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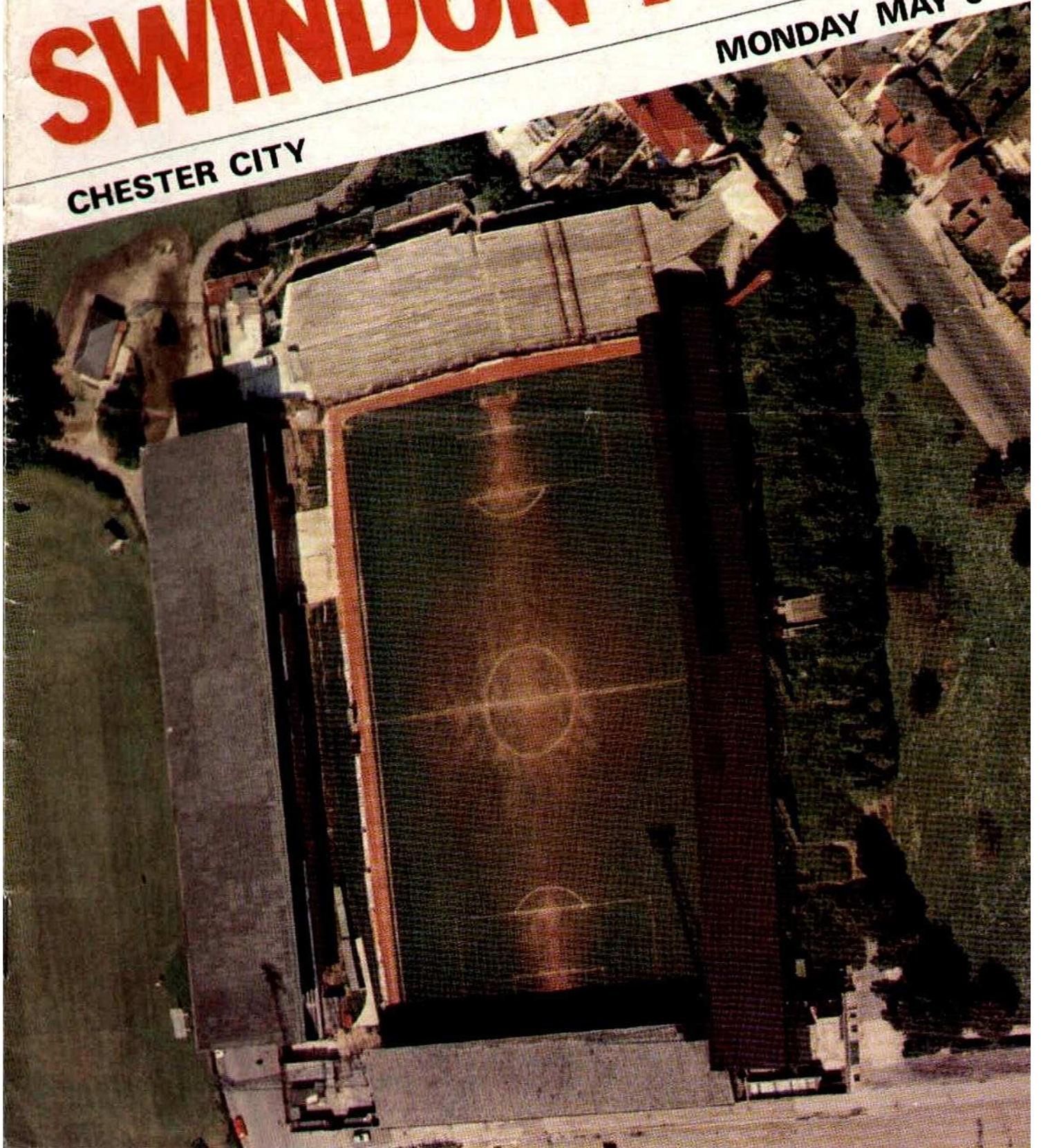
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Chairman's Comments

We welcome to the County Ground this afternoon the Directors, Players and Supporters of Chester City for our final home game of the season, and hopefully you will all enjoy an attractive match to remember through the summer months to keep interest for next season. It would appear that the team are going to miss promotion by a fairly margin if we can keep results going for the last few games of the season and this shows that the manager has a good platform from which to build next years side throughout the close season.

Last Sunday's game here against Darlington was a hard fought win against a team who have proved very difficult to beat away from home this season and the fact that we had nearly 5000 people here to watch was obviously much appreciated by everybody connected with the club. This proves that if only we could be as consistent in our form as over the month or so we could optimistically look to average many more people coming through the gate.

The last week has seen the launch of two appeal funds which we all hope will help the club and I would like to thank the Mayor and Mr. Dave Hollister for their initiative and also to the newly named Supporters Club under Terry Dean who were previously the Supporters Co-operative. Monies which are raised from these appeals will be channelled in two directions, the fund being headed by the Mayor going into a 'Save Swindon Town' account and the money being raised by the Supporters Club being used to boost the playing side of the club.

