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From the desk of Ken Beamish



First of all may I welcome the players and officials of Rochdale Football Club to the County Ground this afternoon.

Since our last home game our fortunes have been mixed. Our two away fixtures at Stockport last Friday and Tuesdays match at Aldershot have shown just how unpredictable the game of football can be.

At Stockport we got off to a flying start having three or four excellent scoring chances before we took the lead from the penalty spot. The momentum and pace gained from this start was maintained for the full ninety minutes and the team were worthy winners on the night.

Aldershot on Tuesday proved to be very frustrating for once again we had more than three quarters of the match both territorily and in ball possession. Unfortunately we lost our grip on the game in our defensive play for about fifteen minutes in the first half and payed the penalty with two goals against. Although we were encamped in the oppositions half for most of the second half we were unable to get the elusive equaliser.

Congratulations are very much in order for our Combination team. Due to the size of the professional squad only three professionals have played in each of the two games this week, but even so they achieved two excellent results. Drawing 1-1 away to Watford and winning 4-1 at home to Crystal Palace on Tuesday.

Finally a big thankyou to you, the supporters that travelled to our away fixtures this week. It was a pleasing and most welcome sight to see so many of you. Talking of supporters may I thank Swindon Programmes of Lechlade for their efforts to help the club by way of sponsorship and donations.

Front Cover inset Gary Emmanuel

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



The splendid Youth Team under John Trollope's guidance has started really well both in the South East Counties Junior League and in the Football Association Youth Cup. Their record to date in the South East Counties League has been 100% in three games, winning away to Reading 3 - 0 followed by two home wins against Southend United 9 - 0 and Tottenham Hotspur 2 - 1.

Due to the lack of success in previous years we found ourselves in the Preliminary and Qualifying Rounds of the F.A. Youth Cup and were drawn away to Bournemouth in the Preliminary Round where the youngsters won 2 - 0 followed by a 9 - 1 home win against Abingdon United in the First Round Qualifying. We now travel to either Trowbridge or Melksham for the Second Round Qualifying match.

I urge you all to go and watch these boys play in the next round, you will be surprised at the skill and quality of their football.

There have been articles in some local papers regarding the enormous interest payments the Club have to pay to Thamesdown Council and it was stated that the Club are suggesting that the Council take over the stand and reduce the payments from the Club. This of course may be a way to improve our precarious financial situation but I can tell you that at the present, no negotiations have taken place between us and the Council but we shall be seeking a meeting with them in the future and I will report on the outcome in these programme notes.

Thank you for joining us this afternoon and let us look forward to a favourable result.

Today we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Rochdale Football Club. Rochdale have not been regular visitors to the County Ground as they have been much longer in Division Four. Last year the home result was 4 - 1 in our favour, the goals being scored by Pritchard and Rideout with a hat trick.

Everyone at the club was very pleased with the excellent away win at Stockport last Friday evening and I can tell you that the team played very well and were good value for the 3 - 1 victory. It was good to see Alan Mayes back on the score sheet. These notes were written before the game at Aldershot but I sincerely hope that we shall collect another three points which will push us further up the table.

I have had quite a number of letters from supporters since the game with Blackpool expressing frustration and criticism of the performance. You know we are all frustrated when things do not go our way. The players want to win even more than the supporters as they then enjoy higher wages but you must remember that we have several new players in the team and it will take time for Ken Beamish to get the right blend. I know we have the skills, it's just a matter of getting the tactics right and for the players to know each others strengths and weaknesses.



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Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

It is little more than 12 months since the Chairmen of the 92 clubs decided almost unanimously to adopt some of the recommendations of its Advisory Sub-Committee - Sir Matt Busby, Jimmy Hill and Bobby Charlton - in order to improve the game's image and crowd-appeal. Now thanks to F.I.F.A.'s dictatorial attitude, that resolution has been seriously weakened.

One of the most important of those recommendations was that the 'cynical foul' should be punished as severely as possible by sending off the guilty player. It was, in the opinion of the P.F.A. as well as F.L.E.S.A. members, one of the principal reasons why the game was continuing to lose its spectators.

The Football Association backed the League and the people whose livelihoods depend upon healthy attendances. After some initial problems, referees found a more consistent interpretation and, in the opinion of the vast majority of spectators, players and officials, the entertainment value of League matches increased considerable.

In the summer referees began to doubt if the F.A., under pressure from F.I.F.A., would continue to support the new interpretation. A few days before the start of the season, they asked F.L.E.S.A., the P.F.A. and, it is understood, the F.A., to a meeting in London to try to clarify the situation when the referees asked if the players and our members wanted them to continue with last season's policy.

They were assured of the unqualified support of both Associations and a statement was issued to the Press a few days later.

Believe it or not, the referees' secretary, John Goggins, then received a letter from the F.A. quoting a F.I.F.A. instruction that they could not in any circumstances dismiss a player guilty of deliberate handball which denied a probable goal.

Discipline has always been the traditional responsibility of the F.A. and, in the main, it is administered on their behalf by League representatives wearing a Lancaster Gate hat.

I am sure that most of the Season Ticket holders and many other supporters will know our most senior steward, Mr Fred Thorne, a nonagenarian who has served the club since he was a young man. Fred has, at the age of ninety-one, decided to retire and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him most sincerely for all that he has done for the club and to ensure him of a warm welcome whenever he cares to pay us a visit.

One of the first victims decided soccer" are Northampton Town, who had hopes for an improved gate on 6th November when we were due to visit them for a Sunday game. However, it has been deduced to transmit the game Liverpool v Everton live on that day and Northampton have considered it prudent to play the match on Saturday, the 5th November. Perhaps you will alter your fixture list accordingly.

Incidentally, for those of you who haven't a fixture list in your possession, we still have a few in the office if you would like to call upon us.

