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Cyril Lea

Tonight we welcome the players and officials of Swindon Town managed of course, by a former colleague of our player/coach Stuart Houston. Lou Macari's team after an indifferent start to the season have climbed the table rapidly in recent weeks. So tonight's encounter will be quite a competitive affair with both teams striving to end the season on a high note.



Our crop of crippling injuries appears to be easing at last. Tony Adcock, after his cartilage operation had a run out with the Reserves last Saturday. He got a goal so obviously the scoring touch is still there. Ian Phillips is also back in action and Paul Shinnars was in the side at Aldershot.

While an injury problem has proved a real headache in recent weeks, and has probably cost us a higher place in the table — nevertheless our young players have come into the side and certainly they cannot be faulted for endeavour and effort.

Just two games to go after tonight's, before we reach the end of the line for this season. Crewe Alexandra are our final visitors, a week from tonight, for this campaign.

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Swindon Town

LOU MACARI Swindon's player-manager had a distinguished career with Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland (26 caps) before moving south. Plays in midfield these days, but still gets among the goals.

SCOTT ENDERSBY First aroused notice when he played in goal for Kettering in an F.A. Cup tie when just 15. Won England Youth cap while an apprentice with Ipswich. Made 91 appearances for Tranmere Rovers before joining Swindon in July 1983.

CHRIS RAMSAY Twenty-three at the end of April, this young defender was on Bristol City's books as an amateur. But it was Brighton who signed him as a pro. After four seasons at The Goldstone joined Swindon on loan before signing full time last December.

COLIN BAILIE A 21 year-old defender who was an apprentice with the club. Now in his fourth season is established in the side. Can also play in midfield.

CHARLIE HENRY Usually occupies the right-back berth. Now 23, and in his fifth full season at Swindon where he was an apprentice.

DAVID COLE A young defender signed in February when he was released by Swansea City.

ANDY ROWLAND Now 30, started out as an amateur with Derby County. Won England Youth cap and then spent five seasons with Bury. Arrived at Swindon in 1978 and has been a regular in the side ever since. Normally plays up front but has also been at centre-half and emergency goalkeeper for the club.

PETER COYNE Rescued by Lou Macari from non-league football. Was with Manchester United and Crewe before drifting into North-West Counties League football with Hyde United. Has been a

consistent scorer for Swindon in this his first season.

DAVE HOCKADAY An experienced midfield man who spent eight seasons with Blackpool his only other league club. His best position is playing out wide on the right.

GARY NELSON A Braintree man who made his league debut for Southend against Colchester in October 1979. Spent four seasons at Roots Hall. Basically an old fashioned type of left winger.

MIKE GRAHAM A 26 year-old defender who started his career with Bolton Wanderers. Joined Swindon in July 1981. Re-signed at the start of the season after being given a free transfer at the end of the last campaign.

PAUL BATTY Was an apprentice with the club, and was a regular in the centre of midfield until sidelined by injury.

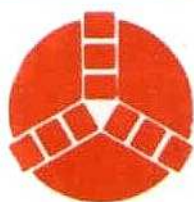
COLIN GORDON A tall striker who has made a big impact and scored regularly since being signed from Oldbury Town.

ALAN MAYES A mobile striker now in his second spell at Swindon where this season injury has limited his appearances. Has netted well over 100 league appearances.

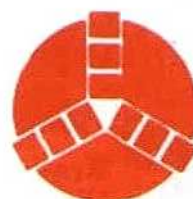
LEIGH BARNARD Midfield player in his third season at Swindon has been out on loan to Exeter City.

MARK GARDENER A young forward who has made a few senior appearances.

GARY FULBROOK, ANDY WOLLEN, MARK PAYNE, ALAN CHURCHWARD & JAMES REYNOLDS are young players who have made odd appearances in senior squad.



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Round and About

Phil Coleman was in the Aldershot side when the U's visited the Hampshire club the other week. Playing in the No. 5 shirt Phil has been given a contract for next season by The Shots. The only goal of the game was scored by Ian McDonald who played five games for the U's ten years ago. He was on loan from Liverpool at the time. He has just been appointed coach at The Recreation Ground.

Among the Layer Road spectators for the game with Rochdale was intrepid cyclist 63 year-old Bob Loveday. Bob, who lives at 61 Eldon Road, Wood Green, is busy on a cycling tour in which he hopes to visit all 92 league grounds. His Colchester visit brought his total to date to 57. After the match with Rochdale he set forth for Norwich to watch the Saturday match at Carrow Road and extend his tally to 58.

One burst water hose in over 30 years of conveying Colchester United to away matches, cannot be a bad record. Especially bearing in mind that trips to places like Torquay involve a there and back journey of around 600 miles. Yet the U's unscheduled extra overnight stop after the recent match at Plainmoor evoked considerable press comment. But Joe Osborne, and his drivers can take comfort from the fact that the things that make the news headlines are the unexpected. Over three decades Osborne & Sons,

Tollesbury based coaches have driven successive United teams hundreds of thousands of miles without a mishap. No wonder one little hiccup was big news. Still it would have been better would it not, if while mentioning the overnight hold-up, the stories had also stressed that this was a unique occurrence. They might also have made a little more of the fact, that, though it was getting on for midnight before contact was made with Tollesbury, there was a replacement coach with Jimmy James at the wheel at Torquay by 6.30 p.m. next morning.

Remember Bob Oates the former England Youth International who played against the U's for both Scunthorpe and Rochdale? This season he has been knocking the goals in for Anglian Combination side Watton United. Watton have applied for admission to the Eastern Counties League for next season and with their well appointed ground and good facilities, must have a chance of getting in. In addition to the two clubs applying for re-election however, they also face opposition from Diss Town where Duncan Forbes is the coach.

When Stuart Youngman came on as substitute for his debut at Aldershot, he became the 275th player to appear in Colchester United colours since they were elected into the league 35 years ago.

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Division Four

We may be a little premature, but it certainly looks as if Chesterfield, Darlington, Blackpool and Bury will be the four teams for promotion. Hereford, like Colchester, have found a late season spate of injuries has blunted their challenge. With only a small squad the Edgar Street side have faded in the run in. Apart from Cambridge United, already down, there is a real dog fight to avoid the drop at the bottom of Division Three. Two famous clubs Burnley and Preston North End are deeply involved, and these two, together with Orient, at the time of writing, look the likeliest to come down. Swansea City who looked certain candidates at one juncture have perked up recently under John Bond. With Robin Turner from Ipswich getting goals they look as if they might just steer clear. Lincoln City and Wigan appear to have just enough cushion to keep clear of trouble.

