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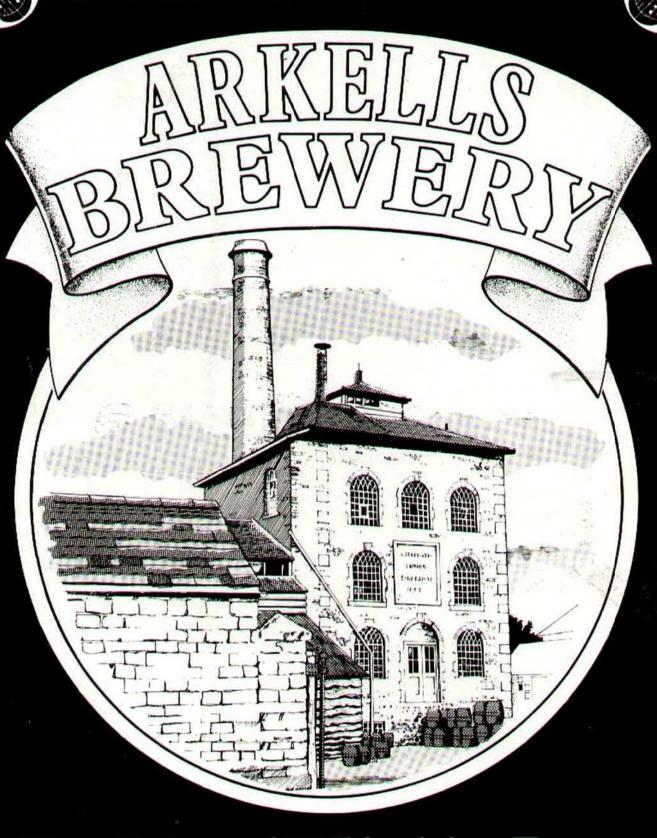
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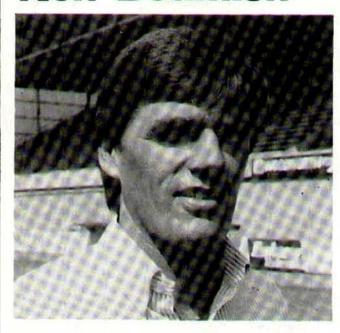
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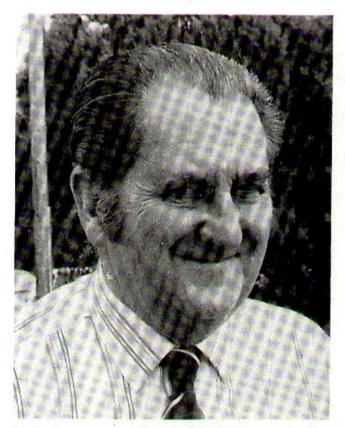


Firstly we welcome the players, officials and supporters from Reading. I am sure that all of you present at the awat game at Elm Park will remember how exciting a game it was and I hope that the return fixture here this afternoon is equally as entertaining.

These notes are written prior to our mid week game at Hereford and hopefully we will have added another three points to our tally as we endeavour to close the points gap between ourselves and the immediate promotion contenders. What a differencs a couple of games can make! Our results last week against Chester City and Stockport County go to prove how quickly three points for a win can affect a teams progress in the League, especially when the points are picked up away from home as ours were against Chester. I remember well this season how quickly Blackpool became promotion contenders due entirely to a run of six successive wins and this is the kind of winning sequence we are aiming to attain to give ourselves a chance at the end of the season. It is still my opinion that anyone from a dozen clubs can gain promotion this season and the run of games from Easter onwards are going to be very decisive.

It is nice to see our treatment room a little less busy than it has been lately as the injuries hopefully are clearing up, both Colin Bailie and Mike Graham playing in the reserve side against Oxford United on Tuesday last. I hope that we shall not experience such a spate of injuries again in the foreseeable future. At this moment in time only the injury to Charlie Henry is causing concern, excepting Jimmy Allan of course. Charlie's hamstring injury was a little more severe than we first thought and Jim's progress is satisfactory although he is still a long way from being fit enough to train.

