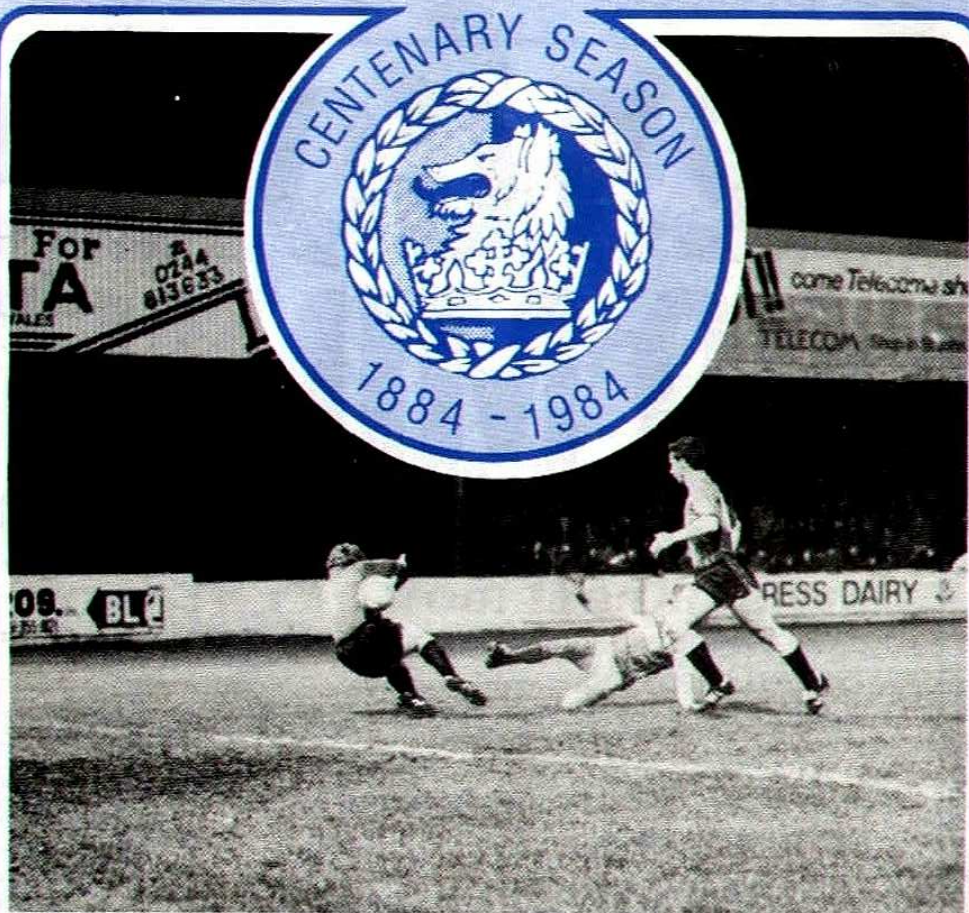


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Red/White/Black

1. SCOTT ENDERSBY
2. CHRIS RAMSEY
3. COLIN BAILIE
4. LOU MACARI
5. NIGEL GRAY
6. ANDY ROWLAND
7. MIKE GRAHAM
8. IAN MUIR
9. COLIN GORDON
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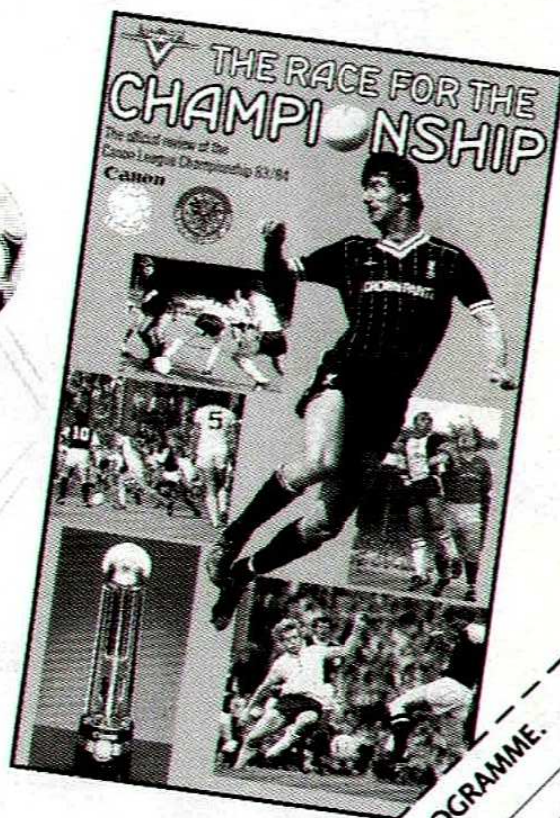
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With the holiday dates falling as they do our printers (UPS of Blackpool) asked for copy for the two programmes v. Wrexham and Swindon Town on or before 14th December 1984 and so the editors decided it best to produce a normal priced 40p. 'Double Issue' production featuring the match magazine details of both our visitors in the one issue rather than be in a position of repeating much of the copy from the Wrexham issue in the Swindon programme.