The bottom of Division Four is still anybody's guess. Northampton, after propping up the table for a long time, have started to pick up points but have probably left it too late. While Halifax, who seem to win where they shouldn't, and lose when they should win, will also be lucky to escape the bottom four. Wrexham's Houdini act since Bobby Roberts left and Rochdale who showed such fight, in more ways than one, at Layer Road recently may scrape clear. That would leave Torquay and Chester in the other two trouble spots. But it looks as if the basement battle may go to the last games of the season before it is finally

resolved.

Rebuilding has been the name of the game with several of the Fourth Division outfits in the last couple of months. A lot of players have come and gone in their endeavours to find the right blend in readiness for next season. Aldershot for example had only five left of the team who played at Colchester in the party for the recent return game at The Recreation Ground. The story was the same down at Torquay where only five of their players were in the 12 that turned out at Layer Road last October. Rochdale had a new look side on parade at Layer Road in mid-April. While at Exeter the local press lads reckon they have had so many changes they hardly recognise their own players.

Next season at this point in time seems a long way off. But it is the behind the scenes planning going on right now that can ultimately have a big say in playing fortunes in 1985/86. Some of the clubs that struggled early on have quietly sorted things out and teams like today's opponents Swindon could be one to watch when another campaign gets under way. Despite the recent traumas in the Wiltshire club Lou Macari has now got his lads breathing down the U's necks. They together with Scunthorpe and latterly Aldershot are finishing the present campaign on a high note. So while the U's can look forward to another season in the Division with a certain amount of expectation, it will still be a tough hard grind to try to move up a division a year or so from now.

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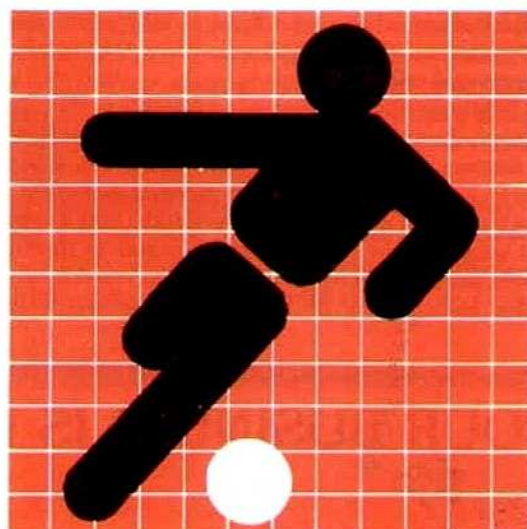
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News in Reserve

by
Colin
Henson



The game against Lowestoft Town at Layer Road gave me more pleasure than practically any other Eastern Counties match we have played this season. For one thing both teams played football. For another, our young side stuck to their task against an older and more experienced outfit. At the end of a well contested encounter the general feeling was that we had done enough to deserve to win. Without taking anything away from Lowestoft, I think that was a fair appraisal of the match.

George Dalorto, showing some lovely touches, frequently stretched the visiting defence. Trevor Saunders, recently released by Norwich City, was twice at full stretch to save first from Dalorto, and then from a well struck free kick by Youngman. He also did well to fist away a clever lob from the ever busy Dave Hubbick. At the other end, John Black twice distinguished himself with brave saves from Phill Lythgoe another former Norwich player. Yet it was a sudden lapse of concentration by the keeper that led to the Lowestoft's goal. He completely missed a cross from Atterton and all Riley had to do was walk the ball into the net. But the youngsters are learning. They kept their cool — continued to knock the ball about — and were rewarded just before half-time when Paul Cribb cracked in the equaliser. Youngman went close with another free kick and then a blatant foul on Cribb inside the box went unpunished with neither the referee or the linesman up with play. Dalorto with eight minutes left was too quick for

the Lowestoft defence, he rounded the keeper, only for Doug Evens to just get a boot to the ball and put it behind for a corner. Just before the end Cullum rattled the woodwork with a power drive. The ball ran back to Larter and Black saved the day at point black range. A lovely game, full of incident and good play from both sides. Made all the better by a convivial get together in the Blue Eagles bar after the match.

The previous Tuesday night on a bonehard bumpy pitch we went down 3-0 to Gorleston at Layer Road. The Greens are a big hard side and it was very much a case of men against boys. We let former Ipswich Town player Martin Hubble take over in midfield and we were punished for giving him far too much rope. Gorleston on the other hand never gave us space to set things up and as a result we spent most of the game on the defensive. Hubble gave early warning of the trouble he was to cause by splitting the defence to set up Abbott for the opening goal. After that though we never looked like scoring. The game entered the last 15 minutes with things still poised in a position where we were still in with a shout. It was Hubble again who sewed things up for Gorleston. First he found Gee unmarked in front of goal and though Black dived bravely and blocked the shot, the rebound fell to Abbott who knocked it into the net. Fittingly Hubble, who stole the show, got the third goal just before the final whistle.

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Youth Team

by
Roy
Massey



Our visit to West Bergholt proved to be one of the best games we have had this season. The home team are a good side and a seven goal thriller resulted. It was an exciting encounter with our lads producing their best football of the season.

We had the best possible start with Jimmy Organ scoring in the first minutes after Scott Young's cross was headed back into the box by Keith Birbeck. But the lead was short lived and leading 2-1 at half-time, the home side were looking confident.

Within minutes of the start of the second period Dave King and Organ both failed to put away good chances. Both openings arising from good work by Young who had an extremely impressive match. Young himself should have scored but like Mark Radford, a few minutes later, failed to cash in on a one to one situation with the West Bergholt keeper. Right against the run of play the homesters made it 3-1 from a corner with keeper Gary Dean stranded out of his goal.

Our lads then showed their character and Organ knocked the ball in for Dave King to make it 3-2. A magnificent diving header from yet another superb cross from Young saw Organ level the scores. The West Bergholt goal was under real pressure but in the last minute we gave the game away. Jason Burman had the ball and all he had to do was boot it away. He appeared to be held back by an opponent, the ball ran loose and in the resultant scramble the home team got the winner.

Earlier in the week a dour struggle at Mistley ended all

square at one apiece. Mistley are a big physical side against whom it does not pay to dwell on the ball. They also have an extremely vociferous, and slightly biased, set of supporters who use quite a bit of choice language and do their best to intimidate the opposition. In spite of all the aggro, however, our lads played pretty well with Dean Jeffries giving us a first half lead. Mistley came back strongly in the 2nd half and after hitting a post equalised five minutes from the end.