The latest edition of Forward, the official publication of the Football League Executive Staff's Association, printed an interesting and relevant article headed 'The League Must Have the Right to Control It's Own Affairs' suggesting that F.I.F.A.'s interference threatens the prosperity of clubs. Briefly it stated that Zurich must not control the Football League. And the day is coming closer when the League may have to demand the right to administer its own discipline. These were the major lessons to be learned from the undignified predicament in which the Football League Referees' and Linesmen's Association found itself in the days immediately prior to the new season.

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Canon's involvement with football will not change the format of The League. The Championship will run in the traditional and well proven way but with one important difference. Each of the 92 clubs will benefit and, for the first time, winners of all four divisions plus placed clubs will receive prize money.

In addition, to generate greater excitement and entertainment, awards will be given for monthly and seasonal goal-scoring achievements by clubs. And there will be payments to clubs that attract family audiences, loyalty awards to individuals and many more exciting and worthwhile benefits.

But why has Canon, manufacturer of cameras and business equipment, including copiers, computers, copyphones, calculators, microfilm and electronic typewriters, whose years in sports sponsorship have been spent mainly at an international level, suddenly chosen to sponsor The Football League Championship?

Canon (UK) Ltd., whose headquarters are at Croydon in Surrey, is a company employing more than 700 staff. This sponsorship can be interpreted as a gesture of faith in the same British expertise that has taken the company from nothing to market leader in just seven years.

Canon has been involved with sports sponsorship for many years – World Cup football; skiing; ice-skating; showjumping; motor racing and the Olympics. Now it has chosen to sponsor League Football and looks forward to an association with the world's most famous national football competition – The Canon League.

Town Facts & Figures
Season 1983/84

| Date | Opponents | Home Score | Att. | F.A. | Allan | Henry | Baillie | Emmanuel | Gray | Graham | Hockaday | Richardson | Rowland | Mayer | Nelson | Quinn | Batty | Baddeley | Barnard |
|--------|--------------------------------|------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|----------|------|--------|----------|------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|
| Aug 27 | Chesterfield | A | 3343 | 0-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Sep 3 | Plymouth Argyle MCI(1) | H | 2891 | 1-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Sep 6 | Chester | H | 3635 | 4-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Sep 10 | Halifax Town | H | 3635 | 2-3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | S | | | |
| Sep 10 | Darlington | A | | 0-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Sep 13 | Plymouth Argyle MCI(2) | A | | 1-4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 3 |
| Sep 17 | Blackpool | H | 2867 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Sep 23 | Stockport County | A | | 3-1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 |
| Sep 27 | Stockport County | A | | 3-1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 |
| Sep 27 | Aldershot | A | | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 |
| Oct 1 | Rochdale | H | | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 |
| Oct 4 | Milk Cup 2 (1L) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 8 | Crewe Alexandra | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 15 | York City | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 17 | Tranmere Rovers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 22 | Colchester United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 25 | Milk Cup 2 (2L) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 29 | Reading | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 1 | Hereford United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 6 | Northampton Town | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 8 | Milk Cup 3 | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 12 | Hartlepool United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 19 | F.A. Cup 1 | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 26 | Manfield Town | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 29 | Milk Cup 4 | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 3 | Doncaster Rovers | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 10 | F.A. Cup 2 | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 17 | Bury | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 26 | Torquay United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 27 | Wrexham | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 31 | Peterborough United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1984 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2 | Bristol City | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 7 | Chester (F.A. Cup 3) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 14 | Chesterfield | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 17 | Milk Cup 5 | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 21 | Blackpool | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 28 | Darlington (F.A. Cup 4) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 4 | Rochdale | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 7 | Milk Cup SF (1L) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 11 | Stockport County | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 14 | Milk Cup SF (2L) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 15 | Hereford United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 18 | Reading (F.A. Cup 5) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 18 | Colchester United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 25 | Tranmere Rovers | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 2 | Northampton Town | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 8 | Northampton Town | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 10 | Hartlepool United (F.A. Cup 6) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 18 | Crewe Alexandra | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 24 | York City (Milk Cup Final) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 30 | Halifax Town | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 7 | Aldershot | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 14 | Doncaster Rovers (F.A. Cup SF) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 20 | Wrexham | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 21 | Torquay United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 29 | Manfield Town | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 5 | Bristol City | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 7 | Peterborough United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 12 | Bury | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Player | Appearances Lge. | Cup | Substitute Appearances Lge. | Cup | Goals Lge. | Cup |
|------------|------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Allan | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| Henry | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| Baillie | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| Emmanuel | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| Gray | 7 | 1 | | | | |
| Graham | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| Hockaday | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Richardson | 5 | 2 | | | | |
| Rowland | 7 | 1 | | | 3 | 3 |
| Mayer | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Nelson | 7 | 2 | | | 5 | 5 |
| Quinn | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Batty | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Baddeley | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Barnard | 3 | | | 1 | | |

GOALSCORER SUMMARY

| Player | League | Cup | Total |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|
| A. Mayer | 5 | - | 5 |
| A. Rowland | 3 | - | 3 |
| D. Hockaday | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| G. Nelson | 1 | 1 | 2 |

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including September 24th)

GOALS — THREE OR MORE:

Trevor Senior Reading (3) v Stockport on September 3rd Home 6-2 2,469
 John Byrne York City (3) v Chester on September 17th Home 4-1 3,037
 Alan Crawford Bristol City (3) v Torquay on September 24th Home 5-0 4,266

Penalty Scorers to Date: Mayes (Swindon) 2, Adcock (Colchester), Walsh (Darlington), Harvey (Hereford), Horrix (Reading), Farrell (Rochdale), Holmes (Torquay), Deary (Blackpool), Ritchie (Bristol City), Bramhall (Bury) 1 Each.

