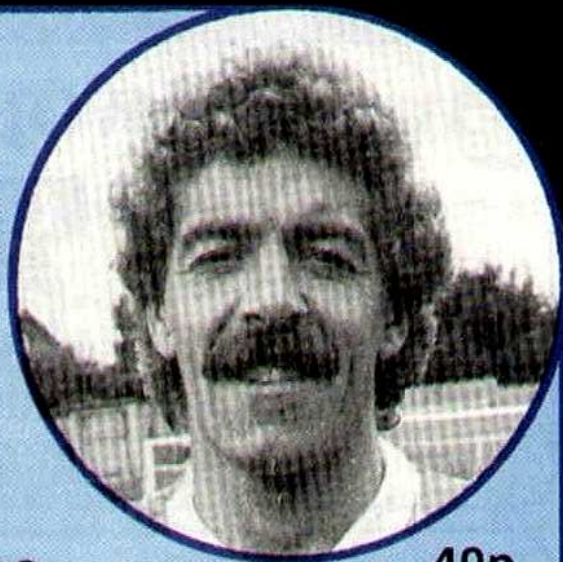


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KICK-OFF



FIAT



With a look at one of the rewards of our win at Darlington

Our 3-1 win at Darlington last month has brought an extra and unexpected bonus to the members of a local boys' club.

A panel of the game's top managers, chaired by England's Bobby Robson, decided that the result merited the FIAT Performance of the Week Award. And we have been able to nominate a club affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs — Wingerworth Youth Club to receive the award which consists of a cheque for £250 and a complete set of football team strip. The lads have come along this evening and will be presented with the money and kit by John Elliott, Managing Director of local Fiat dealer Woodleigh Motor Sales Ltd on the pitch just before kick-off.

Gordon Savage, the boys' club leader was obviously delighted:

"This is fantastic news. We shall probably use the money to buy various items of sports equipment, particularly five-a-side soccer balls."

It is the first time that Chesterfield have been chosen by Robson's panel since the awards started on January 1, 1983. In that time Fiat have donated more than £70,000 to the Boys' Club Movement. With the help of the judging panel of Football League Executive Staffs' Association members — Bobby Robson, Ron Atkinson (Manchester United), David Pleat (Luton Town), Trevor Cherry (Bradford City), Arthur Cox (Derby County) and Lennie Lawrence (Charlton Athletic) — boys' clubs will receive another £20,000 from Performance Awards by the end of the season.

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The ball on its way into the Wrexham net off defender Comstive (left) for the equaliser in our last home match.



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NEWS FROM THE SALTERGATE SCENE

Tonight's Referee

Trevor Simpson (Sowerby Bridge)

Building Society Agency Manager. Married with two girls. Started refereeing in 1966 in local leagues, progressing via West Yorkshire, Northern Intermediate and Northern Premier Leagues. Former goalkeeper with Halifax Town, though he never appeared in the Football League. Trevor is a qualified FA coach and is an active member of Halifax Referee's Society. Refereed two Northern Intermediate Cup Finals and lined last year's FA Vase Final at Wembley between Stamford and Stanstead.

Away Days

Saturday 13th April, Tranmere Rovers. Coaches depart 11.30 am. Fare £3.50. Tuesday 16th April, Wrexham. Depart 4.00 pm. Fare £3.50. Book as soon as possible at the Saltergate Club.

League Table

Chesterfield have now played all of its ten games in the Six Club Eastern Counties Floodlit League which is sponsored by Lowfield Sportswear. The table as it stands at present is as follows.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Chesterfield	10	5	1	4	15	13	11
Grantham	7	4	1	2	18	9	9
Lincoln City	6	3	2	1	10	9	8
Wisbech	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Gainsborough	5	1	1	3	8	10	3
Arnold	5	0	1	4	5	16	1

PFA Players

Unfortunately, no Chesterfield players got into the PFA Divisional teams this term, but ex-Spireites Danny Wilson and John Clayton were voted by their fellow professionals into the Second and Fourth Division teams respectively.



