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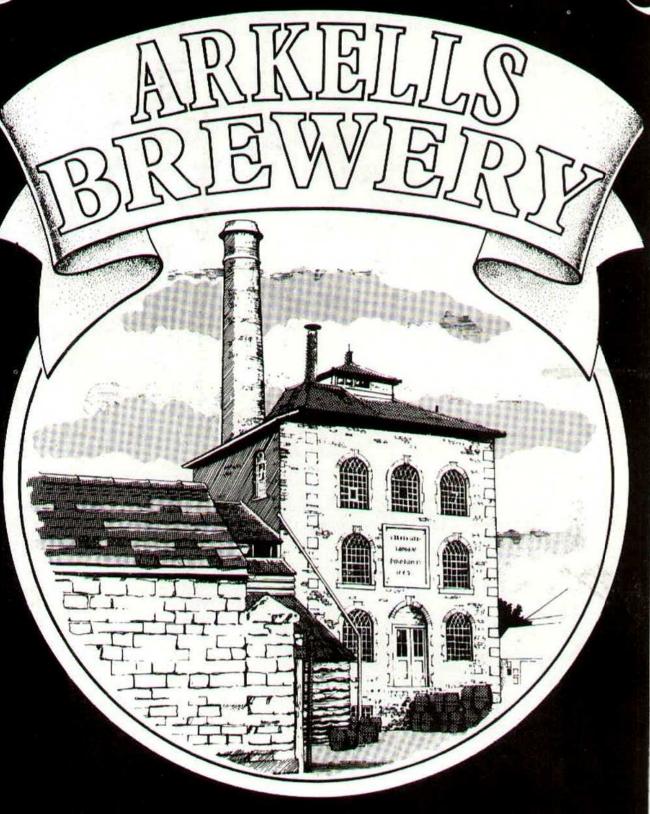
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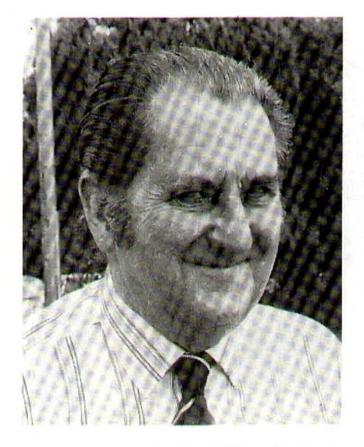


Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Chesterfield to the County Ground.

What a night to remember was last Tuesday, where, yet again, the lads proved that their position in the League is a false one by completely outplaying a Carlisle side doing exceptionally well in the Second Division. There is no player one can single out, for it was a whole hearted team effort where very department of the team did their job effectively. However, we must now put that performance behind us and tune ourselves into the bread and butter games of the Fourth Division with similar determination and commitment in achieving winning results and put ourselves where we belong in amongst the promotion candidates.

Over this next month or so we have a very busy programme playing two games a week and hopefully the games in hand will help us close the gap between us and the Division leaders. Often games in hand are left until the end of the season but I am a believer in the saying "That points in the bank are what count', so as in the case of the Bristol City match to be played on Tuesday, 24th January and that at Chester on Wednesday, 8th February, so too will the game against Darlington at home be re-scheduled as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all of you, the supporters, for a tremendous turn out on Tuesday evening and the electric-like atmosphere you created, for this certainly helped the players in their performance especially in the first half when the game was very tight. Let us hope that the performance was as enjoyable for you as it was for all at the club and that this encourages more to come along to the Leagues games to create a similar kind of atmosphere for the players.



This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players and officials of Chesterfield F.C. I also wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year as this is our first Division 4 game of 1984.

We played at Chesterfield on the first day of this season and like so many of our away games we had a lot of possession, failed to score and yet gave away a stupid goal. Let us hope we can turn the tables today and enjoy a convincing win. We badly need league points if we are to stay in contention for one of the 4 promotion places. We do have some games in hand but this situation is not always satisfactory. I would prefer the points.

The Christmas league games were a great disappointment to all of us at the Club. Instead of gaining the 6 points we so richly deserved from the games at Torquay and at home to Wrexham, we got none. It was some consolation gain a point at Peterborough as at that time they were very high in the table and had a very impressive home record.

Ken Beamish will comment on these games and all I will say is that in these 3 games we saw great effort and work-rate from the team and it was the inability to put the ball in the net, despite creating so many chances, that cost us the points. You may say that putting the ball in the net is really all that matters and of course that is true but sometimes teams have a spell when despite all of the play. nothing goes right in the penalty area and those of you who saw the Wrexham game will know what I mean. We might play the same game again and play no better yet could win by at least 6 goals to 1 that was a true reflection of that game. I can tell you that Ken has had long training sessions with the team which have concentrated on shooting at goal and so we hope we can look forward to a return to our earlier form when we were scoring freely.

#### CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

On Saturday last we witnessed another excellent team performance at Carlisle when as you know, we drew 1-1. Carlisle previously had played 13 games at home without defeat, beating Southampton 2-0 in the Milk Cup and recently beating Newcastle United 3-1 in the league. So our performance was really first class - I'm sure all of you who made the trip to Carlisle were well rewarded for your long journey. I was very surprised and delighted to see such a strong contingent from Swindon there. The team were very impressed with the wonderful vocal support you gave them and be assured that this is of enormous help in getting that little bit extra that wins games.

Because of printing deadlines, these notes are written before the replay with Carlisle and I will make no predictions, but if we can produce the same form and effort that we did on Saturday then surely we should win. We also hope that the weather will be kind so that perhaps we can enjoy our best gate of the season.

Should we win we have at last been given a home Cup Tie in the next round and we must be favourites to beat Blackburn if we succeed against Carlisle.

The weather was so bad on the January Bank Holiday that despite an army of helpers "forking" the pitch, it was impossible to play the eagerly awaited fixture against our nearest rivals Bristol City. It will now be played on Tuesday January 24th K.O. 7.30 p.m.

Bristol City have done very well this season with our ex-winger Howard Pritchard playing well for them. Many have asked me why we let this player go on a free transfer. It must be remembered that he came to us on a free transfer so that the Club lost no money when he left. However Howard lives on the other side of Bristol and it was inevitable that when Bristol City renewed their interest in him that he would return to that Club to be near to his home.



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#### John Ward talks to PAUL RICHARDSON

"I was with Northampton Town as a schoolboy; Johnny Carey was Manager. That was sixteen years ago." Paul Richardson made a face as he said this, not liking to admit the passing of time. "In the Juniors I was a forward; I played alongside Alan Buckley, now Player-Manager at Walsall and we scored around ninety goals between us. Then I moved into midfield. When I was fifteen and sixteen, I was in the reserves.

**Brian Clough** 

"I had two years at Forest under Brian Clough," Paul continued. "He was an awkward person to get on with. You never knew his feelings. He goads players to get their backs up, if they don't respond they'll be out. The training was so monotonous it isn't true. We used to have three days off a week and we didn't normally see Clough from Sunday to Thursday. We hardly saw Peter Taylor at all; he was away watching players or teams. Jimmy Gordon the Trainer was left to mind the shop.

"When my contract came up, Brian Clough asked me to take a cut in wages. The problem was that I had been at the club before the McGoverns and O'Haras arrived and I didn't fit into the wages structure. I wasn't prepared to take this, but looking back I wish I'd accepted. I think I would have had another four years in the First Team; that would have been from 1976 - 1980 and you remember what Forest won then! I know now that medals are more important than a cut in wages. Not that either of us has any hard feelings about what happened. Things are as right as rain whenever I see Brian Clough nowadays.

Players can become complacent

Next Paul moved to Stoke City, then managed by George Eastham. "We were relegated to the Second Division and Alan Durban arrived," Paul said, "For a time it looked as if we were bound for the Third Division but we rallied and finished seventh instead. The next year we won promotion and the season after that was one of consolidation. Then Alan Durban moved and I thought I ought to re-assess my own position. I had been at Stoke four years. That's often the optimum time to stay at one club in my view. You don't want to become part of the fixtures and fittings. Players can become complacent if that happens. The new Manager only offered me a one year contract and I reckoned I might have more of a problem in finding the right club a year later.

So Paul instead signed for three years with Sheffield United. "I was Ian Porterfield's first buy," he explained. "It didn't seem too much of an anticlimax dropping down to a lower division: We even had better gates at Sheffield United.

Coaching

"I've always wanted to get into coaching," Paul admitted. "The summer before last I went to Lillieshall and took my full coaching badge. Then Ken Beamish rang me during the summer break, I had no doubts about coming to Swindon: it's a big club and it's got potential. The problem is we need time. Everything won't go hunky-dory overnight. These days you have to manage with small squads; there's often not enough competition for places."

Becoming Player-coach at Swindon Town has meant that Paul has sold his house in Stone in Staffordshire and is moving with his wife Ann and 21/2 year old daughter, Lindsay, to Lechlade. I asked whether he minded no commanding a regular place in the first team. "It's much more sensible to have Leigh Barnard and Paul Batty playing in midfield provided that they are playing better than me," Paul replied, "They are the future of the club. I don't get a lot of match practice with the reserves because I am with the first team or watching other teams so much. But I keep very fit because as training I play squash every day; as soon as possible I want to play in a squash league. If I am going to do it I'll do it as well as I possibly can. I have the same attitude about football: you shouldn't just do it because it's there, you have to do your best for the players, for yourself and for the public."