Front page action . . . (top) Steve Fox levels the score to 1-1 in our recent friendly fixture with Manchester United whilst (bottom) Andy Holden and Mark Hughes tussle in the six yard box. Photograph: 'Chester Observer'.



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26th December 1984

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Because of the keen rivalry that exists between ourselves and today's visitors. We look forward to our usual exciting match and welcome our near neighbours Wrexham from over the border. In the past these games have been played in the true "Derby" spirit and it is hoped that the friendly rivalry of the old days is brought back today, so that we can watch what we hope is another entertaining game.

As it was in our last encounter at Sealand Road, we meet this afternoon with both clubs needing points to climb up the Fourth Division Table.

Wrexham's fortunes have taken a tumble in recent years and today's scenes at the Racecourse are a far cry, from those heady days of the mid-seventies when the club were promoted to Division 2.

During his reign as manager, John Neal (now manager of Chelsea) built a side that was promoted to Division 3 in 1969-70 season, but this was nothing compared with what was to follow... in season 1976-77 "The Robins" finished fifth in the Third Division, missing out on promotion by only one point, at this time John Neal left the club to manage Middlesbrough, and Arfon Griffiths a great favourite with the Racecourse fans was given the task of "going one better" the following season. This he did, and Wrexham won the Third Division Championship in season 1977-78 with a total of 61 points, losing only once at home during the entire season, ironically to Alan Oakes' Chester side.

Their stay in the Second Division lasted for four seasons, during which the club mainly enjoyed a mid-table position. In season 1981-82 they were relegated to Division 3, where they only stayed for one season before being relegated, once again, to Division 4. Things were not any easier back in Division 4 however, and after another disappointing season, they just managed to avoid applying for re-election by finishing in twentieth position.

Up to now this season has not been much better, with defeats in the First Round of both the Milk Cup and F.A. Cup Competitions by Wigan Athletic. Along with poor league form, Manager Bobby Roberts clearly has a job on his hands to lift the fortunes of the club.

One bright note of this season was the performances of the club in the European Cup Winners Cup, when F.C.

Porto were beaten on aggregate in the first round, before the "Robins" lost 3-0 on aggregate in Round 2, against A.S. Roma. The club must be hoping that the European experience will eventually help to lift confidence in the players and therefore help the club to move up the Fourth Division table.

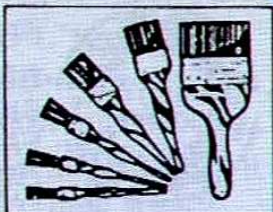
The goalkeeping jersey of Wrexham had been shared this season between "on loan" **CHRIS SANDER** and regular 'keeper **STUART PARKER**. Sander is a Swansea player with 20 league appearances to his credit whilst Parker progressed through the Wrexham ranks to make his league debut in the last game of season 1982-3. Injury restricted him to 9 games last season.

With former Shrewsbury man **JAKE KING'S** future with the club in doubt the likely full-back pairing will be **NEIL SALATHIEL** and newcomer **PAUL COMSTIVE**. Salathiel gained Welsh school and youth international honours and played 4 games for Wrexham in 1980-81 before being released. He then played 65 times for Crewe and had a spell in South Africa before rejoining the club last season. Comstive was signed from Wigan in November. He started his career with Blackburn for whom he played 6 games and had a loan spell at Rochdale prior to joining Wigan last season and playing 29 games.

