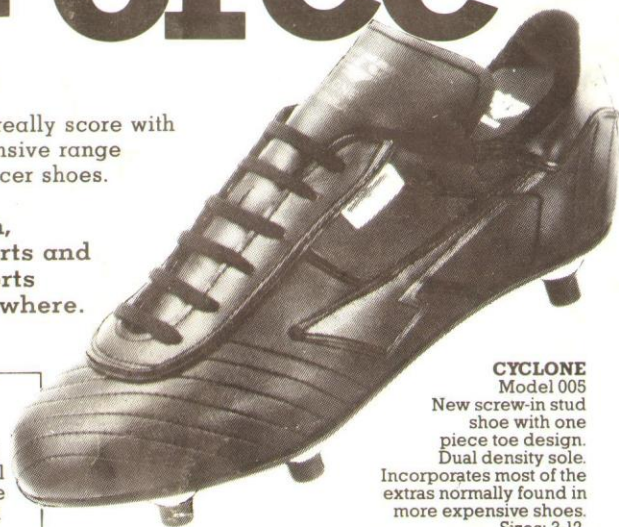


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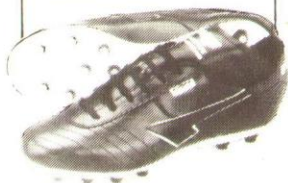
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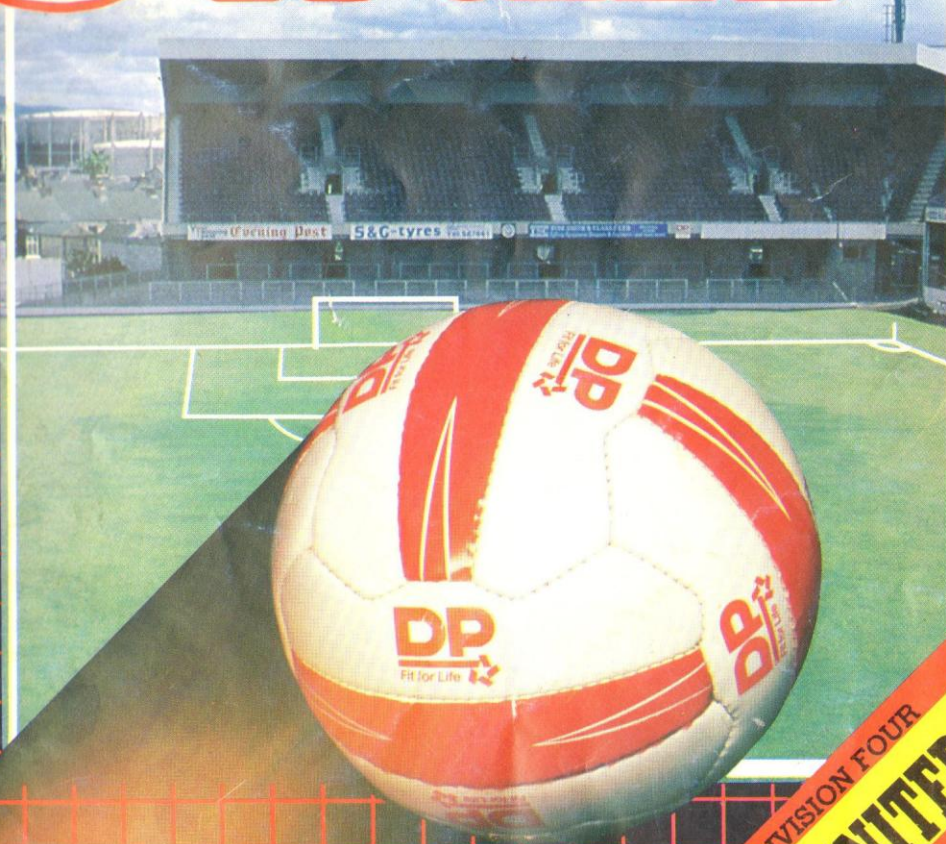
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Dear Supporters,

As you read these notes Christmas 1986 will have passed and a New Year 1987 is just around the corner. It would have been nice to write as the footballing season reaches the half way mark that the visit of Colchester United to the Vetch had produced another home victory with second spot in the Today League Division Four.

