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ON THE BALL

with
Brian Hall

It is three weeks since we played at Scarborough, where I thought the side played quite well, battled, and in fact could have won the game in the second half. However, the ability to put away chances seemed to be lacking, and despite the three week lay-off it was still reasonably evident on Monday at Harlow.

I regret to say that I was disappointed with our display, not only with football, but also with our attitude towards each other. It was a match that we dominated throughout, frustrated ourselves instead of being patient and doing what we are good at. Stretched ourselves from back to front, and showed a total lack of professionalism by examining everyone else except ourselves.

My message to those selected in future will be to ensure that they are doing their own jobs correctly. I look for a better performance tonight in all aspects from senior players taking part in senior competitions. The emphasis must be on the word Team and not individuals.



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A KEN BATES' BLAST!

by Colin Pope

THE Gola League came in for a real boost recently from that powerhouse luminary of the Canon League's First Division, Ken Bates. And simultaneously a blast of strident criticism was levelled at the Fourth Division by the controversial chairman of Chelsea, who has gone on record as saying that he could name ten clubs in the Fourth Division who 'would not stand a chance in the Gola League'.

Doubtless sweet music indeed in the ears of the Gola League's Management Committee, and I have no doubt that chairman Jim Thompson and secretary Peter Hunter are happy men indeed, with words like this from such an eminent man in the game with which to go into the New Year.

Not content with that, Mr. Bates, continuing his attack on some Division clubs, went on to say: "Their grounds stink, their facilities are lousy, and their organisation is non-existent". "When you look at Fourth Division sides consistently unsuccessful you wonder if they would be better off having a breather. That would give those sides in the more enterprising areas a chance".

Mr. Bates, addressing a recent Gola League Management Committee lunch, wants automatic promotion and relegation between the Canon and Gola Leagues. He said, in the course of a most interesting speech: "A village team can reach the pinnacle of Non-league football - and the smallest Fourth Division outfit can get into the First Division. But what you cannot do is to bridge the gap. That hypocrisy annoys me".

And so say all of us! Let us hope that the words of Mr. Bates bear fruit in Lancaster Gate and St. Annes-on-Sea sooner, rather than later, and then maybe the oft-talked about 'pyramid' can really and truly have its rightful meaning

How heartening it is to see the early-season improvement in Gola League gates generally fully maintained, and the Holiday period figures made exceptionally fine reading. You won't need too many guesses to discover who topped the Boxing Day figures! Yes, you've guessed it - our old friends Yeovil, holding the rest of the clubs up yet notching up nearly 2,200 for the visit of Weymouth on Boxing Day! It only makes news at Yeovil if the DO NOT achieve a thousand paying spectators, and with a meagre 11 points to show from 22 games or thereabouts THAT can't be bad!!

We of course were thrilled (more so as it was so unexpected having regard to it being the last shopping day before Christmas) to get over 1000 for Altrincham's visit. After Yeovil, Kettering toom the honours with 1,358 against Barrow.

You will have noticed Kidderminster's rapid climb up the table in recent weeks, and for the visit of Telford on Boxing Day they notched up 1,370 - their best of the season. Yet there are one or two black spots in this good news fiesta, however, for both Bath City (despite a tremendous run right up the table) and Scarborough show falling gates. Neither clocked up 800 on Boxing Day.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome two old Wealdstone favourites back tonight - Alan Humphries, who was our manager when we took the plunge into semi-pro. soccer and who is now in charge at Hillingdon. Nice also to see Paul Waites again for the mercurial Paul made many friends on the terraces here.

Hillingdon on the Move

HILLINGDON'S home, the noted 'Leas Stadium' will sadly soon be no more. This will be the club's last season on the ground, which has been sold to property developers. Fortunately, Hillingdon have acquired another ground in Uxbridge, but are still trying to negotiate an improved lease from the local Council prior to moving there.

If all goes well, the new ground will be at Hillingdon House Farm (behind Uxbridge Cricket Club), where they will take over the football pitch in the middle of an athletic track.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

GOOD evening everyone and we extend our usual Lower Mead welcome to our visitors tonight, HARLOW TOWN – we hope their short stay with us will be an enjoyable one.

