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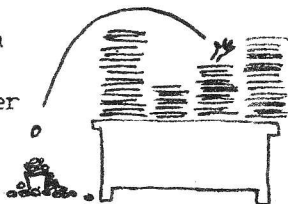
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Harriers - we'll notify the appropriate authorities and
you can expect a visit soon.

Editorial

Here we go with issue two then. Thanks a lot to everyone who bought a copy of the last one. If you think that you can do better send it in and we'll print your rubbish instead of ours. This is the last issue for this season, but number three will be out for pre-season (probably) or the first match of the season (definitely probably) so it gives you loads of time to write down your ideas and send them off to us.



On a completely different subject, how do you spend your Saturday mornings ?? Sitting in a traffic jam at Merry Hill? Watching the mindless drivel put out by Philip Schofield and company ? Or just sitting around thinking "what I need now is a good game of footy ?? If the last one is correct, why not get in touch with us here at FYI mansions as we've been challenged to a number of matches by other fanzines of Beazer teams before the respective Premier division games, followed by the quoshing of a few jars of ale in a local hostelry. We're in the process of forming a team so anyone interested get in touch.

If that all sounds too energetic, how about selling a few for us ?? Individuals or retail outlets (shops,pubs etc) are required to flog as many as they can for us around town. Unfortunately we are non-profit making (you mean we're doing this for fun !?!) so we can't afford to pay you !!

On to other things. For all those of you who saw the "fanzine" which appeared in the Moor Green programme and have been asking, no we didn't have anything to do with it so it's no good holding us responsible. We are not associated with the club at all in any official capacity, we just like going down to watch the football. So you can stop accusing

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us of trying to rip you off by charging you 50p for something thats free with the programme !! We are not a rival to the programme, as we pointed out before, and have no intention, whatsoever to go weekly. We're just aiming to have a bit of fun and be a forum for fans to put their views across (sort of a cross between the Oxford debating society and the Beano, really).

Well, that's it for now. I'm off to practise all the tips I picked up from Gazza's Soccer School and am off to make fools out of some 8 year old kids by making them try to take the ball off me (and if they succeed then they get an elbow in the face !!). Have a jolly summer - see you all next season.

CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions gratefully recieved. Articles, cartoons, cuttings, letters, wads of money etc. The more we get the better the quality will be - it's up to you.



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We are also now available from :-

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SEASON SO FAR

Here we go then with an in depth and thought provoking analysis of the way the season is going so far on a level only slightly below that of Saint & Greavsie.

WHAT'S ORANGE

Since we last wrote in this column things haven't been exactly wonderful with regards to the results we have been getting, but when looked at in context things aren't really as bad as they might seem at first glance. John Morris has stated all along that once we were safe from relegation he intended to adopt a policy of giving players who were on the verge of the first team a proper crack at the whip, so to speak. This would appear to be exactly what he is now doing and although the results might not be going our way at present things are not all black.

AND SOUNDS LIKE

A number of the players brought in have equipped themselves extremely well and the future is looking

reasonably bright. Steve Bourne improves with every performance and must be challenging for a regular first team place now and Darren Goodall has been one of our best players over the last few games. Good luck to both of 'em - nothing like a bit of healthy competition.

A PARROT ?

While we're on the subject of experimentation the point made elsewhere about our formation is probably worth a mention here. Now would seem the ideal time to perhaps try having a go with either changing the defensive system to use three centre-backs allowing the full-backs to push forward, or trying the three players up front system we have been such wonderful exponents of in the past. We're not criticising John Morris for what he's doing - just food for thought maybe ??

A CARROT

Hearty congratulations to all involved with the reserves on a brilliant season too (see later)

HEY, ISN'T THAT...?

With our recent signing of Tony Robinson, moonlighting from his role as Baldrick, it's interesting to see how many celebrities are supplementing their incomes playing Non-League soccer...

1) PAUL JONES (Kidderminster)

Ex-Manfred Mann star handles crosses as well as the blues harp.

2) MARTIN LEWIS (Altrincham)

Will he give up the 9 'o' Clock News if Altrincham make Division 4 ?

3) JON SILLET (Hastings)

Has taken up serious football after leaveing Coventry.

4) GARY KEMP (Gloucester)

Spandau's main man; After his performance in "The Krays" has decided to concentrate on soccer.

5) RICHARD DUNN (Yate Town)

Apparently even slower on the pitch than round a boxing ring.

6) PETER GREEN (Rushden)

Fleetwood Mac fans often wondered what happened to the ace guitarist - he's playing in midfield at Hayden Road.

7) DAVID WEBB (Gloucester)

Ex-Chelsea star amazingly coping with playing in the Beazer Prem., while managing our old friends Southend Utd.

8) JOE JACKSON (Worcester)

The hit singles have dried up for City's 1990 player of the year.

9) MARK HUGHES (Altrincham)

I thought he played for the other reds !!

10) TONY ROBINSON (Halesowen)

Doesn't he look different in the flash - dig those shorts.