But back to this afternoons game. I hope it will give you plenty to cheer about and that the winning goal is not as close to the end of the game as that of last week, although anytime for a winning goal is welcome. Thanks for your support.



Today we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our nearby friends from Reading.

The games with Reading over the years have always been exciting and keenly fought and no doubt todays fixture will be no exception.

We drew the game at Reading earlier in the season 2-2 after being two goals ahead at half-time. At that time Readings home record was impressive so our performance was excellent. Since then Reading have been riding high in the league, before todays game they are lying in fourth place.

Last week was a memorable week for us as we completed two "doubles" beating a poor Chester side 3-0 on Wednesday, having earlier beaten them 4-0 at the County Ground. Then on Saturday, we beat Stockport 2-1 after winning on their ground by 3-1 in September.

Saturdays game was won in the last minute, once again several chances were missed. It was pleasing to see players who came into the side in place of our many injuries, doing so well. We are of course pleased that Alan Mayes has withdrawn his request for a transfer and sincerely hope he will return to his goal scoring form he showed us earlier in the season.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

With the exception of Charlie Henry, who may be another week before he is able to play again, all the other injured players are now recovered and played in the Reserve game against Oxford at Swindon on Tuesday evening which was drawn 1-1.

Paul Rideout has been a regular first team choice for Aston Villa for 27 games so far and that means that we have received two further payments of his transfer fee. We have one more payment to come and then further cash should Paul be selected to play for England. Those of you who read our Company results for the previous financial year will know that without the transfer of Paul, the Club would have made an enormous loss. We read of several Clubs in grave financial problems but at the last minute so far someone has stepped in and stopped the Club from being declared bankrupt. Frankly Lam surprised that some have not already failed as we know full well that receipts from the gate does not come anywhere near to meeting the enormous cost of running a league Club.

We are grateful at Swindon to everyone who supports us in so many ways. The Clubs, the Shop, our Competitions, those who advertise on the Ground, those who Sponsor our games and especially those who voluntarily give their time and effort to raise funds for us and last but by no means least, those of you who pay to watch us play, week after week, win or lose and often in foul weather. To all of you I say a sincere thank you and I promise that no effort will be spared to lift the Club out of the Fourth Division.

I have often said in these notes that we have the ability to gain promotion and those of you who saw the Cup games must surely agree. We are of course, far lower in the league than we would like but the season is not yet over and a sustained effort now can still bring the reward we all earnestly seek.

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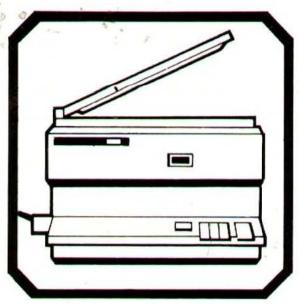
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DARLINGTON	Walsh 16. Todd 6, Cartwright 3, Davies 2, Johnson 2. Barton 2, Gilbert 2, Honour 1, Pugh 1, Smith 1,	SMINDOA	Mayes 12, Quinn 12, Rowland 9, Batty 6, Barnard 5, Nelson 4, Emmanuel 3, Gibson 3, Hockaday 3, Baille 1, Henry 1.
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HALIFAX	Cook 5, Staniforth 5, Mell 4, Little 3, Hendrie 2, Ward 2, Kendall 2, Nuttall 2, Evans 1, Gallagher 1, Greenaway 1, Cooper 1, Smith 1.	WREXHAM	Gregory 9, Hunt 5, King 5, Edwards 4, Arkwright 4, Coleman 3, Keay 2, Hume 1, Heath 1, Jones 1, Muldoon 1, Evans 1.
HARTLEPOOL	Dixon 3(Now Carlisle, loaned Player) Dobson 3, Staff 3, Waddle 2, Bird 2, Kennedy 2, Linacre 2, Hogan 2, Lowe 1, Robinson 1, Waddle 1(Now Peterbourgh) Ray 1, Own Goals 2.	YORK	Bryne 17, Walwyn 16, Ford 7, Pollard 6, McPhail 5, Sbragia 4, Hood 2, Pearce 2, Senior 1, Hay 1.

