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DARIO'S VIEW.....

We never seem to be able to do anything easily do we. Even when we lose it is usually a one goal margin for most of the game and the final whistle has to go before we know we are out of it. Unfortunately the same applies when we win. We are usually only one goal in front and fighting like anything to hang on to it. We haven't been two goals in front this season except for the last few minutes of the Hereford game. It might make exciting viewing for you, but it's murder for me. I can do without exciting goal-mouth scrambles around our goal thank you very much.

Anyway that is what we had at Northampton and I don't think we could have expected anything else. We had played as well as Northampton in the first half and to go in level was about right. With the wind in our favour we were getting a little more of the play in the second half when Levi Edwards collected a pass from Dave Waller, ran at the defence before pushing the ball square to Gary Blissett who hit a swerving shot past the keeper. It probably needed a goal like that to break the deadlock, and it was the first they had conceded this season. After that we had two excellent chances to

score but Dave Waller seemed more interested in putting the ball into orbit than finding the back of the net. I thought we looked the side most likely until John Pemberton was sent off for what was considered to be a second bookable offence. From then on it was a bit hair-raising but we defending very well inspired, if I might say so, by our Goalie coming and catching most of the crosses near our goal. Whilst we have not had the start we would have liked we have won three very hard fought and important games. At Carlisle especially, Northampton and Hereford.

Some of our players have made and are still making great progress. Nigel Hart has grown into the Captain's job and has been a great help these last few weeks even though he has missed the games. Dave Waller seems to have been inspired by the job, and I think he is showing his best form for some time. I can't think of a game this season when he hasn't had a chance to score and it is a just reward for him to figure in the Fourth Division scoring lists. We need more than one leader in the team and four or five would be ideal.

Geoff Thomas is also hitting consistent form and is now a force to be reckoned with. I'll bet that when opposing Managers talk about our team he will get more than a mention.

Our team against Northampton contained one player over twenty-three and five aged twenty or under. It frightened me when I saw how inexperienced the back four was. Two players made their league debuts. Levi Edwards who came on briefly in the game against Stockport and Robert Holland who was recommended to me by Glyn Hodges who you may remember guested for us against Stoke two seasons ago. I had told Glyn that Bob Scott, Pat Slack and I had spent two days on the phone last week trying to beg borrow or steal a centre-half, and he mentioned Robert who was on trial at Wimbledon. Dave Bassett also thought he could cope so in he went, and cope he did. Mind you we made that many phone calls for a centre-half that he will probably turn out to be the most expensive we have had.

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When our fans travel the relative short distance to Sealand Road for the League game against Chester on Saturday next it will be the first time ever that we have played a League game on a Saturday morning unless of course your memory goes back to the times that matches were played on Christmas morning with an 11.00 a.m. kick-off. We particularly remind our fans of this earlier kick-off so that they will not be arriving at Sealand Road after the game as in fact been completed. Coaches will be departing Gresty Road at 09.00, the fare being £2.00.

You will have read in the local press that the attendance for the home leg in the second round tie of the Milk Cup Competition against Watford has been fixed at 7,000 and as a result the tie has been made all ticket. So far as the allocation of stand tickets are concerned, in the first instance they will only be available to Season Ticket Holders and Club Sponsors but should there be any tickets still left for general sale they will be put on sale on Thursday, 19th September strictly on a first come, first served basis. For the Ground and Paddock the tickets went on general sale as from last Thursday and will remain on sale until all have been sold. For this evening only, all applications should be made at the Top Score Office, before and after the game.

Should you be considering travelling to Watford for the return leg of this tie we shall be running coaches departing from Gresty Road at 3.00 p.m. and the fare will be £5.00. During the last couple of years in particular, Watford F.C. have built up a fine reputation as a family club and we feel sure that our own fans who will be travelling there will uphold the fine tradition that we also have, just as they did when they made the journey to see the Alex play at Queens Park Rangers at a similar stage of the competition a couple of years ago. Details of admission prices at Vicarage Road are as follows: Ground admission £3.50 and to the Stand tickets are priced at £4.50 and £6.00.