Former Chester player **MIKE WILLIAMS** - he made 38 appearances for us before his move - will compete with **SHAUN CUNNINGTON**, **JACK KEAY** and **STEVE WRIGHT** for the centre-back berths. Cunnington made his debut in December 1982 and played 42 games last season whilst Keay has more experience - his first club was Celtic but he joined Shrewsbury in 1977 and played 155 league games before joining Wrexham in 1982-83, since when he has played 75 games. Wright began his career at Colchester where he had 117 games before spending a season in Finland. He joined Wrexham last season and played 37 league games.

Midfield man **STEVE CHARLES** is another recent signing. He joined Sheffield United in January 1980 and played 121 games before his November move. **KEVIN ROGERS** and **BARRY HORNE** are also newcomers this season. Rogers served his apprenticeship with Aston Villa but

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moved on to Birmingham and made his league debut last season, playing 8 games in all and scoring once. Horne meanwhile played for Rhyl whilst studying at University but has quickly adapted to league soccer. **JOHN MULDOON** is another of the younger breed – he made his debut in season 1982–83 and scored the winning goal on his home debut against Bournemouth. He had made 57 appearances before this season.

A third newcomer is front man **PETER HOUGHTON** who is on loan from Preston. He joined Wigan from South Liverpool in 1978 and scored 62 goals in 185 games before moving to Preston last season where he scored 10 goals in 32 games. **JIM STEEL** and **DAVID GREGORY** were previously the main strike force. Scotsman Steel's first club was Oldham for whom he scored 24 goals in 108 games and from whom he was loaned to Wigan (2 games, 2 goals) and Wrexham (9 games, 6 goals). He joined Port Vale in March 1983 and scored 6 goals in 28 games but when he joined Wrexham in January 1984 he went 21 games without scoring! The goals are now flowing again, however, for Jim Gregory came to prominence with Peterborough with 32 goals in 142 games and joined Stoke for £55,000 in 1977. He scored just 3 goals in 23 games for them but did add 3 in 5 whilst on loan to Blackburn. Next club for Dave was Bury – he moved for £30,000 in September 1978 but after 13 goals in 52 games a similar fee took him to Portsmouth where he scored 18 goals in 74 games. He joined Wrexham in July 1982 and had 23 goals in 85 games before this season. Youngster **ANDY EDWARDS** also made his debut in 1982–83 and he played 29 times last season scoring 7 goals.

Swindon Town were founded as an amateur club in 1881 by a clergyman, the Reverend W. Pitt. They flourished so rapidly that there was one season when the final of the Wiltshire Cup was between the club's first and second teams! By 1894 professionals were being engaged and Swindon became one of the original members in Division One of the Southern League where they remained until 1920 when they joined the Football League Third Division, transferring to Division 3 (South) a year later.

Swindon have had to apply for re-election to the Football League three times. In 1933, 1956 and 1957, and former player Bert Davies remembered the day in the thirties when even the local Bank Manager turned the club down, when they sought an overdraft to pay the club's wages!

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Just a week after that 4–0 success, however, City were on the wrong end of the same score when they were beaten by Manchester United "A". Phil Harrington was back in goal whilst Paul Blackwell, Bobby Coy and Andy Wharton provided further experience. Bobby had to leave the field early, however, to have stitches in a nasty foot injury and though the score was only one at half-time, United added three more after the break.

The following week brought another trip to Manchester, this time to play U.M.I.S.T. and City returned to winning ways with a fine 3–0 win against inexperienced opposition. The win was sealed with three first-half goals from Peter Sayer, Rory Blease and Peter Donnelly.

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After promotion to Division 2 in 1968-69 season the club stayed in that Division until 1973-74, when they were relegated back to Division 3. Eight years later they slumped again and were relegated to Division 4 for the first time in their history in 1981-82 season.