A friendly with an American touring team produced a 6-0 victory over on the Army ground. Toni Pollito (I hope we have his name right this time), scored four, Dean Jeffries and Mark Radford scoring the other two. Noteworthy in this game was a player making his debut at centre-half — Mike Walker — a young at heart veteran. He seemed to enjoy his role — we said after the game, "We'll call you!"

At Shotley against a really professional Gothenburg Under-20 side it was a case of men against boys. We got a 9-0 hammering, though to be fair our Eastern Counties side would have found it difficult to cope with this Swedish side.

The Under-16 four club tournament we staged at Spring Lane during the Easter break proved a great success. Colchester played Bishop's Stortford in the final game and we needed to win 3-0 to win the tournament. In the event, the game was drawn 2-2, Stortford were the winners. Chelmsford and Lakenheath were the other two teams taking part.

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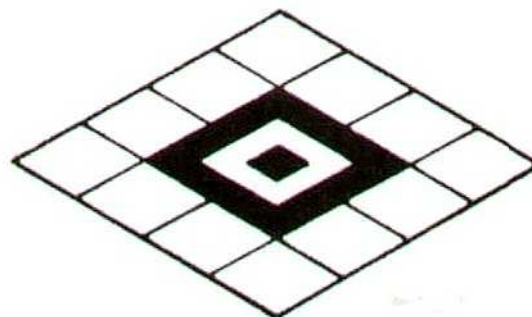
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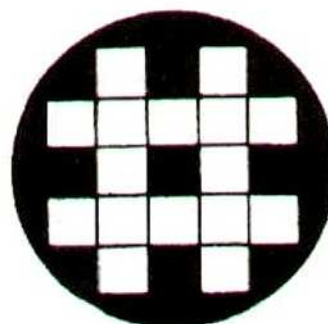
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Looking Back

The U's crippling injury list finally put paid to promotion hopes this season. Disappointing perhaps, but yet all in all it has to be said that the re-shaped side has done a lot better than even the most ardent fan envisaged at the start of the present campaign. Last August, with the departure of several players who had provided the hard core of the team for some considerable time, the cupboard looked extremely bare. There was no money to buy experienced players, and little in the kitty to be able to offer terms to match the requirements of many so called free transfers.

Of the 1983/84 squad Micky Cook, Tony Hadley, Steve Wignall, Steve Leslie, Les Mutrie and Phil Coleman had gone. While the only newcomer with any league experience was Noel Parkinson, released by Scunthorpe. So Manager Cyril Lea had the awesome task of rebuilding a side without a hope of taking on established players already hooded in the league. And didn't he do well!

Eight months later, before the injury bogey took its toll, he had, against the odds, assembled a squad who were always among the front runners.

Russell Irving, brought up in a different football academy, took time to adjust but has now proved to be a very shrewd investment for the future. There was another equally astute capture in Tony English and like Irving, he cost nothing. Keith Day, given his chance, stepped up from the obscurity of Aveley, to make the No. 5 shirt his own. Three real pluses and all now established and improving performances, with Irving and English doing

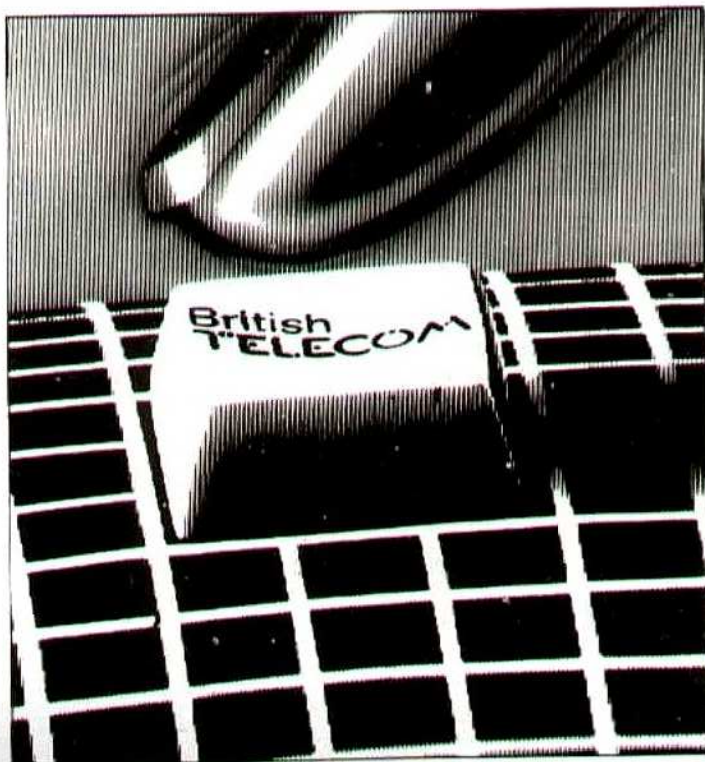
well in what is not their best roles.

Then again a batch of young players from the reserves, brought in to plug the injury gaps, have done better than one could fairly have expected. Rudi Hedman, who must at times have wondered whether his chance would ever come, was finally rewarded just before Christmas, the Witham lad stepped into the side and has retained his place ever since.

Andy Farrell, now with over 50 league appearances, and still only 19, has played in several positions, and is another youngster who has made his mark. While more recently as the walking wounded toll mounted, Simon Burman and Stewart Youngman have stepped into the breach.

In goal Alec Chamberlain is now firmly established as one of the best young keepers in the country. While the loss of the services through injury of Stuart Houston, Ian Phillips, Jeff Hull and Tony Adcock, has cost the club precious points, has at least given opportunities for others, and indicated there are real hopes for the future on the playing side.

Of the others despite a troublesome ankle Keith Bowen can never be faulted for effort, Roger Osborne has continued to cover every blade of grass and give 110 per cent. While Perry Groves, after a mid-season purple patch, has at times inspired and at times infuriated, but he is still young enough to acquire the consistency needed.



The power behind the button

Personality

In this — the last but one programme of the present season — what better time to feature the youngsters on the Personality Page. All the senior squad have been covered in earlier issues and now is an opportune time to mention some of the other lads who have helped the junior sides along this season. Bearing in mind that more than 40 players have turned out for the Reserves and almost as many for the 'A' Team, obviously we cannot mention everyone. To those left out, apologies.