As the team left the field at half-time leading 1-0 from Sean McCarthy's penalty 1, probably like most of you, felt that the Swans had the potential for a handful of goals. Soccer unfortunately doesn't conform to a set pattern and Colchester's ten minutes in the dressing room set them up for a two goal spell and our second successive defeat.

We take the short journey to Cardiff on Boxing Day against a team which is beginning to fire on all cylinders and, like ourselves, with eyes on promotion. Cardiff don't give much away at Ninian Park but I hope that with your support there will be an incident-free game and the opportunity to stop our losing run. We can do it!

This afternoon we welcome Hereford United to the Vetch. Back in September we were successful in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup by 5-1 and I am looking forward to a repeat performance.



Please keep supporting the team, they need all your encouragement.

Terry Yorath

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB: Congratulations to Francine and Stuart on the birth of a baby daughter Louise; also to John (driver of players' coach) and Margaret on the arrival of a baby son Robert. Best wishes from the Committee to both sets of parents.

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David Farmer writes...

In Retrospect HEREFORD UNITED

Having played Hereford United here at the Vetch in the Littlewoods Cup earlier this season, we have had one look back down memory lane with them. However, as I noted on that occasion, today is an historical day for both clubs in that we compete in a League match for the first time. Hereford came into the English League in season 1972 and since then we have both managed to avoid each other. Actually, for the Swans, this means that we will have met all ninety-two League teams in one divisional championship or another.

Since we have not played each other in League games there is nothing to note about that. However, on one occasion the United played us in circumstances which were closely related to our League success.

The match took place here at the Vetch on 4th May, 1981, and prior to the game (the first leg of the two-game final of that season) our players toured the packed ground to receive the plaudits of the 13,182 crowd. It was a happy evening for everyone, with the joy of promotion to Division One for the first time still ringing in our hearts. Another happy event that evening was the presentation to 'Jimmy' Hadziabdic of the player of the year trophy. 'Jimmy', one of the most popular

players we have ever had here, beamed with joy. He was, too, to play a part in ensuring that we won the game that night.

As far as United were concerned, they did not come here as sacrificial lambs. Even allowing for the fact that our lads must have found it difficult to psych themselves up for the game after the Preston match (two days before), United did well. So well, indeed, that we were happy to run out 1-0 winners. The scorer: Robbie James, who also scored in the 1-1 draw at Edgar Street which was the result of the second leg.

The teams for the Vetch match on that memorable evening were:—

Swans: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Mahoney, Lewis, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Charles and Craig.

Hereford: Cashley, Price, Bartley, Hicks, Cornes, Spring, Harvey, Laidlow, Showers, McCrellis, White.

Mention of the popular 'Jimmy' takes the eye/mind to the left-back in the Hereford side for that game. That's right, Danny Bartley: a player who gave us great service and contributed a great deal to our rise from the basement to the top. Hereford fans may not have seen him at his best but I am sure, like us, that they would salute him as a great 'Pro'.

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Good afternoon and welcome to the Vetch Field for our Today League Division Four match with Hereford United.

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The Managers

The Managers - No.16 COLIN APPLETON

Having failed to bring Colin Appleton to the Vetch during the previous season, the Swans' directors tried again in the May of 1984. Appleton had taken Hull towards the top of their Division the previous season. What was more pertinent, however, was that he had done it on a shoe-string; that was a credential which was essential at the Vetch at the time. The new manager signed a two-year contract on 16th May, 1984, but, as things worked out, he was to stay less than seven months of that period.

Whilst the financial position was difficult when Colin Appleton came to the Vetch, it was by no means his only problem. His biggest difficulty was the morale of his staff. At the time he came the Swans could boast at least six 'Internationals' and there were several promising young players, including Dean Saunders, Jimmy Loveridge and David Hough. The manager's problem was that he could not weld his men into an effective side. And, as he was to say later, he needed time; and, sadly, time was not a commodity in plentiful supply at the club at that point.