Danny Wilson: PFA winner

John Duncan

Manager John Duncan won his first Manager of The Month award for our fine sequence of results in March. He becomes the third Chesterfield manager to win the Bells sponsored award, Joe Shaw (twice) won the gallon of whisky and Frank Barlow got the Scotch in 1981 following our Anglo-Scottish Cup win. Ironically it was Frank who was closest to pipping John to win the award, he led his Scunthorpe team to five wins and two draws in eight League games, including 7-1 and 6-2 victories against Exeter and Southend. It isn't, however, the

first award John's picked up. In 1978 he was voted into the PFA Division Two team alongside players of the calibre of Ken Sansom, his Spurs colleague Glenn Hoddle, Alan Ball and the current PFA Player of The Year, Peter Reid. John will be putting on his boots again this Sunday (14th) in a charity match at Bramhall Lane between a Radio Sheffield All Stars XI and a Radio 1 DJ's team. Kick-off is at 3 pm and admission is £1 (adults) and 50p (children/OAP).

Sean's award



Full back Sean O'Neill being presented with his Canon League loyalty award by Chairman Barrie Hubbard. The Irishman received a certificate and a gold watch.

Grand National Draw

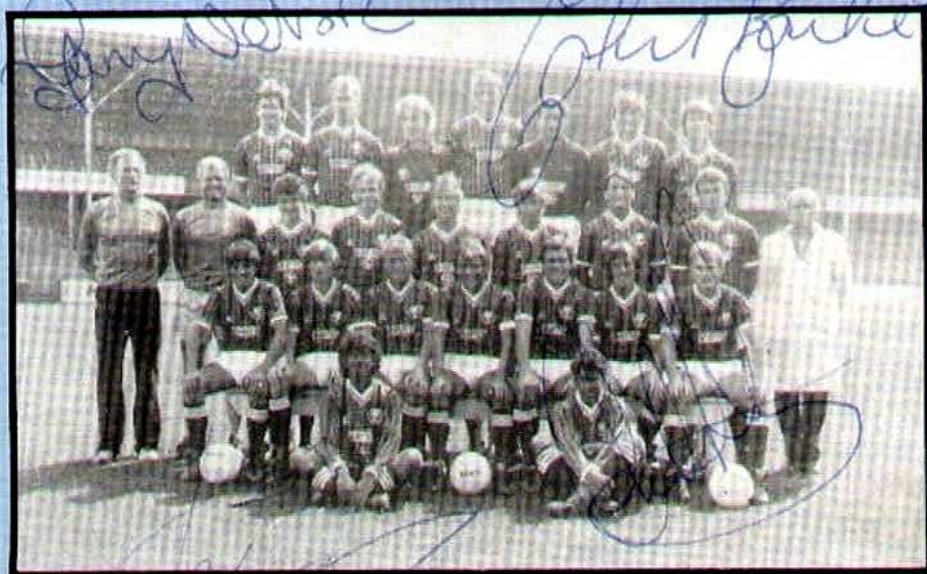
Major Prize-winners: 1st (Last Suspect) Liz Cratchley, AGD, £1,000; 2nd (Mr Snugfit) H. M. Cordy, Killamarsh, video recorder; 3rd (Corbiere) I. Phillips, Clwyd, computer; 4th (Greasepaint) K. Knights, Spital Lane, £100; Last past post (Captain Parkhill) D. Hill, Sutton-in-Ashfield, meal for two. All other runners, £5. Chesterfield FC would like to thank all season ticket holders, agents and supporters for their very kind co-operation in the sale of tickets.

Did You Know?

* Swindon became the first club to win the Anglo-Italian Cup even though the final was never completed. Twelve clubs, six from England, six from Italy, took part in the 1970 tournament with the most successful from each country playing in the final. In the qualifying rounds, Swindon twice beat Juventus to qualify as England's representatives. Napoli were to be the Italian finalists and the final was held in their home stadium. Peter Noble scored two and Arthur Horsfield got one as Town raced into a 3-0 lead. In the 79th minute the Italian crowd rioted and the game was abandoned. In the circumstances it was decided to award the Cup to Swindon.

IN TOWN TODAY

SWINDON TOWN



Did You Know?

* On 25th September, 1911, Swindon Town, reigning Southern League Champions, played League Champions Manchester United in the FA Charity Shield. The 12,000 Stamford Bridge crowd saw Swindon score first but go on to lose 8-4. Town's scorers were Harold Fleming, Fred Wheatcroft, Billy Trout (pen) and Bob Jefferson.

* On February 26th this year Swindon's reserve side lost 10-0 to Arsenal Reserves in a Football Combination match. Raphael Meade got five for the Gunners.

Back: Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollen, Mark Hughes.

Centre: Harry Gregg (Asst. Man.), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner, Martin Davison, Sean Prowse, Mike Graham, Dave Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physio).