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EACH CLUB'S HIGHEST LEAGUE GATES TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:TH.

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Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck

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ACROSS

- 1. The Jennings who, like Pat before him, began his League career at Watford. (5)
- 8 5. He was followed as manager of Barnsley by Norman Hunter and as manager of Leeds by Eddie Gray, both former team-mates of his. (5,6)
- 9. One of soccer's KK clan. (3, 8)

- - Blenkinsop, old England back with Hull, Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool and Cardiff.
 (5)
- Often-capped Northern Ireland defender, for long a contemporary and club-mate of 8 down. (6)
- 14. Light-weight supporter!!! (5)

DOWN

- The home club in the first League match to be televised live. (9)
- Welsh international who moved into management with Colchester in 1983. (3)
- Club which has been managed by two members of England's World Cup-winning team and by the same-named father of a third.
- Counting 1983/84, Coventry City have spent this many seasons in the First Division. (9)
- "A ---- ball down the wing". (4)
- He kicked off his career with Leicester in 1979 and notched his fiftieth League goal for them early this season. (7)
- 10. The Freeman who escaped from 13 across? (4)
- 12. When Ian Greaves was managing Bolton this other one was playing for them. (3)

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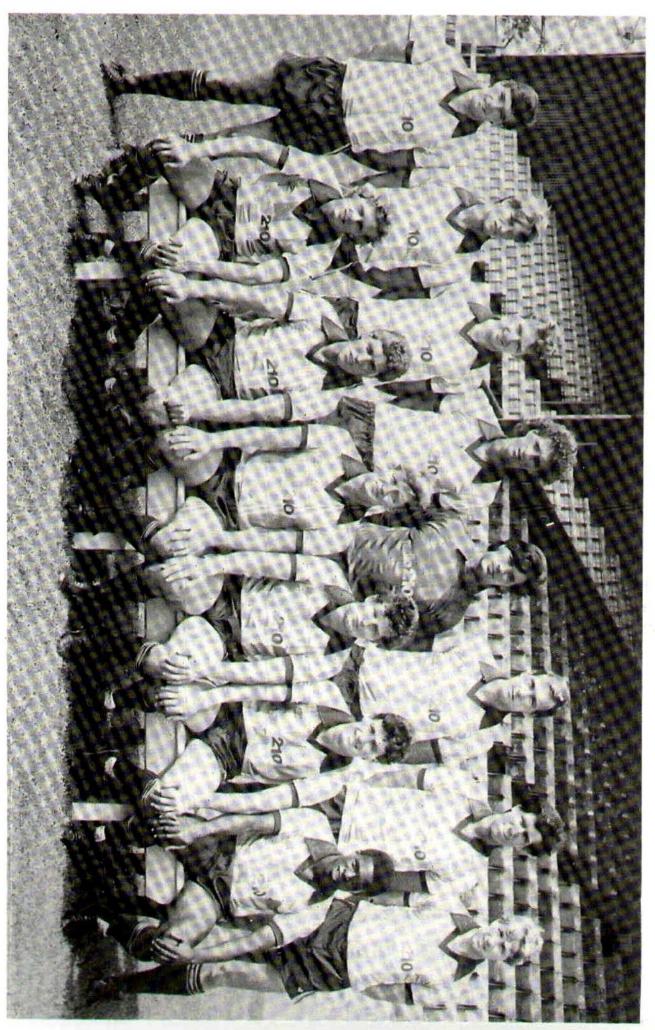


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Introducing the men from Elm Park

Today we welcome promotion challengers Reading, who after last Saturday's matches were in Fourth place, and are making a determined effort to regain the Third Division place they lost last season after finishing in twenty first position just one point behind Orient, Exeter and Wigan.

Unbeaten at home this season, in fact it is almost a year ago since they last tasted defeat at Elm Park when Bristol Rovers took the points in their 2-1 defeat of the Royals.

The past year has seen many changes on and off the field at Reading. Staving off the intended merger with Oxford United, former Reading player, Roger Smee became chairman of the club he once played for and his influences, financially and in business acumen, has meant changes that recently saw the departure of former players in Maurice Evans and Roy Bentley from their posts as manager and secretary respectively.