The team started badly, winning only one of its first seven games and, at the end of September, the Swans were 23rd in the table. They had scored only six goals whilst conceding fourteen. When the next game was won at Bournemouth (the first away vic-

tory for 46 attempts) things looked a little better. Four days later the team put an even better performance together to win 3-1 at the Vetch against Orient. Was this to be the beginning of a revival? The answer was 'no', for three further games were lost in quick succession before the next victory which, as it turned out, was the last under Colin Appleton's aegis.

By that time the confidence of the board and of the fans in the new manager was evaporating. After losing 1-4 at Doncaster in November, the Swans were soundly beaten 0-2 at the Vetch by Plymouth. Not only was the side losing, but, to coin an old Swansea phrase, there was 'no shape' about the play. Appleton, unable to buy or borrow, used many trialists during this period, signing them, as the papers put it at the time, 'out of the dole queue'. Names like Richardson, Cole, Wassell and Wellings appeared in the side, while an old English International, Gerry Francis, also signed at one point.

After the Plymouth defeat the chairman acted; Colin Appleton was sacked five days later.

Colin Appleton's record (League):

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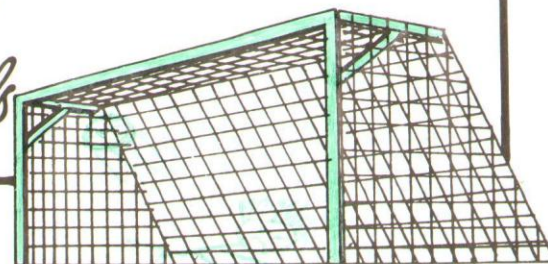