Front: Paul Batty, Gary Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari, Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes, Colin Bailie. Seated: Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.

Manager of our visitors is ex-Celtic, Manchester United and Southend midfielder Lou Macari, who was appointed player-manager of the Wiltshire club last summer after he was freed by Manchester United. Shortly after, a Man. Utd - Celtic match, watched by a crowd of 40,140, had raised £85,000 for the midfielder's testimonial fund. Lou played 329 League games for Manchester United, scoring 78 goals. Little Lou still keeps scoring the odd goal, he's got three for the Robins this season.

Details of most of Lou's squad are as follows:

Colin Bailie (full back). Born Belfast. A former apprentice, he made his League debut at Oxford in April 1982, but began to claim a regular place in the side the following season.

Scott Endersby (goalkeeper). Born Lewisham. He appeared in an FA Cup tie for Kertering aged just 15 (youngest ever player in the competition) but he served his apprenticeship at Ipswich, where he won an England Youth Cap. Moved to Tranmere in the summer of 1981 making his League debut in September that year versus Hereford. Played 91 times for Rovers before moving to the County Ground in 1983. Last season's Player of The Year.

Mike Graham (defender). Ex-Bolton player who first appeared in a League game at Field Mill in March 1978. Played over 50 games for Bolton before joining Swindon in 1981. Was given a free transfer at the end of last season but Lou Macari resigned him just before the start of this season. Versatile player who can play at full back, central defender and in midfield. **Nigel Gray (defender).** Over 250 games for Orient, his only club before joining Swindon Town in the summer of 1983. Played just 16 times last season and he was loaned

to Brentford. **Charlie Henry (defender).** Acton born Charlie supported Swindon as a boy and he signed for his favourites in February 1980 after completing his apprenticeship. The hard-tackling full back made his League debut in September 1980 at Lincoln. **Dave Hockaday (midfield).** Dave spent eight seasons with our opponents from last Tuesday, Blackpool, before moving to Wiltshire in 1983. Scored 24 League goals in 147 outings for Blackpool and he's scored five in his 20 months with Swindon. **Garry Nelson (forward).** Made his League debut in October 1979 for Southend against Colchester and he went on to play 140 times for Southend, where he was a team-mate of our new signing Steve Yates. Another summer 1983 signing. **Andy Rowland (forward).** Although Andy began with his home town club, Derby County, it was not until he moved to Bury that he tasted League football for the first time, making his debut at Swindon of all places in August 1974. After more than 200 appearances for The Shakers, Rowland joined Swindon, though at the time there was much speculation that he would move to Saltergate. A consistent goalscorer for much of his career, Andy has recently shown his versatility with several appearances in defence and also as an emergency goalkeeper, he replaced Jim Allan between the posts against Rochdale last term after the 'keeper had to go off. Played around 300 first team games for Swindon and he's scored 166 goals. **Peter Coyne (forward).** Joined Manchester United in 1974 and he stayed at Old Trafford for two years playing twice in Division One, in a 2-1 defeat at Aston Villa (Lou Macari scored United's goal) and in a 2-1 defeat at Leicester in which Peter scored.

* Manager Lou Macari and his assistant Harry Gregg were sacked at the weekend.

At the end of the 1975-76 season he was freed and he joined non-League Ashton United before moving back into League football with Crewe. Spent three years at Gresty Road before he again moved into the non-League scene, this time with Northern Premier League side Hyde United. Joined Swindon last summer and he's top scorer for our visitors this season. **Colin Gordon (striker)**. Scorer of two goals against us on New Years Day. Colin joined Swindon earlier this season from Southern League side Oldbury and he seems to have adjusted well to the rigours of League football having scored 10 goals to date. **Chris Ramsey (full back)**. Another early season signing. Chris is best known for his days at Brighton, he appeared for them in the 1983 FA Cup Final against Manchester United, though he was unlucky enough to get injured and he was substituted by Gerry Ryan, and the coloured defender was not fit enough to line-up in the replay which Brighton lost 4-0. Played just four games for the Seagulls last term and the lack of first team opportunities at The Goldstone Ground led to a loan move to Swindon. Joined Town on a permanent basis just before Christmas. Sent off twice this season.

