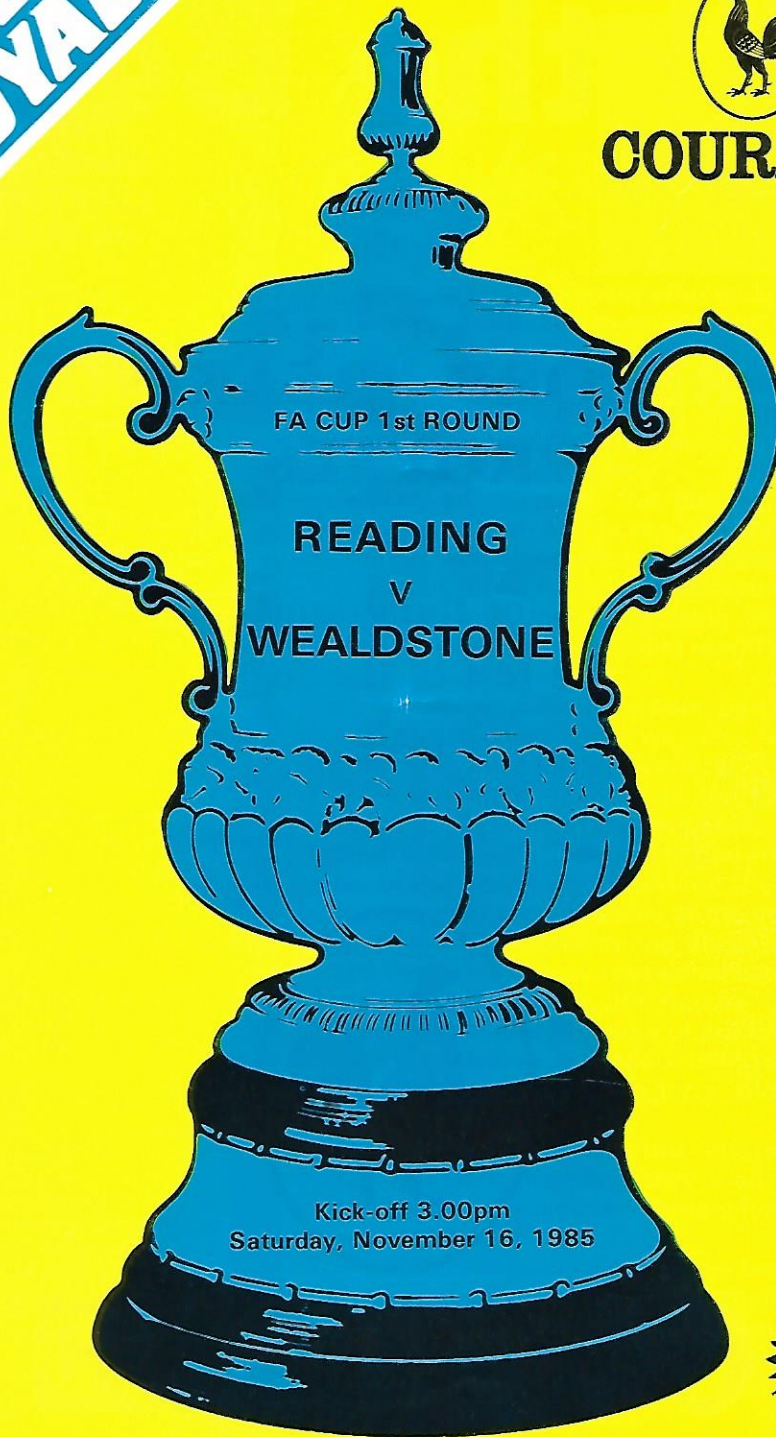


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Ian's Insight



WE return to Elm Park today after what proved to be a very profitable excursion to York last Saturday.

With four regular first-team players missing through injury, the odds were stacked against us - particularly as York had recently climbed to second place in the Division.

However, as expected, the players who had been waiting patiently in the wings performed extremely well alongside their colleagues.

We gained three very valuable points after a very tough and uncompromising 90 minutes and I consider it to be our best result so far this season.

York are always difficult to beat, particularly at home, and to do so when we were hard hit by injuries was even more rewarding.

The performance as well as the result was satisfying. We worked tremendously hard as a team and although under sustained pressure for most of the game, we still found the time and spirit to create good chances at the other end.

With that kind of determined display, at home and away, we will now take some catching!

A change today from the rigours of League football to the 'one-hit' glory of the FA Cup.

In this competition, it is about being absolutely right on the day - both in form and attitude. There is no second bite!





Welcome to Wealdstone this afternoon. The club have done tremendously well in recent years and have become a dominant force in non-League soccer.

There is little difference nowadays between the top reaches of non-League football and the bottom numbers in the lower divisions.