11) IAN CALLAGHAN (Northwich)

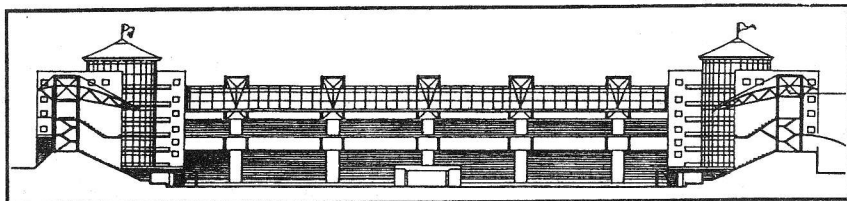
Still playing ? He must be nearly pension age.

MANAGER - BOB HOPE (Bromsgrove)

Rumour has it that Bob's going to sign Bing Crosby & Dorothy Lamour to help Rovers FA Trophy campaign next year. The code name for his masterplan - "The Road to Wembley" !!!

Ada.

EXCLUSIVE !!!



We've obtained a blueprint of the Harriers proposed new superstadium. Apparently, the above drawing is scaled 1:1 & will sit on Mr. Beardsley's desk. However, if successful, the main contractors - Subbutec (UK) Ltd hope to erect a full size version in the clubhouse with a view to a tournament in the kids summer holidays.

SUSPECT GROUNDS

As our first season at Premier level draws to its conclusion we can look forward to next term with a certainty of knowledge many clubs are still without. Thanks to a fine season of consolidation on the pitch & the continued efforts of the committee and backroom staff in improving facilities off it, we are guaranteed continuation of our hard won Premier status. Unfortunately, the future is not so clear for many of our peers and the final composition of next years division is anyones guess.

I'LL

At this time of year Championships are still to be won and relegation battles in full swing. However, this season, more so than ever before, it is not only points that will decide who plays where next season, ground facilities may well prove the determining factor.

HAVE

Who goes down ?? Any number of clubs are in danger should the league carry out it's Feb. 10

threat to automatically relegate any club whose ground is not up to Grade C standard by May 1st. Four clubs in the bottom half of the table were on the "hit list": Rushden, Crawley, Atherstone and Moor Green. The latter two are reportedly having serious problems funding improvements & must be among the favourites for the drop. On playing performance Crawley, Gravesend & Weymouth are seemingly doomed, but Weymouth must be hopeful that their facilities may persuade the league to forego relegation. To add to this confusion Chelmsford have announced debts of over £400,000 and although they claim that crisis point has not been reached yet, the doubts must be there.

A PINT

At the other end of the table Worcester, Bromsgrove and Cambridge were also warned that their grounds fell short of the required standards. Whilst it is most unlikely that these clubs will fail to meet Premier criteria by May 1

all 3 of these clubs are in the running for the title and, if successful, surely none of them have the facilities to step up to the GMVC. That leaves Dover, Farnborough and Gloucester chasing the promotion spot. After last seasons debacle Dover must be 99.9% certain of meeting the required standard, while Farnborough have only just come out the Conference, so should be OK. As for Gloucester, I would have thought a minimum of work would be needed to turn Meadow Park into a non-league ground of the highest quality. It seems that whichever of these teams finishes highest will move up next season, probably replacing Bath City who've supported the rest for most of the season.

Promotion from the feeder leagues is far from settled either. In the Southern perm any two from Baldock, Trowbridge, Salisbury, Buckingham and Hastings. Trowbridge and Buckingham are probably favourites given their league placings and superior facilities. The Midland Division is between four clubs: Stourbridge, Tamworth, Hednesford and Corby. Tamworth have apparently been told a top 2 finish would guarantee promotion. Doubts exist about Stourbridge, while Hednesford are proposing to move into a brand new purpose built ground and concrete evidence of this may persuade the management committee, given a top three finish.

In conclusion, I predict the following for next seasons Premier division :-

BASHLEY	CAMBRIDGE	GLOUCESTER	TAMWORTH
BATH	CHELMSFORD	HALESOWEN	TROWBRIDGE
BROMSGROVE	DARTFORD	HEDNESFORD	WATERLOOVILLE
BUCKINGHAM	DORCHESTER	POOLE	WEALDSTONE
BURTON	FARNBOROUGH	RUGBY	WEYMOUTH
		RUSHDEN	WORCESTER

Anyone else who is foolish enough to commit their predictions to paper send them to us by D-Day May 1st & we'll give a free subscription to anyone whose bang on !!

Ada.

The item below was found while your ed's were having a paper aeroplane making competition using back copies of "Roy of the Rovers". The issue in question was dated 16th March 1985, which got us wondering, could this be the same person ?? (Answers on a postcard....)

★ **ROBINSONS** / **ROY OF THE** ★
BARLEY WATER / **ROVERS**

FOOTBALLER of
the WEEK!