We are also offering for sale seats for the next Five years priced at 350.00 pounds in the North Stand and 400.00 pounds in the Rendevous box and 1,000.00 pounds in the Vice Presidents Box. Hopefully individuals and business's in and around Swindon will find this attractive to help the club. I would point out that the money received will not be spent but merely put into an account to reduce our bank borrowing and will be transfered at the rate of 20 per cent a year into our current account.

Finally may I say thank you to our sponsors Lowndes Lambert for the past season and also to everyone who has helped the club whether it was in time committed or financially and also to you our supporters and that next season you are all rewarded with a successful one.



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LOU MACARI

A very long, tiring and at times traumatic season for Swindon Town draws to a close at the end of this week.

Unfortunately our burst down the finishing straight is not quite good enough to gain promotion - the games have run out too quickly.

However, it has shown the new found spirit within the Club and should be the perfect foundation for next season.

To say my first season in management has been an experience that I will not forget in a hurry would be an understatement. Like all newcomers into a new career, I have learnt quickly and now feel much wiser and confident.

During the close season I will be striving to improve the playing side of the Club so that we kick-off next August with optimism high.

As these are my last notes for this season I would like to thank you, the supporters for all your help and encouragement over the past eight months or so.

I have played on most of the top grounds around the country but there aren't many sets of supporters to equal you.

The attendance for last weeks match against Darlington was highly gratifying and your vocal enthusiasm certainly lifted the side to a well deserved victory.

You have obviously read or seen in the media over the last few days the various appeals that have been launched to help the Club. Your support for them is greatly needed to ensure the future of this fine and respected Club.

Finally, thank you for your attendance today, have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all again here in August.

WELCOME TO CHESTER CITY

BY DAVE KING

With their third manager in the space of sixteen months and a second successive season of trying to stave off re-election the task before the present incumbent Mick Speight is one that his two predecessors John McGrath and John Sainty found beyond them, following the clubs relegation to Division Four in 1982. This famous Roman City home of the 20th Legion can proudly boast of one of the first stadiums in England. For the Roman Amphitheatre at Newgate is the largest yet excavated in Britain and could seat 7,000 in its day. How the football club wish they could attract such numbers to Sealand Road. With an average crowd of 1,942 these are traumatic times for Chester City. With fourteen defeats in away matches the Sealand Road Club have fared only marginally worse than we have, for on opponents grounds to-date we have lost twelve.

Following their 2-1 win at Aldershot in their first away match of the season, it was not until March when in a period of four days Chester scored six goals without reply in winning at Northampton Town (2-0) and Halifax Town (4-0) that they were able to record a victory in an away match again! Last weeks 2-0 win at Rochdale was their fourth away success of the season. Our last visitors of the season will be looking to repeat their home win of January 30th when we were defeated 2-0 in a re-arranged fixture after the original match was inexplicably postponed shortly before the kick-off on December 29th with the team and supporters in attendance. A quick dash to nearby Shrewsbury was some compensation for those seeking a match that day including Lou and his team.

Goalkeeper DAVID KAY made his League debut in a 2-0 home win against Port Vale on April 20th as deputy for regular keeper John Butcher. Dave is City's second signing from the Northern Counties East League this season joining the Club from Mexborough Town. He also played in City's 4-1 defeat at Bury three days later.

Regular keeper JOHN BUTCHER had made 32 League appearances for the Club this season prior to David Kays League debut. Newcastle born John made 104 League appearances for his first Club Blackburn Rovers. He joined Oxford United in 1982, but he only made sixteen League appearances at Manor Road in two seasons. During that period he spent loan spells with Halifax Town and Bury making five and eleven League appearances respectively before joining City for the start of this season. John is 29 years old.

Full back LEE DIXON joined City from Burnley last season making his debut for the Club in a 1-0 home win against Rochdale on February 18th. Twenty one year old Lee scored his first League goal four matches later in a 5-2 defeat at Aldershot, his only League goal to-date. The recent away match at Bury was his 34th League match of the season. Lee only made four League appearances for Burnley in two seasons, after making his League debut at Turf Moor on May 10th 1983 in a 2-1 win against Queens Park Rangers.

Liverpool born PETER BULMER was a Club apprentice making his League debut at home to York City on December 18th 1982 as a substitute for Steve Ludlam. Nineteen year old Peter scored his first League goal in a 5-2 defeat at Hereford on February 5th 1983. He made his 50th appearance in League matches in City's home match with Wrexham on Boxing Day in a 2-1 win. His only other goal in League matches came in the 42nd minute of a 4-0 win at Halifax on March 23rd.