Chesterfield's League record v Swindon

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	5	3	4	18	16
Away	13	5	1	7	11	19
Total	25	10	4	11	29	35

A Clergyman, the Rev. W. Pitt, founded Swindon as an amateur club in 1881. 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 of Division One of The Southern League. There they remained until 1920 when they became founder members of Division Three. Their first ever League game was on 28th August 1920 and it must constitute the best start to a League career ever, they beat Luton Town 9-1.

Back in their Southern League days a breakdown in health had forced a local man, Harold Fleming, to take an "outside job" and it was he, together with another local, Archie Brown, who guided non-League Swindon to two FA Cup semi-finals in those

pre-First World War days. Fleming played 11 times for England while a Southern League player.

In Swindon's first nine League seasons they never finished outside the top ten in Division Three (South), but during the 1930's they rarely got out of mid-table, in fact in 1933 they finished bottom of the section.

Promotion was won for the first time in 1963 when they finished runners-up to Northampton in Division Three. The team was managed by Bert Head and the side was made up of the classic mix of youth and experience. Maurice Owen was the most experienced player that season. He made over 550 League appearances for Swindon, the climax coming in that 1962-63 season, after which he hung up his boots and became trainer.

The youth was in the form of John Trollope (who went on to play well over 700 League games for Swindon), Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Don Rogers.

Two seasons were spent in Division Two, they were relegated in 1965, but in 1968-69 they enjoyed their most successful season ever. Again they were promoted from Division Three, as runners-up to Watford, but it was in the League Cup that they captured everyone's hearts by beating Torquay, Bradford City, Blackburn, Coventry, Derby and Burnely on the way to Wembley and a match with mighty Arsenal. 98,189 people paid £104,000 to watch the Third Division minnows beat the Gunners 3-1, Smart and Rogers (2) getting the goals. The team of Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers and substitute Penman has gone down in the annals of Swindon's history, and deservedly so.

Did You Know?

Previous managers of Swindon include Danny Williams, Dave Mackay, Les Allen and Bobby Smith.

Jimmy Cookson, who scored 44 goals for Chesterfield in 1925-26 scored 31 goals in 50 games for Swindon in the 1930's. Former Spireites manager Tony McShane played 41 matches for Swindon.

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10. MICK HENDERSON
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9. COLIN GORDON
10. MIKE GRAHAM
11. GARY NELSON
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THE CANON LEAGUE DIVISION 4

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Opponents	Score	Attd.	Scorers
August			
25 H Aldershot	2-1	2,800	P. Brown, Newton
28 A Halifax (MC)	1-1	1,174	Newton
September			
1 A Northampton	3-1	2,554	Kendal, Newton, P. Brown
4 H Halifax (MC)	1-2	2,976	Newton
8 H Southend	2-1	2,692	Matthews, Newton (pen)
15 A Scunthorpe	4-2	2,853	Bellamy (2), P. Brown, Hunter
19 A Hartlepool	0-1	1,686	
22 H Blackpool	2-1	3,947	P. Brown, Moss
29 A Bury	0-0	4,079	
October			
2 H Hereford	3-1	5,167	O'Neill, Kendal, Moss
6 H Darlington	0-0	4,181	
13 A Halifax	3-1	1,592	Moss (2), Newton
20 H Exeter	5-1	3,457	P. Brown, Kendal, Moss, Spooner, Hunter
22 A Port Vale	0-0	4,988	
27 A Chester	1-1	2,201	Kendal
November			
3 H Colchester	1-1	3,654	Moss
10 H Tranmere	4-2	3,854	Newton, Moss (2), P. Brown
17 A Whitby (FAC)	3-1	2,788	Kendal, P. Brown, Newton
24 A Torquay	1-0	1,466	P. Brown (pen)
December			
1 H Stockport	3-0	3,943	Baines, Newton, Moss
8 A Walsall (FAC)	0-1	5,519	
15 A Crewe	1-1	2,236	Walker
21 A Rochdale	1-3	1,177	Moss
26 H Mansfield	0-0	6,960	
29 H Peterborough	2-0	4,045	Moss, Baines
January			
1 A Swindon	0-4	3,575	
5 A Aldershot	1-1	2,133	Spooner
12 H Northampton	2-1	3,759	P. Brown (2 pens)
22 A Rotherham (FRT)	1-1	2,027	Spooner
26 H Scunthorpe	1-0	3,698	Walker
February			
2 H Bury	0-1	5,416	
5 H Rotherham (FRT)	1-0	2,809	Matthews
12 H Hartlepool	0-0	2,617	
22 A Colchester	1-3	2,303	Newton
March			
2 H Chester	3-1	3,002	Newton (2, 1 pen), Spooner
5 H Port Vale	0-0	3,480	
9 A Exeter	1-0	2,401	Baines
12 A York (FRT)	0-1	3,891	
16 H Halifax	3-0	2,870	Spooner, Moss, Newton
20 A Hereford	1-0	4,500	Spooner
23 A Darlington	3-1	5,054	Newton (2), Kendal
30 H Wrexham	2-1	3,918	Comstive (o.g.), Newton (pen)
April			
2 A Blackpool	0-1	7,144	
6 A Mansfield	0-0	6,029	
9 H Swindon			
13 A Tranmere			
16 A Wrexham			
20 H Torquay			
23 A Southend			
27 A Stockport			
May			
4 H Crewe			
6 A Peterborough			
11 H Rochdale			