The elevation of Ian Branfoot from coach to manager coincided with innovation of former Tottenham Hotspur Commercial Manager Mike Lewis as the Managing Executive of the Berkshire Club.

At the end of last season Reading upon their relegation to Division Four released Brian Bason, Mike Doherty, Stewart Henderson, Pat Earles and Gary Donellan, Donellam, new signings included Alan Judge (Luton), David Crown (Exeter), Dean Horrix (Gillingham), and Colin Douglas the former Oxford United player. The free scoring Kerry Dixon who was transferred to Chelsea for a fee in excess of £200,000 was replaced by a £30,000 signing from Portsmouth in Trevor Senior.

Free scoring Reading have been invincible at home with victories over Stockport (6-2), Doncaster (3-2), Darlington (1-0), Crewe (5-0), Mansfield (4-0), Wrexham (4-1), Halifax (1-0), Hartlepool (5-1), Hereford (3-1), Blackpool (2-0) and last Saturday Chester (1-0). We are one of only four teams to have left Elm Park with a point, where we gained a 2-2 draw the others have been Chesterfield (1-1), Torquay (2-2) and Rochdale (0-0).

On their travels the Elm Park Club have gained victories on only two grounds Bury (3-2) and Tranmere also (3-2). Draws have been obtained at Northampton (2-2), York (2-2), Peterborough (3-3), Aldershot (0-0) and Darlington (1-1).

Jerry Williams was born at Didcot, former club apprentice and has made over 160 First team appearances in the League scoring 9 goals; Martin Hicks, born at Stratford-on-Avon, was signed from Charlton for £30,000 six seasons ago, has made nearly 200 League appearances for Reading scoring twelve League goals; Steve Wood is a former apprentice and has made over 80 appearances in the League scoring six goals, three of them this season; Mark White was a former Sheffield United apprentice, but only on his move to Reading did he appear in League football with close on 180 League games. He has scored 14 goals in the League, one this season.

Stuart Beavon, Colin Duncan and Steve Richardson form the midfield with Beavon having been signed for £36,000 in July 1980 from Tottenham, where

with only three matches to his name found his move to Reading beneficial having made close onto 150 League appearances scoring 21 goals, six of them this season, son of former Oxford United defender Cyril.

Colin Duncan signed during this season after a trial period, is a former Oxford United player, while former Southampton apprentice Steve Richardson who spent four seasons with the Saints, joining the Royals in July 1982 has gained a regular place at Reading, having made nearly seventy appearances scoring once.

Up front Trevor Senior former Portsmouth player who spent a period on loan with Aldershot last season, commenced this season with Reading after his £30,000 transfer from Pompey. Has now made nearly fifty League appearances scoring 32 goals, twenty four in the League this season, partnered by another close season signing Dean Horrix who cost £10,000 from Gillignham who has scored 26 League goals in nearly one hundred League matches, seven in the League this season, was a former Millwall player where he made seventy of his League appearances. David Crown, former Walthamstow winger began his League career with Brentford moving onto Portsmouth in an exchange deal for Chris Kamara our former player with now over one hundred League appearances to his credit, scoring 16 goals, six for Reading this season.

Also in the Reading squad Ken Price, former Southend and Gillingham striker, spending five seasons with the Kent club has played nearly 300 League games.

Wayne Tutty former Oxford United apprentice has made a handful of appearances prior to this season, while Lawrie Sanchez with two hundred League games to his credit has only appeared for Reading. Mick Barnes and Mark Matthews are former apprentices with spasmodic appearances. Manager lan Branfoot was a former Southampton coach prior to moving to Elm Park, a former Sheffield Wednesday and Lincoln City player. Similar to ourselves, Reading were first round victims in the Milk Cup losing on penalties after a six all aggregate draw with Colchester.

In the F.A. Cup after a first round win over Hereford at home (2-0) they lost a second round replay away to Oxford United (0-3) after a 1-1 draw at home before their biggest crowd of the season, 11,590. In the League our visit produced the highest League attendance 5,918.