Welsh International ANDY HOLDEN made his League debut for the Club in the opening match of last season at home to Northampton Town in a 1-1 draw on August 27th. It was a season of personal success for 24 year old Andy who joined City from North Wales Club Rhyl. He not only finished the season as the Club's leading goalscorer but also gained his first Full International Cap in Tel Aviv on June 10th 1984 when he substituted for Swansea

City's Colin Pascoe in the goalless draw with Israel. Including the recent away match at Bury Andy has made 34 League appearances this season scoring five goals, all of them in home matches. Andy was born in Flint.

Twenty three year old BOB COY joined City this season after appearing in the final fourteen matches of last season while on loan to the Sealand Road Club. The Birmingham born central defender was a former Wolves apprentice, during five seasons with the Molineux Club he appeared in 43 League matches. Bob made his League debut on September 12th 1981 at Molineux against Tottenham in a 1-0 defeat. He scored his first League goal earlier this year in the 67th minute of City's 5-1 home win against Southend United on January 20th. Bob made his thirtieth League appearance of the season at Bury on April 23rd.

Another Welsh International in City's line-up is midfield player PETER SAYER who was 30 years old last Thursday. Peter has been Capped seven times by Wales. He made his League debut for Cardiff City on February 16th 1975 in a 2-1 defeat at Blackpool when he came on as a substitute for Jack Whitham. He made 81 League appearances for the Ninian Park Club scoring 14 goals before signing for 100,000 pounds for Brighton. At that stage of his career Peter had been the subject of speculation as to being Kevin Keegan's successor at Anfield prior to Kevin's transfer to Hamburg. During three seasons at the Goldstone Ground he made 55 League appearances scoring 6 goals. He joined Preston in 1981 for 80,000 pounds making 45 League appearances scoring 6 goals. During his three seasons at Deepdale Peter had loan spells with Cardiff City his first Club and Rotherham United. He has made 31 League appearances this season including the Bury match on April 23rd. Four of his five goals this season have come in away matches at Aldershot, Exeter and Halifax. He scored the first of City's goals from the penalty spot in last weeks 2-0 win at Rochdale. Peter is Cardiff born.

Tamworth born STEVE FOX was a Birmingham City apprentice who made his League debut on February 28th 1977 in a 2-1 defeat at West Brom when he substituted

for Kevin Broadhurst. Trevor Francis now of Sampdoria was the St Andrews Club scorer that day. After 29 League appearances in three seasons with Birmingham City Steve joined Wrexham for 90,000 pounds in 1978. During four seasons with the North Wales Club he made 142 League appearances scoring 10 goals. Steve joined Port Vale in 1982 and during two seasons at Vale Park he made 74 League appearances scoring three goals. The fast raiding winger followed his former Manager John McGrath to Sealand Road this season but he has only made seventeen full appearances scoring four goals up to April 23rd. His last League goal was in the surprise 5-2 defeat of promotion chasing Darlington on February 23rd.

Twenty year old STEWART RIMMER was a 10,000 pounds acquisition from impending League Champions Everton in March. Stewart had previously been on loan to the Sealand Road Club since his debut for the Club on January 26th. What a debut it was for he scored a hat trick in the Clubs 5-1 home win against Southend United. Stewart has since taken his total of goals to eight from his twenty League appearances for the Club upto April 27th. The former Goodison Park apprentice and England Youth International made his League debut at Goodison Park in a 1-0 home win over Leeds United on May 4th 1982. The first of Stewarts three League appearances for the current First Division leaders. He scored the second of City's goals in last weeks 2-0 win at Rochdale.

The scorer of City's second goal in our 2-0 away defeat this season was former Alfreton Town striker RICKY GREENHOUGH. That was only the second League match for the former Northern Counties East League player. He has scored twice since at home to Darlington and at Halifax on March 23rd his last League goal.

Gateshead born NIGEL WALKER made his League debut for Newcastle United on November 12th 1977 in a 1-1 draw with Bristol City. Twenty six year old Nigel made 70 League appearances for United. He then moved to San Diego before joining Sunderland, he later had spells with Crewe for whom he made twenty appearances and then on loan to Blackpool before joining City this season.

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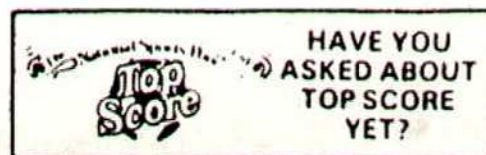
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FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

The curtain falls on another season of undistinguished soccer in a moderate season of Fourth Division football, with only Bury of this seasons promotion clubs appearing to match their claims in matches with us. The true sports fan will leave empty stadia and deserted terrace in his search for summer sun and the sound of willow, never far from his thoughts will be what could have been, and more important what will be.

For Swindon Town it is a season that must be put in perspective. The admirable intent of sponsors Lowndes Lambert came too late to influence pre-season intention and planning. The introduction of Lou Macari to fill the managerial role here at the County Ground on the eve of a new season gave him neither knowledge of the club or a Division far removed from his customary patrol. Early season planning and training not of his design could not be masked by a 2-1 home win on the opening day of the season when Wrexham departed from the County Ground unlucky losers.