With the increased attendance anticipated at Gresty Road on the 24th September we would ask our own fans to co-operate fully with the stewards who will be on duty and that if possible your arrival at the ground could be staggered so that it could avoid congestion in Gresty Road itself if at all possible. We feel sure that you will fully understand our concern in wanting the whole evening to go off as smoothly as possible with the anticipation of a fine game.



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Scene Four

The winner of the first of the current Season's Manager of the Month award for the Fourth Division was Dixie McNeil of Wrexham who has certainly revived the fortunes of the Welsh side and have already emerged as one of the front runners in the promotion race. However, these are early days yet and the likes of Southend United, Orient and perhaps surprisingly, Rochdale cannot be overlooked.

From the teams that we have already come into contact with during the early weeks of the Season it has been noticeable that there seems to have been an increase in the physical type of player and that in certain circumstances this can bring about an increase in the numbers of bookings that are made during games, the Hereford and Stockport games being two examples of this particular aspect.

Incentives being offered by the Canon League this season are rewards at intermediate stages of the campaign for goal scoring, these start first of all with a cash award for the first team to score 25 league goals and to be followed by similar awards for 50 and 75 goals and also a special award should any team reach that magic figure of 100, admittedly it does occasionally happen but so far in our own club history it is the one figure that we have still to reach. There are still plenty of games to go and one of these days we shall probably achieve it.

Tranmere have now transferred both their Season 1984/85 leading scorers to A.F.C. Bournemouth and Plymouth Argyle respectively and in the case of the latter the fee is to be the subject of a tribunal, that too is becoming a more regular part of the scene than it used to be. Only once to date has that system been used to decide on the fee for a player connected with Crewe, that was now some four years ago when Geoff Hunter made the relatively short move from Gresty Road to Vale Park and of course he is still with them at the present time.

Possibly by the time that these notes are read, Stockport County will have appeared before their own supporters for the first time this season, their game against Preston North End was also reversed due to the fact that their ground was not ready but they are hoping that the game with Hereford United would have gone ahead as planned.

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Steve Saunders concentrates on his next move
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Editorial Comment

It is not so very long ago that speculation was rife that Oxford United and Reading were to be merged and that a new ground would be provided in place of the Manor Ground, Oxford and Elm Park, Reading. There followed a tremendous outcry from the Reading supporters and shareholders and in the end the two clubs have still retained their own individual identities and for one of them, Oxford United, they are now members of the First Division of the Football League.

Clubs sharing facilities are also in the news, there were clubs where this particular aspect was not by choice but as the result of enemy action as in the case of the two Manchester clubs who had to share Maine Road due to the damage caused to the Old Trafford ground but at that time each of the clubs did know that in due course they would be able to take up their own individual identities once again. That same topic came up again but this time the circumstances were different, Charlton would be vacating their Valley Ground and would be sharing Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace but it did state that each club would be retaining their own identities. Naturally there were many of the regular Charlton supporters who were very opposed to the move and some went on record that they would not be going to Selhurst Park in the future to see Charlton play. There will be many problems to be ironed out for each club has its own set of administrators, their own separate Fund raising efforts, gatemen, stewards, etc., etc. It makes one wonder how Port Vale supporters would feel if their own club joined forces with Stoke City or the Sheffield, Liverpool or Manchester clubs were to do the same.

Each and every club has its own individual character and supporters and it is easy to understand just how passionate they feel about these things. You grow up with a club and the supporters have their own particular spot where they can be found game after game even after they have declared that's the last time they'll see me here" - look around at the very next game and there they are. The economics of football are difficult indeed but let us hope that for as long as possible each club can play where the people expect them to be whatever the difficulties they have to face.

