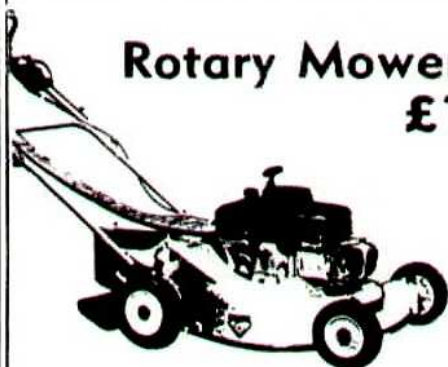
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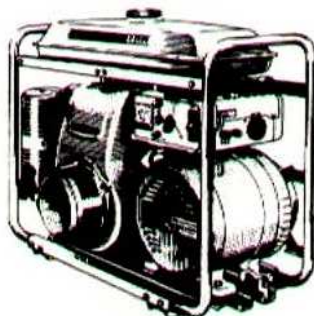
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Picture Parade...

BY DAVE EVANS



Andy Rowland (half hidden left) completes his hat-trick and scores goal number five as he heads past Aldershot goalkeeper Johnson.

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GRAEME CRAWFORD, Goalkeeper. Born Falkirk. Graeme, a vastly experienced player started his career with Falkirk then moved to Sheffield United and Mansfield Town, on loan, making two appearances for each of those clubs. He then joined York City where he made 235 appearances, and was a member of the side which won promotion to the Second Division. Graeme then joined Scunthorpe United and played 104 times for The Irons before moving back to York. He made 17 more appearances for the Bootham Crescent Club before joining Dale early in the 1980-81 season, for a small fee.

ERIC SNOOKES, Defender. Born Birmingham. Eric began his career with Preston North End where he made 20 senior appearances. From there he moved to Crewe Alexandra, and played 34 times for them before joining Southport. He played 110 times for Southport, scoring two goals, and joined Dale when Southport lost their league status. Has played more than 150 league games for Dale. An accomplished fullback who likes to overlap with the wingmen.

BRIAN TAYLOR, Defender. Born Hordorpe. Brian was club captain last season. He played 18 games with Middlesbrough before joining Doncaster Rovers. Player 119 games and scored 19 goals for Rovers before joining Dale in December, 1978 on a free transfer. He was signed by Peter Madden when he was then caretaker manager. Brian has played 141 league games for Dale at the heart of defence. He unfortunately broke a leg in the final game of last season against Northampton Town.

ALAN WEIR, Defender. Born South Shields. Alan started his career with Sunderland, but made only one first team appearance for them despite being highly rated. He was captain of Sunderland Youth, and is a former England Youth captain. Alan was signed by Dale in June, 1979 for a club record of £12,000. Alan has played in the back four, and in midfield. Player 97 league games for Dale. Voted player of the season by the fans, last term.



BACK ROW: Dave Thompspon, Chris Pearce, Mark Hilditch

MIDDLE ROW: Ronnie Blair, Micky French, Jack Trainer, Andy Staffor
Eric Snookes, Bill Williams, Peter Madden

FRONT ROW: David Madden, Barry Wellings, Steve Warriner, Neville
Evi Martinez, Peter Farrell, Alan Weir, Carl Bowden.

Note:

Ronnie Blair, Bill Williams, Graeme Crawford - are part-time professionals.

Dave Thompson is a non-contract player.

MICKY FRENCH, Forward. Micky was signed by Dale in August after being released by Aldershot. A striker, he began his career with Queens Park Rangers, but didn't break in to the first team. He moved to Brentford where he made 65 appearances and scored 16 goals, then to Swindon Town where he netted once in 10 appearances. He then joined Doncaster Rovers, playing 35 games and scoring five times, before moving south again to Aldershot.

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MARK HILDITCH, Forward. Born Shaw (Oldham). Dale have been Mark's only club. He was spotted playing for amateur club Shawside, and after some impressive performances with Dale reserves made his senior debut against Reading in 1978 and scored the winner. Mark was Dale's leading scorer last season with 15 league and cup goals. He could be said to be a all rounder as he plays cricket for Saddleworth League side Hey-side.

CHRIS PEARCE, Goalkeeper. Chris started with Wolverhampton Wanderers before joining Blackburn Rovers where he was highly rated by former manager Howard Kendal. He played five games with Dale, on loan, in 1980/81 season before being recalled by Blackburn. He never played for Rovers' senior side but had plenty of Central League experience. A Welsh under 21 international.