The first leg debacle of a 5-1 home defeat by Third Division Bristol Rovers only enhanced the fears held in obedience by those who watched the early season exit from the Milk Cup. The United's of Torquay and Hereford, arrived to finally confirm those early season fears that the team was no stronger than the previous season, how could it be? The departure of Jimmy Quinn to Blackburn Rovers left the club with no recognised target man, while early season injury to Dave Hockaday and Charlie Henry left the already decimated squad of players short of variation or challenge.

The 4-0 home win on October 27th against Stockport County marked the commencement of a spate of results at the County Ground reminiscent of some past Town teams built of sturdier base. The only adverse result was a justifiable victory here at the County Ground since by non-League Dagenham in the F.A. Cup. The loss of the regular and reliable goalscoring Alan Mayes through injury in that match was placated by the settling Peter Coyne

and the emergence of the promising Colin Gordon to fill the role vacated by the departed Jimmy Quinn. Form in away matches contrasted alarmingly with the new found consistency here at the County Ground. There appeared neither the strength or will from within the playing staff to overcome what was to become an unacceptable habit.

Left with a choice of players left over from the summer recess, those no one wanted, the returning foreign mercenaries seeking re-employment, the predicament was frustrating, players came on trial and loan, some stayed, others left. No significant change, how could there be? More long term injuries, Nigel Gray and Lou Macari. The problems increased, threatened financial strangulation only compounded the inherent problem.

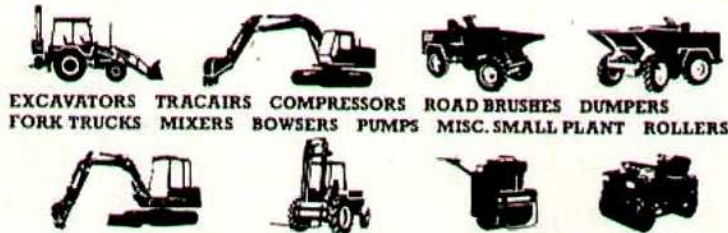
But as always in the depths of despair there always has to be a glimmer of hope. Lou Macari at no time made the customary rash promises, that are often the trademark of managers more experienced and who should know better. A realist he has never masked the truth, a factor which has endeared him to the fan on the terrace, who is also realistic and should be treated accordingly. The improving home record, aided by Lou Macari's public relations edification, brought hope to the supporters that maybe we had someone in our midst who could restore pride and purpose to the club.

On the field of play the rapidly improving Colin Gordon can look back with satisfaction, knowing his intent will reap due reward. It should not be over-looked that Peter Coyne returned to League soccer from three years in the wilderness and the fact he will finish among the clubs leading goalscorers, shows the small fee invested in him was well spent. Chris Ramsey brought a touch of culture to full back play not often obvious in Fourth Division football, the need to curb his impetuosity will lead to more regular appearances and endear him further to the Town followers who have found his enthusiasm heart warming. The



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dependable and loyal Andy Rowland has filled any position asked of him, the season saw Andy grow in stature. Along with Scott Endersby he has appeared in every League match a tribute to fitness and dedication.

The retained list of players from League clubs will be issued shortly and no manager will be scouring the list of surplus more than Lou Macari. His intent at proving his managerial prowess can only be to this club's benefit. This is his initial appointment and an important one for him personally. We wish him well in his summer quest to improve the playing staff, inevitably it is the time of farewell for some and it would be churlish not to wish them well in their future careers.

The traumatic events of recent weeks need no further advertisement, they may well have signalled the harnessing of goodwill from all sections, there is no doubt in my mind that Directors, staff, players and supporters have no other intent than the welfare and advancement we all hope and seek mutually.

Finance is a problem commonplace in life and in particular to this club, any and all efforts directed at improving the clubs finances must meet with our full support. This is our club and it must be saved.

There are many divisions to a soccer club and as in life youth is the most vibrant,

the appearance of Jamie Reynolds in the senior team gave self satisfaction and came as a further tribute to the guidance of John Trollope who guided this years Youth Team to the later stages of this years F.A. Youth Cup. A result of several years indulgence.

A further decrease in the average crowd this season does not herald a further lack of interest in the club only a temporary phase, before attendances take an upward turn next season when fortunes will hopefully improve. Pessimism must not become an overriding influence. What can occur for Darlington and Cyril Knowles can certainly do likewise for Lou Macari and Swindon.

The long suffering supporters of this club will now be able to see the fruition of Lou Macari's own labours within limitations and not at the bequest of others. His efforts will be your reward, salad days are almost with us again, the smell of newly mown grass and sun a constant reminder of holidays and pleasures to come. May, June and July will soon come and go. A new dawn will rise in August, one week earlier next season, a season when hopefully all our hopes will materialise, no one will be trying to bring us that hope more than Lou Macari. Come August we will return Lou, in the meantime to you all, enjoy those salad days.



TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE

TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	COLIN BAILIE	3
MAYES	MIKE GRAHAM	4
	DAVID COLE	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	PETER COYNE	7
	DAVID HOCKADAY	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	LEIGH BARNARD	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
BATTI	ALAN MAYES	12

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AGUE DIVISION FOUR

	CHESTER CITY	TEAM CHANGES
1	DAVID KAY	
2	LEE DIXON	
3	MARTIN LANE	
4	ANDY HOLDEN	SPEIGHT
5	BOB COY	
6	MICK SPEIGHT	
7	STEVE FOX	SAYER
8	STUART RIMMER	
9	RICK GREENOUGH	
10	PETER SAYER	
11	PETER BULMER	
12	DAVID BRETT	WALKER



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"MAN WITH A MISSION"

BY DAVE KING

When asked if Swindon were capable of making a concerted effort for promotion Colin felt the club were short of the required players, a view that other players shared.

Colin lives in the club hostel, it was slightly unsettling for him at first because he had not lived on his own before. He liked the hostel, but was aware he was not part of the area and went home whenever Lou said it was suitable.

Defenders were more difficult in League soccer being obviously fitter, but he felt he had held his own, Colin was aware of the heading prowess of Phil Sproson of Port Vale and Mick Walsh of Blackpool but had felt that Colin Calderwood of Mansfield Town was the best timer of the ball he had met while Mansfield were the most organised team he had faced defensively.

When a player comes from non-League soccer into full time football with the ease and impact that Colin appeared on the Fourth Division scene you are left contemplating are there more? Yes, said Colin, 'A couple of my team colleagues at Oldbury could make the grade'. And he then proceeded to mention a couple of players with other non-League clubs. They are players Lou Macari knows of and checked upon.

Colin felt that the standard between non-League and Division Four was narrowing. The Gola League was a hard League to play in. When I asked Colin if he knew he was guilty of conceding his share of free kicks, he felt some referees did not allow enough give and take between defender and striker.

His aerial ability was natural, he felt that he was at his best when he was a sixteen year old playing in Sunday League football playing in the centre of midfield. But Colin felt because of his size he was presented with a label and was pushed forward due to his ability to reach the ball in the air. Colin also felt that if you are tall then another label is attached, you lack pace, he had a point.

A winger was important to him but it was not important where the crosses came from, although Colin felt Swindon needed to cross more balls into the area. Winning the ball on the half way line was to no avail, if there was no end product.

The attitude of the players towards him when he arrived was very good. His Midland accent along with that inborn sense of fun that seems a trait with the football player helped to make him easily acceptable. Colin considered he was not shy or overawed and living in the hostel had helped in this respect.

Colin felt that Fourth Division players were not yet aware of him and were not concentrating on him to the exclusion of others. When pressed on the away performances this season he said confidence was low in away matches and confidence was a key factor with the professional player. Some players had performed at home but not in away matches.

With recent performances improving albeit too late in away matches Colin's dramatic introduction to League soccer reached a satisfying personal peak when he walked proudly from Edgar Street, Hereford three weeks ago with the match ball after his first League hat trick. How apt that Colin's Mother and family were watching.

I asked Colin if he would like to take penalties. 'Yes, but others like Peter Coyne also did'. Successfully too, we have since found out.

Golf, snooker, tennis and cricket are among some of Colin's favourite sports and he wished he could devote more time to them.

He would re-assess at the end of the season whether he would move permanently to Swindon, finance would dictate that issue. Moving would help him a great deal, he was not on high wages, so it was a problem seeking a mortgage.

Appreciative of the opportunity before him it will not be lack of effort or dedication that eventually dictates the

outcome of Colin Gordons future years.

There is no reason at all with his down to earth attitude, that Colin Gordon will not eventually attain all that he and we hope for him.

I am sure that when July rolls around again and a new season dawns, there will be no more enthusiastic or dedicated professional soccer player reporting for early season training.

For those who arrive at the ground early they will have noted Colin is usually the first player out on the ground for pre-match warm up before each match, eagerly waiting for the action to start. A way of life maybe but still a game to Colin! He will be one of the first you will see next season as eager for the start as you. He deserves to succeed, I am sure he will.



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Town defender Chris Ramsay stretching to gain victory over Darlington at the County Ground.