Last season the club finished in 15th position in Division 4 after starting on a promising note but gradually falling away after Christmas. Unfortunately for ourselves Swindon completed the "double" over City last year, winning 4-0 at the County Ground, and 3-0 at Sealand Road.

Swindon's fortunes this season are of course in the hands of player manager **LOU MACARI**. Lou made over 50 appearances for Celtic before joining Manchester United in 1973 and he then went on to play 392 games in all competitions for them scoring 88 goals in the process. He also gained 24 full Scottish caps.

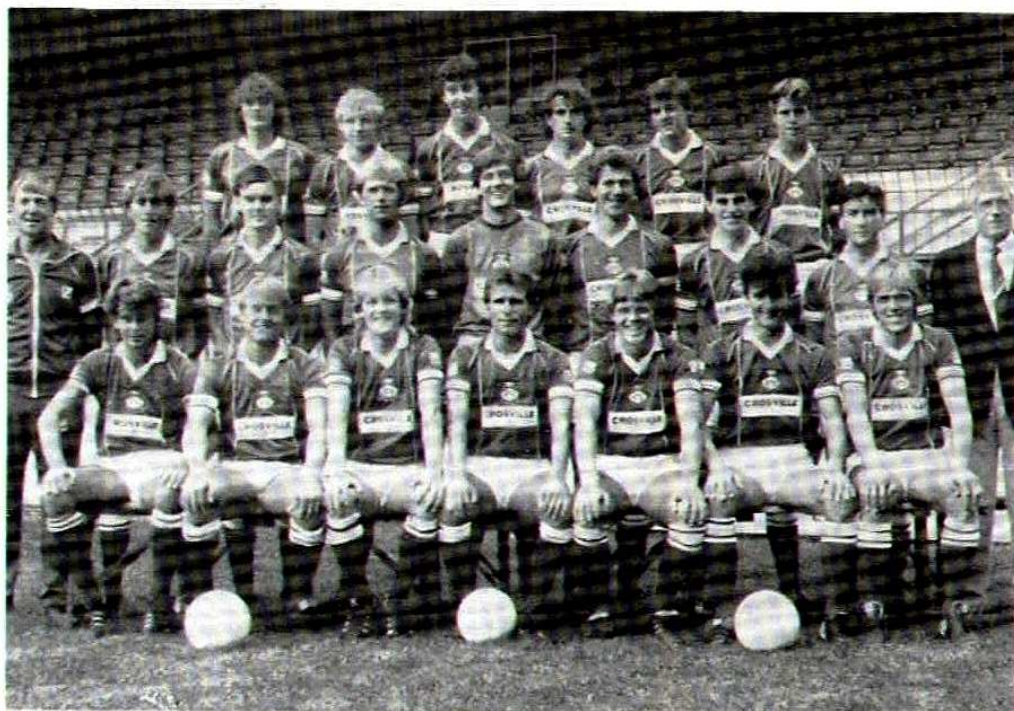
The last line of defence is **SCOTT ENDERSBY**, formerly an apprentice with Ipswich prior to joining Tranmere in 1981. He played 91 games for Rovers and joined Swindon last season at the end of which he was voted 'Player of the Year'.

COLIN BAILIE, **CHARLIE HENRY** and **KEVIN BADDELEY** will be competing for the full-back positions. Bailie and Henry are both former apprentices, Henry made his league debut in 1980 and Bailie two years later and they have played 120 and 65 league games respectively. Baddeley played once for Bristol City before joining Swindon in 1981 and he is now well on the way to 100 league appearances for Town.

The centre-back partnership meanwhile will be two from **SIMON GIBSON**, **NIGEL GRAY** and **MIKE GRAHAM** though the latter can also play in midfield. Gibson was signed from Chelsea last season whilst Gray made 233 appearances for Orient before joining Swindon, also last season. Graham played 46 times for Bolton and then joined Town in 1981 scoring his only league goal for the club on his debut! He has 112 league appearances for Swindon to his credit.

Apart from Macari and Graham, **LEIGH BARNARD**, **DAVID HOCKADAY** or **PAUL BATTY** could figure in midfield. Barnard made his league debut for Portsmouth and played 79 games in 5 seasons before joining Swindon in 1982. He was an ever present in his first season and played 35 times last season. Hockaday played 147 league games for Blackpool and 36 last season for Swindon whilst Batty joined the club from school, made his debut in September 1982 and since then has played 80 league games.