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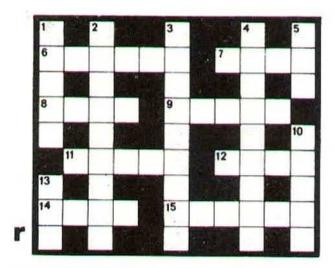
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#### Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



#### **ACROSS**

- 6. Famous manager who was born in (and hammered in goals galore for) Middlesbrough . . . though his name doesn't rhyme with it.
- 7. & 12 ac. One of soccer's boxes. (4-4)
- 8.) It's usually the offside one! (4)
- 9. Forward - Maybank moved from Fulham to Holland whereas . . . (5)

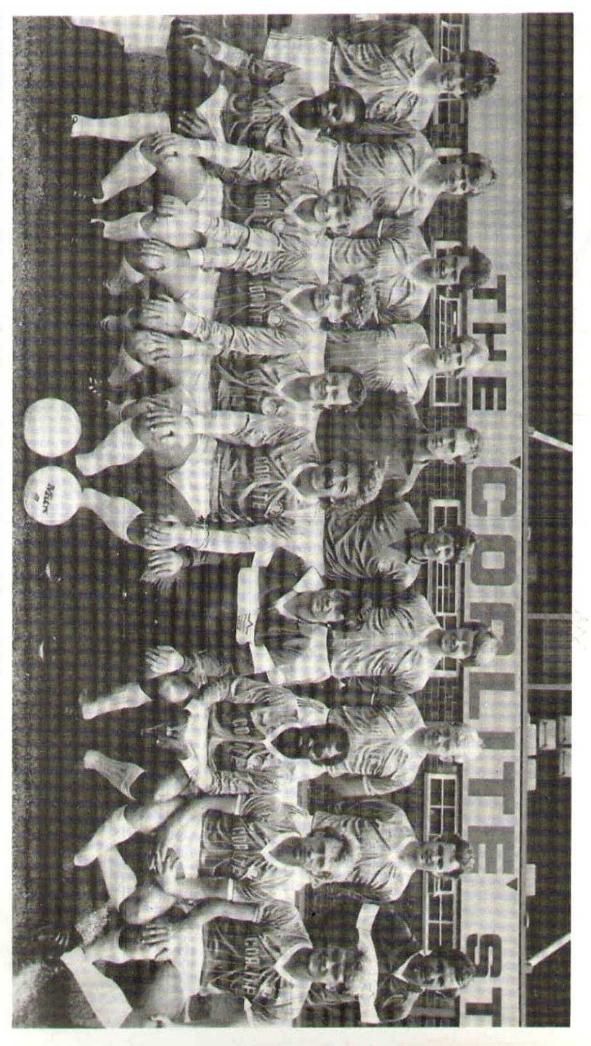
- & 4 dn. . . . this is one of the midfield men who hopped from Holland to The Hawthorns. (5,9)
- 12. See 7 across.
- --- Black shot to the fore with Aberdeen in 1983. (4)
- Clubs give them to youngsters with potential.

#### DOWN

- 1. Defensive midfielder who played his 250th first class game for Burnley in 1983. (5)
- One of the Manchester United men seen in the World Cup finals in Spain. (9)
- Long-in-the-game ex-England man; previously with Bolton, he was a summer mover to Mansfield. (9)
- 4. See 11 across.
- The first name of a former England manager.
- Striker who played under Tommy Docherty at QPR then moved to one of "The Doc's" old clubs, Porto. (5)
- 13. Exeter City can be seen in it. (3)



# CHESTERFIELD



BACK ROW L-R:

FRONT ROW L-R: J. Clayton, M. Henderson, B. Scrimgeour, S. Kendall, P. Gregory, J. Brown, G. Bellamy, J. Partridge, S. O'Neill, K. Randall (Physio/Coach).
W. White, S. Spooner, M. Gooding (Now with Rotherham), S. Waddington, S. Baines (Capt.), J. Duncan (Manager), C. Plummer (Derby), A. Birch, B. Klug

#### PEN PICTURES

JOHN DUNCAN (Manager). Former Dundee striker who moved into English football when Tottenham Hotspur paid £125,000 for his services in October 1974. Spent four successful years at White Hart Lane before moving to Derby County for £150,000 in September 1978. Was appointed player/manager of Scunthorpe United in June 1981 and took the Club from the foot to the top of Division 4 before being surprisingly dismissed in mid-season 1982/83 to make way for Allan Clarke. Served a short spell as manager of Hartlepool United before being appointed Manager of Chesterfield in June 1983.