SCORERS TO DATE (Inc. Cups):

Trevor Senior 29 (20H, 9A), Stuart Beavon 8 (6H, 2A), Dean Horriz (4H, 3A), David Crown 6 (3H, 3A), Lawrie Sanchez 4 (3H, 1A), Wayne Tutty 3 (H), Steve Wood 3 (H), Ken Price 2 (H), Mick Barnes 1 (A), Mark White 1 (H), Own Goals 3 (2H, 1A).

Unbeaten at home, Readings longest unbeaten sequence this season is five matches, they have won four matches. Sequence and opposing teams have failed to score against them on eight occasions.

SURVEY ON DIVISION IV

by DAVE KING

Former Bournemouth manager David Webb is the new manager of Torquay United, in fact he is Managing Director and coach as well. On his appointment he said 'This job is like turning the QE2 round in 100 yards, but I can do it'.

The 37 year old former Chelsea defender has been out of football for 14 months since resigning as manager of Bournemouth. 'It's a big job because the Club is in terrible financial trouble and heading for the rocks, but new money is being pumped in and with some bubble and enthusiasm we can put things right and put the Club on a sound basis. We have only ten full time players which is something I will have to look into,' he said.

One of those full time players is our former midfield player Brian Hughes who left us on a free transfer at the end of last season.

David Webb will be in overall command of all sections of the Club under the new chairman Lou Pope who is a local hotelier and succeeds Tony Boyce.

The transfer of a 'Day at the Seaside' was soon over, when Andy Wharton joined Torquay United on a months loan. It was on condition that Torquay would foot the bill for Burnley to stay the weekend at a Devon resort on the Lancashire Clubs visit to play Third Division rivals Plymouth Argyle, this was duly completed and Torquay had high hopes that Andy Wharton would sign for them, but on the Monday he failed to agree terms with David Webb the Torquay chief and returned home to Lancashire. A new twist to soccer transfers this but I cannot see Hartlepool and Darlington being able to adopt this approach!

Transfer moves . . . Stockport County have signed John Kerr from Bristol City for a nominal fee after he had spent a months loan period with them, with a clause in the deal guaranteeing City half of any future transfer fee Stockport may receive for the former Tranmere player . . . Bristol City are scouring the non-League circuit for a new player and are watching former Reading player Mike Doherty now with Alliance League Club Yeovil Town and Barry Town striker Steve Williams . . . Chester have Manchester City player Paul Sanderson on Ioan . . Mansfield Town have signed Peter Frain from West Bromwich Albion on a months loan . . . part time professional Martyn Hirst is to sign a full time contract for Bristol City . . . new Torquay boss David Webb has given five senior players free transfers to cut the wage bill and to enable him to bring an influx of younger players to the club, all five are senior players and the highest paid.

News of some of our former players: Bobby Jones who spent a brief period here in 1966-67 after moving from Northampton is now manager of Alliance League Club Bath City, while Ray Treacy who spent the seasons of 1972-73, 73-74 at the County Ground scoring seventeen goals in sixty League and Cup appearances, is manager of Irish

League Club Drogheda, and Hughie MacLean who played for us in 1974-75 making seventeen appearances and two as substitute with one goal is now running a Youth side at weekends in Scotland. The Football Association have fined Billy Bremner manager of Doncaster Rovers £500 for using "foul and abusive language," along with his assistant David Bentley for their outburst at Poole Referee Les Burden following the 2-1 defeat they suffered at the County Ground on December 3rd, both were warned as to their future conduct. Bentley

Also fined £275 was Ray Hankin of Peterborough who was reported by Ilford official Danny Vickers for swearing after a 2-1 defeat at Northampton on December 27th.

was fined £100.

Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham was at our recent away match with Chester, no doubt Jim Quinn was his prime interest, along with Colin Bailie, he could possibly be in line for a trip this summer to New Zealar. for Northern Ireland's summer tour. Both players have a lot to play for, if this is the case, for the remainder of the season, let's hope they make it.

Following our F.A. Cup exit, how creditable the attitude to come bouncing back with a draw at Rochdale, a win at Chester and last Saturday a home win over Stockport, down to a bare minimum of players due to injury, the season could have died but praise must be given to the players, management and coaching staff not to let that happen, as it no doubt will in some clubs this season.