First mention must go to the unfortunates. To Daryl Godbold, who after getting into the first team, was subsequently handicapped by a pelvic injury that finally ruled him out for the season. A player who was sadly missed was midfield man Trevor James, here again injury cut his season short. Another promising lad, lost through injury, was Alex Chappell while John Taylor and Christian McClean, after giving fine service for a season or two, left to try their luck at Sudbury and Tiptree respectively.

Promising goalkeeper David Gadsdon played in all 22 Eastern Counties games up to Christmas, and was making great strides. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond either the Club's or David's control led to him moving on. We wish him well for the future.

Robin Reid and Steve Allen, both still only 18, have made a big advance during their Youth scheme year. Both have been regulars in the Essex Youth team. Robin was one of the first team subs. for the Freight Rover Trophy game at Walsall, while Steve has ambitions to become a physiotherapist. Stuart Youngman is another who has

been unfortunate with injuries. Recently, after putting his midseason troubles behind him, he had been turning in some good performances in midfield for Colin Henson's side. Recently he also made the first team squad for the away games at Hartlepool and Torquay. From the same part of the world as Stuart, Sean Norman is another find during the present campaign. At left-back or on the left hand side of midfield, Sean is an 18 year-old who could well make the grade.

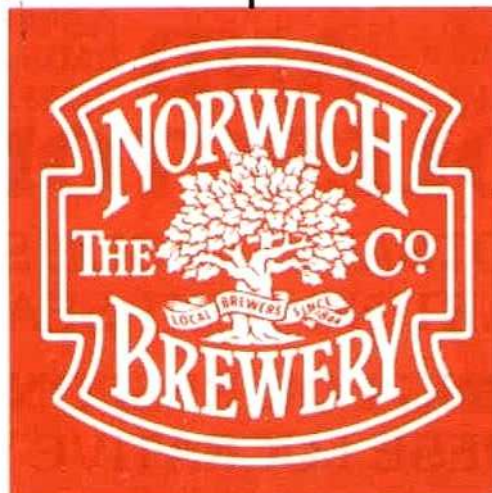
Dean Jeffries has scored more than 20 goals at various levels and has now had a number of outings at Reserve Team level. He needs to work on his game more but undoubtedly the former Gunfleet School pupil has the ability to sniff out the goals. At an even younger level the lively Scott Young, who is on schoolboy forms with the club, if he continues to develop has every chance of progressing to senior level. While two others in the 17 year-old bracket, Paul Cribb and Brian Sawyer, have caught the eye from time to time. Though both of them, together with young keeper Gary Dean, have found the physical demands of Eastern Counties League football very exacting. Cribb, by the way, has also been among the goals, his tally at present standing at 16.

Paul Keaney and Terry Clarke two more recent arrivals are obviously ones for the future and George Dalorto, in his second spell at Layer Road, is at last cashing in on his potential and scoring goals. Finally, special mention must be made of Danny King who has played in every Border League game and most of the Youth Cup matches.

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Our first action shot of Paul Shinnars on loan from Gillingham.

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Rochdale defenders only just manage to clear the danger in their penalty area as Russell Irving lines up his shot.

Action v Rochdale



Russell Irving playing Tony Adcock's role up front, puts a Rochdale defender under pressure supported by Keith Bowen.



A Rochdale attack is cleared by this header from Andy Farrell with Irving and Day back in support.



