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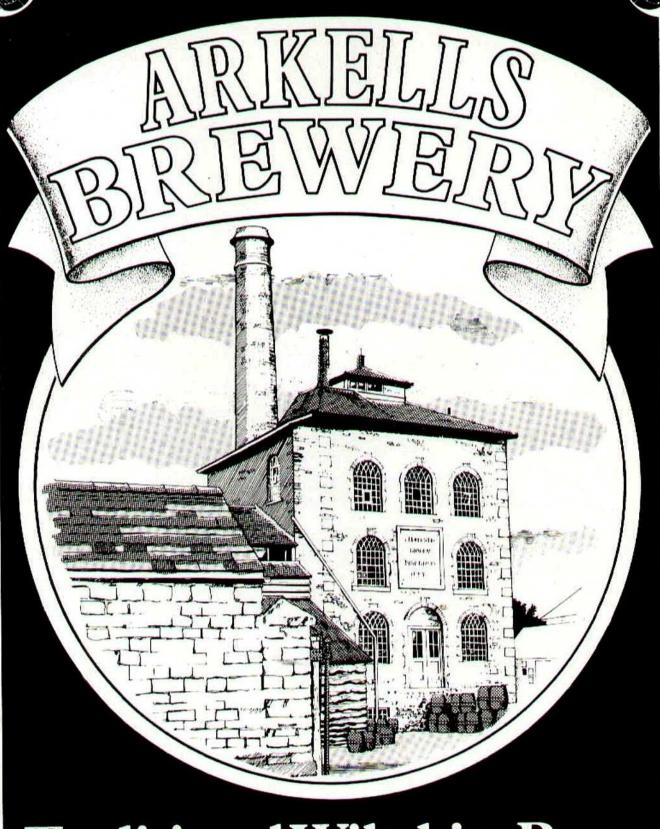
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Division IV

Saturday February 11th

Official Programme 40p



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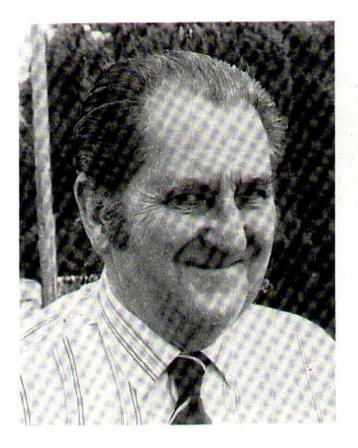
Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters who have travelled down from Stockport. This game affords us one of the few chances this season of achieving 'the double' as the game at Edgeley Park resulted in a 3-1 victory for us.

So far in this year of 1984 we have had a spell of mixed fortunes and no greater example was there of this than our game against Blackburn Rovers in the F.A. Cup for after completely outplaying them in the first half, fully deserving our lead at the break, fortune completely turned against us when we lost Charlie Henry through injury. We than took a second half onslaught from a re-vamped Blackburn side. But to show how fine a line this game can be the Blackburn goalkeeper made a miraculous save to stop us going into a 2-0 lead and what would probably have been a winning position. As you all know it is now a matter of history how the Blackburn pressure paid off with two goals and, although very scrappy, from our point of view how effective they turned out to be.

And so our giant killing achievements come to a halt for the time being and last Saturday we had to face the cold and stark reality of Rochdale. Yet again it was one of those afternoons when we came off the Park at twenty to five saying we 'should have won'. This seems to be the story of our season where we have had plenty of possession and an abundance of changes but we have just not been clinical enough in front of goal. Two outstanding examples of this were seen at Rochdale when the game was at 3-3 and we actually got around the goalkeeper yet failed to score.

These notes have been written before Wednesday evenings game at Chester but hopefully I have got the message through to the players about clinical finishing and, in consequence, made Chester pay along with Stockport this afternoon.

My thanks for your great support in the Cup match and we would, as players, be appreciative of similar support at the remaining games throughout this season.



This afternoon we welcome the players and officials of Stockport County F.C. We have already played at Stockport earlier this season winning what is our only away victory so far. That is to say before Wednesdays game at Chester, the result is not known at the time these notes were compiled.

Stockport are a few places above us in Division IV but have played 2 games more. We shall therefore be hoping for a double event today by taking the 3 points we so badly require.

Despite playing so well, we have not won a league game this year so surely the teams good performances must soon be rewarded by a series of victories which will lift us up the table.