The whole world of Football was saddened by the sudden and tragic death of Jock Stein, Manager of the Scottish side, immediately following the World Cup game at Cardiff last Tuesday evening.

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Last weekend saw the start of the 1985/86 season for the teams in the three Age sections of the Lads and Dads organisation. You will recall that through these columns last Season we had emphasised the need for continuity of teams through the various age groups and we are delighted that in the Junior League this time we have four new teams. We feel sure that they will derive much pleasure from their association with us.

The full line up of teams in the Junior League will be:- Alsager Rangers, Cruventus, Crewe Youth Centre, Maclaren, Saxons (Sandbach), Wolverton and the following new teams, Alsager Arrows, Haslington Hawks, Lions and Bulldogs. In the Intermediate league there are two new teams, Heath Rovers and Bulldogs together with the following sides, Alsager Rangers, Alsager Town, Crewe Youth Centre, Invaders, Lion, Maclaren, Nantwich Dynamos, Nantwich Barony (formerly Nantwich Boys Club sides), Sandbach Raiders, Sandbach Saxons, Wistaston Tigers, Wolverton, Wolverton Albion and Youth Centre.

We finally turn to the Seniors and competing for the honours this season we have, Alsager Rangers, Alsager Town, Crewe Hawks, Cruventus, Crewe Rangers, Hungerford, Hungerford Saints, Lions, Park Rangers, Sandbach, Shavington, Saxons, Willaston Bulldogs, Wistaston Wildcats and Wolverton. It has been decided that in the Junior League all teams will be competing against each other but in the Intermediates and the Seniors, for the first seven weeks of the Season each of these leagues will be split into A and B Leagues with a revision after that time. Finally we are delighted to announce that we have a new President of the Lads and Dads League, Alex Manager Dario Gradi was invited to fill that position and he has accepted our invitation to do so. Knowing just how keen he is in our affairs we feel sure that it is the start of a long and happy relationship.



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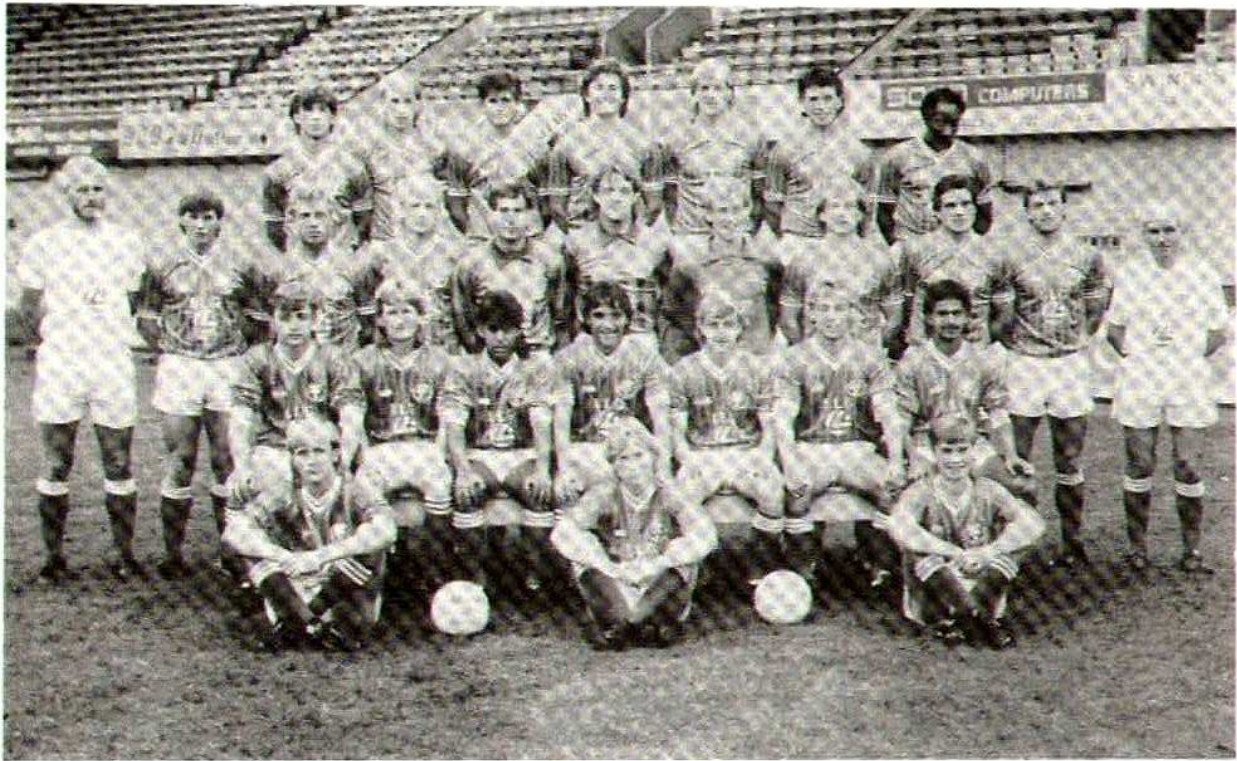
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This evening we welcome Swindon Town to Gresty Road for only the fifth time in league games, an association which first started back in Season 1968/69 when they completed the double over us, a single goal being the deciding margin in each of the games. At Gresty Road it was a 2-1 win for the Wiltshire side and at Swindon just one goal was scored in that encounter. This will be their fourth trip as a Fourth Division side after being relegated from Division Three and during those games our home record has held good, three games and three victories, last seasons game produced a very closely contested game with the Alex just getting the edge in a 3-1 win. Last Season also saw us gain our first ever point from our away games there, the game ending in a 1-1 draw. They lost their opening game of the current season at home to Wrexham but have since found their goal scoring touch and in their last home game, Peter Coyne notched a hat trick which included two penalties in the 3-1 win over visitors Northampton Town.