STEVE BAINES (Player-Coach). A vastly experienced central defender who signed for Chesterfield in July 1983 after giving good service to Notts Forest, Huddersfield, Bradford City, Walsall, Bury (on loan), and Scunthorpe. Was captain and player/coach at Scunthorpe under John Duncan, and will continue to fulfil this role at Saltergate. Was a PFA award winner during his Bradford City days.

GARY BELLAMY (Defender). Former Worksop Boys captain who joined Chesterfield from school. Signed full-time forms in July 1980, making his debut at the end of the 1980/81 season. Made 42 League appearances last season and continued to impress with many an outstanding performance. Gary is also a top class cricketer and last season scored five not out centuries in league cricket.

JIM BROWN (Goalkeeper). Now in his second spell at Saltergate as he originally signed for the Blues from Albion Rovers in December 1972. Won two Scottish Under 23 Caps while with Chesterfield before signing in March 1974 for Sheffield United with whom he went on to win a full Scottish Cap in 1975. Has recently spent several seasons in the USA playing for Detroit Express, Washington Diplomats and Chicago Sting, but returned home in 1983 and played 3 games for Cardiff City last season, also having short contracts with Sheffield United and Kettering Town. Resigned for Chesterfield in July 1983.

JOHN CLAYTON (Forward). Another Saltergate Scot who was snapped up by Derby County, despite close competition from Manchester United, from Highland League side Elgin City. Made his debut for Derby in 1978, co-incidentally alongside his present manager John Duncan. Has recently returned from a spell in Hong Kong where his side Bulova did the league and cup double. Signed for Chesterfield in June 1983.

MARTIN HENDERSON (Forward). A Scottish schools and professional youth international who joined Glasgow Rangers from school and who played an important part in their fantastic treble of league, cup and league cup in 1975-76. Spent a summer in the USA with Philadelphia Furies before re-joining his former Rangers boss Jock Wallace at Leicester City. Helped them to the 1979-80 2nd division championship before joining Chesterfield in September 1981. Was leading goal-scorer last season.

STEVE KENDAL (Defender/Midfield). A versatile performer who can play equally as well at full-back or in midfield. Began his career with Notts. Forest but found first-team opportunities rather restricted due to the success of Brian Clough's men. Was happy to sign for Chesterfield in January 1983 therefore, as part exchange with Forest team-mate Calvin Plummer in the Danny Wilson transfer deal.

BRYAN KLUG (Midfield). A double England Youth international in 1978 and 1979 who has found it difficult to break into the first-team at Ipswich Town. Had an extended loan spell with Wimbledon but was keen for the chance of regular first-team football which Chesterfield offered him when signing him in August 1983.

JOHN PARTRIDGE (Defender). Former Chester-field boys and Derbyshire boys player who signed apprentice forms in May 1979 and as a full-time player in July 1980. Made his debut towards the end of the 1981/82 season and last term, in his first full season, showed a high degree of skill and determination that attracted the attention of the big clubs on a number of occasions.

CALVIN PLUMMER (Forward). A skilful and tricky player who joined Notts. Forest from school and worked his way into the Forest first-team squad, making several first division appearances before signing for Chesterfield along with teammate Steve Kendal as part of the deal that took Danny Wilson to Nottingham in January 1983. Another penalty expert in the Blues squad.

STEVE ROBINSON (Forward). Former Sheffield boys player who joined Chesterfield from school. Made his debut in the 1981/82 season while still an apprentice professional. Signed full-time forms during the 1982 close season and is a player with a promising future, though he sadly missed much of last season with a bad injury.

BRIAN SCRIMGEOUR (Defender). A back-four player signed for Chesterfield in June 1983 by new manager John Duncan from his former club Dundee. A resolute and versatile defender, he has also represented Dundee in midfield as he did in the 1981 Scottish League Cup Final against local rivals Dundee United.

STEVE SPOONER (Midfield). Another of manager John Duncan's former team-mates at Derby County who later made his mark with Halifax Town from whom he was signed by Chesterfield, after a transfer fee Tribunal ruling, in July 1983.

STEVE WADDINGTON (Midfield). The son of former Stoke City manager Tony Waddington who played for Stoke, Walsall and Port Vale before being snapped up by Chesterfield in July 1983. Has already figured in two promotion campaigns with Walsall and Port Vale.

winston white (Forward). Orthodox winger who began his career with his native Leicester City before achieving notable success with Hereford United with whom he was a regular goalscorer. Has recently returned from Hong Kong and was signed by John Duncan for Chesterfield in August 1983.