Our last minute equaliser at Scarborough, went some way to cure the case of the miseries after the Barnet match on New Years Day – particularly when it became known that "Alty" had been boringly consistent again. It was definitely a case of "disappointed if we lose" and retiring to the bar and going "on the booze" in a big way. However, to quote the old cliché there is a long way to go yet and as we are all aware football is anything but predictable – a couple of good wins away from home could put us right back in the hunt again. At least we are not in the position of Yeovil – 1,000 plus home gates or not!!

Brian Hall recently asked for comments regarding the possibility of Sunday Football and perhaps this is a good opportunity to express my own feelings on the subject. I have been very much in favour of a Sunday "experiment" for a long while now and I am convinced that combined with adequate pre-match advertising and publicity could add as much as 300-400 to the gate. I am sure that the major reason why we obtained the large gate versus Altrincham was that Watford and Harrow Borough were playing away from home. It was obviously an attractive game and a good 'draw' but we **cannot** compete with a First Division side playing 6 miles away from Wealdstone. I may have got it completely wrong but I would have thought that one or two matches on a Sunday would be a very interesting experiment that could have very worthwhile financial benefits.

NICK DUGARD, Secretary

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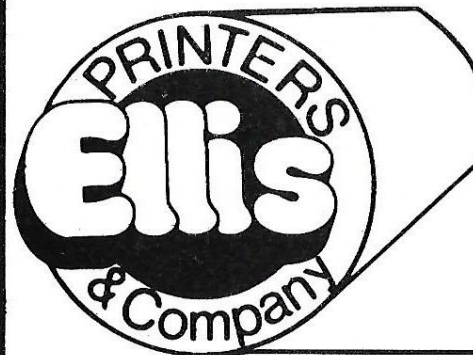
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Tom Verrall, Committee Officer. H.A.D.

MORRITT'S JAZZ CLUB

ANOTHER innovation at Morrith's is a Jazz Club. This will start on Sunday, January 13th, at 7.30 pm when an All-Star Band will be appearing, together with guest artistes. Membership of the Club will cost £2.00 and it will operate every Sunday evening, with admission £1.00 for members and £1.50 for non-members.

New Manager For England

KEVIN VERITY, Midlands (West) regional coach of the Football Association, has been appointed manager of the England Semi-professional team in place of Keith Wright, who is leaving the F.A. in February to take up the post of secretary of the Golf Association.

Verity was with Halifax Town as a player from 1957 to 1960, later appearing for several Non-league clubs. He then held various coaching appointments prior to joining the F.A. in a similar capacity in 1974.

OTHER FIXTURES 1984/85

Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Goalscorers
Aug 4	Reading	Home	FR	W 3-0	Bowgett, Cordice (A), Greenaway
Aug 7	Crystal Palace	Home	FR	W 2-0	Cordice (N) 2
Aug 11	Slough Town	Away	FR	W 5-2	Graves 2, Donnellan 3
Aug 14	Tooting & Mitcham	Home	FR	W 4-1	Greenaway, Graves, Donnellan 2
Oct 16	Brentford	Home	MHCL	W10-0	Holmes 3 (1 pen), Dibble 2, Donnellan 2, Jones Graves, Johnson
Oct 30	Wimbledon	Home	MHCL	W 3-1	Cordice (N), Jones 2
Nov 26	Orient	Home	MHCL	W 1-0	Cordice (N)