However, we don't consider ourselves to be among the bottom numbers! It won't be easy today so give us a hand.

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SECTION THREE









							
Blackpool	1-0	3,190	8	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
AFC Bournemouth (MC1.1)	1-3	2,614	-	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Plymouth Argyle	1-0	4,261	5	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Bristol Rovers	3-2*	3,529	1	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Cardiff City	3-1	3,539	1	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
AFC Bournemouth (MC1.2)	0-2	2,590	-	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Walsall	2-1*	3,573	1	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Rotherham United	2-1	3,476	1	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Brentford	2-1	6,351	1	Westwood	Baillie	Richardson	Beavon
Swansea City	2-0	5,126	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Doncaster Rovers	1-0	4,012	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Chesterfield	4-2	5,946	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Bolton Wanderers	1-0	8,000	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Newport County	2-0	6,449	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon ¹
Lincoln City	1-0	4,007	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Wolverhampton	2-2	13,245	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon
Bury	1-3	3,967	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon
Wigan Athletic	1-0	5,378	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon
Notts County	3-1	6,766	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon
York City	1-0	6,045	1	Westwood	Peters	Baillie	Beavon
Wealdstone (FAC1)							
Milk Cup 4							
Darlington							
Derby County							
F.A. Cup 2							
Bristol City							
Plymouth Argyle							
AFC Bournemouth							
Bristol Rovers							
Gillingham							
Wigan (FA Cup 3)							
Cardiff City							
Milk Cup 5							
Blackpool							
Rotherham (FA Cup 4)							
Walsall							
Wolverhampton							
Milk Cup Semi-Final (1)							
Lincoln City							
Milk Cup Semi-Final (2)							
Brentford (FA Cup 5)							
Swansea City							
Doncaster Rovers							
Chesterfield							
Bolton Wanderers (FA Cup 6)							
Newport County							
Bury							
Milk Cup Final							
Gillingham							
AFC Bournemouth							
Notts County (FA Cup Semi)							
York City							
Darlington							
Derby County							
Bristol City							
F.A. Cup Final							

ROYALS HIT LIST

	L	MC	Tot
Senior	13	0	13
Bremner	5	0	5
Rogers	2	1	3
J.Williams	3	0	3
Horrix	2	0	2
White	2	0	2
Beavon	1	0	1
Hicks	1	0	1
Peters	1	0	1
Wood	1	0	1
Own Goals	2	0	2
Total	33	1	34

Small figures denote goals scored. * Reading score includes own goal

STATISTICS 85-86 STATISTICS 85-86

							
Hicks	Wood	J Williams ¹	White	Senior	Bremner	Rogers	Horrix (10)
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Hicks	Wood	Peters	White ¹	Senior	Horrix	Rogers ¹	J Williams (7)
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CANON LEAGUE - DIVISION THREE

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
READING	18	8	1	0	19	8	0	1	14	6	49	
Blackpool	18	6	1	2	25	9	4	1	4	15	11	32
Plymouth	18	6	1	2	16	7	3	3	3	11	12	31
Derby	17	6	1	2	25	8	2	5	1	11	9	30
York	18	6	2	1	23	7	3	1	5	12	15	30
Walsall	18	6	2	1	22	9	3	1	5	12	15	30
Gillingham	18	5	2	2	20	10	3	4	2	12	13	30
Notts. Co.	18	5	3	1	18	12	3	3	3	10	12	30
Wigan	18	7	2	0	22	4	1	3	5	6	14	29
Brentford	18	4	4	1	13	8	4	1	4	10	17	29
Doncaster	18	4	3	2	9	7	3	4	2	12	13	28
Chesterfield	18	5	2	2	13	8	1	5	3	7	11	25
Bury	18	5	2	2	22	11	3	5	12	18	23	
Bournemouth	18	5	1	3	23	14	2	0	7	6	15	22
Bristol Rovers	18	3	3	3	10	8	3	1	5	17	26	22
Bristol City	18	4	3	2	11	7	1	4	4	10	22	22
Bolton	18	3	3	3	13	14	2	1	6	5	12	19
Newport	18	1	5	3	9	10	2	4	3	6	10	18
Rotherham	18	4	3	2	13	8	0	3	6	6	17	18
Lincoln	18	4	3	2	15	13	0	3	6	6	22	18
Darlington	17	3	2	3	21	17	1	1	7	8	23	15
Wolveston	18	3	2	4	14	18	1	1	7	12	25	15
Swansea	18	3	2	4	7	9	1	1	7	9	26	15
Cardiff	18	1	1	7	5	14	2	1	6	11	24	11

(up to and incl. Sat, Nov 9)