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Player Manager of Swindon Town is LOU MACARI who first joined the club in July 1984 after being released by Manchester United but before the Season had ended he had resigned from that position but happily for the club he came back again and they made steady progress up the league although out of the promotion places last Season. During the last close Season quite a number of changes have been made and they are hopeful that this time they will be one of the promotion candidates. Prior to joining Swindon Lou Macari had played in over 300 games for the Old Trafford club and had also played 50 times for Celtic in addition to which he has capped by Scotland on 24 occasions. SCOTT ENDERSBY started his career with Ipswich Town as an apprentice and went on to gain England Youth honours. His next move was to Tranmere Rovers in the Summer of 1981 and two years later he went to Swindon Town. Was first choice keeper for the club last Season. JAKE FINDLAY. He signed for the club from Luton Town during the last close Season and is an experienced keeper, he had made 167 appearances for Luton before an injury restricted his games. Born Blairgowrie he started as an apprentice with Aston Villa. DAVID COLE. Born in the Isle of Man he signed for Swindon Town in February 1985 from Swansea City and made 20 appearances last season including some at centre half. CHARLIE HENRY. Born Acton. Came through the clubs apprentice ranks and signed as a full time player in February 1980 and made his first team debut the same year. A hard tackling player who normally plays at right back for the side. CHRIS RAMSEY. Was originally with Bristol City as an amateur and then went to Brighton where he gained his first chance of league football. He played in the Brighton F.A. Cup side and broke his leg in that final and had to miss the replay. Signed for the club in December 1984 after a loan period earlier in the same season. ANDY ROWLAND. Has been with the club since September 1978 when he moved from Bury and has now made 267 appearances for Swindon. He had also played 174 appearances for Bury. Although he started out as a striker he has also occupied a place in the heart of the defence. COLIN CALDERWOOD. He was one of the clubs close Season signings from Mansfield Town after playing 100 games for the Field Mill side. LEIGH BARNARD. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth he made his league debut in September 1977. He remained at Fratton Park until July 1982 when he moved to Swindon. Normally plays in one of the midfield positions. PETER COYNE. Well known to the Crewe fans for after being released by Manchester United and going into non league football was to join the Alex in August 1977 and was three times leading scorer for the club until he was released at the end of the 1980/81 Season. He joined Swindon last Season from Hyde United. MARK GARDINER. Born Cirencester. Has come through the clubs apprentice ranks and has already gained some experience in the league side. COLIN GORDON. After playing non league soccer with Worcester City, Bromsgrove and Oldbury he joined Swindon in November 1984 and scored on his debut at Rochdale. Has made rapid progress since joining the club. DEREK HALL. His career started with Coventry City as an apprentice and then after a spell on loan at Torquay United he joined the Devon side. He only missed one league game last Season for Torquay and moved to Swindon during the Summer. Normally plays in midfield. DAVID HOCKADAY. He has eight years with Blackpool playing in almost 200 games for the Seasiders before he moved to Swindon in the Summer of 1983. A versatile player who likes to play in midfield but has often played on the wings when required. MARK HUGHES. Another former apprentice who had just the one league outing last Season. DAVID MOSS. He first signed for Swindon from Witney Town in April 1972 and after 230 appearances for them he moved to Luton Town where he became a regular first team player and marksman, he was to play in over 200 games for Luton and signed for Swindon for a second time last Summer. MARK PAYNE. A young midfielder player who has still to make his mark in the league side. JAMIE REYNOLDS. Made just the one appearance last Season against Crewe. BRIAN WADE. Signed from non league football in May 1985 having been with Bath City, Paulton Rovers and Trowbridge Town.