SHAUN KIMBERLY

Howard Keeper, from Langley, in the West Midlands, writes: "I would be very grateful if you would consider my friend, Shaun Kimberly, for your weekly award. I have known Shaun for four years and during this time I have seen him play many times. This season, he signed for St. Anne's under-15's, following an unhappy spell with Kewford Eagles, who are in the same league. Although he showed keenness, determination and dedication, even in the twice weekly training sessions (of which he only missed two all season), he nearly always had to be content with being substitute and only played two and a half games all season! I could tell he had become disheartened, being unable to prove his worth, as he is fanatical about football. At the start of this season, he was asked to play for St. Anne's and he willingly went along. I have never known such a transformation in a person as I saw in him after his move. He has been playing regularly ever since and everyone has said how much he has improved. He isn't one of the world's greatest players, but he has kept battling, even when the chips were down. Recently, he scored his seventh goal of the season in a three-two victory over his old team. I think he has done very well after his problems and I hope this gets published because, not only will it make a good friend proud, but it will give encouragement to others with similar experiences to Shaun's. Don't you agree, Roy?"

I certainly do, Howard. What a tremendous story! You've shown great perseverance and determination to succeed, Shaun, and for those reasons you're our Footballer Of The Week. Well done!

If YOU know of anyone who you think deserves our award write to: ROB/ROY FOOTBALLER OF THE WEEK, ROOM 2320, IPC MAGAZINES LTD., KING'S REACH TOWER, STAMFORD STREET, LONDON SE1 9LS. The winner receives a glass crystal football and the nominee a Roy of the Rovers/Robinsons Barley Water sports bag!

DID U NO ?

In every game since 1983-84, at least one member of the 1983 Wembley team has played in the match. Not a lot of people know that.

(P.S. We were under severe pressure to print this fascinating snippet of information. Sorry.)

NOT ANOTHER ONE

For those of you who missed it, the latest issue of the Harriers' fanzine 'The Tanhouse Roar' is now available. Edited by Mr O.L.D. Mann, it's packed with interesting features on Derek Beasley's holidays and, er, that's it.

There's plenty left so there's no need to rush.

DID U NO 2?

...Kenny Dalglish turned down the chance to manage the Harriers cos' he was afraid the pressure of continuous success might get to him? No, nor did we.

Screen Sport

by Barry Normal

April has brought a remarkable crop of football-related movies out on video. Here are just a few of the better ones:-

Home Alone

The story of how a young boy survives three months on his own after being left at the ground following a Halesowen Harriers' home game.

The Comfort Of Strangers

A period piece recalling the halcyon days of Lye Town when they could look forward to money-spinning holiday games with the Yeltz.

Last Tango In Paris

Michel Platini and his search for a can of orange.

Awakenings

Maverick doctor brings Stourbridge fans out of thirty year comas by prescribing drugs with ultimately tragic consequences. A touching film, especially when the fans awaken from their trances and decide to go down The Grove to watch a decent standard of football.

Major League

Unlikely tale of an ineffectual Prime Minister who tries desparately to boost his popularity by personally sponsoring the Football League.

Killing Fields

Shocking exposé of the misery brought about by the brutal and cynical régime of the People's Republic of Wealdstone.

My Left Foot

Tear-jerking true story of the Beazer League right back who overcomes all the odds to learn to kick the ball with both feet.

And why not?!

New boy Pearce takes Sky Blue plaudits



Cauldron: Andy Pearce

Andy Pearce's verdict . . .

"I DIDN'T think Leeds were that good but they beat us, which is what matters.

"I thought we had a couple of decent chances and if we have thrown ourselves in we might have got a goal.

"It really was a cauldron out there but once you are in the game don't notice the crowd.

"I enjoyed being in the first team but it was hardly an enjoyable result. We shouldn't have gone out the way we did and should have expected to win.

"Killer has enormous experience and every game you play with him and people like Brian Borrows you pick up things."

THE day started with an air of hopefulness. The prospect of seeing Stewart Robson and Andy Pearce make their debuts and the memory of last week's superb performance against Crystal Palace as well as the chance for some fans to visit a new ground had prompted a large turnout of City supporters.

As it transpired, Robson was left on the bench. But Pearce was my man of the match as he marshalled City's defence when Brian Kilcline had to retire hurt.

Congratulations are in order for Andy Pearce for earning himself the above headlines in the *Swansea Evening Telegraph* after his debut performance against Leeds. In the next match he went on to score the winner against Luton, but the reporting in the national press had the usual patronising angle to it. The report overleaf is taken from the "*Independent*".

Pearce secures

By Phil Shaw

Coventry City	2
Luton Town	1

THE ALMOST annual relegation struggle at Highfield Road unearthed an unlikely hero last night in the shape of Andy Pearce. Coventry's £15,000 centre-half from Halesowen rose to head the winner four minutes from time, completing his side's fightback after they had trailed to a goal by their former player, Graham Rodger.

The balmy evening and subdued crowd gave the match the atmosphere of a pre-season friendly.

Near-misses by Dean Emerson, into the side-netting, and Andy Pearce, who appeared to use an arm in directing a "header" wide, failed to raise the decibel level.