ANDY ROWLAND and **ALAN MAYES** form a lethal attacking combination although Andy is also a more than capable central defender. He scored 58 league goals in 174 games with Bury prior to joining Swindon in 1978 since which time he had added another 75 in 223 games. Mayes started his career at QPR but made his league bow after moving to Watford where he scored 31 times in 133 league appearances. A loan spell at Northampton was followed by a move to Swindon in 1979. He made 89 appearances and scored 38 times before moving to Chelsea (18 goals in 66 games) and then back to Swindon in 1983, finishing last season as top league scorer with 17. Another newcomer this season is **PETER COYNE** who played one full game for Manchester United before being released to join Crewe (47 goals in 134 games) and then drifted into non-league soccer, despite all his early promise. **GARRY NELSON** played 129 times for Southend before joining Swindon last season. He played 36 games last term and scored 4 goals - 3 of which were against Chester! Youngsters **MARK GARDINER** and **MARK HUGHES** are also waiting in the wings after making their debuts last season - Gardiner against Mansfield and Hughes against Northampton.



WREXHAM F.C. 1984/85

(Back Row):
David Rielly, Paul Nicoll, Gary Pugh, Stephen Scott, David Williams, Gareth Baines.
(Middle Row):
George Showell (Physio), Shaun Cunningham, Jackie Keay, Steve Wright, Stuart Parker, Jim Steel, Mike Williams, Kevin Rogers, Bobby Roberts (Manager).
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25—Scunthorpe United	(H)	2,050	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Evans	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Speight	Blackwell
28—Blackpool (MC1 1L)	(A)	3,300	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Evans	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Speight	
September														
1—Aldershot	(A)	2,203	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Evans	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Higgins
5—Blackpool (MC1 2L)	(H)	3,001	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Higgins
8—Bury	(H)	2,050	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Higgins	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Wharton
14—Southend United	(A)	2,035	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Higgins	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Wharton
19—Hereford United	(A)	3,847	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Higgins	Zelem	Coy	Fox	Walker	Holden	Sayer	Speight	Wharton
22—Northampton Town	(H)	1,725	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Higgins	Wharton	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Morris
29—Blackpool	(A)	4,566	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Higgins	Wharton	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Brown
October														
3—Tranmere Rovers	(H)	2,727	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Speight	Fox	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Speight	Blackwell
6—Halifax Town	(H)	1,412	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Higgins	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Sayer
13—Exeter City	(A)	2,347	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Speight	Higgins	Blackwell	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Wharton
20—Colchester United	(H)	1,400	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Higgins	Blackwell	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Speight	Morris
23—Crewe Alexandra	(A)	3,287	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Higgins	Speight	Fox	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Blackwell	Brett
27—Chesterfield	(H)	2,201	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Speight	Walker	Brown	Sayer	Blackwell	Higgins
November														
3—Darlington	(A)	2,403	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Blackwell
7—Mansfield Town	(A)	1,412	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Sayer
10—Torquay United	(H)	1,320	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
17—Darlington (F.A. Cup 1)(A)	(H)	3,726	Butcher	Dixon	Bulmer	Holden	Zelem	Coy	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Brett
23—Port Vale	(A)	3,391	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Fox	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
December														
11—Rochdale	(H)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
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16—Tranmere Rovers	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
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March														
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8—Colchester United	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
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6—Wrexham	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
13—Torquay United	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
20—Port Vale	(H)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
27—Rochdale	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
May														
4—Stockport County	(H)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
6—Swindon Town	(A)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton
11—Hartlepool United	(H)	Butcher	Dixon	Lane	Holden	Zelem	Hildersley	Speight	Walker	Higgins	Sayer	Blackwell	Wharton



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CAN YOU HELP?