We were very pleased with the attendance against Blackburn Rovers in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup but naturally bitterly disappointed with the result. I feel the team battled so well that a draw would have been a fairer result. What would the result have been if Charlie Henry had not pulled a hamstring and had to go off just after half time is anybodys guess but up until that time we were undoubtedly the better team and I just could not see us losing.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It was a pity such an excellent game was marred by the disgusting behaviour of some of the Blackburn supporters both here in Swindon and on their way home at programme the follow-Gloucester. A ing day on the local radio brought some criticism of our Club regarding the violence. Frankly I cannot see how the Club can be responsible for the behaviour of young men who have had too much to drink and are 50 miles away. It is pleasing to note that magistrates appear to be taking a stronger line with these hooligans in an effort to reduce the incidence of violence. The matter is very much in the minds of Football Administrators and the police. It will not be easy to eliminate for it seems to me that there is a lack of discipline and perhaps a disregard for authority throughout Europe. It is not just here in Great Britain that soccer crowds cause havoc and damage for we read that in France, Germany and in Italy they too have problems. What is difficult to understand is that in America large crowds attend soccer matches, many families go to the games yet they experience no violence whatsoever. ...

Ken Beamish has had his problems with a long list of injured players so that on Saturday at Rochdale there were only 12 professionals available for selection. Nevertheless the team played very well on a pitch which resembled a ploughed field and as you know, we drew 3-3 but as with so many of our performances this season, we created a great number of chances yet failed to take them. One day everything will go in and we'll win by a cricket score — let's hope its soon!

Finally our congratulations to the Swindon School Boys Team who beat Derby boys at the County Ground on Friday, 3rd February by 3-0 and are now in the Semi Finals of the English School Shield. There are some fine prospects in the Swindon Team as indeed there are in our own Youth Team which augers well for the future.



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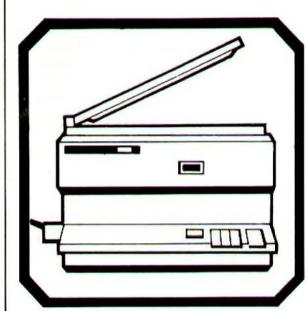
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PENALTY SCORERS TO DATE:

- Adcock (Colchester)
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On Wednesday, 22nd February next we take part in the new Football League competition, the Associate Members Cup. We have been drawn away to Oxford United and the game will kick off at the Manor Ground at 7.30 p.m. There will be no replay or second leg of this match for, if the score is level at the end of ninety minutes an extra half an hour will be played, fifteen minutes each way. If the score is still level at the end of extra time the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with the laws of the game. Incidentally, two substitutes may be

used in these games.

I would like to include this appeal from Graham Kelly, Secretary of the Football League to former players of the club, indeed any League Club. The Football League Provident Fund was set up in 1949 and continued until January, 1980 when it was superseded by the current players' benefit scheme. The Provident Fund was finance by a five per cent levy on all transfer fees and payments were made to players at the age of 35 or when they ceased playing League football if they continued after 35. The League have some £194,000 to give away to prospective recipients but they are unable to find many of the people who qualify, especially those players who were playing League football in the late forties and early fifties. Widows are entitled to claim. So the message to any former player who thinks he may have money in the fund to contact the Football League, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs. FY8 1JG.

As part of the Canon League sponsorship Shoot magazine invite their readers to participate in the Shoot/Canon League Family Award Scheme. They are invited to nominate the Football League club which they judge is doing the most to encourage family attendances. In proposing a club, readers should consider the following factors: general club facilities, family pricing concessions etc. There will be monthly awards of £1000 for winning clubs throughout the remainder of this current season plus annual awards of £4000 for first place, £2,500 for second and £1,500 for third. I know that many families are taking advantage of our excellent family concessions so perhaps they will reciptocate, purchase a copy of Shoot and nominate this club. Remember that the Family Tickets can be

Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

purchased as follows: £3.00 for one adult and one child, £4.00 one adult and two children, £5.00 two adults and one child, £6.00 two adults and two children and so on. This for seats in either the North or South Stands and I am sure that these concessions compare favourably with any Club for seating accommodation. By the way, the reader who submits the winning monthly nomination will receive four tickets for the Canon League match of his or her choice.

Many of the statistics featured in this seasons programmes are prepared and printed on our own computer and we have had to experiment a little to fit all the information in. In past editions the printing has been on the small side for some tables but I think we have now ironed out the problems and future statistics should be of a reasonable readable size. Please remember, if you have any comments regarding the programme do not hesitate to write to me. The last time I mentioned this I received some very interesting letters and was able to change the format somewhat to comply with certain suggestions. I have received many letters of praise about this season's publication but nothing is perfect and if we can improve it, subject to cost, we will consider any idea.

Thank you for coming along to the County Ground this afternoon, have an enjoyable afternoon and please help the players to a win by giving them every encouragement throughout the game.

Answers 16

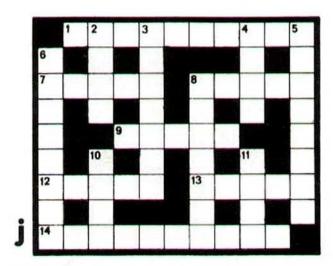
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- 7. Third
- 8. Spain
- 9. Clark
- 12. Adams
- 13. Keith
- 14. Deliberate.