York City kept their lead at the top of the table with a 2-0 home win over Darlington, their twelth win in the last fifteen games! Doncaster Rovers retained second place by extending their unbeaten run to ten games with a fine 3-2 away win at Bury. Despite losing to the only goal of the match at Torquay, Bristol City are in third place, Torquay no doubt out to impress new manager David Webb had their best home League gate of the season 4,188 no doubt swelled by the travelling fans from Ashton Gate.

What a stark contrast at the other end of the table with only two wins in twenty eight outings, newly appointed manager John McGrath of Chester must reflect it was only last May he led Port Vale out of this Division, now Chester seem doomed to seeking re-election come June.

At our recent away win at Chester the lowest gate ever of 880 watched the Divisions bottom club. A significant aspect of this match was that we did not concede a goal in an away League match for the first time this season. This our second away win of the season stretched our unbeaten away run to four matches and with only one defeat in our last six away games in the League a vast improvement

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RECORDS UNDER THREAT

by DAVE KING

If no mishap has befallen Trevor Senior we will be able to witness the scoring phenomenen that has captured nationwide attention by his exploits for Reading this season by netting 29 goals to date. When the recently deposed Reading manager Maurice Evans sold Kerry Dixon to Chelsea the majority of the Elm Park regulars must have rued the day. They were not to know that he had unearthed from the relative obscurity of Reserve Team Football at Portsmouth a tall, gangling striker soon to become the envy of most clubs and who would prove a more than worthy successor to the mantle worn by his predecessor Kerry Dixon. Trevor who stands 6 foot 1½ inches tall and weighs 12 stone 8 lbs was first brought to the folds of the Football League by no other than two of our former players in Frank Burrows and Stan Harland, when they were in harness together as manager and assistant manager at Portsmouth.

The early days of Trevor's career were spent as a teenager with Southern League Dorchester Town. At the age of nineteen he began to hit the headlines of non-League soccer with a quick fire 31 goals at the beginning of the 1981-82 season. Scrutinised under a careful watching brief, eventually Frank Burrows persuaded the Portsmouth Chairman John Deacon to invest in a transfer fee of £20,000, with a further payment of £15,000 after twenty one appearances in the first team. All seemed set for Trevor to embark hopefully on a career at Portsmouth under Frank Burrows management, but as so often happens in football, a change in the management structure of the club resulted first in the dismissal of Stan Harland, and the subsequent departure of Frank Burrows, resulting in the elevation of Bobby Campbell from coach to the position of team manager.

Trevor made his League debut in a drawn home Third Division match with Fulham on March 20th 1982 and scored his first League goals five matches later, when he scored two goals in a 3-0 home win over, guess who?, Reading.

Trevor made his debut in a team containing two of our former players John McLaughlin and Steve Aizlewood and one of our current players Leigh Barnard. In all he made nine appearances at the tail end of the 1981-82 season but was unable to add to those two goals.

A change of club policy by Portsmouth of investing money in the transfer market to bring the more established League professional to Fratton Park, in a bid to bring Second Division Football to Portsmouth was undertaken. This resulted in Alan Biley arriving from Everton to line up alongside the evergreen Billy Rafferty, this was to curtail Trevor's first team appearances to just two matches last season, and eventually Len Walker the Alberthot manager was able to obtain Trevor on Isan for the last ten matches of last season.

Town followers may remember his second appearance for Aldershot was in our 2-0 home win on April 4th, he had replaced our former player Howard Goddard in the Shots line up. Trevor went on to score six goals in those ten appearances including netting three goals in a 6-4 home win over Rochdale on April 23rd, the other three goals were scored by Dale Banton.

A quirk of fate this, for the only occasion last season a double hat trick occurred, was also in a game involving Aldershot, yes, remember our Third Round F.A. Cup win over Aldershot by 7-0 when Andy Rowland and Howard Pritchard were the hat trick heroes. Aldershot were involved twice in this odd fact last season.

Trevor's arrival at Aldershot resulted in them netting eighteen goals in those ten matches with Trevor scoring six goals and his partner up front Dale Banton nine, including five in one match in a 6-1 home win over Halifax.