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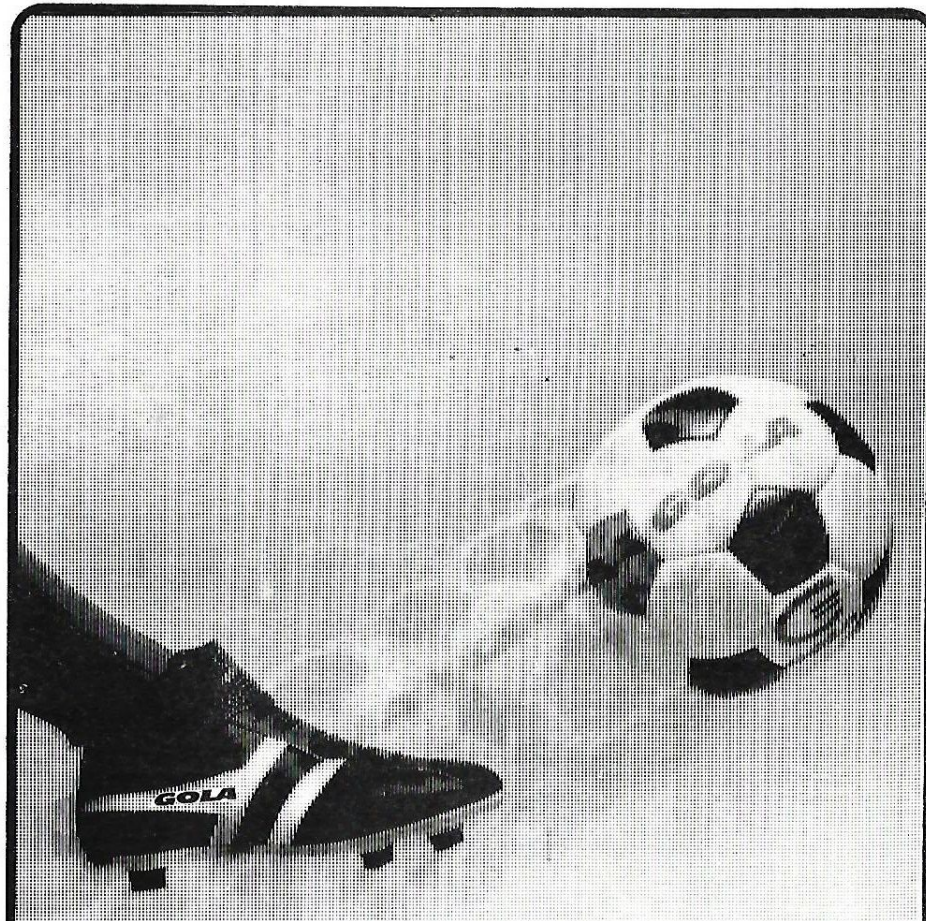
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Gary Donnellan	4	-	2	-	1	2	5	14
Lee Holmes	4	-	3	-	-	3	-	10
Neil Cordice	3	-	2	-	-	2	2	9
Alan Cordice	7	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
Brian Greenaway	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	6
Steve McCargo	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Paul Bowgett	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	4
Vince Jones	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Nigel Johnson	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Chris Dibble	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Robin Wainwright	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dennis Byatt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS:-	45	1	12	-	3	14	14	89

Around the Clubs

Barrow: Rebuilding at Barrow under new manager Brian Kidd has continued apace, three signings and two departures having occurred over the holiday period. The new arrivals are David Bradford, Kevin Gorman and Kevin Keelan. Bradford began with Blackburn Rovers and then moved to Sheffield United, where he made over 50 appearances before playing in the U.S.A. Gorman was with Barrow briefly in 1973 and has since had spells with Bacup, Droylesdon, Mossley, Hyde United and Southport. Keelan, a striker, was signed from Stalybridge Celtic. He has also played for Mossley and Newcastle (Australia). The outgoing players are Martin Nuttall and Frank Gamble, who has joined former boss Vic Halom at Rochdale.

Runcorn: Two new faces at Runcorn are Andrew Brockbank and Dennis Wann. Brockbank has been playing in Australia for Canberra Arrows, whilst Wann was previously with Fleetwood.

Yeovil Town: Former Swansea City midfielder and reserve/youth team coach Les Chappell has joined Yeovil Town following the appointment of John Bond at the Vetch Field. Ex-Bath City, Cardiff City and W.B.A. midfielder Wayne Hughes has also joined the club. He has recently been playing for Paulton Rovers in the Western League.

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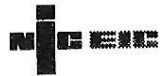
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The Price is wrong

by Robert Nothman

I think it was the headline "Fash up for grabs" that brought it home to me. Here was a chap, for whom one manager, you might have heard of, forked out one million pounds four years ago, being discarded by a club struggling to get away from the Second Division's nether regions. Could there ever have been a more striking insult of any manager's eye for talent?

By now the arms were outstretched for the Rothmans Yearbook on the top shelf. Quick scan down the index and there we were . . . record transfers. And look what we've found - the definitive list of ten players involved in million pound deals between English clubs. When you ask yourself what the players are doing now, it becomes a rather disturbing list.