| Last Seasons Final Position | Club | Pld. | PLAYING RECORD | | | | | | | | | | Pts. | This Seasons Average Gate | Last Seasons + Average Gate | Highest Home Gate to date | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | | Home | | | | | Away | | | | | | | | | |
| | | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | | | | | | |
| 7 | York City | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 3,172 | 3,243 | - | 3,709 | |
| 24 | Hereford | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 3,270 | 2,217 | + | 3,480 |
| Div. 3 | Doncaster | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2,781 | 3,540 | - | 3,532 |
| 6 | Colchester | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 2,098 | 2,552 | - | 2,219 |
| 5 | Bury | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 2,755 | 3,097 | - | 3,258 |
| 14 | Bristol City | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 5,138 | 4,799 | + | 5,758 |
| 9 | Peterborough | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 3,279 | 2,795 | + | 3,490 |
| 15 | Northampton | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 2,508 | 2,593 | - | 3,189 |
| 23 | Crewe | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 2,283 | 2,244 | + | 2,514 |
| Div. 3 | Chesterfield | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4,102 | 3,226 | + | 4,161 |
| 11 | Halifax | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 1,529 | 2,032 | - | 1,725 |
| Div. 3 | Wrexham | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1,698 | 2,710 | - | 1,731 |
| 21 | Blackpool | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3,614 | 3,002 | + | 4,198 |
| 18 | Aldershot | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1,972 | 1,928 | + | 2,007 |
| 8 | Swindon | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3,131 | 4,194 | - | 3,635 |
| Div. 3 | Reading | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 3,047 | 3,458 | - | 3,688 |
| 17 | Darlington | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1,561 | 1,449 | + | 2,181 |
| 20 | Rochdale | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 1,424 | 1,688 | - | 1,673 |
| 19 | Tranmere | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2,367 | 1,921 | + | 2,986 |
| 16 | Stockport | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 2,168 | 2,309 | - | 2,244 |
| 22 | Hartlepool | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 1,701 | 1,367 | + | 1,831 |
| 13 | Chester | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 1,712 | 2,071 | - | 2,090 |
| 10 | Mansfield | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 2,375 | 2,317 | + | 2,957 |
| 12 | Torquay | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 2,055 | 2,335 | - | 2,317 |

Total Attendances at Division 4 matches to date 185,243

Average Attendance: 2,572. Total of goals scored: 187

Average Goals per match: 2.59. Leading Goalscorer: Trevor Senior (Reading). 10 Goals (6 League (4 Milk Cup

Commercial Break

by Mike Lewis



SCORE AT OUR PRIZE DRAW

First of all this week a reminder to all ROBINS REVIVER agents that the first STAR PRIZE DRAW for £2,000 worth of SONY goods will be held in the RENDEZ-VOUS CLUB on Monday, October 10th starting at 8 p.m.

We are aiming to have a good social time together and all areas of the club will be represented. A free drink will be provided for all official agents and music will be provided by the SHIPSWHEEL TRIO.

To get a reasonable estimate of numbers we are asking all agents to fill in the relevant slip which was delivered with the tickets last week. If you did not get a slip and would like to come please ask the COMMERCIAL OFFICE for one (Telephone numbers Swindon 31510 and 42984). We want to see the place packed to get this new competition off to a flying start.

Some of you have no doubt noticed the work being carried out in the lottery offices recently. Basically what is happening is that the entire staff of both of our competitions is being moved into one area which has been improved substantially with some building and decorating work.

All payments and queries to the office are now to be made at the newly installed counter in the office. We shall be pleased to deal with any requirements you may have between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also before any home first team match from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Additionally, should extra supplies of tickets be required before the next delivery is due please ring either of the two numbers above for our EXPRESS SERVICE. In the Swindon area this will under normal circumstances be within 24 hours and outside the area within 48 hours.

Our next ROBINS REVIVER bingo competition for October will have TWO monthly STAR PRIZES to be drawn at Amesbury Football Club on November 14th. They will be £1,000 travel vouchers provided by PATRICK TRAVEL of SWINDON. The vouchers must be spent with PATRICK TRAVEL but can be used for whatever travel purposes the winner may require from several ferry fares on the ISLE OF WIGHT ferry to a trip to AUSTRALIA.

Please keep supporting our two competitions, the MOONRAKER SONY at 25p, or the ROBINS REVIVER BINGO at 20p.

We shall be doing a market test on a possible new ticket to please the old supporters of the weekly draw ticket – WATCH THIS COLUMN FOR NEWS!

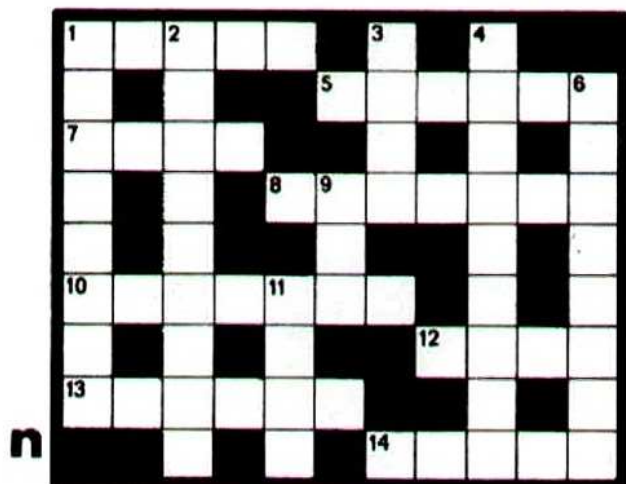
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Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



ACROSS

1. The round played out at Wembley perhaps? (5)
5. Travellers from Tranmere? (6)
- 8 & 7. This club is IT! (7, 4)
10. Being an ever-present for Blackpool last season took him past 200 appearances for the club. (7)