DAVE THOMPSON, Forward. Born Manchester. Dave had come through to the Dale senior squad after some impressive performances with the reserves in the Lancashire League Division One. He made his senior debut, last season, as a substitute against Hull City, and made one full appearance, against Northampton Town. A Speedy winger, he is an exciting prospect for the future.

BILL WILLIAMS, Defender. Born Rochdale. Bill broke in to the first team last season to become the first local "product" for many years. A strong player, he has also played in midfield. Made his mark playing for a Sunday League side before getting his chance in Dale reserves. Rated highly as a player for the future.

PETER FARRELL, Midfield. Born Liverpool. Peter joined Dale in August and made his first appearance in Dale colours in a friendly against Yorkshire League side Thackley. Peter started with Bury and made 54 appearances for them, serving nine goals. He moved to Port Vale for a reported fee of £40,000. Had a spell on loan with Doncaster Rovers last season.

EUGENE MARTINEZ, Forward. Born Chelmsford. "Eui" began his career with Bradford City and played 52 games for them, some in midfield, scoring five goals. He was Peter Madden's first signing for Dale as manager, in 1981, and he soon became a firm favourite with the fans for his speedy and skilful wing play.

From the Rochdale Archives

Compiled by Paul Plowman

The present Rochdale club succeeded Rochdale Town in 1907, playing their first game at Willbutts Lane on September 7 of that year. Visitors were Tonge United in a Manchester League game. A year later, Rochdale joined the Lancashire Combination and won the Lancs Junior Cup in 1910 before being accepted into the Central League in 1912. The club had applied to join the Second Division of the Football League in 1911 but, along with Lincoln, Chesterfield, Darlington and Hartlepool, failed to impress the voters. Rochdale reached the last thirty-two in the F.A. Cup in 1915 and re-applied for election in March 1919 but there was still sufficient backing to gain admission. They had to wait until the formation of the Third Division North in 1921 and kicked-off against Accrington Stanley at Spotland on August 27. Rochdale were represented by: Crabtree, Nuttall, Sheehan, Hill, Farrer, Yarwood, Hoad, Sandiford, Dennison, Owens, Carney.

About seven thousand turned up including a special train and some fifty char-a-bancs from Accrington! The visitors, captained by former Swindon player Jack Burkinshaw, took a 2 - 1 interval lead but Rochdale fought back to take the points with a 6 - 3 victory. The left-wing partnership of Owens and Carney, both new signings from Pontypridd, accounted for four of the goals with the former claiming a hat-trick. The other two goals came from the centre-forward who was a schoolmaster. Of the amateurs available to the club at that time, one was a local G.P. and another was a Captain Wyatt of the Bengal Lancers! In 1923/24 Rochdale almost gained promotion to the Second Division - in fact they would have done so had they beaten Wolves in either of their two drawn games with the eventual champions. The meeting of the two at Willbutts Lane in February attracted a then record gate of 16,161. No club won at Spotland that season and only four survived to take a point. It was the first season following the arrival of ALBERT WHITEHURST, from Stoke and he was joint top goalscorer with fourteen. Albert stayed with Rochdale for

five seasons and his forty-four goals in 42 games in 1926/27 is still a club record. Again Rochdale finished runner-up in the Third North but this time the gap between them and the champions, Stoke City, was one of five points. Whitehurst stayed another season - when he was top scorer for a third time - and then joined Bradford City in 1928, scoring 24 goals in his first fifteen games! The former Swindon trainer Harry Martin, a one-time England international winger joined Rochdale from Nottingham Forest in 1925 and was appointed club captain. He remained with them for four seasons.

Rochdale created two inevitable records during the 1930's. One was in that they did not win a single F. A. Cup match during the decade, in fact after beating Crook Town 8-2 on November 26 1927, Rochdale did not win again in the competition until November 17 1945, when they were 2 - 1 winners at Stockport. The other was their meagre eleven points total in 1931/32. They picked up just one away from Spotland at New Brighton and that followed a disastrous run of seventeen consecutive League defeats - including a 1 - 9 trouncing at Tranmere on Christmas Day and a 3 - 6 home defeat in the return on Boxing Day.

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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Our sponsors for today are Mr Richard Brien of Lincoln House for the Mentally Handicapped. Mr Brien, I think, originates from Rochdale, so he has an extra interest in today's game. Mr C.E. Wisby, Chemist of Cavendish Square, once again generously supports our Club along with Stuart Pharmaceuticals, Bayer Pharmaceuticals and Syntex Pharmaceuticals. Alex Hayes, in charge of our Squash Club, and some of his members are donating the match ball today.