DOWN

- 2. Jain
- 3. Middles
- 4. Head
- 5. McNaught
- Standard
- 8. Striker
- Ball
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Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



ACROSS

- Club whose directors have included Jasper Carrott. (10)
- 7. Poland finished - in the World Cup . . . (5)
- 8. ... in - -. (5)
- Midfielder who moved from Southend to Brighton in 1977 and back again in 1982. (5)
- One of the new faces at Coventry this season
 he was a summer joiner from Gillingham.

- 13. Referee Hackett perhaps . . . (5)
- 14. . . . would have to decide that a 'hand ball' was this before blowing for a foul. (10)

DOWN

- --- Phillip appeared for Palace between spells with Dundee, though last season he aided United to their League title. (4)
- 3. Centres. (7)
- 4. Former manager of Swindon and Palace. (4)
- No. 5 who was virtually ever-present for Villa last season but kicked off against them this season in the line-up of local rivals WBA. (8)
- Belgian club seen in last and this season's European Cup. (8)
- 8. Soccer-player who has stopped working (7)
- 10. ... at putting the --- into the net? (4)
- 11. Car company whose cash has aided, for example, the Irish League and Juventus. (4)

ALL ABOUT TODAY'S VISITORS _ STOCKPORT COUNTY

GROUND: Edgeley Park

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 27,883 v Liverpool FA Cup 5th Rnd, Feb 11th, 1950

GROUND CAPACITY: 16,500

RECORD VICTORY: 13_0 v Halifax _ Div 3 6th Jan, 1934

RECORD DEFEAT:: 1_8 v Chesterfield _ Div 2 19th Apr. 1902

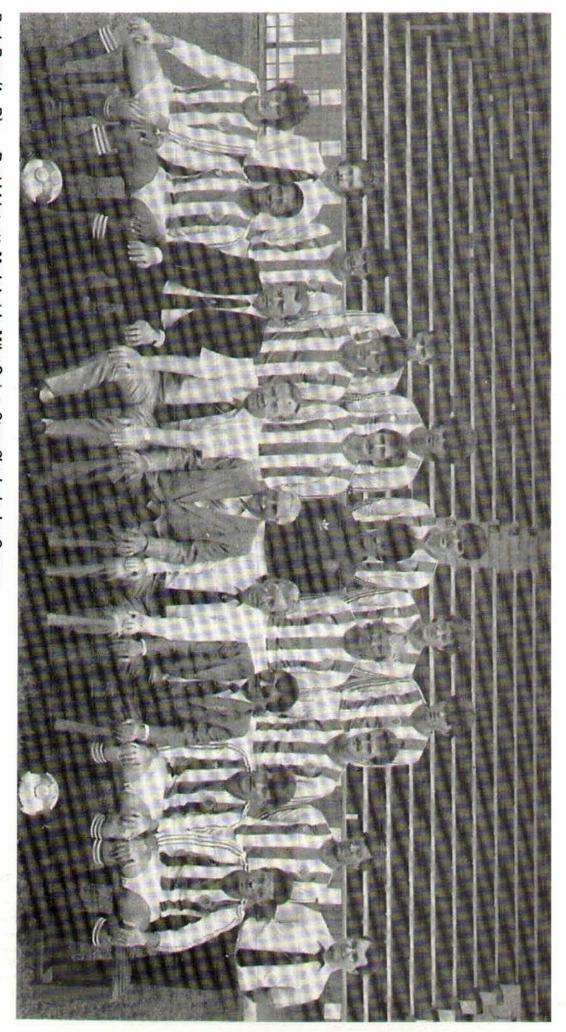
MOST GOALS IN A SEASON: Ald Lithgoe _ 46 Div 3 1933_34 MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN CAREER: Jack Conner _ 132 1951_56

PLAYER MOST CAPPED AT CLUB: Harry Hardy _ 1 England

GOAL SCORERS THIS SEASON

Mike Quinn 17 (6H,11A), Sword 9 (4H,5A), Williams 8 (7H,1A), Kerr 3 (H), Emerson 3 (1H,2A), Jones 2 (1H,1A), Coyle 2 (1H,1A), Evans 2 (H), Rutter (A) (Thorpe (H), White 1 (A)

STOCKPORT COUNTY



Back Row (L-R): Middle Row (L-R):

Front Row (L-R):

David Liptrott, Mark Leigh, Mike Quinn, Steve Sherlock, Joe Connor. Chris Wych (Physio), Clive Evans, Graham Jones, Paul Bowles, Mick Salmon, Tommy Sword, Andy Thorpe,

John Rutter, Howard Jones (Programme Editor).