12. Goal-side, so to speak. (4)
13. The colour of Romania's shirts. (6)
14. Royal-sounding forward who held court at Coventry, Sheffield United, Stoke and – mainly – 2 down. (5)

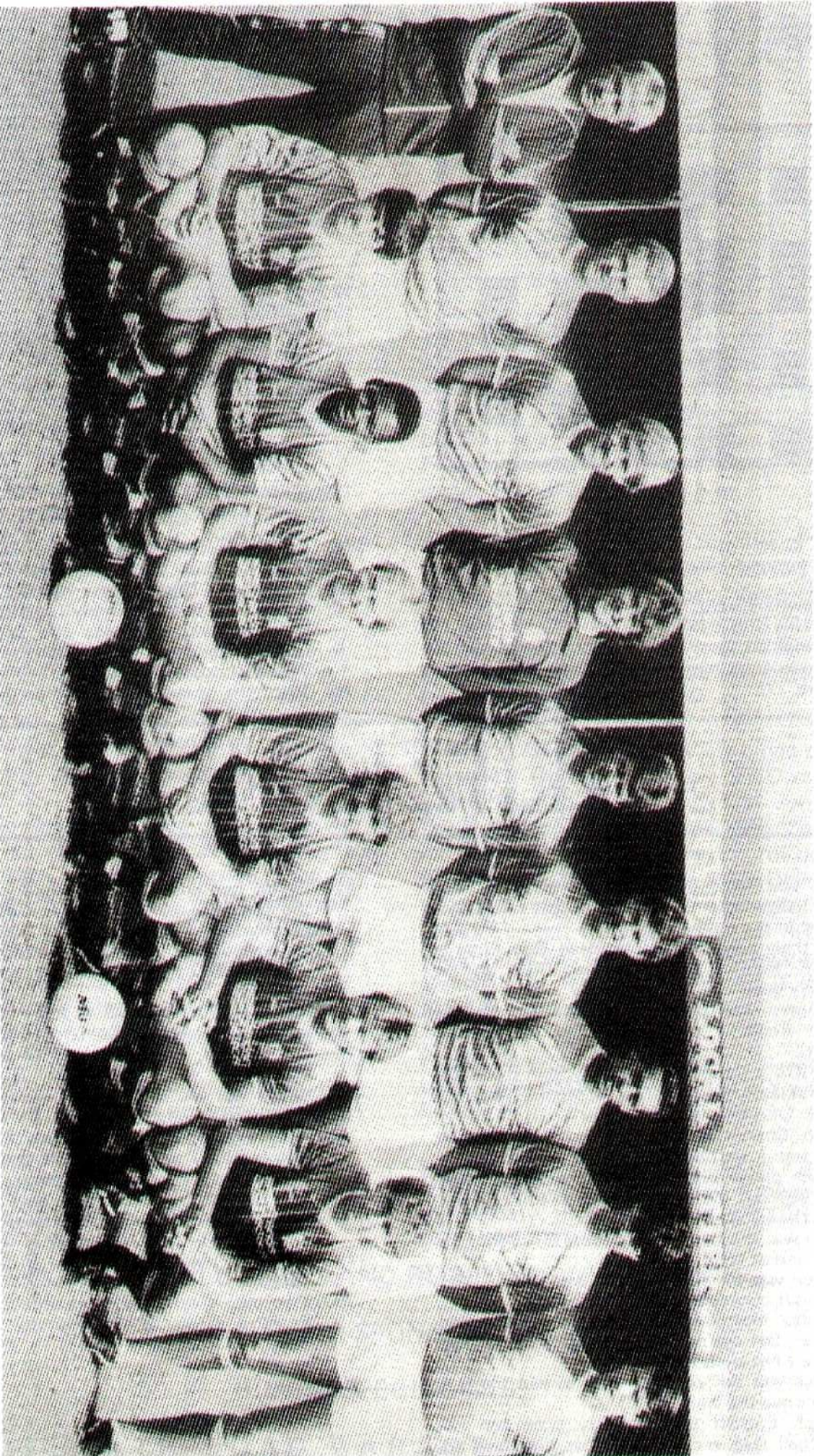
DOWN

1. Non-League prize picked up by Telford United in 1983. (1, 1, 6)
2. Club which shares its nickname with Notts County and its ground's name with Exeter City. (9)
3. Ex Arsenal and Everton man who emigrated to AEK Athens in the close season. (4)
4. Manchester City's Player of the Year. (5, 4)
6. Bernd - - -, West Germany's midfield star seen in action with Cologne and Barcelona. (8)
9. Old England forward, an effective striker with Wolves, Luton and Derby. (3)
11. Millwall's moggy is a rather big cat! (4)

QUIZLINE

1. Can you name the four clubs that have won the League championship and lost in the Cup Final in the same season?
2. On their way to the European Cup Final in 1968, Benfica beat a British Club on the "away goals rule", who was it?
3. Hungary was the first overseas country to beat England at Wembley, which was the next?
4. In 1974 a Rangers player played in the World Cup Finals, but not for Scotland, who was he?
5. John Charles played for two Italian Clubs, one was Juventus, name the other?
6. Which player played for the Football League in 1957 but did not win his first full cap until eight years later?
7. Who was the first man to score a hat-trick for England at Wembley?
8. Which was the first team to win the F.A. Cup without conceding a goal on the way?
9. Stanley Matthews was never a prolific goal-scorer, but against which country did he once score a hat-trick for England?
10. Which was the youngest side to win the F.A. Cup since the war?
11. Which English town or city once had two football league clubs but does not have any now?
12. Which two clubs have finished runners-up in the 1st Division since the war with less than 50 points?
13. Which club has never attracted a home crowd within 5,000 of their ground record? (Think about it!)
14. Who was the first man to score over 30 goals in one 1st Division season?
15. Same again, but now try 40 goals in one season?
16. Which was the first side to win the F.A. Cup outside of London?
17. Apart from Scotland, Wales and Ireland, England have scored 50 goals or more against 3 countries, can you name them?
18. The League Cup Semi-finals have always been decided on a two-legged basis, which club once lost 10–3 on aggregate?
19. Which is the oldest ground in the Football League?
20. Two men played their one and only game for England in the 6–3 defeat by Hungary in 1953, can you name them?