FORM REPORT

An at a glance look at Swindon's recent form.

Mar. 5th Exeter (H) W 2-0, Gordon (2).

Mar. 9th Port Vale (A) L 0-2.

Mar. 12th Bury (H) W 1-0, Coyne (pen).

Mar. 16th Crewe (H) D 1-1, Coyne.

Mar. 23rd Peterboro (A) W 1-0, Coyne.

Mar. 31st Hartlepool (H) W 2-1, Gordon, Coyne.

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Home						Away						
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
37	13	5	1	35	12	Chesterfield	7	6	5	21	20	71
37	12	4	1	36	14	Bury	8	6	6	26	26	70
36	12	3	2	31	14	Darlington	8	7	4	21	21	70
37	13	5	1	31	11	Blackpool	7	4	7	22	21	69
36	14	1	3	32	13	Hereford	5	8	5	24	20	66
37	11	5	3	39	25	Colchester	6	6	6	33	29	62
37	13	1	4	41	18	Tranmere	6	2	11	28	35	60
38	9	5	6	29	26	Crewe	8	4	6	27	24	60
38	12	4	3	49	26	Scunthorpe	4	7	8	17	23	59
39	11	5	2	27	14	Peterborough	5	6	10	23	29	59
38	14	3	3	35	17	Swindon	3	4	11	14	33	58
37	9	1	3	31	18	Port Vale	3	8	7	17	26	51
38	8	6	6	31	26	Hartlepool	4	4	10	17	28	46
36	7	7	4	20	12	Mansfield	3	8	7	12	15	45
38	8	6	5	27	22	Exeter	3	5	11	25	49	44
36	11	5	5	40	22	Stockport	1	2	12	13	38	43
38	7	7	4	29	30	Southend	4	3	13	24	45	43
35	7	6	4	23	16	Aldershot	4	2	12	18	37	41
37	7	3	9	28	28	Chester	3	5	10	18	30	38
38	6	2	10	19	26	Halifax	5	2	13	11	32	37
37	4	10	5	15	19	Torquay	4	2	12	17	32	36
37	6	5	7	31	25	Wrexham	3	2	14	23	37	34
34	5	5	7	21	21	Rochdale	3	5	9	17	31	34
37	4	1	12	20	31	Northampton	3	3	14	18	39	25

Correct to 7.4.85.

John Seasman



John Seasman, who played his first game for two months against Wrexham 11 days ago, coming in for the suspended John Matthews.

1984-85 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	League		FA/Milk/FRT Cups	
	App	Goals	Apps	Goals
Jim Brown	8	—	2	—
Gary Bellamy	22	2	4	—
Sean O'Neill	30	1	7	—
John Matthews	30	1	5+1	1
Steve Baines	35	3	7	—
Les Hunter	35	2	4	—
Phil Brown	26+1	9	7	1
Ernie Moss	28	12	4	—
Bob Newton	34	13	6	3
Brian Scrimgeour	12+3	—	5+1	—
Steve Kendal	32+2	5	6	1
Steve Spooner	27+3	5	4+2	1
Brian Pollard	0+1	—	—	—
Chris Marples	27	—	5	—
Paul Taylor	—	—	0+1	—
Brian Ferguson	20+1	—	5	—
Phil Walker	5+4	2	3	—
Mick Hoskins	1	—	0+1	—
John Seasman	5+1	—	1	—
Mick Henderson	8	—	1	—
Andy Taylor	—	—	1	—

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FOR THE RECORD

CENTRAL MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Saturday, 23rd March, 1985