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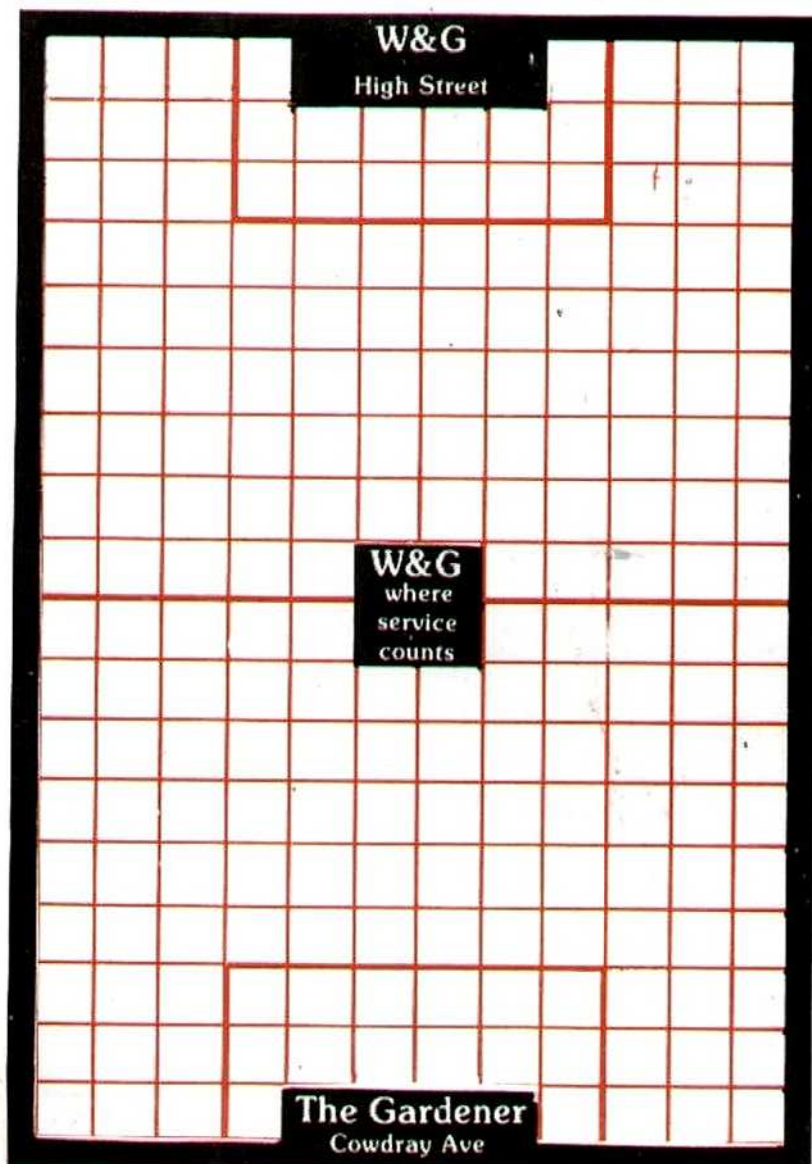
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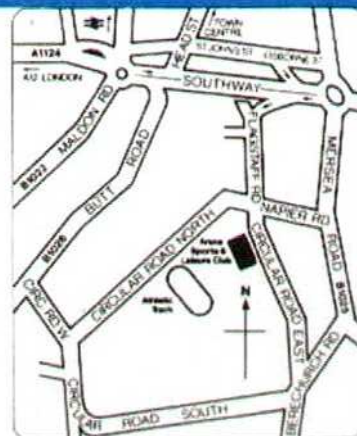
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Sat. 25th August 1984 Southend	H 3-3	2,378	Chamberlain Godbold	Phillips	Farrell	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock3	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 27th Gillingham MC	A 2-3	2,689	Chamberlain Godbold	Phillips	Farrell	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Parkinson
Friday 31st Scunthorpe United	A 2-2	1,818	Chamberlain Godbold	Phillips	Farrell	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tues 4th September Gillingham MC	H 0-2	2,162	Chamberlain Godbold	Phillips	Farrell	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Osborne
Saturday 8th Blackpool	H 1-1	1,772	Chamberlain Godbold	Phillips	Parkinson	Farrell	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 15th Bury	A 3-4	2,145	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Wednesday 19th Mansfield Town	A 1-0	2,084	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 22nd Aldershot	H 2-0	1,641	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 29th Northampton Town	A 3-1	1,595	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tues. 2nd October Torquay United	H 2-1	1,813	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 13th Darlington	A 0-4	2,021	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 16th Exeter	H 3-4	1,846	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 20th Chester	A 2-1	1,400	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 23rd Stockport County	H 3-0	2,153	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 26th Halifax Town	H 1-3	2,295	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Sat. 3rd November Chesterfield	A 1-1	3,654	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 6th Tranmere Rovers	A 1-3	2,021	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 9th Hartlepool United	H 1-0	2,136	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 17th Southend F.A.C. (1)	A 2-2	2,935	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Wed 25th Southend F.A.C. Rep.(1)	H 3-2	3,907	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 24th Rochdale	A 1-1	1,012	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Sat. 1st December Peterborough	H 3-1	2,070	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 8th Gillingham F.A.C. (2)	H 0-5	4,487	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 15th Swindon Town	A 1-2	2,263	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 21st Crewe Alexandra	A 4-1	1,529	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Wednesday 26th Hereford United	H 2-2	2,525	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 28th Port Vale	H 3-2	2,014	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tues. 1st January 1985 Wrexham	A 2-2	1,376	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Wed. 23rd Gillingham F.R.C. (1)	A 2-2	963	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 26th Bury	H 1-0	2,028	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 29th Southend U.	A 5-2	2,401	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Fri. 1st February Northampton T.	H 4-1	2,314	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 5th Gillingham F.R.C.1	H 2-0	1,762	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 22nd Chesterfield	H 3-1	2,303	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 26th Mansfield Town	H 2-1	2,267	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 1st March Halifax Town	A 0-0	1,022	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Monday 4th Stockport County	A 0-1	1,561	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 8th Chester	H 1-1	2,224	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 12th Walsall F.R.C.2	A 1-0	4,106	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 15th Darlington	H 1-2	1,739	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 23rd Exeter City	A 5-1	1,825	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 26th Blackpool	A 1-1	4,057	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
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Tuesday 2nd April Scunthorpe U.	H 1-1	2,409	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 6th Hereford United	A 1-2	3,485	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Monday 8th Wrexham	H 4-1	2,204	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 13th Hartlepool	A 1-2	1,512	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 16th Torquay United	A 1-1	1,191	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 19th Rochdale	H 1-1	1,858	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Tuesday 23rd Aldershot	A 0-1	1,624	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Saturday 27th Peterborough United	A 1-0	1,650	Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 3rd May Swindon Town	H		Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Monday 6th Port Vale	A		Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving
Friday 10th Crewe Alexandra	H		Chamberlain Farrell	Phillips	Parkinson	Day	Houston	Groves	Osborne	Bowen	Adcock	Hull	Irving

League Tables and Facts

TORQUAY UNITED

Paul Shinnars made his debut for Colchester at this match.

GOALS: Bowen 34 mins for Colchester. Walsh 54 mins for Torquay.

CORNERS: Colchester 5, Torquay 3.

FREEKICKS: Colchester 14, Torquay 20.

OFFSIDE: Colchester 2, Torquay 1.

SHOTS ON TARGET: Colchester 5, Torquay 5.

BOOKINGS: Hedman and Shinnars (Colchester).

ALDERSHOT

With an injury hit team the emphasis was on defence and in the main Aldershot, who had lost only once in the last eight games were well held. Simon Youngman came on as sub. for his debut.

GOALS: McDonald 67 mins for Aldershot.

CORNERS: Colchester 3, Aldershot 7.

FREEKICKS: Colchester 17, Aldershot 19.

OFFSIDE: Colchester 3, Aldershot 5.

SHOTS ON TARGET: Colchester 2, Aldershot 9.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Alec Chamberlain saved Pike's penalty kick. Snow fell during most of the game.

GOALS: Hedman 30 mins for Colchester.

CORNERS: Colchester 5, Peterborough 9.

FREEKICKS: Colchester 15, Peterborough 14.

OFFSIDE: Colchester 10, Peterborough 5.

SHOTS ON TARGET: Colchester 6, Peterborough 7.

BOOKINGS: English, Bowen, Farrell and Parkinson for Colchester. Pike for Peterborough.

FOURTH DIVISION

	HOME				GOALS				AWAY				GOALS				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	43	15	5	1	37	12	10	6	6	24	22	86					
Bury	42	14	5	1	41	15	9	6	7	28	27	80					
Blackpool	42	15	5	1	39	12	7	7	7	25	24	78					
Darlington	40	14	3	2	36	16	8	8	5	23	24	77					
Hereford	42	16	2	4	37	19	5	9	6	24	22	74					
Colchester	43	12	6	3	44	27	7	7	8	36	33	70					
Scunthorpe	43	14	4	3	56	28	5	7	10	19	26	68					
Swindon T.	42	15	3	3	37	17	5	4	12	18	34	67					
Tranmere	42	15	1	5	44	19	6	2	13	30	42	66					
Crewe	43	10	6	6	30	26	8	5	8	31	34	65					
Peterborough	43	11	5	5	29	21	5	6	11	24	31	59					
Port Vale	43	10	8	4	36	22	3	8	10	18	31	55					
Mansfield	42	9	8	5	24	15	3	9	8	13	18	53					
Aldershot	41	9	6	5	25	17	6	2	13	22	40	53					
Hartlepool	43	10	6	6	34	27	4	4	13	17	33	52					
Exeter	43	9	7	6	30	26	3	6	12	25	51	49					
Wrexham	43	9	6	7	38	27	4	2	15	25	41	47					
Southend	43	7	8	6	29	32	5	3	14	28	48	47					
Stockport	41	11	5	6	40	23	2	2	15	16	45	46					
Chester	42	8	3	9	30	28	4	5	13	21	38	44					
Rochdale	39	6	5	8	24	23	4	6	10	20	34	41					
Northampton	44	9	1	12	31	32	3	4	15	19	42	41					
Halifax	44	7	3	11	22	30	5	2	15	13	37	41					
Torquay	42	5	11	6	18	22	4	2	14	17	34	40					