Nigel Smith, Oshor Williams, Grahame White (Director, Eric Webster (Manager), Alan Kirk (Chairman/President),
Terry McCreery (Chief Executive/Secretary), Josh Lewis (Director), Dean Emerson, Tony Coyle.

PEN PICTURES

MICK SALMON (Goalkeeper). Mick is a former Leyland and Chorley schools player who signed for Blackburn Rovers as a non-contract player whilst still only 16. In February '82 Mick turned full-time professional at Ewood Park before making his Football League debut in Rovers last home match of the season against Chelsea. At the start of the '82-83 campaign Mick went out on loan to Leeds United, before joining Chester on a similar basis a few weeks later. Whilst at Sealand Road he made 16 1st team league appearances and two in the F.A. Cup before re-joining Blackburn where he played just one more 1st team game, a Lancashire Cup tie against Blackpool before joining County on a free transfer in August '83.

JOHN RUTTER (Defender). As a youth John represented Warrington and Cheshire boys and on leaving school was signed as an apprentice by Wolverhampton Wanderers, where he gained a regular place in the club's Central League side. In August '73 he left Molineux to sign for Bournemouth where he made just four appearances for the Dean Court side, before joining Exeter City in a £15,000 deal. Whilst with the St. James's side John made 32 appearances in the League before joining County on a free transfer in the summer of '76. An ever present in three out of his seven seasons at Edgeley Park, John is currently the longest serving member of the club's playing staff.

ANDY THORPE (Defender). Andy is a former Stockport boys' player who was signed by County whilst still at school. Played for the club's U/18 and reserve sides before making his Football League debut in April '78. Signed full-time professional at Edgeley Park in the 1978 close season and went on to make 38 appearances in his first full season with the club. One of only two members of the first team squad who was born in the town of Stockport. Equally at home in either a defensive or midfield role. And has now completed well over 200 appearances for the club and is one of only 24 players in the history of the club to reach this total.

TOMMY SWORD (Defender). Tommy is the skipper of the side and is a former Newcastle and Northumberland boys' Player, who signed apprentice forms for Nottingham Forest during the '74-75 season. After only a few months at the City Ground he returned northwards and signed for Whitely Bay in the Northern League. There he spent three seasons in the front-line before signing for Bishop Auckland for a small fee in the summer of '78, supplementing his income by working as a steel erector. During the '78-79 campaign Tommy netted 35 goals for Bishop's, a feat which eventually led to his signing for County in October '79 for £6,000. Brought originally to Edgeley Park as a striker but has since been successfully switched into a very capable central defender. Broke his leg in November '81 during an FA Cup tie at Edgeley Park and came back into the side after an absence of 12 months in December '82.

PAUL BOWLES (Defender). Paul is a former Manchester boys' player signed as an apprentice for Crewe Alexandra in May '75, before making his first-team debut for "Alex" at home to Exeter City in October '74. After over 200 games for Crewe, Paul was transferred to Port Vale in October '79, for a fee of £30,000. During his spell at Vale Park he appeared in 98 first team games, before joining County on a free transfer during the 1982 close season.

NIGEL SMITH (Defender). Nigel began his playing career with County seven years ago, but was not retained by the club. Towards the conclusion of the '78-79 season he was invited back to Edgeley Park to play in the club's reserve side, where he made rapid progress, so much so that he soon made his first-team debut in the final game of the season at York City.

TONY COYLE (Forward). Tony was signed by Albion Rovers from Scottish junior Football in May '78, after first being on trial. Made his League debut for the Cliftonhill Park club as a 17-year-old amateur against Dunfermline Athletic in April '78 whilst serving as an apprentice burner in Glasgow's Govan Shipyard. Was signed by County in December '79 for a club record fee of £25,000, a record which still stands.

DEAN EMERSON (Midfield). Dean is a former Salford boys' player who as a 15-year-old had a trial with Wrexham, before joining County as a non-contract player in November '79. After serving his apprenticeship for two seasons in the club's reserve side, Dean made his Football League debut for County in February '82 at Bournemouth. Made such a fine impression with everyone at Edgeley Park during his first team spell, that he was signed full-time professional during the close season of '82. Was voted County's Player of the Year last May, after a string of impressive displays in the first-team.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfield). A former Wirral youth team player as a 16 year old, Clive signed apprentice forms for Tranmere Rovers in March '74. Made his Football League debut for Rovers at home to Northampton Town in May '77 and followed that up with 131 consecutive league appearances in the 1st team.

OSHOR WILLIAMS (Forward). Oshor is a former Darlington boys' player who signed apprentice forms for Middlesbrough in '73 whilst still at school. Two years later during the summer of '75, he signed for Manchester United, but at the end of the following May he returned northwards to sign part-time professional for Gateshead in the NPL. Soon after this he was spotted by Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy and offered a contract with the Saints. Made his Football League debut whilst "on loan" to Exeter City, before returning to The Dell. Made six appearances for the Saints before joining County "on loan" in August '79.