Chesterfield 4 (Tandy, Adams, A. Taylor, P. Taylor)

Grantham 2 (Thornley, Clarence)

Chesterfield: Harrison, Davison, Bloomer, Skelton, D. Wood, Hewitt, P. Taylor, Perry, A. Taylor, Adams, A. Wood. Subs: Tandy, McDonald.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Tuesday, 26th March, 1985

Chesterfield 0, Alfreton 1

Chesterfield: J. Brown, Davison, Hoskins, Bloomer, Perry, Hewitt, P. Brown, Seasman, A. Taylor, P. Taylor, A. Wood. Sub: Tandy.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Saturday, 30th March, 1985

Chesterfield 2 (Comstive own goal, Newton pen), Wrexham 1 (Cunnington)

Chesterfield: Marples, Ferguson, O'Neill, Seasman, Baines, Hunter, Spooner, Walker, Newton, Henderson, Kendal. Sub: Brown.
Wrexham: Hooper, Salthiel, Comstive, Keay, Williams, Cunnington, Edwards, Horne, Steel, Charles, Rogers. Sub: Gregory.



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PLAYERS, EVENTS & MATCHES FROM THE SPIREITES' PAST

KEN FOSTER LOOKS BACK TO 1973-74

Swindon have been regular visitors to Saltergate since the mid-1970's when they dropped into the Third Division, and they also visited us in their relegation season of 1973-4 for a second round League Cup tie. Our record in that competition is modest compared with the Robins', for they won the cup as a Third Division club in 1968-9 and, again while in the Third Division, reached the semi final in 1979-80, where despite winning the first leg 2-1 they lost 3-4 on aggregate to First Division Wolves.

Our League Cup run in 1973-4 started with a disappointing 1-1 home draw with Mansfield. Ernie Moss gave us a 54th minute lead against the Stags but a brilliant volley from Mick Laverick earned our rivals a draw six minutes from time. In the replay at Field Mill the following week our defence withstood a tremendous first half battering but we came more into the game as time went on. With just a few seconds left Ray McHale broke clear down the right wing and his low, hard cross was completely mishit by Ernie Moss. Amazingly, the miskick was enough to confuse the Mansfield defenders and as goalie Graham Brown dived one way the ball trickled into the opposite corner of the net.

The second round saw Swindon visit Saltergate for the first time since 1961. Torrential rain kept the attendance down to only 4,639 but the loyal fans who braved the elements had their money's worth with a superb Chesterfield performance which had everything except the goals our dominance deserved. Ernie Moss set the tone for the evening when he fluffed two early chances and for most of the game it was a story of incessant Chesterfield pressure being soaked up by the Swindon defence. The only goal of the game came after 26 minutes when a Ken Tiler cross was met at the edge of the goal area by Ray McHale, who blasted an unstoppable shot past Jimmy Allan.

Teams: Chesterfield: Tingay, Tiler, Burton, Barlow, Winstanley, Stott, McHale, Moss, Downes, Bellamy, Ferris. Sub: Wilson.

Swindon: Allan, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Stroud, McGovern, Bunkell, Collins, Legg, Jenkins, Sub: Treacy.

McHale, incidentally, went on to give several years excellent service to Swindon, and he was a member of their League Cup semi final team of 1979-80.

In the third round Chesterfield visited the Dell to play First Division Southampton, who had won six and drawn one of their last seven games. The Blues defended bravely with Eric Winstanley outstanding, but as an attacking force were restricted to a five minute spell in the first half when Moss, Winstanley and Steve Downes all went close. The tie was decided by two moments of magic from Mike Channon, then at the peak of his career. After 20 minutes he hit a 30 yard pass across the face of the Blues goal and Hugh Fisher drove firmly home, and just after the hour he killed the Blues' hopes off by hooking in from close range. Bobby Stokes completed a slightly flattering 3-0 Saints win when he intercepted a McHale back pass with seven minutes left.

Teams: Southampton: Martin, McCarthy, Mills, Fisher, Bennett, Steele, Paine, Channon, Gilchrist, O'Neil, Stokes. Sub: McCleod.

Chesterfield: Tingay, Tiler, Burton, Barlow, Winstanley, Stott, McHale, Moss, Large, Bellamy, Downes. Sub: Ferris.