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Aug. 23	Sat.	Stockport County	H	4774	3-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hutchison	Randell	Love*	Pascoe*	Andrews	McCarthy
Aug. 27	Wed.	Hereford United	A	2604	3-3	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hutchison	Randell	Love	Pascoe	Andrews*	French*
Aug. 30	Sat.	Preston North End	A	4362	1-2	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	Randell	Love	Pascoe	Andrews	McCarthy*
Sep. 2	Tue.	Hereford United	H	3870	5-1	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough*	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe*	Andrews	Randell
Sep. 6	Sat.	Orient	H	4935	4-1	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville*	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Andrews	Hutchison
Sep. 12	Fri.	Southend United	A	3444	2-1	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Andrews	Randell
Sep. 16	Tue.	Burnley	A	2266	1-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hutchison	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Hough	Randell
Sep. 20	Sat.	Northampton Town	H	6902	2-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love*	Pascoe	Hutchison	Williams
Sep. 23	Tue.	Leicester City	H	9590	0-2	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Andrews	Hutchison	Williams
Sep. 27	Sat.	Crewe Alexandra	A	1941	1-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe*	Hutchison	Williams
Sep. 30	Tue.	Aldershot	H	6404	2-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough*	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Hutchison	French*
Oct. 4	Sat.	Halifax Town	A	1003	0-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Williams	Hutchison	Stevenson
Oct. 8	Wed.	Leicester City	A	5884	2-4	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Stevenson	Hutchison	French
Oct. 11	Sat.	Scunthorpe United	H	5412	1-2	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
Oct. 18	Sat.	Wolverhampton W.	H	5795	1-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel*	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
Oct. 22	Wed.	Peterborough Utd	A	2301	1-1	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Simmonds	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
Oct. 25	Sat.	Torquay United	A	1774	5-3	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Melville*	Emmanuel	Hough*	McCarthy*	Simmonds	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
Nov. 1	Sat.	Rochdale	H	5612	1-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Simmonds*	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
Nov. 4	Tue.	Cambridge United	H	5688	2-0	Hughes	Harrison*	Phelan	Lewis	Stevenson	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Simmonds	Pascoe	Hutchison	French
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Nov. 11	Tue.	Newport County	H	4756	1-3	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Stevenson*	Williams P	Melville	McCarthy*	Simmonds	Andrews	Hutchison	French*
Nov. 15	Sat.	Wealdstone	A	2576	1-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Stevenson	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Simmonds	Andrews	Hutchison	French
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Nov. 22	Sat.	Hartlepool United	H	4420	1-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Stevenson	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love*	Williams P	Hutchison	Andrews
Nov. 24	Tue.	Wealdstone	H	3031	4-1	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Simmonds	McCarthy*	Love	Williams P	Hutchison	Hough
Nov. 29	Sat.	Wrexham	A	4909	0-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough*	McCarthy*	Love	Williams P*	Hutchison*	Andrews
Dec. 2	Tue.	Torquay	A	601	0-0	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Hough	McCarthy*	Love	Williams P	Hutchison	Simmonds
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Dec. 20	Sat.	Colchester United	H	4515	1-2	Hughes	Harrison	Phelan	Lewis	Melville	Emmanuel	Williams P	McCarthy*	Love	Pascoe	Hutchison	Stevenson
Dec. 26	Fri.	Cardiff City	A														French
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Jan. 24	Sat.	Orient	A														FA Cup Round 4
Jan. 31	Sat.	Southend United	H														
Feb. 6	Fri.	Burnley	H														
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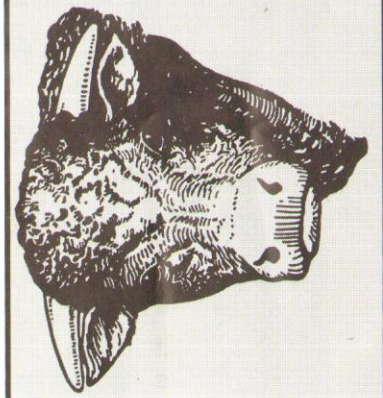
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Preston	19	7	1	2	15	9	3	2	4	13	14	33	
Colchester	20	6	2	2	18	10	3	3	4	16	20	32	
Wrexham	18	5	3	0	18	7	3	4	3	17	14	31	
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Cardiff	19	3	4	2	12	8	4	3	3	11	14	28	
Scunthorpe	19	6	3	1	24	13	1	2	5	9	15	27	
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Crewe	20	2	6	2	13	17	3	2	5	17	14	23	
Hereford	20	3	5	2	13	10	2	2	6	10	18	22	
Burnley	20	5	3	2	15	11	1	1	8	9	21	22	
Halifax	20	5	2	3	14	11	1	1	8	9	21	21	
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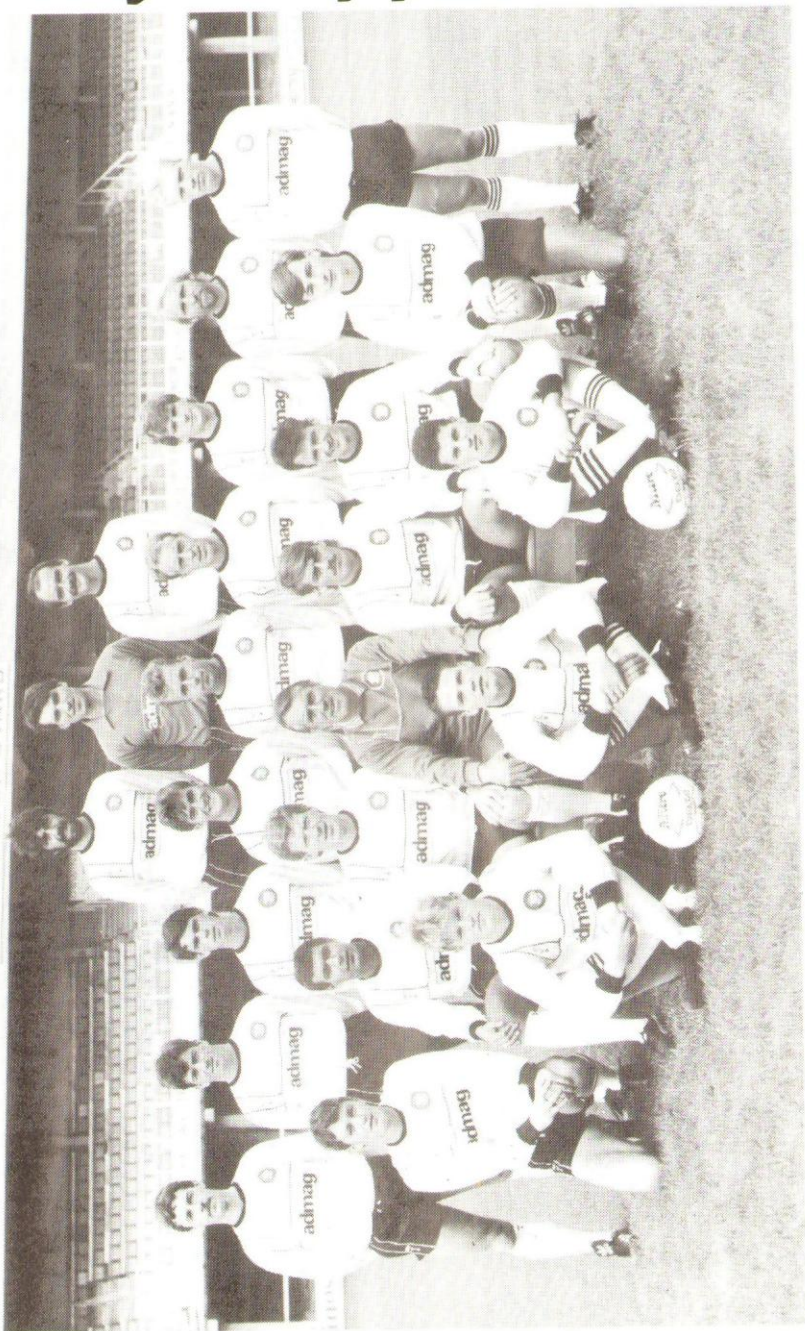
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HEREFORD UNITED — 1986/87