APPEARANCES

With three league games remaining, including tonight's match with Swindon Town, goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain is the only U's player to have played in all 43 games to date. The club have called on 19 players and the appearances record reads as follows:

Chamberlain 43, Day 42, Groves 41, Parkinson 41, Bowen 38 (1 sub), Osborne 36 (1 sub), Phillips 36, Farrell 34 (3 sub), Irving 31 (7 sub), Houston 29 (1 sub), Adcock 27, Hedman 26 (1 sub), Hull 18, English 17 (2 sub), Burman 8 (1 sub), Godbold 4 (1 sub), Shinnars 3, Hubbick 1 (4 sub), Youngman (1 sub).

Goals: Adcock 24, Bowen 16, Groves 9, Irving 8, Parkinson 5, Hull 5, Day 4, English 2, Hedman 2, Godbold, Houston, Hubbick, Osborne and Phillips all 1.

Chamberlain also played in the two Milk Cup, three F.A. Cup and three Freight/Rover Trophy games. Cup appearances as follows:

Chamberlain, Farrell, Phillips, Day and Groves all 8, Osborne and Adcock 7, Irving, Houston and Parkinson all 6 (1 sub), Hull 5 (1 sub), Bowen 4 (1 sub), Hedman 3 (1 sub), Godbold 3, English 2 (1 sub).

Cup Goals: Adcock 4, Groves and Houston 2, Bowen and Irving 1.

YOUTH TEAM RECORD

The "A" team in the Border League have also called on 40 or so players. With 25 games played to last Saturday (April 27th). Danny King had missed just one match, other appearances were: Keith Birbeck 22, Scott King 20 (1 sub), Andy Springett 18 (4 sub), David King 18 (1 sub), Gary Dean 18, Dean Jeffries 16, Steve Day 15 (3 sub), Brian Sawyer 15, Paul Cribb 13, Jason Burman 12 (1 sub), Paul Welling 11, Mark Radford 7 (4 sub).

Goals: Cribb 11, Jeffries 7, James Organ 6, Youngman, Sawyer and David King 3, Paul Welling 2, Allen, Birbeck, Day and Crapnell each 1.

In all games league, cup etc., Jeffries has scored 22 goals in 34 games and Cribb 15 goals in 27 games.

RESERVE TEAM RECORD

In the Eastern Counties League with four games still to play 48 players have been called on in the 38 matches to date. Robin Reid 32 (1 sub), Dave Hubbick 30, Steve Allen 25, Dave Gadsdon 23, have been the most regular members. Other players with ten or more appearances are as follows:

Dean Bammant 21, John Taylor 20, Sean Norman 18, Stewart Youngman 17 (3 sub), Simon Burman 17, Paul Keaney, Daryl Godbold 14, Brian Sawyer 13 (3 sub), John Black 13, Michael Whytock, George Dalorto 12, Andy Wallace, Rudi Hedman 11, Dean Jeffries 10 (3 sub), Paul Cribb 8 (2 sub).

Players currently in the squad: Jason Burman 5, Terry Clarke 6, appearances respectively. Goals: Hubbick 14, Bammant 9, S. Burman 6, Wallace 5, Dalorto, Youngman, Hedman, Tom English, Taylor, Irving all 4. Cribb 3, Adcock, Clarke, Jeffries all 2, Sawyer, Norman, Osborne, Godbold, Battrum, Chappell, Kane and Shinnars all 1.

Today's Visitors

A clergyman, the Rev. W. Pitt, was the man behind the birth of Swindon Town way back in 1881. Rumour has it that the vicar formed the football club to keep workers from the railway workshops off the streets and out of the pubs.

The first recorded games were on a pitch in Old Swindon but within a year the club moved to first, The Globe Field and then The Croft — at that time a rugby ground. This latter ground was their headquarters when they won the Wiltshire Cup from 1886 for six successive seasons. They reached the final again in 1892/93 and 1893/94 losing to Swindon Athletic and Swindon Wanderers respectively.

At that time there was little to choose between the three Swindon clubs. But 1894 saw Town embrace professionalism and become one of the founder members of the Southern League. From then on — though Swindon Victoria challenged them from time to time — Town became the premier club in the area.

The following season 1895 saw Town move to the County Ground, which has been their home ever since. It was another dozen years however, before Swindon really got on the football map. In the 1907/08 campaign, in their first venture in the F.A. Cup they caused a real shock. They went to Sheffield after drawing 0-0 at Bramall lane in a First Round replay. In the Second Round they beat Q.P.R. 2-0, before going out in the Third Round 2-0 to Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The 1909/10 season saw Swindon in the F.A. Cup semi-final. They went down 2-0 at Tottenham to Newcastle the eventual winners. In earlier rounds they won 3-1 at Crystal Palace, beat Burnley 2-0, Spurs 3-2 and Manchester City 2-0. Season 1911/12 saw them semi-finalists again. After a 0-0 draw, they went out 1-0 to Barnsley, who went on to win the cup. In this golden period they also took the Southern League Championship in 1911 and 1914.

Founder members of Division Three South in 1920, there they remained until the 1957/58 season when Northern and Southern sections were scrapped. Swindon won a place in the reconstituted Division Three. In 1962/63 and again in 1968/69 they finished second in the table and had two spells in the Second Division. In the latter season too, while still a Third Division club, they won the League Cup beating Arsenal 3-1 in the final. Since then fortunes have slumped and 1982 saw Swindon in the Fourth Division for the first time.