FULL TIME

BY DAVE KING

...Of fourteen hat tricks, three were scored by bottom Club Northampton Town, with Ian Benjamin claiming two....Colin Gordon and Ray Pratt (Exeter) scored the only two hat tricks in away matches....Tony Adcock (Colchester) scored three on the opening day of the season against Southend United in a 3-3 draw....Blackpool have scored from the penalty spot on nine occasions this season....Northampton Town have conceded nine penalties....Of 97 penalties scored this season 74 have been credited to home clubs....A total of 46 players have been sent off this season....35 have been with the away team....Kevin Hitchcock the Mansfield goalkeeper has kept more clean sheets than any other keeper this season with nineteen....Hereford United did not concede a goal until their eighth League match of the season....Blackpool had the longest winning sequence with seven wins....Darlington were undefeated in away matches until New Years Day when they lost 2-0 at Mansfield....Northampton Town were the last club to register a win in their eighth match of the season....Struggling Wrexham have benefited more from own goals than any other club with four....Darlington and Chesterfield enjoyed the longest unbeaten sequence with thirteen matches....Stockport County lost thirteen consecutive away matches....The highest scoring team were Scunthorpe United who scored seven at home to Exeter City....That match signalled a three match sequence for Scunthorpe in which they scored fifteen goals including six against us....The bargain of the season was John Clayton of Tranmere Rovers signed on a free transfer from Chesterfield last summer, he scored 33 League and Cup goals for the Birkenhead club....Colchester United are the only club in the Division to score in every home League match....Blackpool have attracted the highest aggregate attendance in the Division with 97,928....The least number of players used by any club was fifteen by promotion chasing Bury....While Torquay United with 36 used the most

players....Mansfield Town have failed to score in 19 of their League matches this season....Hartlepool United scored in six consecutive matches from the penalty spot....Steve Whitworth of Mansfield Town scored his first League goal after 573 appearances and 858 hours of League soccer!....There were 18 Internationals playing in the Division this season they were John Brownlie (Hartlepool and Scotland), Martin Dobson (Bury and England), Tony Currie (Torquay and England), Phil Dwyer (Rochdale and Wales), Andy Holden (Chester and Wales), Ian Gillard (Aldershot and England), Austin Hayes (Northampton and Eire), Jimmy Holmes (Peterborough and Eire), Bryan Hamilton (Tranmere and N. Ireland), Stewart Houston (Colchester and Scotland), Leighton James (Bury and Wales), Eamon O'Keefe (Blackpool and Eire), Lou Macari (Swindon and Scotland), Paddy Roche (Halifax and Eire), Peter Sayer (Chester and Wales), Mick Walsh (Blackpool and Eire), Steve Whitworth (Mansfield and England), Trevor Wymark (Southend and England)....Managers to have left their Clubs this season have been Len Walker - Aldershot, John McGrath - Chester, Mick Bullock - Halifax, Tony Barton - Northampton, Bryan Hamilton - Tranmere, Bobby Roberts - Wrexham, Jim Iley - Exeter City....Their replacements have been Ron Harris (Aldershot), Mick Speight (Chester), John Hore (Care-taker Exeter), Ray Mathias (Care-taker Tranmere) George Showell (Care-taker Wrexham)....On the opening day of the season the four leading clubs fared as follows, Blackpool defeated Exeter City 3-0, Darlington and Bury drew 1-1 at Feethams and Chesterfield defeated Aldershot 2-1....Lou Macari scored our first goal of the season in the 36th minute of our home match with Wrexham....Lou scored the 100th goal of his career in our Freight Rover Trophy match at Torquay on January 22nd....Colin Gordon scored on his debut at Rochdale on November 3rd in the

73rd minute....A happy return to his last League club for Peter Coyne when he scored in the first minute at Crewe on October 13th....Leigh Barnard scored for two League clubs in Division Four this season, Swindon and Exeter City where he was on loan....Scunthorpe United were involved in two of the three highest scoring matches versus Exeter City 7-1, Swindon Town 6-2, the other match was Aldershot versus Southend United 6-2....We have met 4 of our former players in League and Cup matches this season, Brian Williams (Bristol Rovers) Gary Williams (Tranmere) Russell Lewis (Northampton) Mick Carter (Hereford United) who was on loan to us from Bolton Wanderers in 1981-82....While Dave Caldwell and Leigh Barnard appeared for Mansfield Town and Exeter City respectively....Mansfield Town are the draw specialists of the Division with 17

draws....Blackpool and Mansfield Town are the half time draw specialists with 22....Only 27 players have played in every Division Four match for their clubs this season, Scott Endersby and Andy Rowland are two of them....Bury have four players who have been ever present to date....Last seasons record 101 points recorded by York City will remain intact not one of this seasons promoted clubs can now reach that total....Tranmere had the most players sent off this season with 5 in League matches and one in cup competitions....The referee to have dismissed the most players in the Division this season was Mr. D. Shaw of Sandbach who has sent 5 from the field of play....Colchester are the Divisions most prolific goalscorers....Chesterfield have recorded the most victories....and Northampton the most defeats.



Alan Mayes scores the Town's winner against Darlington at the County Ground last Sunday.

FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

10 Years Ago - 1974-75 SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts.
Football League Division 111: HOME	23	18	3	2	43-17	39
AWAY	23	3	8	12	21-41	14

Final Position: Fourth

Promoted Clubs: Blackburn (60 pts.), Plymouth (59), Charlton (55).