Back Row: Wayne Cegielski, Kevin Rose, Mick Carter.
Middle Row: Mel Pejic, Steve Devine, Ian Rodgeron, Paul Butler, Ian Dalziel, Jimmy Harvey, Steve Spooner, John Delve (Captain), Danny Corner (YTS).
Front Row: Ian Benbow (YTS), Stewart Phillips, Ollie Kearns, John Newman (Manager), Ian Wells, Bruce Halliday, Sean Edwards (YTS).
Sitting: Jason Lee (YTS), David Thomas (YTS), Paul Maltander (YTS).

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KEVIN ROSE — Goalkeeper — (25) Born in Evesham. Kevin joined United from Ledbury Town and he has not missed a first team game for over three years.

IAN DALZIEL — (23) Born in South Shields. Signed for United during the close season 1983 from Derby where he started as an apprentice. Ian made 28 appearances for Derby. Since his move he has made 118 first team appearances for United.

BRUCE HALLIDAY — (25) Born in Sunderland. Made 32 League appearances with Newcastle and had a spell on loan with Darlington before moving to Bury. Joined Bristol City two years ago and missed only a few games when they won promotion from the Fourth Division. Joined United for the 1985/86 season.

WAYNE CEGIELSKI — (30) Born in Bedwellty. Started his soccer career as an apprentice with Tottenham Hotspur but made his League debut with Northampton Town. A Welsh International, moved to Port Vale and totted up 100 games before joining Blackpool in the closing stages of last season. He has made 32 appearances for Hereford.

MEL PEJIC — (27) Born in Newcastle. Signed professional for Stoke City in 1977 but with limited first team appearances joined United in 1980. Voted the club's Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons — 1983/84/85. Since moving to Edgar Street he has totted up 277 League and Cup games.

JIMMY HARVEY — (28) Born in Lurgan, Northern Ireland. Played for Irish League team Glenavon before signing for Arsenal in 1976. Jimmy joined United in 1980. He has made 312 League and Cup appearances since moving to Edgar Street.

JOHN DELVE — (32) Born in Isleworth, Middlesex. Has made over 350 League appearances during spells with Queens Park Rangers, Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City but injury has limited him to 56 League

games since signing for United two years ago.

STEWART PHILLIPS — (24) Born in Halifax. He joined United from school serving an apprenticeship and signing professional two years later. He netted 98 goals in 277 first team games.