'ARE THERE ANYMORE'? by DAVE KING

The recent transfer of Mike Quinn from today's visitors Stockport County prompts the question of whether there are anymore goalscorers of his calibre in the Fourth Division. Mike was transferred to Second Division Oldham Athletic for a fee of £55,000 three weeks ago.

Regular goalscorers are likened by Football Managers to gold nuggets, the richer and powerful City clubs are consistently scouring the lower Divisions, in a seach for a find comparable to Ian Rush of Liverpool. Ian was signed from Chester, taken to the confines of Anfield, allowed to develop into the striker we know today as the most deadly finisher in the Football League.

Whilst Mike Quinn may not have reached the First Division, it is still a move to a grade of football two Divisions above the Fourth. Taking a close view of the more free scoring strikers in our Division we find a mixture of the young, the diminishing player who has seen better days in higher Divisions, and the consistent striker who is never destined to play at a level above the third and fourth Divisions. It is easy to highlight the player who is destined for stardom, but we must never forget that for every famous player there are a hundred who provide thousands of fans with their weekend highlights, and although loathe to admit such feeling, they probably force our thinking and fondness for life for the next seven days at least.

A cross section of players who are their club's leading goalscorers show examples like Trevor Senior of Reading, virtually unknown until this season. The veteran Trevor Austin of Northampton who has played in all four Divisions, and Steve Johnson of Rochdale, a consistent scorer in the lower Divisions, but probably who will play his career in the basement Divisions of the League structure.

If we scrutinise the more prominent scorers in our Division we will no doubt find players who will eventually play elsewhere in their career amongst soccer elite.

Aldershot seem to have found a consistent scorer in 22 year old Dale Banton, who surplus to West Ham requirements has found the Recreation Ground to his liking. Dale now in his second season with the Hampshire Club and with 14 goals to his credit seems to be carving a career in the fourth Division after his earlier rejection by West Ham, and may again attract attention from Clubs in higher Divisions.

Keith Mercer is a player who it appears will spend the majority of his years at a lower divisional level. Now 27 years old he had played over a hundred matches each for Watford and Southend before joining Blackpool this season, to date he has scored 11 goals this season.

Craig Madden of Bury who has scored 14 goals this season has been a consistent scorer for the past few seasons averaging a goal virtually every other game in his career, it seems somewhat mystifying why no club from the higher Divisions have not moved for 25 years old Craig.

When Ken Beamish decided to give Jimmy Quinn a prolonged run in our first team, he accepted the opportunity with relish and his twelve goals emphasise his development this season and I am sure

his performances against Carlisle and Blackburn in this seasons F.A. Cup will have been noted by visiting scouts and managers, despite Jim's limited experience his sharp eye for goal augers well for the future. One of our brighter prospects, I feel more interest will develop in Jim as time passes. Colchester protege Tony Adcock is probably one player destined for an opportunity at the top level. Already a proposed deal with Liverpool has fallen through this season and with his prolific scoring record of 24 goals this season, 20 year old Tony will no doubt be a target for other first Division Clubs.

Reading's replacement for the much vaunted Kerry Dixon was a virtually unknown Portsmouth Reserve Trevor Senior, now known to fans all over the country as the Leagues leading goalscorer. Trevor could eventually follow in Kerry Dixon's footsteps especially if he can reproduce this seasons form again. The presence of Bob Paisley at a recent away match at Chesterfield, following in the wake of Manchester United, indicates that reports are being compiled on his progress.

One of the unsung heroes of the fourth Division is Alan Walsh of Darlington, at 27 years of age Alan is again reproducing that scoring touch, that each season ranks alongside most, already he has 16 goals to his tally. Commencing his career with Middlesbrough, upon his move to the Quakers he found his best form and was the subject of a record club bid by Colchester earlier this campaign. At Hereford Stuart Phillips has never enjoyed the advantage of playing in a reasonably successful team, always appearing to be carrying Hereford striking force on his own shoulders. An enthusiastic worker 22 year old Stuart could still develop into the player who earlier in his career attracted the attention of larger clubs, Stuart has 9 goals to his credit.

Twenty three years old Dave Caldwell of Mansfield is one of the leading scorers this season with 14 goals and is developing into a consistent marksman and could eventually become a target for other clubs.

Crewe striker Dave Waller made an impact last season with 17 goals but has found life more difficult this season, he has scored 8 goals so far.

Twenty year old Colin Douglas is the joint leading scorer of Doncaster, most of his goals have come in home matches, originally with Glasgow Celtic, Colin found his move to Doncaster under the guidance of Billy Bremner a fellows Scot an advantage, he has 12 goals to his credit.