Justin Fashanu - we've already mentioned; Steve Daley - last heard of playing in the ever-declining North American Soccer League; Kevin Reeves - poor chap has packed up because of injury; Ian Wallace - recently transferred to Sunderland for not even a twelfth of the fee Forest paid Coventry for him. Gary Birtles - nearing recovery from a serious back injury which has kept him out since last summer; Clive Allen - in the reserves; some cynics might say that Andy Gray is only in the Everton side because Adrian Heath is injured; "What of Kenny Sanson?" I hear you cry - well he's the exception which proves the rule; Trevor Francis - currently falling over every twenty yards for Sampdoria - but what odds will you give me his hamstrings and groins don't see the season out.

And so on to number ten - Manchester United and England captain Bryan Robson, whose talent is undeniable. And yet his recent accident is perhaps the best illustration of the folly of investing one million pounds in a commodity as fragile, vulnerable and unpredictable as a footballer. Through nobody's fault but his own, the best player in the country has missed six crucial weeks of the season because he failed to realise that he can't run through advertising hoardings.

The catalogue of misfortune is indeed disturbing. You get the feeling that someone, somewhere, is trying to tell us that no footballer is worth one million pounds. It's simply not a sound or rational investment. I mean how many businesses could survive without their most valuable asset for six weeks during one of the busiest times of the year.

Could it also be that for some of the million pound men, the strain of carrying around such a price tag is too much to bear? After all, to live up to such a billing is awfully difficult. People are always expecting you to conjure up the defence-splitting pass, the match-winning goal, or the match-saving tackle. Performances are either very, very good or very, very bad. It's easy to try too hard, subsequently lose form and confidence, and then be sucked inexorably into the whirlpool of failure and eventually oblivion.

Thankfully, it seems that the days of the million pound transfer, while hardly an anachronism, are certainly less frequent than in the early 1980s. For that we must be grateful, because the bulk of the millions so far have been sinfully mis-spent. The success-rate - or lack of it to date - should serve as warning to those eager to write out seven figure cheques. You don't automatically get value for money.

F.A. PLAN THWARTED

THE F.A. have decided to scrap their proposals to limit full membership of the Association to Clubs in certain leagues, following resistance from County Associations and Leagues up and down the country. We always did think this revolutionary proposal was a non-starter!

ENGLAND V WALES

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	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts	WEALDSTONE RESULT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	HOME		AWAY	
Altrincham	27	9	2	2	23	8	7	2	5	18	13	43	W1-0		
Bath City	26	10	1	3	21	16	4	6	2	13	12	39	L0-1	L1-3	
Kidderminster Harriers	27	7	3	5	29	23	6	2	4	23	21	37	W5-2		
WEALDSTONE	24	4	5	3	22	17	7	2	3	23	14	36			
Boston United	26	6	3	4	25	20	5	4	4	18	17	34	L0-1	D1-1	
Enfield	23	7	5	1	30	17	4	2	4	23	19	33		L0-2	
Scarborough	27	6	5	3	25	16	4	4	5	18	24	33		D1-1	
Northwich Victoria	27	5	2	6	13	14	5	5	4	20	17	32		W2-0	
Runcorn	28	3	7	3	15	11	5	4	6	14	20	32			
Telford United	23	7	4	2	24	15	3	3	4	13	14	30	D2-2	L2-4	
Dartford	27	4	5	6	19	21	4	5	3	14	12	30	D0-0	W3-2	
Kettering Town	25	5	4	3	19	14	4	3	6	22	26	29			
Maidstone United	26	8	3	2	25	14	2	4	7	10	20	29	D1-1		
Nuneaton Borough	26	7	5	0	26	10	1	5	8	12	20	27	W3-1		
Weymouth	23	7	1	5	27	22	2	6	2	19	17	27		W3-0	
Frickley Athletic	21	5	1	4	18	14	5	1	5	17	24	27		W2-0	
Worcester City	27	5	3	6	20	20	3	4	6	19	32	26	D3-3	W4-0	
Barrow	25	2	7	3	15	13	3	5	5	13	17	25	D2-2		
Barnet	25	4	3	5	19	18	4	2	7	17	22	25	L1-2		
Dagenham	22	4	2	3	17	12	3	2	8	12	28	21		W2-1	
Yeovil Town	25	2	4	7	16	21	1	1	10	10	33	12		W2-0	
Gateshead	24	1	2	6	9	25	0	5	10	13	35	9	W4-2		