ROCHDALE



Back Row (from the left): Jimmy Greenhoff (player/manager), Dave Thompson, Stuart Thompson, Steve Conroy, Bill Williams, Bob Oates, Steve Johnson, Vernon Allatt, Mike Doyle.

Front Row: Malcolm O'Connor, Neville Hamilton, Peter Farrell, Ian Griffiths, Les Chapman, Andy Higgins.

PEN PICTURES

JIMMY GREENHOFF, Player-Manager.

Jimmy came to Spotland last season when the Dale were in the doldrums, and made an immediate impact. He was previously with Leeds United, Stoke City and Manchester United where he was in the same F.A. Cup winning side as his brother Brian.

STEVE CONROY, Goalkeeper.

Born in Chesterfield, Steve is a highly rated keeper whose appearances with Sheffield United were somewhat limited. Even so, he played more than 80 league games with the Blades. Jimmy Greenhoff's first close-season signing.

LES CHAPMAN, Defender.

Les is mainly recognised as a mid-field player. He started life with Oldham Athletic, moved to Huddersfield, back to Oldham, on to Stockport then to Bradford City.

MIKE DOYLE, Defender.

A player who needs little introduction. A former England international, Mike played more than 400 league games for Manchester City, more than 100 for Stoke City, then moved to Bolton Wanderers. Signed for Dale in July 1983.

BILL WILLIAMS, Defender.

Bill mainly plays as a central defender but he is also a useful mid-field player. A local lad, he was snapped up from a local Sunday League, and once he had broken into the senior side, he soon became a regular choice.

ANDY HIGGINS, Defender.

Andy joined Dale towards the end of last season after spells with Port Vale and Chesterfield. He scored in his debut game for the club when he played as a striker.

BOB OATES, Defender.

Born in Leeds, Bob is an experienced player with more than 300 games behind him for Scunthorpe United. Joined Dale in July 1983.

PETER FARRELL, Midfield.

Peter was a regular in the Dale side last season after joining them from Port Vale. Born in Liverpool, he has also played for Bury and had loan spells with Doncaster Rovers and Shrewsbury Town.

IAN GRIFFITHS, Mid-field.

Born in Birkenhead, Ian's only previous club was Tranmere Rovers. He signed for Dale in the summer of 1983.

NEVILLE HAMILTON, Mid-field.

Neville missed most of last season with an ankle injury. Born in Leicester, he started his soccer career with his home town club, then moved onto Mansfield Town before joining Dale.

DAVE THOMPSON, Forward.

Dave broke into the first team in the 1981-82 season and was a regular last season. His exciting wing play made him a firm favourite with the fans and attracted attention from several clubs. Born in Manchester, he is studying at University.

STUART THOMPSON, Forward.

Stuart, a former Dale apprentice, made his senior debut last season. He is a former England school's international. A local lad, he usually occupies one of the striker positions.

STEVE JOHNSON, Forward.

Born in Liverpool, Steve's only previous club was Bury. He was signed from the Shakers for £13,500 at the end of July. Steve is a striker who was a regular marksman for Bury.

Bristol City have rejected a £5,000 bid by Exeter City for their midfield player Russell Musker, he is valued at £7,500 by City. He was dropped for last weekend's match with Torquay.

Reading have been unsuccessful in a bid for Welsh Under 23 Cap Geraint Williams of Third Division Bristol Rovers, although on offer the bid was considered too low.

Aldershot goalkeeper Glen Johnson has been forced to retire from the game due to a back injury, he had played 467 games for the club, with 102 for Doncaster, and 3 for Walsall, he had played in 572 league games.

After last weekend's matches York City still led the table with 13 points, which was one more than Hereford. Alan Crawford of Bristol City hit the only hat trick in the Division in their 5-0 home win over Torquay United, now bottom of the table. United are the only club in our Division without a win, slumping to their fourth defeat in six matches before the Division's highest gate 4266 at Ashton Gate.

After our fine 3-1 away win at Stockport we have an identical goal average with Hereford United 9-6, but a difference in points of six, underlining what a difference the odd goal makes here and there.

Blackspot of the weekend were the marching orders given to York City goalkeeper Roger Jones for a professional foul in their away match at Darlington, while in the same match home debutant Bobby Hulfe was similarly dismissed. Neville Hamilton of Rochdale and Ray Hankin of Peterborough were amongst a total of eight sent off last Saturday, along with Mark Robinson of Hartlepool sent off at Halifax on Friday night.

Highspot of 16 years old David Fifield's weekend must have been his debut at Bristol City when he appeared for all the second half for striker Ray Bishop, David is the second youngest player to appear in a Torquay team.

Last weekend's statistics read (September 24th):
Home wins: 6 Highest aggregate score: Halifax 3, Hartlepool 2. Bristol City 5 Torquay 0.

Away wins: 2 Highest Gate: 4,266 Bristol City v Torquay. Draws: 4. Lowest Gate: 1,367 Chester v Reading. Aggregate gate: 31, 438. Average Gate: 2,619.

Current Form of today's visitors: ROCHDALE

Home

Crewe Won 1-0; Stockport Lost 0-3 (Milk Cup)
Reading Won 4-1; Northampton Drew 1-1.

Away

York City Lost 0-2; Wrexham Lost 1-5; Stockport drew 2-2 (Milk Cup); Colchester Lost 0-4.