Steve Johnson of Rochdale at 26 years of age is the opposite of Colin Douglas in that most of his 12 goals have come in away matches. One of the Divisions bravest challengers he has been the speculation of recent transfer talk with first York City and now Wigan Athletic.

John Byrne of York City is held in high esteem by many of the critics of our game and with 17 goals is verifying earlier faith placed in him, 23 years old, he forms with Keith Walwyn the most proficient goalscoring duo in the fourth Division this season.

Peterborough striker 27 year old Ray Hankin is a player who appears not to have fulfilled early promise, failing to do justice to himself, after early success with Burnley and later Leeds United. After a spell in America he returned to English soccer with Middlesbrough and then to the London Road Club, a spate of dismissals has impaired his worth this season, he still finds the net even if his appearances are somewhat irregular.

Northamptons Terry Austin at 29 years of age is a player with vast experience, playing in each Division with various clubs as Ipswich, Plymouth, Walsall, Mansfield, Huddersfield, and now the Cobblers. Terry was part of the deal which took him and the ill fated John Peddelty to Plymouth from Ipswich in exchange for Paul Mariner. Having seen most of his ambitions pass by, Terry has proved a valuable acquisition this season, he has scored 10 goals to date.

Diminutive Alan Crawford of Bristol City is the only genuine winger to figure prominently in the goalscoring charts of Division Four this season and with 13 goals this former Rotherham and Chesterfield player has at 31 years of age proved an integral part of Terry Coopers promotion bid which has seen Alan with Howard Pritchard, Glynn Riley and Tom Ritchie all reach double figures in goals scored this season.

Taking into consideration the leading goalscorers of last season, some players changed clubs. Four

moved up into the First Division, two into Second, and three to the Third, and before the March transfer deadline or in the forthcoming close season there will be more! These were last seasons top goalscorers and where applicable their transfer with goals in brackets:-

Aldershot Dale Banton (29)
Blackpool Dave Bamber (15) to Coventry City
Bristol City Glynn Riley (16)
Bury Craig Madden (21)
Chester John Thomas (21) to Lincoln City
Chesterfield . Martin Henderson (10) to Port Vale
Colchester Ian Allinson (26) to Arsenal
Crewe Dave Waller (17)
Darlington Alan Walsh (19)
Doncaster Glynn Snodin (14)
Halifax Dave Staniforth (16)
Hartlepool Paul Dobson (9)
Hereford Stuart Phillips (14)
Mansgield John Dungworth (19)
Northampton Steve Massey (26) to Hull City
Peterborough . Micky Gynn (21) to Coventry City
Reading Kerry Dixon (32) to Chelsea
Rochdale Mick French (11) Free Transfer
Stockport Mike Quinn (24) to Oldham
Swindon Paul Rideout (23) to Aston Villa
Torquay Steve Cooper (21)
Tranmere 7 Owen Brown (16)
Wrexham Steve Buxton (10)
York City' Keith Walwyn (24)

Commercia£ly Speaking

by DAVE COOPER

The support of any Football Club is normally measured by the number of people who go through the turnstiles at home matches. These figures are, of course, published widely and statisticians are soon able to use them to give us average gate figures, ups and downs on previous seasons, and trends for this and trends for that.

From the Commercial Office point of view the support of the Club can be measured by the number of lottery tickets sold in a week or month. In 1976 the Government changed the law relating to lotteries allowing organisations such as Swindon Town F.C. to give prizes of up to £1000 for a stake of 25p. This change helped to produce a boom-time for lotteries and, of course, we had our good time with Moonraker Lottery sales of 30,000 - 40,000 per week for 2-3 years. But the appeal for lotteries has now waned, and

in common with all other lotteries we now operate with much reduced sales. However many thousands of people still support our Club by buying these tickets, although a huge percentage of them never walk through the gates to support by actually watching the team play. We will continue to sell the instant Moonraker Lottery tickets and hope that this support is always there.

In the near future we are launching a new competition which we hope will be supported by all regular County Ground attenders. It is an extension of the 100 Club idea used by many small clubs to raise money, and our immediate aim is to recruit 5000 members for this competition. Subscriptions will be £1 for every 4-weekly period. Please contact the Commercial Office for further details, and of course if you are a regular supporter of the Moonraker Lottery, it will not debar you from joing the new competition.