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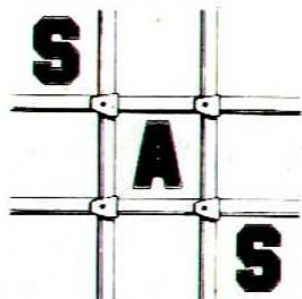
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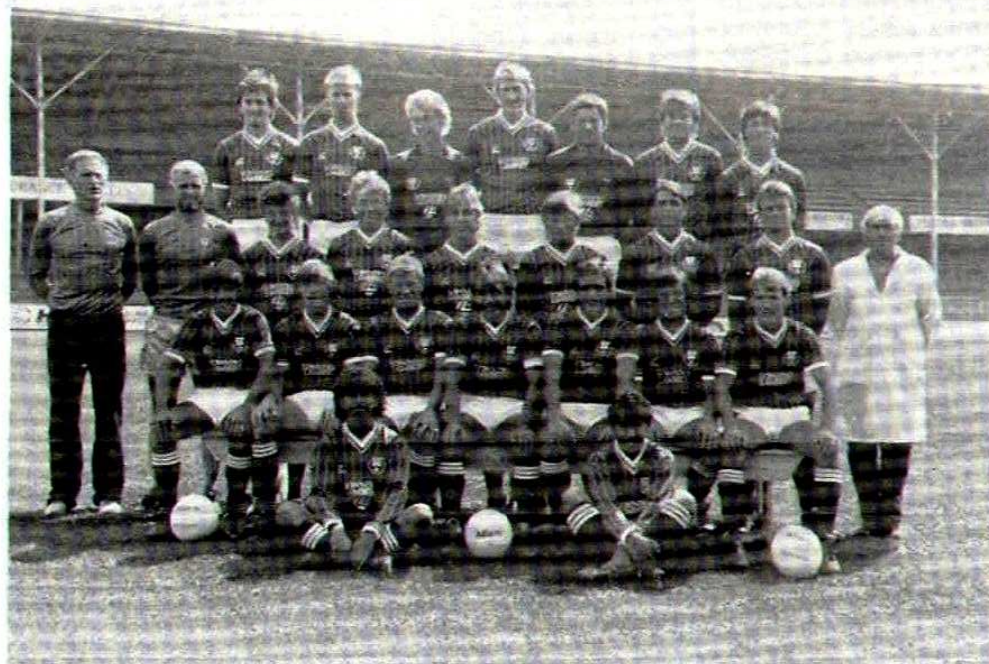
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" 31	SOUTH LIVERPOOL RES.	(H)	1-0
SEPT. 14	SOUTHPORT RES.	(H)	1-3
" 22	BARROW RES.	(A)	2-0
" 28	MORECAMBE "A"	(H)	2-2
OCT. 6	ROCHDALE RES.	(A)	2-1
" 20	BURNLEY "A"	(A)	0-1
" 27	EVERTON "A"	(A)	3-0
NOV. 2	LIVERPOOL "A"	(A)	1-2
" 17	MANCHESTER CITY "A"	(A)	2-4
" 23	FORMBY RES.	(H)	4-0
DEC. 1	MANCHESTER UNITED	(A)	0-4
" 8	U.M.I.S.T.	(A)	3-0
" 12	ROCHDALE RES.	(H)	1-3
" 21	BURNLEY "A"	(H)	(7.30)
" 26	SOUTH LIVERPOOL RES.	(A)	
" 28	STOCKPORT COUNTY "A"	(A)	
1985			(11.00)
JAN. 1	MANCHESTER CITY "A"	(H)	(7.30)
" 4	BURY RES.	(H)	
" 11	SOUTHPORT RES.	(A)	
" 18	TRANMERE ROVERS RES.	(H)	
FEB. 8	BARROW RES.	(H)	-
" 15	LIVERPOOL "A"	(H)	(11.00)
" 23	FORMBY RES.	(A)	
MAR. 1	ALSAGER COLLEGE	(H)	(7.30)
" 8	U.M.I.S.T.	(H)	(7.30)
" 16	BOLTON WANDERERS "A"	(A)	(7.30)
" 22	BOLTON WANDERERS "A"	(H)	
" 30	MORECAMBE "A"	(A)	(7.30)
APR. 12	EVERTON "A"	(H)	-
" 15	MANCHESTER UNITED "A"	(H)	
" 20	TRANMERE ROVERS RES.	(A)	(11.00)
" 26	STOCKPORT COUNTY "A"	(H)	
MAY 4	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES.	(A)	(7.30)
" 11	MARINE RES.	(A)	(7.30)
	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES.	(H)	
	ALSAGER COLLEGE	(A)	(7.30)
	MARINE RES.	(H)	