#### SURVEY ON DIVISION IV by DAVE KING

With the Christmas and New Year fixtures bringing Clubs to the half way stage in the League programme, it is an appropriate time to look at the season to date and see if it is possible to predict the four promotion places.

It would be a very wise man or fool who would make a definite prediction in a season where only eleven points separate Reading in fourth place and we at Swindon in fifteenth position. I think most pundits would predict that York City will be promoted, their form of this season is only a carry through from the second half of last.

There are guidelines to ascertain who will finish or be very near to promotion. By taking a look back at what has occurred since the Fourth Division was initiated. In the twenty four seasons of existence only six clubs have been promoted losing more than twelve matches they are Watford losing thirteen in 1959-60. Carlisle United fourteen in 1961-62, Mansfield thirteen in 1962-63, Colchester United thirteen in 1965-66, York City thirteen in 1970-71, and Wimbledon fourteen in 1980-81. These are the maximum matches lost each season by a Club gaining promotion: 1959-60 Watford 12, 1960-61 Bradford P.A. 12, 1961-62 Carlisle 14, 1962-63 Mansfield 13, 1963-64 Carlisle and

Workington 11 each, 1964-65 York 12, 1965-66 Colchester 13, 1966-67 Barrow 11, 1967-68 Hartlepool 11, 1968-69 Halifax 9, 1969-70 Wrexham 11, 1970-71 York 13, 1971-72 Grimsby, Brentford and Scunthorpe 11 each, 1972-73 Aldershot 12, 1973-74 Bury 11, 1974-75 Chester 12, 1975-76 Tranmere 12, 1976-77 Colchester 12, 1977-78 Brentford and Swansea 11 each, 1978-79 Grimsby 11, 1979-80 Newport 12, 1980-81 Wimbledon 14, 1981-82 Bradford City and Wigan 7 each, 1982-83 Port Vale 10.

The Club finishing in fourth place average 81.7 points in gaining promotion, if we adopt the system of three points for a win, which was initiated in the 1981-82 season.

With a poor Christmas only one point from nine, where does this leave us here at Swindon? Being realistic it must now be an outside chance of promotion, but of course with three points for a win anything is possible, undoubtedly with away fixtures to come at York, Doncaster, Blackpool, Colchester, Bristol City and Bury, any hope we have comes from an improvement in our away form, where a total of six points from thirty three has been our problem. Only Chester, Hartlepool and Rochdale gaining less points away. Performances on par with Millwall in the F.A. Cup would not come amiss.

Assuming that thirteen matches lost would gain promotion the Clubs, apart from York who to date have lost four, would come from a batch containing Doncaster who have lost four, Reading five, Colchester and Northampton five each, Peterborough seven, Blackpool and Bristol City eight each, We have lost nine.

Todays visitors Chesterfield have only lost six, but they like Northampton have been the Divisions draw specialists.

Out of those eight clubs along with ourselves, are

the four Clubs that will eventually claim those coveted places.

With the standard so even, what then are the success stories of this season so far, obviously Blackpool who only last May were seeking re-election, the rise of Bristol City and the excellent support they receive, the consistency of York over a year.

Individually the signing by Reading of Trevor Senior to replace the free scoring Kerry Dixon, a masterpiece of judgement, probably better than even Maurice Evans could have hoped for with twenty seven goals to date, more than Hartlepool, Chester, Hereford, Darlington, Crewe and Chesterfield have scored.

The penalty that John Aspinall scored in their Boxing Day match with Blackpool, strange but their last penalty score was also against Blackpool when Clive Burgess netted on April 10th 1982.

The only five figure gate so far was the 10,827 that watched Bristol City and York at Ashton Gate on October 18th.

Dave Caldwell of Mansfield holds the highest individual score in one match with four against Hartlepool on October 22nd in their 5-0 home win.

Reading with fifty three goals are the highest scoring club in all four divisions, and York have accumulated more points than any other with forty nine, both these clubs have not failed to score at home in any match this season.

Odd facts . . . Both concern us. When Halifax took a two goal interval lead in our September home match this was the only occasion they have scored before half time in an away match so far.

We probably have the only player who appeared in League football last season now playing Rugby Union. He is Mark Stevens who is now playing for Ding Crusaders. Mark says 'I took up Rugby mainly to keep fit, but it also gives me an excellent opportunity to handle a ball. I've been playing in the second row. It's tough at times, but I really enjoy competitiveness. My football experience has been useful particularly in line outs which are similar to handling crosses, it keeps you sharp but I want to return to football, I still consider I am competent enough to play in either the Alliance, Southern or Western Leagues.