Notice the pathetic line in the last paragraph implying that the game had no quality because an ex-Halesowen player looked so comfortable. Does it never occur to these people that there are good players outside the Football League, and the fact that he looked so comfortable might just

points

Coventry's greater enterprise after the interval was striking. They forced a succession of corners, Emerson and Borrowes coming close

from long range. There was a sticky moment when Trevor Peake's lapse allowed Iain Dowie a glimpse of goal, but Pearce got back to force the Irishman into miscuing.

It was perhaps an indictment of the lack of quality that Pearce, in his second League outing, looked so comfortable. Luton, now only a point ahead of Coventry, may have reason to rue his marksmanship from Ray Woods's free-kick.

Coventry City: Ogilvie; Borrowes, McGrath, Emerson, Pearce, Peake, Woods, Gynn, Regis, Gallacher, Smith. Substitutes not used: Hurst, Clark.

Luton Town: Chamberlain; Johnson, McDonough, Beaumont (Farrell, 83), Rodger, Dreyer, Elstrup, Procco, Dowie, Pembroke, Black. Substitutes not used: Harvey.

Referee: P Jones (Loughborough).

have something to do with the fact that he's an excellent player ?? We didn't see any World Cup reports saying how bad England were because Stuart Pearce used to play for Wealdstone !!

RESERVED VIEWS

When the achievements of this season are eventually assessed, the feats of our reserve team must be prominent in everyones thoughts. The decision to reform the team for the 1989/90 season and enter the Scoreline Reserve League, prompted strongly no doubt by John Morris, has proved to be of sound judgement.

BEANS

Under the excellent leadership of Steve Shilvock the side has really blossomed this season and look to be runaway champions. Indeed, it is probable that the efforts of Steve himself are not going unnoticed by other local clubs and he may well find that he recieves offers to further his own managerial career in the near future (and the players too - ed's).

CHIPS

It has been refreshing to find that the reserves have been run on the right lines as a part of the whole club.

Gone is the set up from back in the Banks's days when the second team seemed to be a completely different club to the first. Selection for the first team by Paddy Page was restricted to only the first team squad of around 17 players, so that anyone not selected for first team duty always remained on the sidelines at the first team game instead of gaining valuable match practice with the reserves.

GRAVY

Also during Paddy's days were the occasions when squad players, on the fringe of the first team, were forced into action for important matches replacing injured or out of form regulars, although they were lacking in competitive recent match experience. Consequently, they were very often unable to adjust to the pace and demands of the game.

BROWN SAUCE

This season has seen the reserves used

correctly - both to develop promising youngsters so that they challenge for first team places and also first teamers have been played either for match practice or to assist in a comeback from injury.

MUSHY PEAS

It has been a pleasure to see Lee Joinson once again playing some quality football and scoring goals, providing us with some more moments by which to remember him alongside those unforgettable early/mid eighties days.

Supporters have responded to the success impressively, as many have found that their bus pass does not get them as far as Gravesend and have preferred to watch our reserves instead of a supposedly higher standard at our local rivals.

PICKLED ONIONS

Already several youngsters have made their first team debuts - Lee Hardwick, Andy Bradley etc. - and John Morris appears to have a lot of confidence in them making the grade.

KEVIN HARRISON'S BARBER

The following is a report we recieved from the recent reserves match with Worcester along with the pen-pics of the players you may be seeing turning out for the first team in the near future :-

With a crowd of 317 (compare with some Beazer clubs) another excellent performance from the reserves. After an even first half-hour, Yeltz got on top with Adams opening the scoring. 5 mins before half-time keeper Adkins went off after a collision, Andy Bradley taking over in goal. He was immediately in action going down at the feet of a Worcs forward to keep our lead.

Tony Robinson came on at the start of the second half and goals from Hemans, Hardwick and Robinson gave Town a well deserved victory.

GARY ADKINS

On the short side for a keeper, but gets the job done. Only 1st team appearance he let in 4 and we won 6-4 against Dudley last year. Must be some sort of record !!

ANDY HILL

Strong, tall full-back. Always ready to move up on overlap.

DYLAN ADAMS

Young, reliable full-back. Has shared No.3 spot this season with Andy Lunt.

STEVEN MOORE

Solid defender, good in the air. One of the many reserves on the verge of the first team.

MARTIN BOX

First game for the reserves, I think. Bigger version of Steve Moore - looked to settle in well and showed promise.

ANDY BRADLEY

Another who has played a few first team games. Left side midfield.

JASON HUGHES

Young, nippy right winger making comeback after long layoff.

LEE HARDWICK

Leading scorer in league. Had spell in first team recently. Tall, fair-haired and looks like Barry Manilow.

LEE JOINSON

If you don't know by now, where've you been since 1980 ??

FRANK BENNETT

Our own answer to Pele. Works funny hours so sometimes has to get hat-trick in first 10 mins, so he can be back at work by half-three !!

TONY ROBINSON

Signed from Shepshed. Welcome to the Grove and good luck Tony.

Magnus McLain.

Let's Raise a Glass to...

Number 1 in a series of, um...er....well, one at the moment (but there might be some more in future if you're really lucky !!) recounting some of the greatest moments in Veltz matches gone by. To kick-off with, here's one memory we at FYI will treasure for the rest of our days.