At the end of last season Trevor returned to Fratton Park, in the meantime Bobby Campbell had secured Nicky Morgan from West Ham to supplement his striking force, to say he was correct to do so was proved in Portsmouth's promotion to this seasons Second Division. In the close season he signed Mark Hateley from Coventry City for a substantial fee, thus reducing further any hope Trevor had of a return to League action with Portsmouth.

This left no room for a player of Trevor's promise, which needed to be gradually nurtured in the more demanding rigours of the Football League, his days brief as they were, would soon end among the Pompey chimes.

Commencing this season with the Elm Park team, Trevor was to take the Fourth Division and the rest of the Football League by storm.

Up to last Saturday Trevor has scored 29 goals, and in League matches at home he has netted in all but five of Readings matches. His goals have included two hat tricks, one in a League match with Stockport resulting in a 6-2 home win, and a hat trick in the Milk Cup home win over Colchester.

On six occasions he has scored two goals, as we know to our cost in our thrilling 2-2 draw earlier in the season at Elm Park.

Inevitably the question arose as the season progressed as to whether Trevor could mount a challenge on the post war goalscoring record held by Terry Bly who in the 1960-61 season scored 52 goals in the total of 134 goals scored by Peterborough in their first season in League football on their way to the Fourth Division title.

Can Trevor achieve this record? He now has with todays game seventeen League matches left to score 29 goals. I believe Terry Bly's goals which have earned him a permanent place in the record

books for the past 23 years will stand for another twenty three. But there is no doubt that earlier Trevor did rouse the thought of whether it was possible this season.

A more realistic possibility left is that Trevor could well threaten the Club record of League goals in one season held by Ronnie Blackman who scored 39 League goals for the Club in the 1951-52 season when they were participating in the now defunct Third Division South.

Obviously Trevor has attracted the attention of the First Division Clubs and already this season Manchester United have sent their chief scout Tony Collins to scrutinise the prolific Trevor, and only the other week Bob Paisley was in attendance at Chesterfield to do likewise for Liverpool, and no doubt others have followed in their wake.

Most critics claim next season will be Trevor's test, and no doubt it will be, but with some goalscorers you feel they can net at most levels of football and in retrospect you can see that Trevor is not inhibited at any Club he has played for, Dorchester, Aldershot and Reading can testify to that.

Only time will tell whether Portsmouth should have persevered more with this seasons goal scoring talking point. All genuine soccer followers will wish Trevor good luck on his way to those two long standing records he may surpass. Even if he does not Trevor will be remembered as one of this seasons success stories and after initially appearing to have reached a temporary baulk to his League career I feel we have not yet seen Trevor play at the level his talent will eventually lead him

One record Trevor does hold to date is this seasons fastest hat trick which took four minutes twelve seconds scored against last weeks visitors Stockport County last September in a Division Four encounter before a crowd of 2,469.

Trevor now requires a total of sixteen League goals to set up a new Club record of League goals for the

Berkshire Club and when you consider his sequence of goals in this seasons three Competitions League, Milk Cup, and F.A. Cup which reads:-

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He will have to rediscover his form of September and October which brought him eighteen goals in thirteen of Reading's matches to do so.

SURVEY ON DIVISION IV — continued

has been made upon our first six away matches of the season when we lost five of the first six played, this was prior to our visit to Edgar Street to play Hereford on Wednesday last.

It is on the basis of such sequences that confidence is born and a search through the records of each of the Clubs in the Division show that form from the latter half of one season often holds a Club in good stead for the next. Below are the records of each Club taken from the results of the past year, Jan 31st to be precise, to last Saturday inclusive Feb. 11th.