On and on, goes Bristol City player, manager, director Terry Cooper. The oldest player in the League, he has just paid a visit to Bristol Royal Infirmary where a specialist gave him an electrocardiogram and told him he could go on playing for a further two years!

On the move . . . loan deals: Steve Lennox, Stoke to Torquay, Steve Cooper Birmingham to Halifax, Carl Francis Birmingham to Hereford, John Kerr Bristol City to Stockport.

The most unwanted hat trick recorded was by Ray Hankin of Peterborough, sent off for a third time this season in their 2-1 defeat at Northampton over the holidays.

Colchester won the Canon monthly goalscoring award for December with 14 goals. Other totals were York 12, Reading 11, Bristol City, Bury and Tranmere 10, Mansfield and Torquay 8, Chesterfield, Crewe, Doncaster, Peterborough, Rochdale and Stockport 7, Darlington 6, Blackpool, Chester, Hartlepool, Northampton and Wrexham 5, Aldershot and Halifax 4, Hereford and Swindon 3. Main feature of the holiday matches were that fourteen clubs had their highest attendances of the season. York City and Doncaster gained the most points each, from three wins and a draw, only Hereford failed to get a point, but they must feel thwarted, an electrical fault in a generator at the nearby Cattle Market caused a floodlight failure. At that stage they were leading Colchester United 1-0, well into the second half, in their December 31st fixture at Edgar Street.

#### HOLIDAY STATISTICS:

Date	Home Wins	Away Wins	Draws	0-0 Draws 0	Soals
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The recent injuries to Mike Graham and Colin Bailie will mean that we shall not have an ever present player this season, last season Mike Graham along with Leigh Barnard both made the maximum amount of League appearances.

Blackpool failed to sign Mike Quinn from Stockport for a fee of £52,000. Mike, whom Blackpool obviously see an an insurance to help them in their promotion bid, has scored 17 goals this season for Stockport, with 41 goals for Stockport in 60 League matches, he would prove a worthwhile investment.

Trevor Storton, player coach of Chester City, has resigned due to interference from the Club Chairman who recruited two players on loan from Manchester City last week, a situation he could not tolerate. He intends to stay as a player.

The Bells Whisky award for manager of the month for December went to Bristol City Manager Terry

Amazing how the BBC Sport on 2 could not even find time to mention that we had drawn with a club two divisions above us, and on their ground in the F.A. Cup, after scoring seven at Kettering, winning at Millwall and with the fine achievements at Carlisle with two regular defenders absent, it surely merited a brief mention in their 5-o'clock show.

Chesterfield can lay claim to a record which will probably last this season as the only team with a goalkeeper to score. Jim Brown did when they beat Stockport 2-0 on Oct. 8th in a home match.

#### **Commercia£ly** Speaking

#### From Doug Buswell

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to Chesterfield and their Secretary Bob Pepper who was very helpful to me during my short spell with them.

With 1984 now upon us our two new Lotteries are underway. The Magnificent 7 and Super Robin Tickets are going quite well but we are always looking for more people to become Agents and sell tickets to their friends, neighbours and workmates etc. There is no financial outlay and a commission is paid on all sales and bonuses and other perks. Interested then Ring Swindon 42984 or 31510 or fill in the coupon at the bottom of the page and return it to this office.

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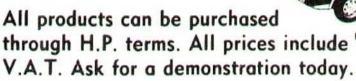








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#### FOOTBALL SAYINGS OF 1983 by DAVE KING

'Our methods are so easy, sometimes players don't understand them at first' — Liverpool manager Joe Fagan.

'It is very touching to see the loyalty of the fans, but they are like the Red Indians . . . they are being mopped up by civilisation and it's sad but inevitable' — Dr. Desmond Morris, Author and Oxford United Vice Chairman, as supporters demonstrated against a proposed merger with Reading.

'They treat you as people, not footballers, if you have a problem they'll sit down and talk to you about it' — John Devines tribute to Norwich manager Ken Brown and assistant Mel Machin. 'That's our fourth cartilage operation this season. It's a real problem that we keep losing players in such an innocuous way' — Fulham manager Malcolm MacDonald.

'We will definitely qualify, it will be interesting to see who qualifies with us' — F.A. Secretary Ted Croker after the World Cup draw.

'There's not a great deal wrong that half a season of good results couldn't put right' — Frank McLintock, skipper of Arsenals 1971-72 double team, on the 1983 side.

'I've had to learn to shut my ears to all the insults. I can't let these idiots think they're worrying me — Alex Williams, Manchester City's black goalkeeper.

'There is a rat in the camp trying to throw a spanner in the works. This type of sniping has been going on for weeks' — Brighton manager Chris Cattlin.