'Twas the spring of 1983 and everything in the garden was lovely. VS Rugby were lined up for demolition in the FA Vase final at Wembley in a weeks time, the West Midlands League title was all but wrapped up and we'd booked a place in the League Cup final. With a week to go to the Vase final a day out in deepest Derbyshire seemed rather a good idea, so off we all went to that centre of football excellence that is Gresley. They were around mid-table at the time but included David Nish, Roger Davies and Kevin Hector in the team. Little did these internationally famous stars realise that they would be eclipsed by the mighty talent that made up that colossus of the game - Les Frosser.

STOMACH

Now, for those who don't remember him, Les

bore a striking resemblance to Clive James and was so laid back on the pitch he was almost horizontal. The only way



he remained upright was to use his stomach as a counterweight.

INTESTINES

We're sorry to say, most of the match has been forgotten in these parts, so overshadowed was it by the piece of skill which was to follow.

It was late in the second half, Les had come on as substitute and taken up his customary position at full-back. He picked up the ball just inside his own half and, in an amazing burst of speed, broke into a brisk walk towards the half-way line. After playing a neat one-two that would have put the Brazilians of 1970 to shame, he continued on towards the Gresley goal.

LUNGS

By now, Les had reached full speed and was hurtling along at a rate of knots only fractionally slower than that of a giant tortoise as he approached the oppositions penalty area. Bets were being taken around the ground as to whether he would actually make it to the other end and, if so, whether he could reach it before the referee blew the final whistle.

We needn't have worried. With the Gresley defence bearing down on this solitary figure, Les summoned up those extra reserves of effort that only superheroes can manage at times like this, and let fly with an unstoppable, cannonball of a shot that flew into the top corner from 25 yards. The clouds parted, the sun came out and the birds started singing.

HEART

Les left us at the end of the following season and missed out on the Wembley appearance he so richly deserved. Okay, so maybe he was fat, bald and slow but he definitely knew how to compensate using his experience and his brain (a rare enough trait in most footballers). We would like to take this opportunity to wish Les all the best wherever he is now, and thank him for the memories. Cheers Les !!

Coming soon, possibly (i.e. send us enough money and we won't print it !!) a tale of three people, an umbrella, a monsoon, a field in Ledbury and 5 goals from Geoff Moss.

AWAY DAZE

12 MAR 1991

FARNBOROUGH 2 HALESOWEN 1

Hardwick

TOWN: Williams; Vowles; Heywood; Smith; Bettles; Hemans;
Hazlewood; Shilvock; Hardwick; Flynn; Harrison
SUBS: Bradley; Goodall

After being postponed earlier on before Chrimbo this match was re-arranged for a Tuesday night to make sure that nobody could get there. We decided to leave in the morning and make a bit of a day of it but left with expectations rather low after a look at the recent run of results for both teams.

If we end up playing Farnborough again next season I'm afraid I can't fill you in on all the places to go as there didn't seem a lot to see/do round here unless you're in to army jeeps in a big way.

The ground itself was O.K. I suppose - I've seen better, seen worse - but it's stuck a bit out of town and, probably because they're a relatively new club, it all feels a bit new and concretey. The pitch itself seemed to be in excellent condition, especially for the time of year. The only trouble was we didn't seem to be too interested in trying to play football on it !! The three quid to get in was a bit steep, too. Seems like they're still charging Conference prices (or maybe thats just the affluent south east for you ??).

Farnborough put us under pressure right from the start and we had a few close shaves but then, completely against the run of play (but whose complaining ??), Steve Vowles sent over a first time cross on the run. It should still have been the keepers ball but to our amazement (and the Farnborough fans I guess - unless he does this sort of thing all the time) he dropped it straight at Lee Hardwicks feet, who then poked it in from six yards out.

From there on the rest of the match is best forgotten from our point of view apart from a couple of Kevin Harrison runs and some good saves from Kevan Williams. To be fair the defence did look reasonably well together considering the battering they were taking and with half-time still 1-0 we felt we might sneak it.

The second half went the same way as the first but even more one-sided and we didn't score and Farnborough got two. No complaints there really, they were the best team we've played for a long time and deserved to win. It was a bit sickening them scoring in the last minute but we came away with just what we deserved really - nothing

16 MAR 1991

RUSHDEN 4 HALESOWEN 3

Shilvock

A couple of own goals

TOWN: Williams; Vowles; Heywood; Smith; Bettles; Hemans;
Hazlewood; Flynn; Hardwick; Shilvock; Harrison
SUBS: Whitehouse; Bourne

Well, after a run of recent defeats this looked like being a match where we could get back to winning ways again. Rushden aren't exactly setting the Beazer Premier alight although they had beaten Cambridge 4-1 in mid-week. But it must have been a fluke. Musn't it ??

The kick-off was delayed for five minutes while search for a boy scout to tie the nets on properly was launched, but in the end Kevan Williams jumped up and did them himself. When kick-off came (along with the rain) we started off looking pretty impressive. Kicking down the slope we controlled the game and before long we'd scored. Sean Flynn played the ball into the area completely bisecting both Halesowen forwards but luckily the Rushden centre-back decided he'd have a go instead and sliced it in off the post for us.