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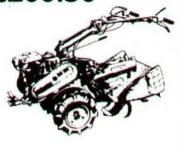
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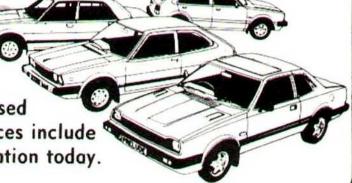








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IN NORTH WILTSHIRE

SURVEY ON DIVISION IV

by DAVE KING

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A belated welcome and introduction to our latest signing Ian Andrews, our on loan goalkeeper from Leicester City. Nineteen years old Ian was born in Nottingham on December 1st 1964 and lives in Nottingham at present. Our recent home match with Bristol City was Ian's League debut. This season he has made seventeen appearances in Leicester City Reserves playing in the Football Combination, Ian signed Associated School Boys forms for Leicester City on 20th May 1981, signing as an apprentice on 25th September 1981, and became a full professional on December 1st 1982.

At Leicester Ian has plenty of good class competition to bypass in making the Leicester City First Team, although at the start of the season Leicester had a goalkeeping crisis when long serving keeper Mark Wallington fbiled to agree new terms at the start of the season. Wallington was only on a weekly contract to enable him to stay in action and it seemed he would be moving on from Filbert Street after eleven years.

Leicester even recruited goalkeeper Mark Grew from West Bromwich Albion, but after five games he broke his hand in training, leaving the way clear for Mark Wallington to return, now he has agreed to a new contract that doesn't expire until the end of next season.

lan was a member of last seasons England Youth Team, and gained International Caps in matches against Norway, Denmark Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Italy. In the matches with Norway and Italy, Ian had Paul Rideout as one of his team mates.

In the matches with Russia, Switzerland and Yugoslavia Ian kept a clean sheet, his moment of glory came during the European Youth Championships on a Sunday morning on May 22nd last, when he saved two penalties in a play off for third place with Italy at Watford's Vicarage Road. Those penalty saves resulted from a penalty competition after a 1-1 draw, England winning 4-2 on penalties thanks to Ian.

The surprising dismissal of Maurice Evans from his position of manager of Reading, has led to the appointment of lan Branfoot as his successor. Reading were in third position in the League table when Maurice Evans was relieved of his position. He had spent twenty four years with the Club as player, coach and manager. Reading were relegated to Division Four at the end of last season.

Our former coach Wilf Tranter is the newly appointed manager of Southern League Banbury United. Former Liverpool player Ray Kennedy has been appointed player coach of Hartlepool United.

From our recent home match with Bristol City a few match facts which are interesting:

Goals: Quinn (51st min) and Riley (83rd min); Corners: Swindon 10 and Bristol City 5; Shots on Target: Swindon 6 (Batty 3, Quinn 2, Hockaday 1), Bristol City 4 (Riley 2, Stroud and Pritchard 1); Shots off Target: Swindon 2 Bristol City 4; Fouls: Swindon 18 Bristol City 12; Offsides: Swindon 6 Bristol City 8; Bookings: Swindon (Gibson foul 36 mins), Bristol City (Riley 45th min, Cooper 68th min., Pritchard 81st min., All Fouls).

RECENT TRANSFER MOVES . . . Mike Quinn Stockport to Oldham for £52,000 . . . Paul Butler Wolverhampton Wanderers to Hereford on loan . . . Wayne Bray Bristol City to Alliance League Club Weymouth on a free transfer . . . Our former player Ken Stroud has signed an eighteen month contract with Bristol City, joining City from Newport County . . . Gillingham have signed Bristol City midfield player Russell musker on a further months loan . . . Derek Bell of Chesterfield has joined Scunthorpe . . . Mike Walsh Manchester City to Blackpool for a small fee . . .

The CANON GOALSCORING AWARD for January was won by Doncaster Rovers with eleven goals, other totals were: Bristol City 8, Stockport 7, Aldershot, Blackpool, Crewe, Hereford, Reading and York City 6 each, Chesterfield 5, Bury, Colchester, Rochdale, Torquay, Tranmere and Wrexham 4 each, Halifax Hartlepool, Northampton and Swindon 3 each, Chester, Darlington and Mansfield 2 each, Peterborough 1. TOWNS 1983 BALANCE A look at our results during 1983 show that we failed to strike an even balance.

Our 1983 record for League, F.A. Cup and Milk Cup matches was P59 W20 D14 L25 F90 A85.

At home we played 30 W16 D6 L8 F60 A38, we failed to score on only four occasions, and we kept nine clean sheets.

In away matches we played 29 W4 D8 L17 F30 A47 we failed to score on 14 occasions, and we kept three clean sheets.

Our biggest victories were the 7-0 routs of Aldershot in an FA Cup 3rd Round match on January 8th at the County Ground and the 7-0 away win at Kettering also in the FA Cup 1st Rnd match on November 19th in this seasons competition, while our biggest set back was the 1-5 home defeat inflicted on us by Northampton in a Division Four match on May 8th.