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At this stage it is not possible to give any details of the possible amounts which will be raised for it is one thing to actually take part in the event itself, it is not always quite so easy in contacting all those who have sponsored the individuals themselves. In addition to members of the Supporters Association they were also supported by Dario Gradi and other members of the playing staff and also the office Staff. Apart from the fact that the main idea is in fact to raise funds for the Football Club it does a lot to promote interest amongst people who would perhaps not come into contact with one another were it not for this event. No doubt there would be many topics which would have been discussed by the participants during their walk.

May we remind both the Senior Members and also the Members of the Junior Reds that Membership fees are now due for the current Season, you will know of the various benefits that are available to you for what is after all a moderate outlay. In addition you may also wish to participate in the Guess the Goals Competition which was introduced for the first time last Season and was won with a total of 65 league goals in the 1984/85 Season, for an entry fee of just £1 you stand the chance of winning the first prize of £50 at the end of the Season. As is pointed out in the latest edition of the Newsletter teams that are promoted from the Fourth Division very rarely score less than 80 goals in a promotion campaign and it can of course be as high as 100 - the choice is yours.

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Personality Profile

ALAN BRADSHAW

It was during the Summer of 1965 that our subject this evening, ALAN BRADSHAW joined the club but not as a full time player for he was a Schoolmaster at Blackburn teaching P.E. after completing his studies at Loughborough College at the same time as our present Manager Dario Gradi. During his various school holidays Alan used to come and train full time with the other players and it was in the opening game of the 1965/66 Season that he made his league debut in an away game at Barnsley when we lost 1-0. He had to wait until the 16th October in the same season before he notched his first goals for the club getting two against Rochdale at Gresty Road.

A single goal by him in the F.A. Cup tie at home to Stafford Rangers gave him his opportunity to play at Ewood Park against his former club Blackburn Rovers and he had hoped to score in that game but in the end it was John Manning who got the winner on a rain soaked pitch and a third round tie at Luton. During his eight Seasons at Crewe he was to play in 287 league games scoring 50 goals, in 15 F.A. Cup ties scoring twice and 14 in the League Cup, making a grand total of 316 first team appearances and 52 goals.