'It seems that my team has been relegated from the First Division while Jimmy Melia's team has reached the Cup Final' — former Brighton manager Mike Bailey.

'Gordon made all three goals against Manchester City, but I left him out the following match as I wanted consistency from him and wasn't getting it while we were still down at the bottom of the League' — Jimmy Melia then manager of Brighton on why he dropped Gordon Smith.

'In retrospect I would have much preferred to have sold Tommy Caton at the start of the season and then the situation regarding replacements would have been resolved earlier' — Billy McNeill, manager of Manchester City.

'Finding space was never a problem for me in the Western Desert during the last war, and as for negative and positive play I thought that was something for the club electrician' — former Liverpool manager Bob Paisley on soccer jargon.

'Just because I am a professional it doesn't mean to say I'm not a human being' — Southamptons Mick Mills upset at the abuse from Sunderland fans because he did not join the Roker club.

'With his enthusiasm, I like to think he will stay in the game, although he is an intelligent lad' — Ron Atkinson, Manchester United manager after Steve Coppell had been forced by injury to retire. 'If you can all clap, perhaps many hands will make

'If you can all clap, perhaps many hands will make light work' — West Ham announcer's loudspeaker plea during a floodlight failure.

'We had to watch an old lady being hurt by Leeds

fans who punched her, and some of the fans even got into the corridor of the executive boxes' — Derby businessmen complaining about the behaviour of Leeds fans.

'I've been at Tottenham five minutes and I've already been out for seven weeks' — Danny Thomas on his injury-troubled start at Tottenham.

'He can have the match ball instead of a rise, after all it's worth £30. We'll buy it back for £5 if he wants' — John McGovern Bolton manager after Tony Caldwell had scored five against Walsall. 'I've no regrets. Without being big headed, I think I've set football alight' — Ernie Clay Fulham Chairman, who has poured nearly £1.5 million into the club.

'I had a call from Manchester City manager John Bond, my old boss at Norwich. Everything seemed in favour of my rejoining him but I prayed about it all and afterwards had the unmistakeable feeling that God didn't want me to go' — Justing Fashanu resolving a transfer dilemma.

'The way everyone plays football now, the man will soon be moving faster than the ball' — Juan Lozano, leaving Anderlecht for Real Madrid. 'What would I do if I won £1 million? Play five forwards' — Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson.

'At this rate they'll soon suspend me for having to be kicked' — Diego Maradona of Barcelona after the Spanish Football Federation had reduced - for a second time - their 18-match ban on Andoni Golcoechea, the butcher of Bilbao.

'It's all a pack of lies. Anyway how could you expect to bribe an entire team with just £40,000' — Ivanoe Fraizolli, President of Inter Milan, when told of bribery accusations made by the Dutch club Groningen.

'Players these days are highly paid. In fact they get more than I do. They've got to face up to their responsibilities and start earning that cash'— Arsenal Chairman Peter Hill-Wood after the Milk Cup exit against Walsall.

'I remember looking at the clock and realising that about 15 minutes had gone and I'd hardly touched the ball. The next time I looked at the clock it had just gone twenty past three and I'd scored three times' — Watfords Maurice Johnston after the 5-0 win against Wolves.

'And now welcome Bristols top team, the only team in Bristol, the Rovers' — Eastville announcer as Rovers team entered the field of play before their 2-1 defeat by City in a recent F.A. Cup tie.

'I don't wish to be rude, but I only saw my chance because the goalkeeper was bald, I was some way out when I looked up and I spotted the floodlights reflecting off his head like a beacon. He was a little way off his line so I decided on a chip' — John Crabbe of Crewe on his recent stunning lob that beat John Shaw, Bristol City's goalkeeper.

'If I didn't know it was so close to the New Year I would have said it was an April fool joke. I am not going to start wearing a cap because I've managed to come to terms with being bald. I am not self conscious about it anymore and I don't want to give people the impression that I try to hide it by wearing a cap' — John Shaw in reply, explaining his unfortunate alopaecia and not as rumoured a touch of anno domini.

Garry Nelson attempts to add to the scoring in Swindon's 3-1 win over Carlisle.

#### **Bottom Left**

With a little help from Jim Quinn, Swindon's Leigh Barnard rises to meet a cross in Tuesday night's win over Carlisle.

#### Top Right

Goal here Andy Rowland in action again shortly after scoring the Town's third and final goal on Tuesday.