Average Home Gate: 1,424

Goalscorers (to September 24th):

Johnson 4; Farrell 2 (1 Pen.); Allott 2; Griffiths 1.

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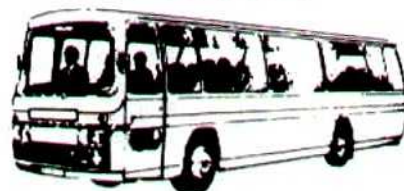
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| 1. Barnsley (in 1910 and 1912) and West Ham (1923 and 1980). | 8. Alec Scott, Willie Stevenson. | 14. Bob Compton. |
| 2. Bootle and Middlesbrough Ironopolis. | 9. A. F. Kinnaird (Wanderers in 1878 and Old Etonians 1879 1879). | 15. Bill Lambton (at Scunthorpe). |
| 3. Only once (in 1931-32 season) | 10. Roger Hunt and Fred Pickering (v. U.S.A. in 1964). | 16. Coventry City (against Bayern Munich in 1970). |
| 4. Ipswich Town (scoring 10 against Floriana of Malta and conceding 10 against Fulham). | 11. Peter Thompson. | 17. Billy Meredith. |
| 5. Against Poland in 1966. | 12. Derek Ufton. | 18. Noel Kinsey (for Birmingham in 1956). |
| 6. Chelsea and Birmingham City. | 13. Alec Jackson (of Huddersfield Town in 1928). | 19. Albania. |
| 7. Alec Young, Dave MacKay, | 14. Bradford Park Avenue (from 1920-1922). | 20. Wolves (3rd Division N. in 1924, 2nd Division in 1932 and 1st Division in 1954). |



Jimmy Quinn (right) displaying some aerial acrobatics in the Town's home draw against Blackpool.



"HE SAID ... I'LL BRING MY BEST FRIEND!"

John Ward talks to GARRY NELSON

"It's spelt with two Rs," said Garry Nelson plaintively. "Nobody seems to get it right." It is understandable that he should expect correct spelling from others when he himself has A levels in French, Geography and Geology, not to mention eight O levels.

As soon as he was old enough Southend signed him on schoolboy terms but this did not prove a success. "They had forty to fifty boys training", Garry explained, "and I had only one game in about eighteen months so I decided to stick to playing football for my school and locally as an amateur. I began to acquire the reputation as a goal scorer and by 17 I had played for Essex at school-boy, youth and junior level. Our school team reached the All England Final: Terry Gibson and Gerry O'Reilly were in it who went on to play for Spurs and by then I was also playing for Southend Reserves. After my A levels I could have gone to University at Loughborough or turned professional. It wasn't a difficult choice: I had had enough of studying and not having a job I had no money. I did wonder about trying to combine university with playing professionally but decided it would be impossible. I was right. I tried taking an HNC course while I was playing football but even that was not on; the training and playing make you too tired to study seriously."

UPS AND DOWNS AT SOUTHEND

So at 18½ Garry was a full-time professional with Southend United; he made his debut three months after leaving school at Swindon of all places and remembers losing one nil to an Alan Mayes goal in the last few minutes. In 1979/80 he had sixteen First Team games with twelve as substitute and scored two goals but Southend were relegated. "I wondered if I had chosen the right club", Garry confessed. "The two local teams are Southend and Colchester and every boy with ambitions to be a professional has to make up his mind which of the two to go for." The following season however all his doubts were resolved when Southend had one of their best ever years and gained promotion giving Garry a championship medal. He played twelve games, substituted in twenty-three and scored four goals.

In the next two seasons he became firmly established in the First Team, scoring four times in thirty-one games in 1981/82 and nine times in fifty appearances in 1982/83. All was not well with the Club however; it was not just a question of economics although in his four year spell at Southend Garry witnessed the alarming and sudden change which came over football. "You could call it the slide from extravagance to penny-pinching", was how he put it. "Before the recession we used to stay in hotels the night before an away game; afterwards it was a coach trip however early in the morning we had to start. The number of players at the Club shrank dramatically and at one stage we even had to buy our own boots."

DUE FOR A CHANGE

After four years at Southend Garry felt that he had become stale. His contract was up and he was due for a change. He refused the terms he was offered and even when a new manager, Peter Morris, made an improved offer he still declined. "I had been speaking to Gillingham during the summer," Garry said. "But then suddenly Ken Beamish came in out of the blue. I wasn't keen on coming to the Fourth Division but when I saw the players Swindon had I decided to take a gamble on us being good enough to get up. I expect to play wide on the left, supplying goals for the others but I can score myself if I play up front. At Southend I felt I was being dragged back too far because there was a more defensive outlook but I hope I shall be allowed to go forward enough to score a few goals myself."

On 11 September Garry got married to Carole, a Scottish girl who works in London organising the advertising for the BBC's house magazine, Ariel. He is in the process of selling his house in Southend and they are house-hunting in Swindon. He is not too concerned about what condition it is in because he is a do-it-yourself enthusiast and made a lot of improvements to his house in Southend. If he has any spare time left over after that he will probably be looking for a local football team to coach; even though he is still only 23 he has already qualified for an FA preliminary coaching badge.

Airborne Town striker Jimmy Quinn (right) in action against Blackpool.



Bottom Left

Blackpool goalkeeper O'Rourke leaves his goal to collect the ball from intruding Dave Hockaday.

Top Right

Blackpool defenders all over the place as a Jimmy Quinn header hits the bar and rebounds into play.