On leaving the Alex he joined Macclesfield Town and his side reached the Semi Final of the F.A. Trophy before finally losing to Dartford. His next move was to Great Harwood where he had four Seasons, they played in the Northern Premier League and in the last two Seasons he was also Manager of the side before financial problems forced the club to close he then had one Season at Padiham before joining the staff at Ewood Park looking after the Youth and Reserve sides and it was during his time there that they won the Lancashire League by beating the Alex in the very last game of the season. Of the youngsters in that side Simon Barker, Mike Patterson and Mick Salmon (who played in the Stockport side recently here) went on to make their mark in the game. Our story has now brought us up to the Summer of 1982 when he went to Malaysia and for six months he was coaching in Sarawak. He had of course left the teaching profession after some 16 years and has now left the game altogether.

His wife is a fully qualified nurse and they are now running an old peoples home at Clitheroe but he still keeps in touch with some of his former playing colleagues especially Eric Barnes. To refer back to the fact that he was only a part time player, he was always as fit as any of his playing colleagues and despite his lack of inches you could never dispute his workrate in the games. His pupils at his school used to take a very keen interest in his spell when at Crewe, life was easy when Crewe had produced the good results but they used to remind him of the defeats. Known to his colleagues and the fans as 'Brad' he was always a very popular figure with the fans and it is good to know that he still enjoys his life to the full and has asked to be remembered to those who used to watch him regularly.