The Supporters' Co-Operative are holding their first Annual General Meeting in The Supporters' Club on Tuesday, 25 January at 8.00 p.m. Their balance sheet is a credit to their first years hard work for the club. If you are not a member, why not join now. They are planning many interesting events for the future.

Hoping that you all enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.

DIVISION FOUR LEAGUE TABLE - up to and including Tuesday, 18 January 1983

	HOME					AWAY					LEAGUE GATES					
	P	W	D	L	F.A.	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts.	G/D	Avg.	Lowest	Highest	
1. Hull City	26	9	4	0	28	7	6	3	4	15	13	52	+24	5,466	3,674	10,042
2. Port Vale	25	9	2	2	18	6	6	4	2	19	10	51	+21	4,096	2,781	6,397
3. Bury	26	8	3	2	25	10	6	4	3	18	11	49	+22	2,875	1,796	4,748
4. Scunthorpe United	24	7	3	2	20	7	6	4	2	16	11	46	+18	3,707	1,309	7,483
5. Wmbladen	25	6	3	2	25	14	7	3	4	22	15	45	+18	2,172	1,804	2,766
6. SWINDON TOWN	24	8	1	2	22	8	4	6	3	11	12	43	+13	4,533	2,967	8,184
7. Colchester United	26	8	4	0	22	7	3	2	8	10	21	42	+9	2,293	1,625	3,021
8. Torquay United	24	8	2	1	27	13	2	3	7	9	21	38	+2	2,608	2,051	3,842
9. York City	24	7	2	1	31	14	2	6	6	13	19	35	+11	2,376	1,632	5,174
10. Peterborough United	24	7	2	3	17	11	2	6	4	10	11	35	+5	3,040	2,038	4,235
11. Mansfield Town	25	6	2	5	15	17	4	2	6	15	22	34	-9	2,378	1,293	4,516
12. Chester	26	5	2	7	19	16	4	3	5	13	14	32	+1	1,907	1,114	3,180
13. Halifax Town	24	4	4	4	10	15	4	3	5	17	19	31	+1	1,780	912	2,270
14. Stockport County	25	6	4	2	22	15	2	2	9	12	26	30	-7	2,150	1,621	3,673
15. Rochdale	26	7	5	2	23	14	9	3	9	11	28	29	-8	1,615	1,003	2,207
16. Blackpool	24	7	5	2	21	13	1	1	8	8	20	28*	-4	3,342	2,217	4,292
17. Northampton Town	24	5	7	2	20	17	1	3	6	7	21	28	-5	2,872	1,706	4,094
18. Aldershot	23	6	2	3	15	13	1	5	6	13	27	28	-12	2,307	1,417	3,587
19. Hartlepool United	25	7	3	2	17	10	0	2	11	8	34	26	-19	1,501	947	3,337
20. Tranmere Rovers	24	4	3	4	18	16	3	0	10	11	26	24	-15	2,028	1,086	2,545
21. Bristol City	26	3	5	4	13	16	1	6	7	15	30	23	-18	4,737	3,041	9,002
22. Darlington	24	3	4	5	12	14	2	3	7	16	24	22	-10	1,569	1,006	2,614
23. Crewe Alexandra	25	4	2	7	18	23	2	2	8	9	17	22	-13	2,141	1,404	4,713
24. Hereford United	25	5	3	5	10	13	0	1	11	11	33	19	-25	2,293	1,670	3,548