AWAY DAZE (CONT.)

A few minutes later the ball was half cleared to Rob Shilvock who hit it first time into the opposite corner. We seemed to be cruising now but the players obviously had other ideas !! We still had most of the play but the urgency had gone now. Rushden pulled one back just before half-time but we were still pretty confident for the second half.

At the start of the second half we let them equalise but always looked capable of scoring again. We duly did this when a Malcolm Hazlewood freekick was deflected past the keeper for us to take the lead again.

But again we did the same thing and let them back into the game. They seemed to have a greater desire to win than us and with their number seven causing us serious grief at the back they duly went on to win. Definitely a match that we lost rather than they won. I know we haven't got so much to play for at this stage (which is pretty strange for us), with both promotion and relegation impossible, but a bit more concentration wouldn't go amiss, boys.

SAT 30 MAR 1991

BROMSGROVE 2 HALESOWEN 1
Harrison

TOWN: Johnson; Kimberley; Vowles; Smith; Heath; Shilvock;
Goodall; Flynn; Bourne; Harrison; Whitehouse
SUBS: Hazlewood; Bennett

A new look team for this one with John Morris carrying out his proposals to bring in some of the younger and reserve team players to give them experience of first team football. Lee Hardwick has been given a run and now it seems that Shaun Kimberley and Darren Goodall are to be given a chance. This policy resulted in another defeat for our heroes in blue so lets just hope that it pays off in the future.

Again, we took the lead in the first half and ended up on the losing end despite having the slope as well in the second half. Kicking up-hill in the first we took the lead when Kevin Harrison turned in a neat low cross from Shaun Kimberley at the near post. (Well everybody else has credited him with it so why should we be any different, and I'm sure the Bromsgrove defender isn't going to claim it !!).

As the game went on it was pretty nick and tuck with Bromsgrove probably just edging it. The more important fact, though, is that they then scored two goals and we didn't score any at all. During the second half we did make a few chances and could have got a draw out of it but, alas, it was not to be.

The most annoying thing about the whole day, though, was the fact that their number 5 scored the winner. This "man", whose name is Igor (or something like that) appropriately enough, seems to have graduated from the Graham Roberts school of defending with about as much football talent as my dog !!

While we are on the subject of defending, there was one very interesting feature to note in this match. While we played with our usual flat back four, Bromsgrove adopted the three centre-backs approach (well, two and a donkey). This mean't that their two full-backs could push right up into mid-field. Much as we hate to acknowledge that Bromsgrove actually know what they're doing it definitely looked a very effective tactic. Bobby Hope has obviously studied his FA coaching manual in great detail, but it would be nice if we maybe tried expereimenting with something along these lines while there's less pressure on.

Of the players who came in for todays game Darren Goodall is looking an excellent player. Steve Bourne is improving all the time and was the only midfield player to get forward and give the front two the support they needed. Shaun Kimberley was steady enough but will need a few more games to settle in anyway.

**When Errol Flynn's son
Sean went missing in
action in Cambodia,
buddy Tim Page vowed
to return one day and
discover his fate**

Sean Flynn with father Errol



The mystery is solved !! After going missing in action Errol Flynn's son has turned up playing midfield for the Town.

Bourne back for England

By Brendan Gallagher

Partnering Gazza in midfield ????

PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1991

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the 1991 Follow Your Instinct Player of the year award (the most sought after and prestigious award in world football) is none other than that footballing genius himself Kevin Harrison. Congratulations Kevin from all of us here at FYI.

(Vote taken as a show of hands here at FYI mansions. All the rest of the players were joint second as this was a unanimous decision.)

DID YOU KNOW ??

That Tony Robinson wasn't supposed to sign for us at all, but looked up the wrong address in the Non-League Club Directory when looking for Halesowen Harriers. He'd heard that they send eleven comedians out to play every Saturday.

Lord justice Taylor recommends making it illegal to:

- 1) Throw missiles.
- 2) Chant racist abuse.
- 3) Go on the field without a valid reason.

Number 3 should put a stop to Stourbridge playing any more games.

If you read the last issue (and if not, why not ??!?) and thought that we were wingeing on a bit in the Gloucester match report here's what their fanzine "Tiger Roar" had to say on the matter :-

Our next opponents were Halesowen, who were not very happy with the referee after the match. After they had took the lead (against the run of play) City's equalizer came when Eaton fell over in the box and the ref pointed to the spot. Ronnie Knight scored. Geoff Hancocks scored the winner with a 'scud' of a header that was unstoppable. Now, this is where the fun starts. Five minutes from the end, Sherwood challenges Halesowen's forward in the box, slightly late, "penalty" the cry came from their supporters and players, "play on " said the ref. Another attack saw, man of the match , Hancocks, deflect a nasty shot into his own net, "Goal" screamed the

supporters and players "off side" said the ref, pointing to the linesman. Well now everyone from Halesowen was, as you can imagine, getting rather annoyed, to say the least and to make matters worse all the City fans. were now rolling on the floor with laughter. After the match

The article reproduced below is from the Farnborough fanzine "Simon's Haircut" outlining their experiences down the Grove on the opening game of the season (thank to Adrian for letting us reproduce it) :-

Back to the Stone Age

Adrian Creek reveals his bitter-sweet memories of Boro's Beazer debut

IT WAS good to hear from Ted Pearce of the great reception the team got from club officials at Halesowen. It's just a shame that some of their 'supporters' were not quite so welcoming.