The longest run without defeat was a 6 match run between November 12th and December 17th, with matches incurring Hartlepool 3-2, Kettering 7-0, Mansfield 2-2, Doncaster 2-1, Millwall 3-2 and Bury 0-0. Our longest spell without a win was from February 18th to April 4th with matches against Colchester 0-1, Bury 1-1, Tranmere 0-2, Mansfield 0-1, Chester 2-3, Halifax 0-1, Darlington 1-2, York City 0-0, Wimble-

Swindon's Gary Nelson heads from midfield during the Town's defeat by Blackburn at the County Ground.

Bottom Left

Paul Batty prompting from midfield when surrounded by Blackburn players in the Town's 2-1 defeat.

Top Right

Six Blackburn defenders and goalkeeper Terry Gennoe cover their goal as a shot from the Town sails wide in the Cup clash at the County Ground.

Bottom Right

Simon Gibson commands the air to halt a Blackburn attack in the County Ground cup-tie.

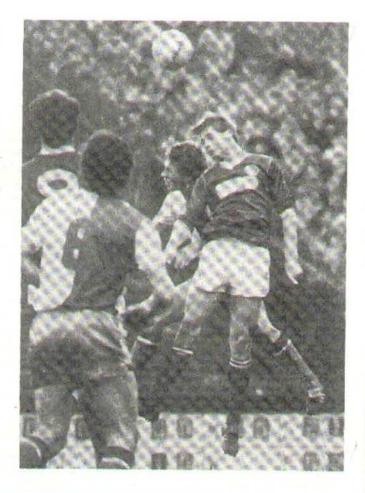
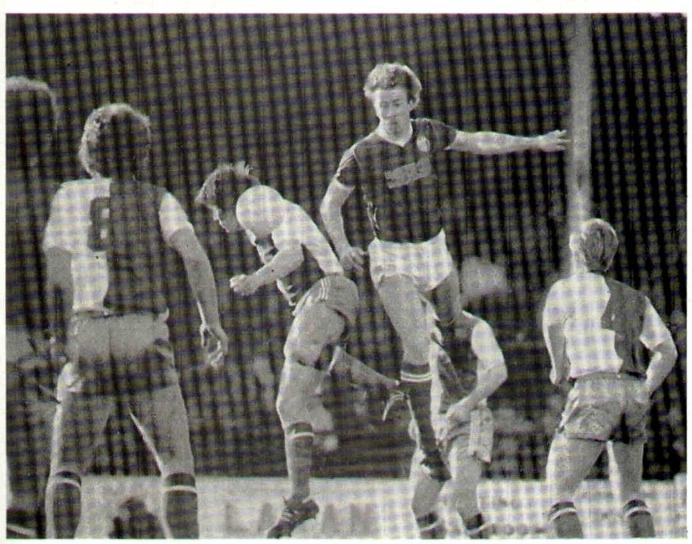




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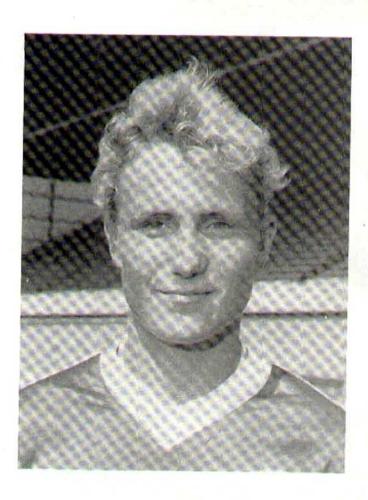
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F.A. Youth Cup	6	8
South East Counties	12	17
South East Counties Cup	2	4
Total	26	32

Featuring the Reserve and Youth Teams

Due to postponements, the Reserve and South East Counties sides have only had two fixtures each since Christmas, with all four games being played away. The results could not have been of bigger contrast, the Reserves losing both and the Youths winning both.

The Reserves' two games resulted in a 6-0 defeat at West Ham and 1-0 at Crystal Palace. The West Ham game appears as if we received a hammering but with only one professional playing the lads gave a good account of themselves, especially in the second half when we had a fair share of the game. Nigel Gray, as the only professional, was a great example in the way he played and also the way he height and encouraged the young lads. At Crystal Palace we fielded a stronger side but missed our chances and came away empty handed.

The South East Counties side have had fine wins, 3-0 at Wimbledon (who are the league leaders) and 5-1 at Oxford last Saturday in a rearranged match. In both games the lads played as well as I've seen them, getting on top right from the start and the football played and the way they helped one another was good to see. Those wins keep us well in touch for the league title and the cup as we have reached the semi-final.

I would like to congratulate Swindon Boys Under 15 side who reached the Semi Final of the English Schools Trophy with a fine win against Derby. We have several of these lads on our books and wish them well in the Semi Finals.



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Jimmy Quinn	9	Tommy Sword
Alan Mayes	10	Tony Coyle
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