* Two points deducted

Town Facts & Figures Season 1982/83																				
	Appearances		League	24	14	21	23	24	24	19	8	23	24	24	3	7	1	19	6	
			Cup	6	4	5	6	6	6	6	2	6	6	6		1		4	2	
	Substitute Appearances		League							1	1						4			
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Date 1982	Opponents	Att.	Score F - A																	
Aug 28	Port Vale	H	3602	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ¹	10	11					
31	Bristol City MC1(1)	H	3739	2 - 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ²	10	11	S				
Sep 4	Blackpool	A	3395	1 - 2	1		3	4	5	6	S	8	9	10	11	7 ¹	2			
8	Hereford Utd	A	2478	2 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		8	9	10 ¹	11	7	2	S		
11	Halifax Town	H	3450	0 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11	8	2	S		
14	Bristol City MC1(2)	A	3786	0 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			S		
18	Rochdale	A	1363	1 - 1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			S		
25	Crew Alexandra	H	2967	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11				8	
28	Northampton Town	A	2550	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8	
Oct 2	Hull City	A	3536	0 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11				8	
10	Colchester Utd	H	4473	3 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	S	9 ¹	10 ²	11				8	
16	Bury	A	2357	0 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11				8	
20	Torquay Utd	A	2728	1 - 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8	
23	Mansfield Town	H	3917	4 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ¹		9 ¹	10 ¹	11 ¹		S		8	
30	Chester	A	1544	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11				8	
Nov 2	Tranmere Rovers	H	4407	4 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ²	10 ¹	11 ¹				8	
6	Darlington	A	1267	0 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11	2	S		8	
13	York City	H	4081	3 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ¹		9 ¹	10 ¹	11				8	
20	F.A. Cup 1 Wealdstone	H	4035	2 - 0	1	2 ¹	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8	
26	Stockport County	A	2197	2 - 1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11				8	
Dec 4	Peterborough Utd	H	3961	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8	
11	F.A. Cup 2 Brentford	H	7176	2 - 2	1	2	3	4	5 ¹	6	7		9	10	11 ¹		S		8	
14	FA Cup 2R Brentford	A	7383	3 - 1	1		3	4	5	6	7 ¹	S	9	10 ¹	11				8 ¹	
18	Hartlepool Utd	H	4118	3 - 0	1		3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10 ²	11				8	
27	Aldershot	A	5087	1 - 1	1		3	4	5 ¹	6	7		9	10	11				8	
28	Wimbledon	H	8164	0 - 1	1			4	5	6	7			10	11	3	9		8	
1983																				
Jan 1	Bristol City	A	9002	1 - 1	1			4	5	6	7 ¹		9	10	11	2			8	
3	Scunthorpe Utd	H	6728	2 - 2	1		3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10 ¹	11				8	
8	F.A. Cup 3 Aldershot	H	7187	7 - 0	1			4	5	6	7 ³		9	10 ³	11	3	S		8	
15	Port Vale	A	6397	0 - 3	1				5	6	7	4	9	10	11	2			8	
22	Rochdale	H																		
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18	Colchester Utd.	A																		
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28	Tranmere Rvs.	A																		
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19	Darlington	H																		
26	York City	A																		
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9	Peterborough Utd	A																		
16	Hull City	H																		
23	Hartlepool Utd	A																		
30	Stockport City	H																		
May 2	Scunthorpe Utd	A																		
8	Northampton Town	H																		
14	Bristol City	H																		

GOALSCORERS SUMMARY

A. Rowland	12	4	16
P. Rideout	11	3	14
H. Pritchard	3	4	7
L. Barnard	2	1	3
P. Batty	—	2	2
G. Emmanuel	2	—	2
R. Lewis	1	1	2
C. Henry	—	1	1
R. Carter	1	—	1
J. Quinn	1	—	1

A Decade in the 4th Division, From Division 4 to Division 1 Is it a Dream or Reality?

by Dave King

Of the 40 teams promoted from Division 4 in the past 10 years, 2 clubs have made 'A dream reality', but not significantly without a considerable influx of cash namely Watford and Swansea, who were promoted from the 4th Division in 1977/78.

Six of the promoted clubs have found residence in the 2nd Division, this includes Cambridge United who were promoted in 1972/73 and again in 1975/76 after relegation, the other clubs being Grimsby and Barnsley who were promoted together in 1978/79, Shrewsbury and Rotherham who were promoted in the same season of 1974/75.

Fifteen of the promotion clubs spanning the decade are now in the 3rd Division, but this includes Bradford City who have been promoted twice in 1976/77 and again in 1981/82, Southend who have also been promoted twice this being in 1977/78 and again in 1980/81, and also Lincoln City current pacemakers of this seasons 3rd Division in 1975/76 and also in 1980/81, where neighbours Reading who have been promoted in 1975/76 and again in 1979/80. The other 11 clubs include the following. Sheffield United, Wigan and Bournemouth promoted last Season 1981/82, Doncaster in 1980/81,

the four promoted clubs of 1979/80, Huddersfield, Walsall, Newport and Portsmouth, and the final 3 of Brentford promoted in 1977/78, Exeter in 1976/77, and finally Gillingham of 1973/74.

12 Clubs promoted have returned to the fold of the Fourth Division, but they include Wimbledon who have returned twice, the same fate befalling Colchester.

Tranmere, Chester, Peterborough and Aldershot are clubs returning to the Fourth Division once.