Our 'crime' was as usual, to stand behind the goal Boro' were attacking in the first half, but a large number of 'Owen' supporters wouldn't have it. What were we doing in 'their end', 'piss off home', spitting and threats of physical violence to younger Boro' supporters - that's what we had to put up with.

In the midst of all this intimidation was a rather weak-kneed steward who lightly reprimanded their foul-mouthed yobs and then obviously to keep his own supporters happy, came over and told us off. I asked him what the problem was and told him that shouting for your own team was certainly no offence - I told him to turn his attention to those threatening violence (i.e. his own supporters), but he just stared at me blankly. Of course these yobs numbered only about 50 out of a generally good-natured crowd of nearly 1,500 and represent only a small minority. But this just shows how much people can get away with when club officials turn a blind eye. These sort of people belong to the Stone Age and should be kicked out of football and I'd say the same if they were Boro' supporters.

Since this article appeared we have been in touch with "Simon's Haircut" and they have been at pains to point out that their comments are not directed at all Halesowen fans just the idiots who caused them hassle. A worrying aspect is that this is not just an isolated incident, but that other clubs fans have said the same thing to us, most notably Wealdstone.

HOW DID WE

Now we are probably as guilty as anybody for not realising what has happened at these matches, as we are usually at the opposite end behind whichever goal we're attacking. Since it has been brought to our notice though, we would like to point out that this kind of behaviour may be acceptable at whichever League ground these habits were picked up at, but down the Grove it is definitely not.

MANAGE

The club is proud of it's hospitality to visiting officials and it seems a pity that this attitude has

not got through to a certain section of the crowd.

TO MISS

The other worrying aspect is the attitude of the steward(s). This may well be due to the fact that we are not really used to away crowds of any size down the Grove and that this season has been a bit of a learning experience for them too. But the stewards must do their job properly otherwise there could be serious repercussions. The Wealdstone fanzine was calling for a much larger police presence down the Grove, which is the last thing we want. However, with adequate stewarding this should not be necessary.

LEE SHARPE

We don't want to over criticise the stewards without good reason and other factors may certainly be involved, but if there is a problem something should be done. Non-league football, and HTFC, pride themselves on their friendliness. It would be a shame if it is ruined by a few mindless idiots.

The Price Is Right

£8,000,000 is a lot of money to me. £30,000 is a lot of money to me. [Lets face it £30 is a lot to you, so get on with it!! - Ed] If the bloke from Littlewoods came round tomorrow, I don't think my first thought would be "I know, I'll spend, spend, spend it all on a second-rate international footballer."

HOW MUCH

We've done well on the transfer market since Johnny Morris arrived. OK we've lost a few good players but at our level money gained from a transfer is profit, not just a balance to be invested in future signings. The replacements aren't too bad either. What price Kevin Harrison?

IS THAT

Just for argument's sake, imagine you're an unscrupulous newspaper tycoon thinking about putting in a takeover bid for Halesowen. What's your evaluation of the market value of the present

first-team squad? (Answers in less than 200 words.)

DOGGY

Working to the Spink/Pearce/Clarke/Cash criteria I reckon about £70,000. £25K for Harrison, £10K for Eric and Flynnie, £5K for Heywood, Malcolm and Robert, maybe £2K for Lee, Leroy and Gav Whitehouse with bits and pieces thrown in for the rest.

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I can hear you laughing at my figures already, but the point is that however much you haggle over the details, the total won't be much more than, say, the value of an average Tranmere player. So what's to stop Coventry coming in and buying up the whole team in one job lot? Not a lot really, but with John Sillett out of the picture I think we'll be all right.

THE WINDOW

Still, let's get these

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ridiculous figures into some kind of perspective. £30,000 is roughly 32258.1 pints of Banks's Mild at Maypole prices, or 88.38 pints a day for a whole year (not including February 29th - you can't drink every day!!)

PINTS

I propose a new method of determining transfer fees - the 'Pints Per Punter' ratio. Any transfer fees received by a club will be converted into beer for the fans. If this doesn't attract crowds back to football, I don't know what will.

My trusty calculator gives me the following numbers :- Gazza will be going to Italy for about 148 Pints Per Punter (London prices), John Barnes is worth 83 PPP and Chris Waddle around 50 PPP. This makes Dean Spink's 32 PPP look a lot more respectable.

PUNTER

Come the glorious day when the fans of the world unite and take over possession of their clubs, then perhaps we'll see some sanity brought into the transfer market. Pints Per Punter - ah, dream on!