Debut Days

The following players made their League debuts for Chesterfield or Swindon Town in matches between the two clubs over the last 12 years. For the Spireites: Terry Shanahan (2.10.74, CFC 0, Swindon 2), Les Hunter and Rod Fern (16.8.75, Swindon 0, CFC 1) and Stuart Parker (12.2.77, Swindon 3, CFC 0). For Swindon: Trevor Anderson (5.11.74, Swindon 1, CFC 0, Anderson scored the only goal) and Howard Pritchard (29.9.81, Swindon 1, CFC 2). The match on the opening day of the 1983-84 season saw 10 players make their club debuts and 3 others make their first appearance for their club in their second spell. The result, Chesterfield 1, Swindon 0, the debutants: (for Chesterfield) Brian Scrimgeour, Bryan Klüg, Steve Baines, Steve Spooner, Derek Bell and Steve Waddington. Our visitors included Nigel Gray, Dave Hockaday, Paul Richardson and Gary Nelson for the first time. Jim Brown and Alan Birch made their first appearance in their second Saltergate spell and Allan Mayes did the same for The Robins.

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Own Goal

Paul Comstive's own goal from Phil Walker's cross against Wrexham in our last home match was the first goal scored for us by one of our opponents since Wigan Athletic's Colin Methven put through his own net in February 1983 in a 2-2 draw at Springfield Park. Methven obviously didn't like playing us that season, in the Saltergate game he was sent off!

Consecutive Wins

Our win over Wrexham gave us our 5th consecutive league victory, the first time we've achieved such a feat since January and February 1980, when wins over Sheffield United, Brentford, Colchester, Exeter and Rotherham United lifted us from 12th place to 3rd in Division Three. The last time we won more than five straight games was in November/December 1967 when we won seven consecutive league matches, scoring 22 goals in the process.

Facts on Four

New signings of late include: Eamonn O'Keeffe (Port Vale to Blackpool, £20,000), John Kerr (Stockport to Bury, £15,000), Peter Kitchen (Orient to Chester), Adrian Shaw (Forest to Halifax). Loan deals include Paul Shinnars (Gillingham to Colchester), Mark Gavin (Leeds to Hartlepool), David Linighan (Hartlepool to Leeds), Wayne Kerrins (Fulham to Port Vale), Jim Stannard (Fulham to Southend) and Northampton have taken Warren McDonald

(West Ham) and Keith Thompson (Coventry) on loan.

Today's Visitors

Swindon have won three away games this season in the Canon League, at Tranmere, Rochdale and Peterborough. They also won at Third Division Bristol Rovers in the Milk Cup first round, though they had already lost the first leg 5-1 at home. Top scorers for The Robins are Peter Coyne (13), Colin Gordon (10) and Allan Mayes (11). Swindon, who in their last home game attracted their lowest crowd of the season, 2,215 against Hartlepool, are averaging gates of around 2,900. Their biggest win of the season is 4-0, they've won by that score twice this term, on October 27th against Stockport and on New Year's Day against us of course, so we'll be all out for revenge tonight.

Eight Years Ago

On April 19, 1977, a Chesterfield team struggling in 18th position in Division Three met a Rotherham side which included ex-Spireites Alan Crawford and Dave Pugh, which were sitting in 2nd place and looking good for promotion. A headed goal from Alan Jones, the smallest player on the pitch, gave us victory and ended The Millers 10 game unbeaten run. They went on to miss promotion on goal average. On the same day a Swindon team including Prophett and McHale also lost a 10 match unbeaten record when they surprisingly lost 4-0 at home to Peterborough.

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Colin Prohett

Crewe born central defender who started his career with Sheffield Wednesday, he signed pro for them in 1968, and in five years at Hillsborough Colin played in 117 league matches. Joined Norwich City in the summer of 1973 and he stayed at Carrow Road for just over a season, signing for our visitors in September 1974. Colin no doubt remembers his first full game for The Robins, they lost 6-2 at Crystal Palace after being 5-0 down at half-time. Stayed at Swindon for four years during which he was an almost permanent fixture in the team, an injury which kept him out of the side for four months in 1975-6 being his only major absence, in fact after returning from that injury in January 1976. Colin appeared in 116 consecutive league games for Swindon.

Arthur Cox signed him for Chesterfield in September 1978 for £15,000, a 0-0 draw at Hull was Colin's first appearance in Chesterfield's colours. Played 35 league matches for us that season, scoring one goal, a late equaliser in a memorable 3-3 Saltergate draw with Sheffield Wed. in front of a 13,322 Boxing Day crowd.