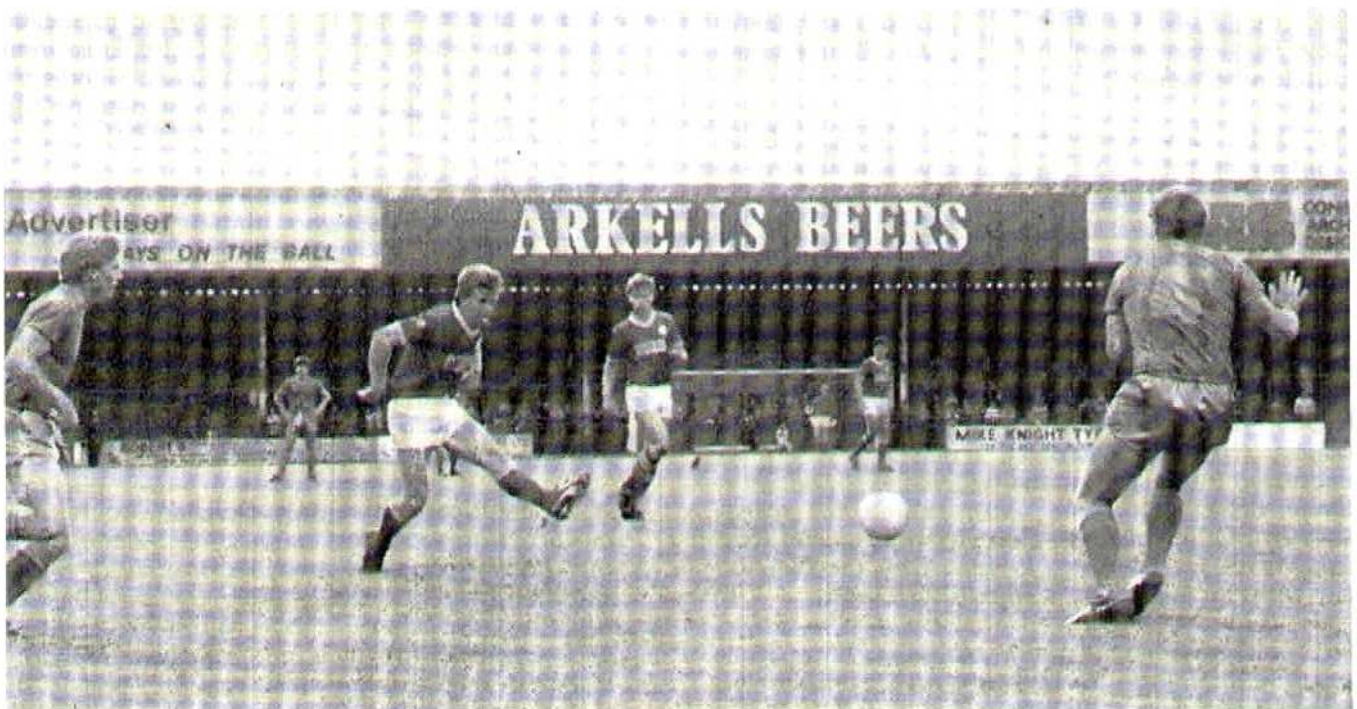
Bottom Right

Dave Hockaday attempts to break the deadlock in the 0-0 draw against Blackpool at the County Ground.



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SUMMER TRANSFER ACTIVITY IN DIVISION 2 by Dave King

(Last in a Four Part Series)

John McGovern former Derby and Notts Forest player now manager at Bolton Wanderers signed Tony Caldwell from Horwich Rossi his solitary summer signing. Don Megson, Bournemouth's chief, also went non-league to add Paul Morrell from Weymouth to his squad.

Bradford City the latest club to loom towards extinction have signed Chris Withe from Newcastle, Gary Haire from Whitby Town being the only other signing for Trevor Cherry the manager at Valley Parade.

Brentford have signed Terry Bullivant from Charlton to bolster their ranks along with former Carlisle goalkeeper Trevor Swinburne, Stan Bowles, former England QPR and Notts Forest player freed by the Bees is set to sign for Hounslow Town. Stan who has had a long and controversial career seems to have now played his last league game after rejecting an offer from Exeter City.

At Eastville, home of Bristol Rovers, new player manager David Williams, who replaced Bobby Gould in the manager's hot seat, has signed former Rovers player Steve White from Charlton Athletic, releasing former Oxford United defender David Linnex after a trial period to non-league Yeovil Town.

Former Bournemouth, Norwich and Man. City supremo John Bond soon collected some of his former players in Kevin Reeves, who has also been at all the clubs Bond has been manager at, and signing Roger Hansbury from Eastern A.A. who was previously at Norwich City in John Bond's spell there. Joe Gallagher from West Ham, Gerry Gow from Rotherham and from Man. City Tommy Hutchinson were also signed.

At Exeter City, Gerry Francis has replaced Brian Godfrey as team boss, within days announcing he was open to offers for all of his players except Steve Neville and stating he hoped to take the Grecians into Division 1 within three years! Optimism abounds.

Gillingham boss Keith Peacock has signed David Fry from Crystal Palace.

Newly promoted Hull City have signed Steve Massey from Northampton, a player in whom we expressed interest after the traumas experienced at Sincil Bank last season, with behind the scenes take overs, Lincoln boss Colin Murphy signed Ross Jack from 1st Division Norwich City for £15,000 and must be hoping for a stabilising season.

George Graham has signed goalkeeper Peter Wells from Southampton for Millwall and Steve Lowndes from Newport for £50,000.

Newport County have Eugene Martinez from Rochdale on trial but having sold top scorer Tommy Tynan to Plymouth and having a first team squad of 12 available for their opening league match it is difficult on seeing how Colin Addison can improve on County's praiseworthy efforts of last season to bring 2nd Division football to Somerton Park.

Orient have secured the signing of former West Ham player Pat Holland and Kevin Hales from Chelsea.

Oxford United, yes Oxford United! and not Thames Valley Royals, are still in existence and have added Paul Hinshelwood from Crystal Palace as their only summer signing.