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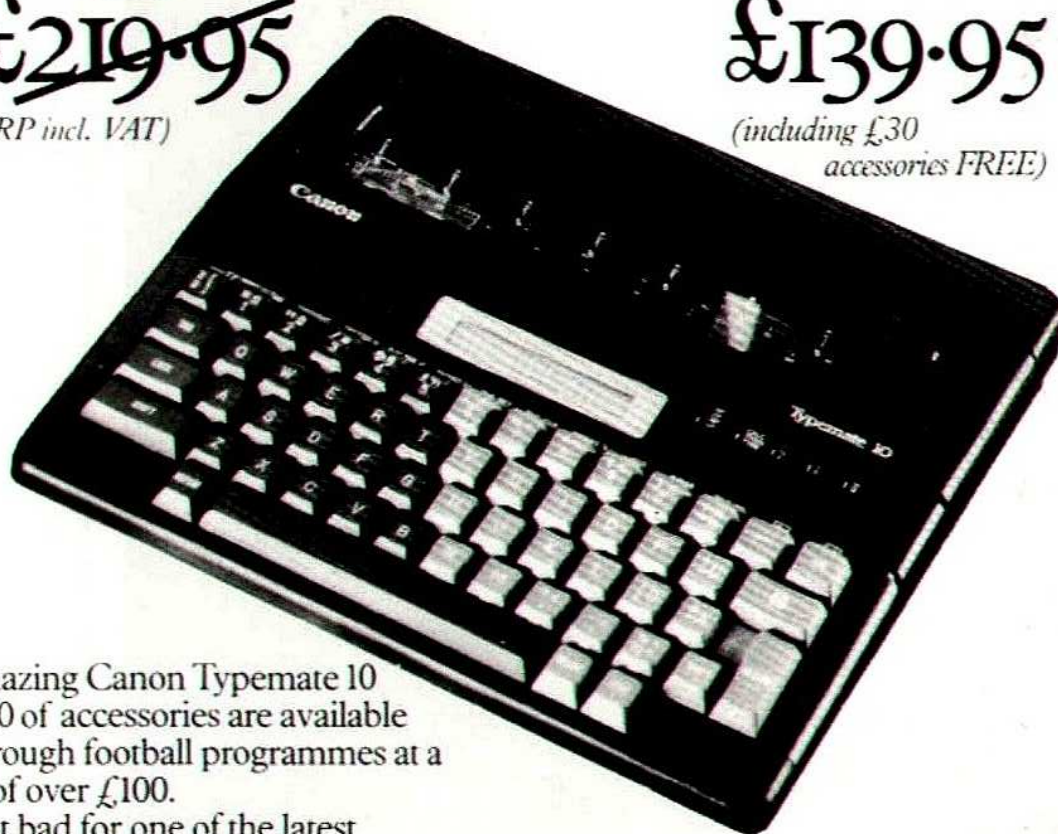
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DATE	OPPONENTS	F.A.	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1985															
Aug.	17 Southend United (MC1)	H	1431	Longley	Booth	Pullar	Thomas	Davis	Hart (1)	Platt	Crabbe	Waller (1)	Blissett	Saunders	Woodhead
	20 Carlisle United	H	1732	Longley	Booth	Pullar	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Platt (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Blissett +	Saunders	•Woodhead
	24 Hartlepool United	A	2165	Longley	Booth	Pullar	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Platt	Crabbe	Waller	Blissett +	Saunders	•Cutler
	27 Hereford United	H	1914	Parkin	Booth +	Pemberton	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Platt	Crabbe	Waller (1)	Allatt (1)	Blissett	•Saunders
Sep.	31 Wrexham	A	3081	Parkin	Booth +	Pemberton	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Platt	Crabbe	Waller (1)	Allatt	Blissett	•Scott
	3 Carlisle Utd. (MC1)	A	2520	Parkin	Pemberton +	Pullar	Thomas	Booth	Cutler	Platt (2.1 pm)	Crabbe	Waller (1)	Allatt	Blissett (1)	•Edwards
	6 Stockport County	H	2148	Parkin	Pemberton	Pullar	Thomas	Scott	Booth	Platt	Crabbe +	Waller	Allatt	Saunders	Pullar
	14 Northampton Town	A	2654	Parkin	Pemberton	Booth	Thomas	Holland	Davis	Platt	Edwards	Waller	Allatt	Blissett (1)	
	17 Swindon Town	H													
	21 Chester	A													
	24 Watford (MC2)	H													
Oct.	1 Torquay United	H													
	5 Scunthorpe United	A													
	8 Preston North End	A													
	12 Watford (MC2)	A													
	19 Burnley	H													
	23 Peterborough United	A													
	26 Aldershot	A													
Nov.	2 Halifax	H													
	5 Orient	H													
	9 Mansfield Town	A													
	16 F.A. Cup														
	23 Cambridge United	H													
Dec.	29 Colchester United	A													
	13 Exeter City	H													
	20 Hartlepool United	A													
	26 Port Vale	A													
	28 Hereford United	A													
Jan.	1 Trannmere Rovers	H													
	4 Halifax Town	A													
	11 Wrexham	H													
	18 Southend United	A													
	25 Northampton Town	H													
	31 Stockport County	A													
Feb.	4 Peterborough United	H													
	8 Burnley	A													
	15 Swindon Town	A													
	22 Chester	H													
Mar.	1 Torquay United	A													
	4 Scunthorpe United	H													
	8 Preston North End	A													
	15 Rochdale	H													
	22 Aldershot	H													
	29 Tranmere Rovers	A													
	31 Port Vale	H													
Apr.	5 Orient	A													
	11 Mansfield Town	H													
	19 Cambridge United	A													
	26 Colchester United	H													
May	3 Exeter City	A													



Bob Scott completely airborne in the Stockport game
(Photo by courtesy of Robert Sproston)

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FOURTH DIVISION (as at 16th September 1985)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	6	4	2	0	12	4	14
Peterborough Utd.	6	4	1	1	14	6	13
Rochdale	6	4	1	1	11	6	13
Colchester	6	4	0	2	16	9	12
Wrexham	6	3	3	0	8	5	12
Mansfield	6	3	2	1	9	3	11
Chester	6	3	2	1	9	7	11
Burnley	6	3	1	2	10	7	10
Orient	6	3	1	2	10	11	10
Halifax	6	3	1	2	8	9	10
Northampton	6	3	0	3	13	8	9
Stockport	5	3	0	2	6	8	9
Port Vale	6	2	2	2	7	5	8
Tranmere	6	2	2	2	7	5	8
Hartlepool	6	2	1	3	10	10	7
Crawley	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Hereford	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Swindon	6	2	1	3	6	11	7
Aldershot	6	2	0	4	7	10	6
Scunthorpe	6	1	1	4	7	7	4
Preston	6	1	1	4	10	16	4
Exeter	5	1	1	3	3	9	4
Cambridge	5	1	0	5	8	17	3
Torquay	5	1	0	5	4	16	3