Relegated Clubs: Huddersfield (32 pts.), Watford (37), Tranmere (37), Bournemouth (38).

Number of players used: 20

Leading Scorers: Peter Eastoe 26 + 5 in FAC, David Moss 14 + 2 in FAC.

Leading Appearances: John Trollope 46 + 5 in FAC + 1 in FLC, Peter Eastoe 46 + 5 + 1.

Highest League Win: 4-1 H v Colchester and Huddersfield

Highest League Defeat: 2-6 A v Crystal Palace

Highest League Home Attendance: 11,892 v Preston

Lowest League Home Attendance: 4,951 v Blackburn

Just two results to report on; Swindon beating Chippenham 8-0 and 5-2 to win the Wiltshire Professional Shield over two legs.

20 Years Ago - 1964-65 SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts.
Football League Division 11: Home	21	12	3	6	48-30	27
Away	21	2	2	17	20-51	6

Final Position: Twenty-first

Promoted Clubs: Newcastle (57 pts.), Northampton (56).

Relegated Clubs: Swansea (32 pts.), Swindon (33).

Number of players used: 25

Leading Scorers: Mike Summerbee 13, Ernie Hunt 10

Leading Appearances: John Trollope and Don Rogers 42 + 1 FAC + 1 FLC, Summerbee 41 + 1 + 1.

Highest League Win: 4-1 H v Huddersfield and Coventry

Highest League Defeat: 1-6 H v Newcastle and A v Bury

Highest League Home Attendance: 19,311 v Southampton

30 Years Ago - 1954-55 SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts.
Football League Division 111 HOME	23	10	8	5	30-19	28
(South): AWAY	23	1	7	15	16-45	9

Final Position: Twenty-first

Promoted Club: Bristol C (70 pts. Runners-up: Leyton Orient (61)

Re-elected Clubs: Colchester (31 pts.), Walsall (34).

Number of players used: 27

Leading Scorers: Maurice Owen 12, Harry Williams 7

Leading Appearances: Sam Burton 46 + 1 FAC, Garth Hudson 46 + 1, George Hunt 45 + 1.

Highest League Win: 6-1 H v Watford

Highest League Defeat: 0-7 A v Shrewsbury

Highest League Home Attendance: 19,880 v Bristol C

Lowest League Home Attendance: 4,230 v Southend

The final two games of the season saw us beat Reading 2-0 on 4th May, Harry Williams scoring, plus an own goal, and lose heavily at Shrewsbury by 7-0 on the 6th. However, two days later the Wiltshire Shield was won by beating Salisbury 1-0 through Gordon Williams.

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Junior Robins Page

First of all some good news for members between the ages of twelve and thirteen. The Directors have kindly agreed that those existing members who come into this category may remain members and still obtain admission at 50p per League game. Consideration has been given to extending the scheme to Under 13s who prefer to stand on the terraces but unfortunately the problems this would create in terms of costs and administration are prohibitive at the present time. As I mentioned in the Darlington programme letters will be going out to all members inviting them to renew membership for the 1985/86 Season but an application for membership form is included on the foot of this page. If you do not want to spoil your programme by cutting it out then just copy out the necessary details on to a piece of paper and leave it addressed to me at the Club Office.

I would not like to let the end of the first season of the Junior Robins existence pass without saying a big thank you to Mr. Bob Jefferies, without whose help this venture could not have succeeded. The jobs of football administrators have become increasingly complex and time consuming, yet whether it has been in finding suppliers of badges or sorting out player's photographs he has given willingly of his time and expertise. I would also like to thank the Directors, Manager and Players for the support they have given to our meetings. It has been their involvement which has made these events so enjoyable.

Finally can I remind members that the final meeting of the season will take place on Monday next the 13th May at 6.00 p.m. in the Supporters Club.

Dick Mattick
Junior Robins Organiser

JUNIOR ROBINS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 1985/86 SEASON

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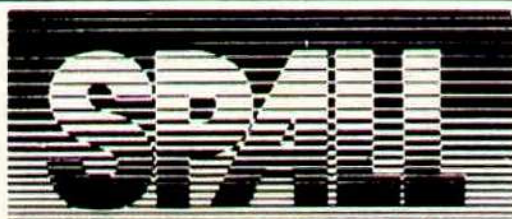
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BEHIND THE SCENES



BY BOB JEFFERIES

A few weeks ago one of our most devout supporters, Mr. Dave Hollister wrote a letter in the Evening Advertiser calling for support in raising, by means of an appeal, monies to rid the club of its crippling debt to the local authority. Following this letter Mr. J. Dickinson of Stonehouse presented Dave the initial donation of 5.00 pounds which prompted him to launch the appeal to be known as THE SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB APPEAL FUND. The club has ended this season on a high note playing wise but it is of no use having a great team if they have no ground on which to play.