Bob Moncur at Plymouth appears to have made a sound investment in Tommy Tynan from Newport, a tireless forager who, if he can find the net at Home Park as frequently as last season at Newport, will add power to their attack.

John McGrath of Port Vale wasted no time in adding new faces to last seasons promotion squad, by adding Gary Pollard from Chesterfield, Chris Pearce of Rochdale, Tommy Gore of Bury and Eamonn O'Keefe of Wigan.

Sheffield United having sold Alan Young, former Leicester striker to Brighton, have made fellow Yorkshire club Rotherham's Paul Stancliffe their only signing.

Southend have appointed Peter Morris to replace Dave Smith as manager whilst former England World Cup captain Bobby Moore is the overall executive appointed also in the close season. Roy McDonough from Colchester is a new signing.

Walsall suffered a blow when informed that the highly talented Don Penn finally had to succumb to medical advice and retire with his knee injury. Alan Buckley had tried to sign David Geddis from Aston Villa in the summer, but to date no move was confirmed.

Wigan who have appointed Harry McNally to replace Larry Lloyd, who himself was appointed team manager of Notts County, have made no move to secure new players in the close season.

Wimbledon newly promoted have made no significant move to add to their team, but will be looking to stop the Yo-Yo motion they have between Third and Fourth Division soccer which has taken place during the past six seasons.

It is significant that this Division houses more player managers than any other, namely Alan Buckley of Walsall, John McGovern of Bolton, Trevor Cherry of Brad. City, David Williams of Bristol Rovers, Gerry Francis of Exeter City. It will be interesting to see if any of these manage to combine this arduous dual role by leading their club to promotion.

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Answers 5

ACROSS

1. Final
5. Rovers
8. & 7. Ipswich Town
10. Pashley
12. Post
13. Yellow
14. Tudor

DOWN

1. FA Trophy
2. Newcastle
3. Ross
4. Kevin Bond
6. Schuster
9. Pye
11. Lion

YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

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RICHARD ROBINSON was born in Caernarvon on 22nd January, 1967 and was educated at Duffryn Nantlle School for whom he played football. Richard has also represented his County, Gwynedd, at school-boy level since the age of eleven and he made seven appearances for North Wales during his schooldays.

Apart from being a promising goalkeeper Richard also had a great interest in basketball and, in fact, represented Wales at that game also. Unfortunately he doesn't have the opportunity to pursue this other interest now.

He joined Swindon Town as an Apprentice on the 11th July 1983.

F. A. YOUTH CUP

7 Sept. 83 A.F.C. Bournemouth A 2-0
19 Sept. 83 Abingdon United H 9-1

South East Counties Junior League

1983

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|----|-----------|------------------------|---|-----|
| 27 | August | Reading | A | 3-0 |
| 3 | September | Southend United | H | 9-0 |
| 17 | September | Tottenham Hotspur | H | 2-1 |
| 1 | October | Luton Town (Cup) | A | |
| 8 | October | Wimbledon | H | |
| 15 | October | Brentford | H | |
| 22 | October | Brighton & Hove Albion | H | |
| 29 | October | Bristol Rovers | A | |
| 5 | November | Luton Town | H | |
| 12 | November | Cup - 2nd Round | | |
| 19 | November | Oxford United | A | |
| 26 | November | Southend United | A | |
| 10 | December | Tottenham Hotspur | A | |
| 17 | December | West Ham United | H | |

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE

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| Swindon Town | 3 | 3 | | 14 | 1 | 6 |
| Luton Town | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| Wimbledon | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| Brentford | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Bristol Rovers | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 5 |
| West Ham United | 2 | 2 | | 8 | 3 | 4 |
| Oxford United | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 2 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| Reading | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
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| Kevin Baddeley | 3 |
| Gary Emmanuel | 4 |
| Nigel Gray | 5 |
| Mike Graham | 6 |
| David Hockaday | 7 |
| Leigh Barnard | 8 |
| Andy Rowland | 9 |
| Alan Mayes | 10 |
| Garry Nelson | 11 |
| | 12 |

ROCHDALE

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| Steve Conroy |
| Bob Oates |
| Les Chapman |
| Peter Farrell |
| Billy Williams |
| Mike Doyle |
| David Thompson |
| Neville Hamilton |
| Steve Johnson |
| Vernon Allatt |
| Ian Griffiths |
| Stuart Thompson |

REFEREE:

MR. TONY W. WARD (London)

Commenced refereeing in London in 1962 and progressed through local leagues via the Spartan League, South East Counties League and the Isthmian League to the Football League List. Refereed the London Senior Cup Final 1976, Linesman at the F.A. Vase Cup Final 1979 and F.A. Cup Semi-Final 1978. Also officiated at West Germany v. Brazil (1981).

A married man, with two daughters, he is an office manager, and is interested in all sports and the theatre. He is a Football Associated Licensed Referee Instructor, and a member of both the London Society and the North Middlesex Society of Referees.

LINESMEN:

RED FLAG: MR. D. C. CLARKE
(Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset)

YELLOW FLAG: MR. W. T. PHILLIPS
(Paignton)

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Colchester v Chester
- B Hartlepool v Tranmere
- C Hereford v Bristol City
- D Mansfield v Aldershot
- E Northampton v Chesterfield
- F Reading v Darlington
- G Wrexham v Halifax
- H York City v Blackpool
- I Birmingham v Leicester
- J Coventry v Ipswich
- K Liverpool v Sunderland
- L Luton v Aston Villa
- M Norwich v Manchester Utd.
- N Notts. County v Everton
- O Q.P. Rangers v Arsenal
- P Southampton v Wolverhampton
- Q Stoke v West Ham Utd.
- R West Bromwich Albion v Watford
- S Bristol Rovers v Bolton
- T Preston N.E. v Oxford Utd.

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