What's on at Gresty Road

Tuesday 24th September

Milk Cup 2nd Round, 1st Leg

v. Watford

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 28th September

Fourth Division

v TORQUAY UNITED

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Lancs League

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1986 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Manchester United	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19
Liverpool 'A'	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Stockport County	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3
Burnley 'A'	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10
Bury Res.	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17
Barrow Res.	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Everton 'A'	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Rochdale Res.	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7
South Liverpool Res.	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14
Man. City 'A'	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21
Tranmere Res.	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
U.M.I.S.T.	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	5
Marine Res.	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	5	12
Alsager College	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	5	12	19
Morecambe Res.	23	30	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Southport Res.	30	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3
Bury Res.	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10
Stockport County Res.	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17
Everton 'A'	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24

Reserve Team News

The Lancashire League side certainly got off the mark with their first win of the season when they visited Burnley to take on their 'A' Team the other weekend. They ran out 8-1 winners which is easily the best performance that we have recorded in that League. Indeed had we not had three goals disallowed it would have gone into double figures.

Sharing the goals on this occasion were Cutler 3, Lodge 2, Valentine, Edwards 1 and one own goal. It was however a fine team performance and mention must be made of the young Burnley side who although on the day were well beaten they still kept battling away. After Chris Cutler had opened the scoring the goals kept coming along at regular intervals and Levi Edwards who, on the previous night had come on as substitute in the league game against Stockport County gave us the strength in the midfield area. In defence Chris Wall and Anthony Gore never looked to be in trouble and the forward runs of Simon Woodhead and Stewart Brighton gave the Burnley defence a lot of problems. Lodge and Phil Power also caused their central defenders many problems and Phil was unlucky to find their keeper in the right place to keep out three goalbound efforts of his. The full line-up was: Longley, Woodhead, Brighton, Wall, Gore, Cutler, Valentine, Power, Lodge, Edwards and Green. Substitutes: Tew and O'Sullivan came on after 75 minutes in place of Valentine and Lodge. The home game against South Liverpool scheduled for Saturday, 12th October for Gresty Road will now take place at Keele due to the ground being required for a County Youth game on the same date.

TEAM CHECK

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Scarlet Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 BRIAN PARKIN
- 2 JOHN PEMBERTON
- 3 PAUL BOOTH
- 4 GEOFF THOMAS
- 5 ROBERT HOLLAND
- 6 STEVE DAVIS
- 7 DAVID PLATT
- 8 LEVI EDWARDS
- 9 DAVE WALLER
- 10 VERNON ALLATT
- 11 GARY BLISSETT
- 12

SWINDON TOWN

White Shirts, Black Shorts

- 1 SCOTT ENDERSBY
- 2 CHRIS RAMSEY
- 3 LEIGH BARNARD
- 4 TONY EVANS
- 5 ANDY ROWLAND
- 6 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- 7 PETER COYNE
- 8 DAVID MOSS
- 9 COLIN GORDON
- 10 LOU MACARI
- 11 CHARLIE HENRY
- 12 DEREK HALL

MEET THE REFEREE

KEVIN BREEN comes from Maghull, Liverpool and is a Training Instructor. He is married and has one daughter. He progressed through the local leagues and the Northern Premier League and onto the full league list. He enjoys all sports and also ballroom dancing.

LINESMEN: P. J. Brookes (Stourbridge) Red Flag. M. J. Watkiss (Wolverhampton) Yellow Flag.



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