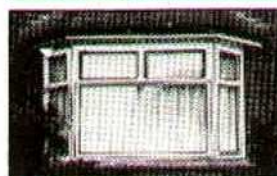
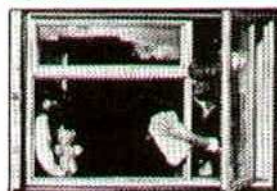
During World War Two the County Ground became a Prisoner of War camp. There were huts built on the pitch and it was some time after hostilities ended before the ground was back to normal.

One of the first ever floodlit games was staged at Swindon in April 1951 when Town played an exhibition match with Bristol City. While another unique feature at the County Ground is the fact that it houses a bookmaker's shop underneath the main stand. No bets on the Division in which Swindon will be playing next season.



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The quickest route is via the A12 to Brentwood, and M25 to join the M1 and M6 north to Junction 15.

From that point take the A5006 and A500. After just over six miles from Junction 16, take the third exit at roundabout signed A50. Half-a-mile further on turn right into Newcastle Street, the B5051. At the end go over the crossroads into Moorland Road. Turn left into Hamil Road for the Port Vale ground.

Travel Spot

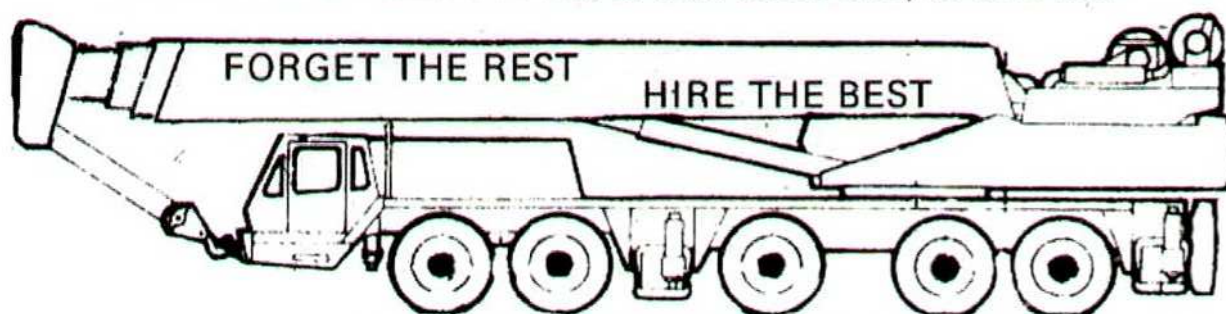
Port Vale provide the opposition for our last away match of the season, this being on Monday, 6th May. The coach for this Bank Holiday game leaves Layer Road at 9.30 a.m. and the fares are members £7, student and unemployed members £5, and non-members £10. Please note, bookings should be made at the Booking Office tonight if possible, or alternatively by phoning Colchester 41184 at the weekend.

With the travelling to football matches just about over for another season the Travel Club will be taking a short break, but only until Friday, 19th July, when we will be running a coach to the Peugeot-Talbot Games at Crystal Palace. Athletics is a popular spectator sport, so there should be a fair number amongst you who would like to come along or who know friends that may be interested. If so, full details are available on Colchester 65496 or 41184. The total cost is only £9 for adults and £8 for under 16's which is inclusive of coach fare and a seat ticket. Departure time is 5 p.m. from Layer Road.

Don't forget our final game of the season is at home to Crewe next Friday.

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Supporters Club News



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The Presentation to the Winner will take place on **10th MAY**
at the CREWE match

Voting slips are available at the turnstiles tonight, one voting slip per person. Please deposit your slip in the boxes as you leave the ground after the match.

Current members of the Supporters Club who wish to take part in the draw for the terrace tickets allocated to members for the F.A. Cup Final, should send their name and address on a postcard to the Secretary. The Members Number must be included on the card and remember you must be a current member for this season. Send your postcard to the Secretary by **5th May** at the Football Ground, or to 21 Marlowe Way, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 4JP.

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WE'RE OFF AGAIN

After a frustrating period of nearly six weeks whilst our new all-weather playing-surface has been built — and during which a great many of our activities have been held at other venues in the town — **SPORTING U's IS BACK AT LAYER ROAD.**

YOU can be part of our super re-start event. It all takes place next Tuesday evening — that's **TUESDAY, MAY 7TH** — when from 5.30 through until 9 p.m. we will be running sporting activity for **everyone** to watch. If you are a member of the Colchester United Netball Club or of our Wednesday night 'SUBS' group for very young footballers, you will have a very important part to play — but for the rest of us, there's a whole range of sport to watch — including soccer, netball and petanque — as well as a chance of The Ormiston Trust, without whose financial help I doubt we could continue.

Mr. Murray will be cutting the 'Re-Opening Tape' at 7.15 p.m. Incidentally, we are giving "Coffee, Tea and Squash on the house" — why not come along and join in the celebrations?

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GROUP D — Age 6 & 7's, report 12.15a.m.

GOALKEEPERS — aged from 10 to 14. We need a limited number, who must ring Tony Willoughby on 578978 to take part — 'first come, first served!' But remember, you cannot be a keeper and a penalty-taker. **EVERYONE** has to wear trainers or plimsolls.

MASCOT

No MASCOT for the U's tonight as the selected lad has elected to wait for a match next season. Believe it or not, next year's lists are still not full! If **YOU** would like to be United's MASCOT for a Layer Road game, just drop me a line.

TONY

Penalty Competition Entry Form

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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AGE (on the day)

GROUP (see above)

Send this form with your 30p entry fee to:

Tony Willoughby at Sporting U's, Layer Road, Colchester, to arrive by May 15th.

CLUB SHOP



The Colchester United Shop based at Sporting U's, Tel: Colchester 578978 (24-hr answerphone), will gladly post or deliver your order if necessary.

On match days – First/Reserve games – open immediately after final whistle, or from the Development Shop in Layer Road and Souvenir outlets inside the ground.