OLLIE KEARNS — (30) Born in Banbury. He started his career with Reading moving to Oxford then to Walsall. He has since scored 59 goals in 150 League and Cup games for United.

PAUL BUTLER — (22) Born in Stockton. Paul commanded an £8,000 fee when he moved to Edgar Street from Wolves in February 1985, and has made 67 League and Cup appearances.

MICK CARTER — (26) Born in Warrington. He made 102 first team appearances with Bolton, Mansfield Town, Swindon and Plymouth Argyle. He is now in his fourth season with United.

IAN WELLS — (21) Born in Wolverhampton. Joined United last season from West Midland League Club Harrisons and bagged 15 goals in 48 League and Cup matches.

IAN RODGERSON — (20) Born in Hereford. Ian was a former county player who joined us from Pegasus Juniors. He made 22 League and Cup appearances during last season.

STEVE DEVINE — (21) Born in Strabane, Northern Ireland. Was an apprentice with Wolves and then moved to Derby County with whom he made his League debut. He had a trial period with Stockport County last season before joining United in October.

STEVE SPOONER — (25) Born in Surrey. Joined Derby County as an apprentice in 1978 and made eight appearances for the Rams before being transferred to Halifax Town three years later. He was a regular member of Chesterfield's Fourth Division Championship Team. Joined United for a £7,000 fee.

CHRIS LEADBITTER — (19) Born in Middlesbrough. Chris joined us at the beginning of this season from League club Grimsby.

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FOOTBALL FOR THE FAMILY

As it's holiday time, 'Radio Vetch' is looking at the more humorous side of football and taking its annual look at some of football's famous mis-quotes.

Graham Montagu was enjoying his usual Saturday afternoon watching Chelsea when, on the giant electric board behind the goals, the following message was flashed: "Urgent message for Graham Montagu"! When Montagu had made his way through the crowd, which by this time was chanting "Montagu, it's for yoo-hoo", he discovered not an urgent message, but two police who arrested him for assault. The police trap resulted in a six month sentence for Montagu!

The BBC's radio commentator for the 1938 FA Cup Final, Lieutenant Commander Tommy Woodroffe, promised his listeners at one point in what was proving a tedious match, "If there's a goal now I'll eat my hat". Shortly afterwards there was, and to his credit he had a go!!

More recent gaffes include:

"And now the formalities are over, we'll have the national anthems", Brian Moore.

"Yes, Woodcock would have scored but his shot was just too perfect", Ron Atkinson.

"Well Terry, can you tell us where you are in the

League; how far are you ahead of the second team?", Ian St. John.

"That goal surprised most people, least of all myself", Garth Crooks.

"Newport 0, Wrexham 1. Well done the Welsh there!", Sport on 2.

"Believe it or not, goals can change a game", Mick Channon.

"Ian Rush unleashed his left foot and it hit the back of the net", Mike England.

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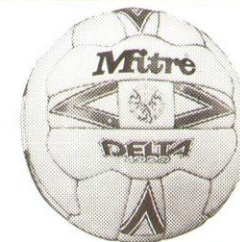
A class player 'Hutchy' was born at Cardenden, Fife, Scotland, on 22 September, 1947, and made his debut in professional football with Alloa for whom he played 68 games. His first move was to Blackpool where he made 165 appearances before signing for Coventry where he played 160 times. One season he played for Seattle in the USA before returning to Manchester City where he gave sterling service in 46 games. Then followed two years in Hong Kong before returning to Burnley, making 96 appearances.

During his distinguished football career, much travelled Tommy has collected 17 international caps and last week collected the Personality of the Year trophy at Martha's Vineyard.

He lists 'winning at golf with the boss' as his 'likes' and 'losing at golf to the boss' as his 'dislikes'. Tommy lives at Caswell and is happily married to Irene. They have three children, Lynn (16), John (13), and David (11). A gentleman on and off the field, he is an inspiration to the younger players and long may he play good football at the Vetch Field.

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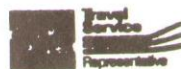
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