IT MAKES ME MAD.....

when games are called 'Other Pools Matches' on the "The Games Involving Teams We Can't Treat Seriously Because It Would Undermine The Patronising Tone We Adopt When Our So-Called 'In-Depth' FA Cup Coverage Discovers Them".

Why bother about the league results of the clubs that contest 75% of the matches in the flagship competition of your TV sports coverage?

I don't know about you, but I shan't be paying my licence fee until I hear the magic words "Beazer Homes League" at 4.45 every Saturday.

Desmond Linesman

SUPPORTING STARS

With your revered Prime Minister professing a liking for football (well Chelsea anyway), FYI asked me to use my extensive contacts with the rich and famous to find out which teams they supported. There were some surprising answers.

THERE'S

Form the world of politics, **Mikhael Gorbachev** said he was impressed with the 'perestroika' that had been going on at Stourbridge recently. Meanwhile much in the news **Saddam Hussein** told me he liked the "anything goes, take no prisoners" attitude that Wealdstone take into their games.

ONLY

Top carer **Mother Theresa** revealed that the result she always looked out for was that of Cradley Town, as she was a sucker for lost causes. Similarly **Nelson Mandela** recently let it slip that he only made it through his years in prison because of his

devotion to Halesowen Harriers, knowing there were always people worse off than himself.

ONE

Aussie tycoon **Rupert Murdoch** said he admired the way high-spending Gloucester tried to buy success on the field. However Twin Peaks' lawman **Special Agent Cooper** said the only thing that impressed him was the 'damn fine coffee' they served at their ground.

HALESOWEN

Finally and not altogether surprisingly, several celebrities urged me to record their undying devotion to Johnny Morris and the lads. There's not enough space to list everyone pleaded with me to let the world know they were Town fans, but those who were especially adamant were **Danni Minogue, Fidel Castro, Vic Reeves** and of course myself, your loyal servant **Boris Yeltz-in**.

More next time!

Further Reading

We were going to review the fanzines available but who are we to criticise anybody ?? All of them have their own merits and so here's a list of some which might be of interest to somebody

GENERAL NON-LEAGUE

- "Lets Get Talking" - 50p from 41 Lockington Avenue, Hartley, Plymouth,
Devon PL3 5QG
"Non-League Football Fanfare" - 40p from 26 Orchard Road, Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT1 2QW

OTHERS INCLUDE :-

- DARTFORD - "Light at the End of the Tunnel" 50p from 19 The Terraces,
Dartford, Kent.
DOVER ATHLETIC - "Dover Soul" 40p from 9A St. Johns Road, Dover,
Kent CT17 9SE.
"Tales From the River End" 40p from 92 Wyndham Road
Dover, Kent.
"Rhodes Boyson - Do's Ee Play For ?" 50p from 72
Longfield Road, Dover, Kent.
FARNBOROUGH TOWN - "Simon's Haircut" 50p from 129 Roberts Road, Aldershot
Hants, GU12 4RA
GLOUCESTER CITY - "Tiger Roar" 20p from 70 Sussex Gardens, Hucclecote,
Gloucester GL3 3SU
KIDDERMINSTER - "The Soup" 50p from 29 Gilgal, Stourport, Nr. Kidderminster
Worcs.
MOOR GREEN - "Moors Code" 50p from 69 Fitzroy Ave., Harborne,
Birmingham B17 8RH
RUSHDEN TOWN - "Russians Roulette" 40p from 22 Queen Street, Rushden,
Northants NN10 0AZ
STOURBRIDGE - "Glass Routes" 40p from 78 Meridan Avenue, Wollaston,
Stourbridge, W.Mids. DY8 4QS
WATERLOOVILLE - "Flippin' Eck Ref, That was a Foul Surely" 50p from 268
Somers Road North, Fratton, Portsmouth, PO1 1PL
WEALDSTONE - "The Elsie Ender" 50p from 37 Grange Road, Kenton, Harrow,
Middlesex HA1 2PR
"Long Ball Down the Middle" £1 from 50 Hartington Close,
Sudbury Hill, Harrow, Middx.
ASTON VILLA - "Heroes and Villians" 50p from P.O. Box 1703, Perry Barr,
Birmingham, B42 1UZ
"Witton Wisdom" 50p from 60 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey
KT14 7QL
B'HAM CITY - "Tired and Weary" 50p from 133 Longmore Road, Shirley
Solihull, W.Mids B90 3EF
WALSALL - "Saddle Sore" 40p from 24 Blenheim Road, Horspath, Oxford
OX9 1RY
WEST BROM - "Grorty Dick" 50p from c/o 7 Ruth Close, Tipton, Staffs.
DY4 0AR
WOLVES - "A Load of Bull" 50p from Box 277, 52 Call Lane, Leeds
LS1 6DT
"WHEN SATURDAY COMES" is also available at newsagents, W H Smiths e.t.c.

REMEMBER : Please enclose an SAE when writing away for fanzines.

OH NO !! I'VE SPENT MY LAST 50p
AND THE NEW "FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCT"
IS OUT TODAY !!!