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From their reception the competitions were regarded by many clubs as an inconvenience rather than the intended financial booster, attendances were on the whole below the league averages and it is doubtful that the strongest sides available were selected by a number of participating clubs.

As the regionalised Third Division at that time each contained only 22 Clubs a number of byes were required at various stages in the competition to produce four teams for the semi-final stage, this detracted from the true knock-out format naturally gave the competition a rather disjointed effect.

The competition in its original format only lasted until the 1938/39 season when the outbreak of the Second World War brought about the suspension of the normal football programme, in fact a semi-final replay and the final itself for the Southern trophy that term remained uncontested.

In a brief review of the competition we will concentrate of Chester's remarkable record in the Northern section. They were the most successful of all the participating clubs having won the trophy twice in the five seasons they were allowed to compete (they were excluded from the competition in season 1938/39 as they had reached the third round of the F.A. Cup) and scored more goals than any other side could manage in the process!

1933/34 SEASON

Haig Avenue, Southport was the venue for Chester's first game in the competition, and on 30th January 1934 a Hughes goal ensured a replay at Sealand Road where Hughes netted twice and Vaughan once in a 3-2 victory. A second round visit to the Racecourse, Wrexham was Chester's reward but sadly they made an early exit from the competition on the wrong end of a 2-0 scoreline.

The first winners of the trophy were Darlington who defeated Stockport County at Old Trafford, Manchester by the odd goal in seven on 1st May 1934.

1934/35 SEASON

Chester were drawn away once again for the first round tie, and a quick return to Wrexham the reward. No mistakes were made this time though, as a Wallbanks goal secured a replay (played over 3 months later!) which Chester won thanks to a Kelly goal.

A bye in the second round was followed by a home pairing with Crewe Alexandra on 13th March 1935 but Chester once again made an early exit losing 1-0.

The final that season was played at Maine Road, Manchester on 1st May 1935. Stockport County regained some lost pride by defeating Walsall 2-0.

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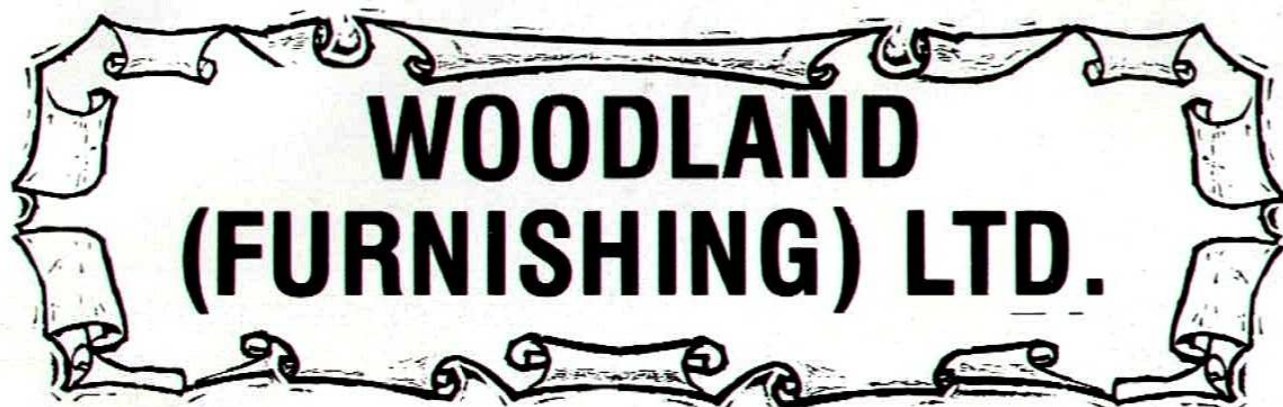


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