★ END-OF-SEASON MADNESS! ★

Well, perhaps not really mad — but these reductions on Club Shop items will encourage United fans to add to their range of souvenirs. On production of this page **AT THE CLUB SHOP IN SPORTING U's** (NOTE THAT IS OFFER DOES NOT APPLY ANYWHERE ELSE) we will give you a **10% REDUCTION** on every single one of the following items

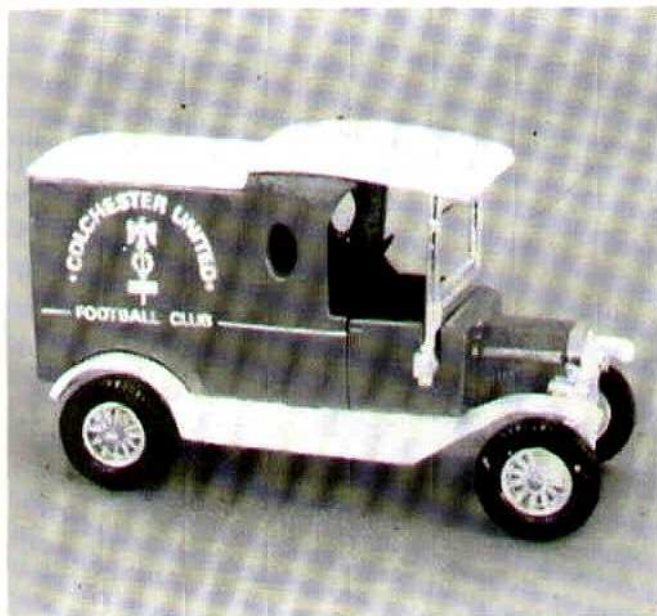


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* Offers expire on May 7, 1985.

Referee

Comment

TODAY COLCHESTER UNITED are pleased to welcome . . .

REFEREE: MR. G.J. NAPTHINE (Loughborough) Assistant Engineer (Network Analysis) Emgas. Married with three children. Commenced refereeing in 1959 in local Leicestershire leagues and progressed via the Football Combination. Enjoys cricket, gardening and tennis. Is a local parish counsellor, divisional president of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, executive committee member of the Midland section of the A.F.L.R. & L. as well as its training officer. Also referee instructor and a member of the F.A. panel of speakers. Lined European Cup quarter finals in 1979 and 1984, F.A. Cup semi-final in 1980. Refereed F.A. Vase semi-final and F.A. Trophy semi-final in 1980.

LINESMEN:

Mr. P.E. ALCOCK (Redhill) Red Flag

Mr. J.F. HILL (Redhill) Yellow Flag

RESERVE OFFICIAL: Mr. D.H. WOODROW (Clacton-on-Sea) Our thanks also go to the Colchester Referees' Society for their continued assistance in providing us with a reserve official.

The recent drugs scare has shocked many people. But is it really the serious problem in sport, and particularly in football, that some sections of the press would have us believe?

Colchester United's physio Charlie Simpson plays down the claim. He is quite certain there is not the widespread misuse of drugs that has been suggested. In a long and distinguished career in football, Charlie has seen and treated as many injuries as most.

He says, "Clubs generally have responsible medical people who in no way want to go out and abuse players by putting their careers at risk through the misuse of drugs."

He pointed out there will always be a situation where players continue to turn out carrying an injury. Just as there will always be players who cannot do that. He contends that in general the only time a player is 100 per cent fit is at the start of a campaign when he has come through the vital pre-season build-up training.

From then on, in what is after all a game of physical contact, there will always be a percentage of performers carrying injuries of one sort or another. Some players will always have to quit the game because of those injuries. "But," the Colchester physio added, "I do not believe that it is because of the overuse or misuse of drugs."

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Any person whose actions of this sort are brought to the attention of the Management of Colchester United Football Club, will in future be refused admission, and will lose any privileges already afforded by virtue of membership of any Supporters' Organisations.

This club neither wants nor need troublemakers. They will not be afforded any space at this club!

FIXTURE LIST MAY

Friday 3rd	Swindon Town (H) CANON L.	7.30p.m.
Saturday 4th	Thetford Town (H) E.C.L.	3.00p.m.
Sunday 5th	Col. & Ex. Sund. Yth Lge Finals	10.00 & 11.30am
Monday 6th	Felixstowe Town (H) E.C.L.	3.00p.m.
Monday 6th	Port Vale (A) CANON L.	7.30p.m.
Friday 10th	Crewe Alex. (H) CANON L.	7.30p.m.

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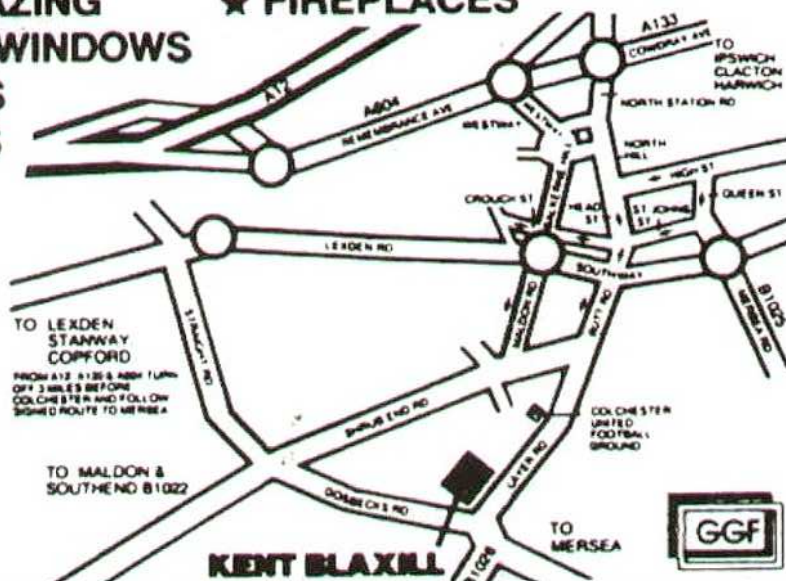
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BRAINTREE BRANCH

(Supporters News)

As the season bears on the promotion battle hots up — we all hope it will contain the U's name. But if this is not our year the Branch have nothing but praise for the effort and entertainment the supporters have received.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the two new names which have emerged in the Press recently — I am referring to the two new gentlemen who are joining the Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you both at the Braintree Branch.

Members of the Branch were guests at Villa Park on Saturday for the Cup semi-final, Luton v Everton. We left Braintree at 9.30a.m. and arrived in Birmingham at 12.30p.m. where we were met for lunch. Those of you who saw the game on 'Match of the Day' will realise how lucky Everton were, but at the end deserved their win for sheer effort. We all wish David Pleat and Howard Kendall every success for the future. It does not seem too long ago that the latter was playing at Layer Road. Everything is going along nicely with the arrangements for the End of Season Buffet, which will be held at the Kings Head. The final

Detail is the date, but plenty of notice will be given. Please don't forget our new members draw for all members joining by post — it is still not too late, so send your money and completed form today!

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