I make no apology for reproducing the speech of The Worshipful The Mayor of Thamesdown made when launching the appeal which went as follows:

"Although I feel greatly honoured to have been asked to assist the club in launching this appeal, I cannot help feeling sad at the same time that it is necessary to do so.

I have been a supporter of this club for many years, during which time it has had its ups and downs - and some of the good times have been very good indeed. I know it was 16 years since the club won the League Cup, but there are many teams in the league who have never got further than the second round. We had a spell in the Second Division and I look forward to the day when we will be there again.

Sixteen seems to be an important number just now. It is 16 games since Town were beaten at home. Surely that is

evidence of the commitment of everyone here to bring back success to the club. Make no mistake about it - a growing town like Swindon needs a successful football club. It brings publicity and trade to the area and many other fringe benefits. We, as the town's residents, cannot afford to see the Town Football Club close down due to financial difficulties, because in the long run it is going to have an adverse effect on us all.

Only recently the club celebrated 100 years of existence. This is a proud record few other clubs can equal. Let us not allow it to stop there. Help me to ensure the club's future by giving whatever you can afford. Your donations will be amply rewarded by the knowledge that Swindon's continuing presence in the Saturday evening's results list on T.V. is direct result of your support.

Help me breathe new life into Swindon Town Football Club - you will never regret it. Let us make the launching of this appeal today the first day of a new era for the club and for the town".

The purpose of this appeal is to raise by public donation sufficient income to clear the arrears of rent owed by the club to Thamesdown Borough Council. Each donation will be paid into Account No. 435/700 070 239, administered by the Nationwide Building Society. Donations can be paid into any branch of that Society direct, or through the special Appeal Fund Office at the County Ground. The total proceeds will be paid direct to Thamesdown Borough Council and the Football Club will have no involvement whatsoever at any time. Payment will only be made to the local authority when the three Fund Signatories decide that it is right to do so. This is when the required amount is reached or on 1st August 1985, whichever comes first.

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB APPEAL FUND

Please accept this my donation of to the above fund and place it in the Nationwide Building Society Account No.435/700 070 239 forthwith. I understand that a personal receipt will be available as soon as is possible.

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The Supporters Co-operative have also launched their own appeal and any results from this source will be directed to funding the playing staff. By the way, this organisation will in future be known as the Supporters Club which of course their members are.

May I commend these appeals to you and if they are successful I am sure that the club will go on from strength to strength. No sum of money will be too big or too small. Please help!

I cannot end this my last article of the season without thanking each and everyone of you for your valued support throughout the season. Thanks also to Mr. Dave King whose magnificent contribution to the match programme makes the publication so interesting, and also to Mr. Andrew Skinner who submits the 'Flashback' series.

May we all look forward to next season with optimism.



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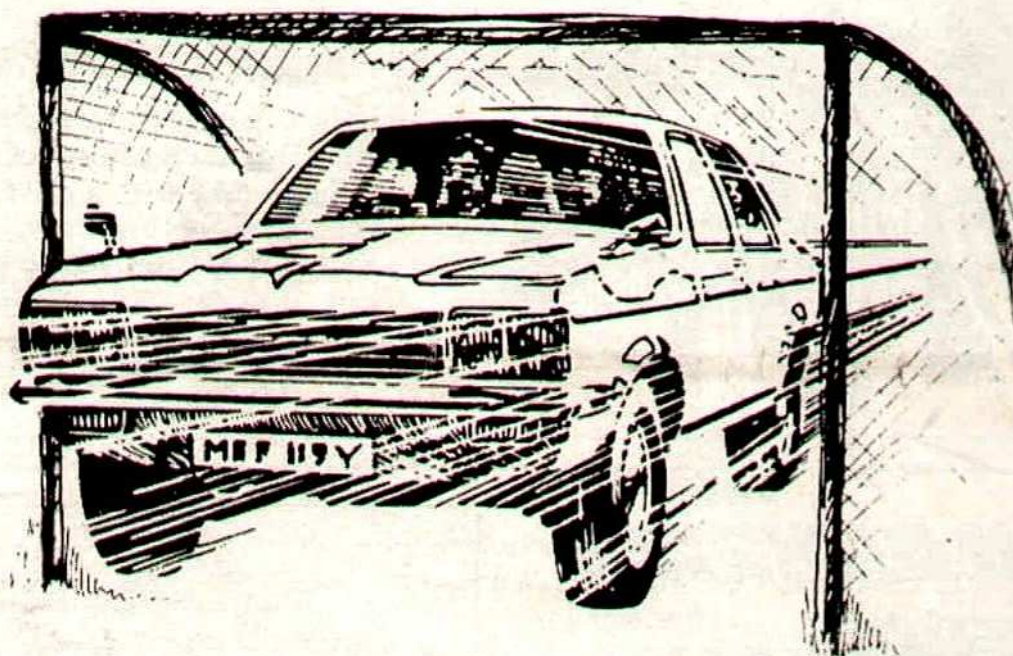
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