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1984/85

	GL	BLT	FAC	FAT	MSC	CFL	FR	TOTAL
Mark Graves	15	-	1	-	2	1	3	22
Gary Donnellan	4	-	2	-	1	2	5	14
Lee Holmes	4	-	3	-	-	3	-	10
Neil Cordice	3	-	2	-	-	2	2	9
Alan Cordice	7	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
Brian Greenaway	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	6
Steve McCargo	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Paul Bowgett	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	4
Vince Jones	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Nigel Johnson	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Chris Dibble	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Robin Wainwright	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
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FIXTURES – SEASON 1984/85

Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Scorers
Aug 18	Northwich Victoria	Away	GL	W 2-0	Graves, Holmes
Aug 21	Dartford	Home	GL	D 0-0	
Aug 25	Kidderminster Harriers	Home	GL	W 5-2	Wainwright, Holmes, Graves 3
Aug 27	Dagenham	Away	GL	W 2-1	Graves, Donnellan
Sep 1	Gateshead	Home	GL	W 4-2	Graves 2, Cordice (N), Holmes
Sep 8	Boston United	Away	GL	D 1-1	Greenaway
Sep 11	Nuneaton Borough	Home	GL	W 3-1	McCargo, Graves (pen), Bowgett
Sep 15	Hounslow	Away	FAC	W 5-2	Holmes, Greenaway, Donnellan, Cordice (N), Bowgett
Sep 19	Yeovil Town	Away	GL	W 2-0	Graves, Byatt
Sep 22	Worcester City	Away	GL	W 4-0	Donnellan, Cordice (A), Graves, Greenaway
Sep 25	Boston United	Home	GL	L 0-1	
Sep 29	Dunstable	Home	FAC	W 6-0	Graves (pen), Donnellan, Cordice (N), Holmes 2, McCargo, Cordice (N), Graves, McCargo
Oct 2	Dartford	Away	GL	W 3-2	McCargo, Cordice (N), Graves, McCargo
Oct 6	Telford United	Home	GL	D 2-2	McCargo, Graves
Oct 9	Bath City	Away	GL	L 1-3	Johnson
Oct 13	Grays Athletic	Away	FAC	L 1-2	Cordice (A)
Oct 20	Worcester City	Home	GL	D 3-3	Cordice (A) 3
Oct 27	Barrow	Home	GL	D 2-2	Cordice (A), Donnellan
Nov 3	Telford United	Away	GL	L 2-4	Graves, Wainwright
Nov 6	Enfield	Home	BLT	L 1-2	Bowgett
Nov 10	Enfield	Away	GL	L 0-2	
Nov 17	Rayners Lane	Away	MSC	W 3-2	Graves 2 (1 pen), Donnellan
Nov 24	Bath City	Home	GL	L 0-1	
Dec 1	Weymouth	Away	GL	W 3-0	Holmes, Graves 2
Dec 15	Frickley Athletic	Away	GL	W 2-0	Cordice (N), Greenaway
Dec 22	Altrincham	Home	GL	W 1-0	Cordice (A)
Dec 29	Maldstone United	Home	GL	D 1-1	Donnellan
Jan 1	Barnet	Home	GL	L 1-2	Cordice (A)
Jan 5	Scarborough	Away	GL	D 1-1	Johnson
Jan 28	Harlow Town	Away	FAT	D 0-0	
Jan 30	Harlow Town	Home	FAT		
Feb 2					
Feb 5	Brentford	Home	MHCFL (CUP)		
Feb 7	Hillingdon Boro	Home	MSC		
Feb 9	Scarborough	Home	GL		
Feb 16	Kidderminster Harriers	Away	GL		
Feb 19	Frickley Athletic	Home	GL		
Feb 23					
Mar 2	Barrow	Away	GL		
Mar 9	Altrincham	Away	GL		
Mar 16	Kettering Town	Home	GL		
Mar 19	Yeovil Town	Home	GL		
Mar 30	Runcorn	Home	GL		
Apr 6	Northwich Victoria	Home	GL		
Apr 8	Maldstone United	Away	GL		
Apr 13	Runcorn	Away	GL		
Apr 20	Nuneaton Borough	Away	GL		
Apr 27	Dagenham	Home	GL		
May 4	Kettering Town	Away	GL		

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