Slightly better days have befallen 2 of the other 4 clubs, Mansfield and Hereford have sampled 2nd Division Football albeit briefly. Whilst Northampton must dream of their halcyon days of the 60's when they reached the First Division. Whilst Bury once sampled 2nd Division soccer also in the 60's.

Sadly the remaining club Southport are no longer a member of the Football League, but it was only 10 years ago they topped Division 4 with the following record. Won 26, Drew 10, Lost 10, Goals for 71, Against 48. We can only wonder what a look back in 1992/93 will show if the next decade leaves the football league structure in its present form.

KEY OF THE BOARD

A Aldershot v Torquay
B Bristol City v Northampton
C Chester v Port Vale
D Darlington v Halifax
E Hartlepool v Hull City
F Mansfield v Hereford
G Wimbledon v Peterborough
H Aston Villa v Manchester City
I Brighton v Luton
J Liverpool v Birmingham

K Manchester Utd. v Nottm. Forest
L Norwich v Everton
M Notts. County v Arsenal
N Stoke v Ipswich
O Tottenham H. v Sunderland
P Watford v Southampton
Q West Ham Utd. v West Brom. Alb.
R Chesterfield v Reading
S Lincoln v Bristol Rovers
T Portsmouth v Oxford Utd.

Town through time

Wingers

by paul plowman

PART 15

A week after his League debut DONALD ROGERS inspired the Town to a 2-0 F.A. Cup victory over Yeovil at a packed Huish — where so many League scalps had been taken in the past — and a further seven days later, on December 1 1962, Don hit his first ever League goal against Notts County. The 3-1 win on that occasion was saddened by the loss of full-back Terry Wollen with a broken leg — an injury which was to virtually finish his career in first class football. Young Rogers scored just once more in this his first season in the Third Division and it came on January 12, as Swindon skated to an impressive 5-0 victory over Queens Park Rangers on a snow-covered surface. ARNOLD DARCY retained his position at number eleven following the Town's Cup exit at the end of the month, while MIKE SUMMERBEE — whose father and uncle were both former professionals — extended his run on the right-wing. Summerbee did not miss a game between September 1962 and Easter 1964 although on the odd occasion he handed over the number seven jersey to either GRAHAM FRENCH or PETER LEGGETT. French, a former England Youth international, was a 1963 close season capture from Shrewsbury — where player-manager Arthur Rowley had signed him on as an apprentice and given him his League baptism at sixteen. Graham stayed at the County Ground just twelve months, making only seven senior appearances. After spells with Watford and non-League Wellington Town (now Telford United) he was on Luton's books for some eight years — although he spent more of that time out of the game than in it — and finished his League career at Southport in 1976, by which time he was playing under the name of Graham Lafite. Peter Leggett arrived here from Weymouth in May 1962 but was not given a first-team chance until October of the following year when he featured in a Third Round League Cup tie against Southend. A week previously Bert Head had taken the full Town side down to Dorset for a friendly as part of the agree-



ment by which Leggett was originally signed from the Southern League club. It was to be a further four months before Peter stepped into Second Division action, against Preston on February 22 1964. He had made fifteen League appearances by the time he joined Brighton in July 1965 but after a couple of games on the South Coast he did not re-appear on the League scene until coming to the assistance of new boys Cambridge United in 1970. ERIC WEAVER resigned for the club in 1965 and took his place on the right-wing for the Town's return to the Third Division that year while Don Rogers continued on the left. Boxing Day saw the first of two brief appearances by Newbury-born BRUCE WALKER who had, like Rogers, helped Swindon to the final of the F.A. Youth Cup in April 1964 — in fact both had scored in the two games with Manchester United.

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GRAHAM
- 7 HOWARD
PRITCHARD
- 8 PAUL
BATTY
- 9 PAUL
RIDEOUT
- 10 ANDY
ROWLAND
- 11 LEIGH
BARNARD
- 12

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PEARCE
- 2 PETER
NICHOLSON
- 3 ERIC
SNOOKES
- 4 PETER
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- 5 GERRY
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- 7 DAVE
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- 8 ROY
GREAVES
- 9 MICKY
FRENCH
- 10 MARK
HILDITCH
- 11 EUI
MARTINEZ
- 12



REFEREE:

MR. DENNIS H. BRAZIER (Northampton)
Began refereeing locally in 1966 and progressed through the United Counties League and the Southern League to the Football League Linesmen's List, and to the Referees' List in 1982. In 1981 refereed a Varsity match at Wembley.
A married man with two children he is Managing Director for a firm of decorating contractors. His hobbies include squash and cricket.

LINESMEN:

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