Came on as substitute on two occasions at the start of 1979-80, but a couple of months into the season Colin moved to his home town club, Crewe Alexandra. Played 79 consecutive games for Alex before moving into the non-league scene with

Matlock, Heanor and now Alfreton Town where he is player-coach.

Ray McHale

Started his career with Chesterfield, 1971-72 was his first league season, and the powerful midfielder from Sheffield went on to play in 124 league matches for us, scoring 27 goals mostly either from the penalty spot or from long range shots. Ray's last match for Chesterfield was on September 28, 1974, at Hereford. A Dixie McNeil hat-trick helped Hereford to a 5-0 victory. Along with Albert Phelan, McHale then moved to Halifax Town in the deal which brought Terry Shanahan to Saltergate. The pair teamed up with Dave Pugh, Alan Jones and Steve Downes at The Shay. Stayed almost two years in Yorkshire, in that time he never missed a match for Halifax. Carried on his remarkable appearance record after signing for Swindon, he missed just one match between joining them in September 1976 and April 1980. Played in Swindon's 1979-80 League Cup run when they reached the semi-final (lost 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves). Moved to Brighton for £100,000 in May 1980 but he played just 11 times for them, all in Division One. In March 1981 he moved back north to Barnsley, playing in The Tykes' last 13 matches during which they lost just once to clinch promotion to Division Two, he spent a spell on loan at Bury and earlier this season 34-year-old Ray has joined Swansea City.

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CAREER CHECK

Steve Yates

Burton-on-Trent born Steve joined us on loan from Doncaster on March 28, transfer deadline day. The 31-year-old defender started his career with Leicester City, his league debut coming on as a substitute in a First Division match at Newcastle just over 11 years ago.

Match details: March 23, 1974. Newcastle 1 (McDermott pen), Leicester 1 (Waters), 30,390. Newcastle: McFaul, Craig, Kennedy, McDermott, Clark, Moncur, Barrowclough, Robson, MacDonald, Cassidy, Hibbitt. Leicester: Shilton, Whitworth, Rofe (Yates), Earle, Munro, Cross, Weller, Sammels, Worthington, Waters, Stringfellow.

Steve came on as substitute once more that season, and in 1974-75 he played 13 league games, mostly at left back. The following season the six-footer didn't make the first team, his next game being in March 1977 at Stoke City.

On November 17, 1977, Steve Yates joined Southend United. On the same day Terry Curran moved from Forest to Derby and Brian Pollard, who had a spell with us earlier this season, joined Watford from York. Steve, along with another new signing Gerry Fell, made their Southend debut against Watford at home in front of a 10,990 crowd. Watford went on to win the championship and Southend finished runners-up. During the course of that season, Steve scored his first goal in a 4-0 home win, ironically against Doncaster.

Yates missed just four league matches in Division Three in 1978-9, his only goal that season coming in another 4-0 win (v Blackpool). He started the 1979-80 season in the heart of Southend's defence alongside Dave Cusack, but after playing in the first eight matches of the campaign Steve missed over two months through injury, returning to the

side in December at left-back, but by then United were in the bottom four and they stayed there, dropping back to Division Four at the end of the season.

Promotion was the order of the day in 1980-81, and Steve played a major part in Southend's record breaking championship season. In that campaign the Essex club created 17 club records, including most wins (30), most doubles (10), 18 successive home wins and 982 minutes without conceding a home goal.

The Staffordshire defender was again a regular in 1981-2, he scored three goals from the left-back position that term in 38 games and in 1982-3 he again scored three goals, one of them in Southend's 2-0 home win over Chesterfield. During the 1982-3 season Steve played his 200th league match for The Shrimpers in a 4-2 home victory against Brentford.

Steve's last game for Southend was in November 1983 against Bournemouth, the following month he joined Doncaster Rovers making his debut for the Yorkshire club, as a replacement for John Breckin, at Crewe. Rovers drew 1-1, Ernie Moss scored for them and Andy Kowalski was also in their line-up. Rovers fans must have regarded their new signing as some sort of lucky omen, after that Crewe game they set off on a 15 match unbeaten run which took them into 2nd place in the table. Steve's only goal that term? . . . In Rovers' 2-1 win at Belle Vue against Chesterfield!

This season Yates has played in around half of Doncaster's matches and his acquisition will no doubt keep our current back four on their toes.

Steve's career

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