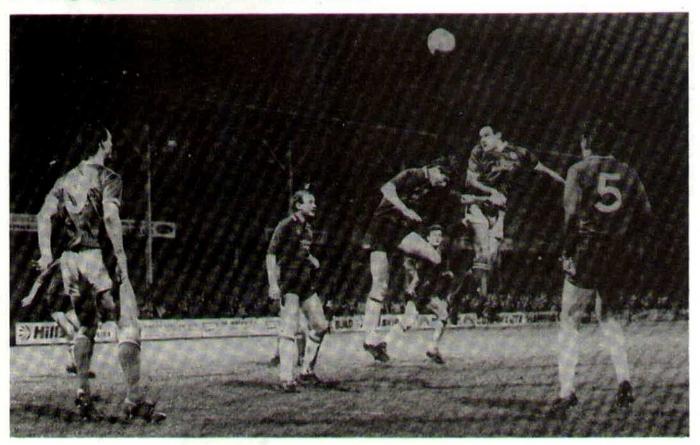
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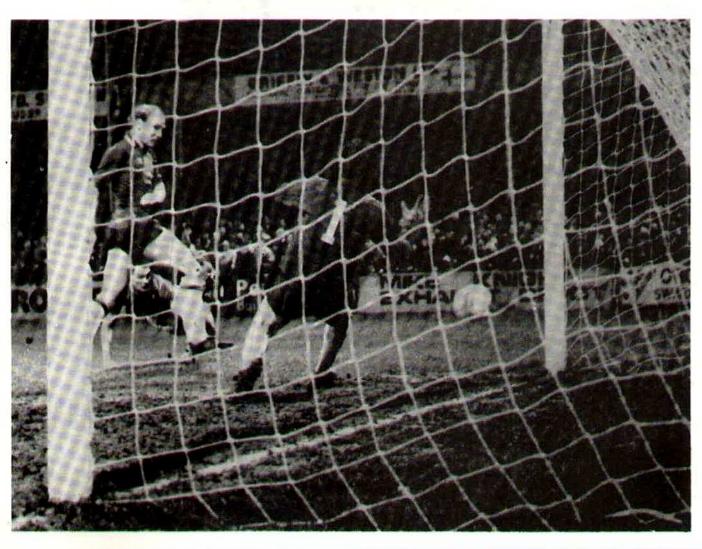
Diving Jim Quinn (left) heading home Swindon's first goal in their FA Cup triumph over Carlisle on Tuesday.





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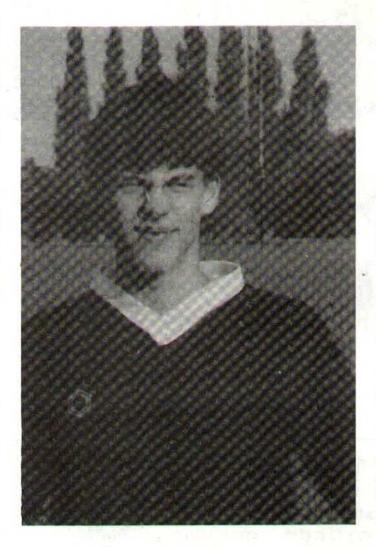
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PAUL BLAKELEY is the next of our schoolboy players to be featured in this article. Paul was born in Wolverhampton on the 20th September 1967. He started his education at St. Marus School in Wolverhampton and, upon moving to Swindon, joined his present school, Churchfields.

He has represented both schools at football and has also played for the County. He plays from time to time in our South East Counties Junior League side, usually at outside right.

Paul's other sporting activity is playing squash.

#### YOUTH FEATURE

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays the Reserves have not had a fixture due to postponement for one reason or another but are hoping to have play at West Ham on Wednesday. We are not too disappointed for with the injuries to the 1st team squad players it leaves us short of experience and with so many youngsters in the side we need these players to help and guide the young lads.

We resumed our South East Counties fixtures last Saturday after a 2 or 3 weeks lay off and couldn't have chosen a harder game for we travelled to Wimbledon who edged us out of top spot on goal difference. Having suffered our only league defeat at the hands of the Dons' early in the season we were eager for revenge. No pep talks were needed as the dressing room was really 'buzzing' and I could tell the lads were ready to take up the battle.

This proved to be the case, with our best performance of the season, winning 3-0 so taking over top spot. It was one of the best games I have seen at this level and credit must go to both teams for the way they performed. Not only was the result pleasing but it gave us a big boost for we have drawn Wimbledon in the semi final of the South East Counties League cup and with home advantage this must give us a slight edge.

Starting the year in top spot and in the semi final of the cup, we can look forward to some good games and as long as we keep our approach right we must be in with a good chance of winning either the League Championship or the League Cup.



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A married man, with two sons, he is chief technician in the Royal Air Force. He is interested in railways and steam locomotives and enjoys watching cricket and horse racing.

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