Home Defeats since Jan 31st 1983 in League

- 1 Reading
- 2 York City
- 3 Colchester, Peterborough
- 4 Bristol City
- 5 Crewe, Mansfield and Northampton
- 6 Bury, Blackpool, Rochdale, Stockport and Tranmere
- 7 Aldershot and Halifax

- 8 Doncaster and Swindon
- 9 Chesterfield and Wrexham
- 10 Hereford, Darlington and Torquay
- 11 Hartlepool
- 12 Chester

Away Defeats since Jan 31st 1983 in League

- 8 York City
- 10 Tranmere
- 11 Bristol City and Colchester
- 12 Doncaster
- 13 Bury, Reading, Stockport and Wrexham
- 14 Darlington, Rochdale and Torquay
- 15 Aldershot and Swindon
- 16 Blackpool, Chester, Chesterfield, Halifax, Hereford and Mansfield
- 17 Crewe, Hartlepool, Northampton and Peter-Borough.

Todays visitors Reading have only failed to score in six of their thirty four competitive matches this season, equalled by York City and only bettered by Doncaster Rovers who have only failed to score on four occasions in thirty four matches.

Andy Rowland's last-minute winner going in against Stockport in Swindon's 2-1 win.

Bottom Left

A delighted Andy Rowland celebrates his lastminute goal against Stockport last week, as does Nigel Gray.

Top Right

Swindon's 'big men' Nigel Gray and Simon Gibson add weight to the Town attack in last week's win over Stockport.

Bottom Right

Paul Batty in midfield action against Stockport, watched by Simon Gibson (left).

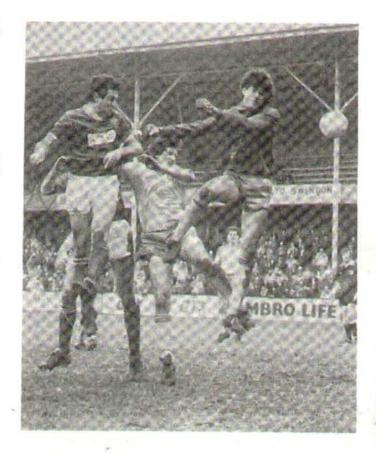
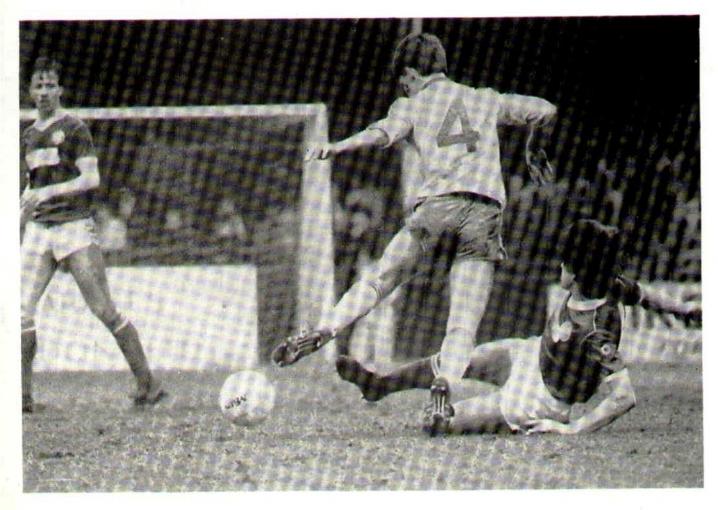




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James Reynolds



Three Reserve games in the last week have given us a busy time after not playing too regular in the previous weeks. Most games have been hard this season and these were no exception. The games were home to Leicester 0-3, away to Ipswich 0-1 and home to Oxford 1-1. Against Leicester we fielded only two professionals and this resulted not only in defeat but a poor performance, not getting our game together in any department.

On Saturday we travelled to Ipswich and with the exception of Ian Andrews had only apprentices and non contract players in the side. This was due to injuries to senior players and non availability of non contract lads. With no experience in the side at all I decided once again to come out of retirement and help them through. The result of 0-1



Andy Stone

seems like another poor defeat but anyone seeing the game knowing the side we had, can only congratulate the team the way they fought and played throughout the game and could so easily have come away with a draw which would have been no more than they deserved.

On Tuesday we entertained Oxford Res, and with senior players recovering from injuries it enabled us to field a much more balanced side and produced a good end to end game.

On the Youth front we have not played any games in the last two weeks but start again next Saturday with an away fixture at West Ham, followed by two Home games on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays in March.

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