GOLA LEAGUE

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Altrincham	20	8	2	1	24	13	4	4	1	15	10	34
Enfield	17	7	1	0	20	3	4	3	2	18	12	30
Weymouth	17	5	4	0	21	10	5	1	2	15	13	30
Wealdstone	18	5	2	2	22	14	3	3	3	9	9	24
Runcorn	14	6	1	1	19	4	2	2	2	5	5	21
Frickley	15	6	1	1	17	6	2	2	3	9	9	21
Stafford	15	2	3	1	7	6	4	2	3	11	14	21
Scarborough	15	6	2	1	16	9	1	3	2	6	9	20
Barnet	16	3	2	2	13	9	3	3	3	13	16	20
Cheltenham	16	3	3	2	14	9	2	4	2	10	13	19
Northwich Vic	17	2	4	2	13	10	2	4	3	10	11	18
Kettering	15	3	3	1	12	9	1	5	2	9	11	17
Wycombe W	17	3	2	3	12	14	2	3	4	9	15	17
Boston Utd	17	3	3	3	12	14	2	2	4	11	22	17
Telford	16	5	2	0	17	9	0	3	6	10	23	15
Kidderminster	14	3	2	3	10	10	1	2	3	9	14	13
Dagenham	17	3	3	3	13	16	1	1	6	11	17	13
Bath	17	1	3	3	6	8	2	2	6	12	19	13
Dartford	18	4	1	4	14	10	0	3	6	7	14	12
Maidstone	18	2	5	2	17	14	0	2	7	7	19	11
Nuneaton	16	2	1	4	2	11	2	0	7	14	24	11
Barrow	17	1	5	4	12	16	0	1	6	4	20	8

(Home win-2 pts, away win-3 pts, draw-1 pt.)
(up to and incl. Sat, Nov 9)

Figure in brackets after substitute indicates number of player replaced.

ELM PARK VISITORS ... WEALDSTONE

HAIL SUPER STONES - THE NON-LEAGUE TRIPLE CHAMPS

by STEVE GOLDREICH

ELM PARK today plays host to the Everton of non-League football.

Wealdstone enjoyed a triumphant last season, winning the Gola League Championship and lifting the FA Trophy at Wembley. For good measure, they took the Middlesex County Cup to complete a unique treble.

Under a different system, the Harrow-based club might be playing Division 4 soccer this term. As it is, they are striving to retain their Gola crown — battling with the likes of Dartford, Kettering and Barrow in front of crowds of 700 at the Lower Mead Stadium.

Stones won the title in May with 62 points, four clear of runners-up Nuneaton. They were most successful on their travels with 12 victories — compared to just eight on home soil.

The FA Challenge Trophy saw success again with Wealdstone coming through five rounds and seven ties to make the short trip to Wembley for the showdown with fellow Gola Leaguers Boston United. They won 2-1 to cap the most glorious year in the club's 85-year history. In recognition of this, they received one of the six coveted Rothmans Football Awards for 1985.

This afternoon's FA Cup clash is the third between Royals and Wealdstone in the past decade. A first round tie at Elm Park in 1976 saw us scrape through 1-0 in an ill-tempered game.

John Murray scored the clincher on the hour while the visitors had Alan Fursden and John Arnold sent off near the end.

But the part-timers gained revenge a year later. After beating Aldershot 3-1, we travelled to Lower Mead and lost 2-1. Although Stones were beaten 4-0 by QPR in the next round, it still remains their best-ever run in the competition.

FAMILIAR

A familiar face in the Wealdstone line-up is Gary Donnellan, who made 41 League appearances for us between 1981-83 and scored five goals. He is best remembered for his hat-trick in the stirring 5-3 extra-time Football League Trophy win over Division 1 Watford. Another former Royal to have recently turned out for the club is midfielder Roy Davies (1977-78), who is now playing in Malta.

Most of Stones' senior squad have Football League experience, the majority with London clubs. But Mark Graves, top scorer for the past two seasons, originally hails from Plymouth Argyle.

Coventry City left-back Stuart Pearce was signed from Wealdstone in 1983. The Sky Blues paid £25,000 for him — a record for the Lower Mead club.

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BRIAN HALL (manager): Previously with Walton and Hersham, Wimbledon, Slough and Wycombe before joining Wealdstone as coach in November, 1980. Took over as manager at the start of the 1983-84 season.

BOB ILES (goalkeeper): A 29-year-old insurance salesman. Joined the club in August, 1983, after five years at Chelsea. Previously with Bournemouth, Poole and Weymouth.



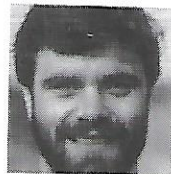
STEVE TAPLEY (defender): Played for Fulham but badly gashed shin, needing 15 stitches, in away game at Shrewsbury. Has spells in Norway and on loan to Rochdale before moving to Lower Mead this summer. Aged 22.

STEVE McCARGO (defender): A 25-year-old graduate in international business studies. Signed in March, 1983, direct from University. Injured towards the end of last season.



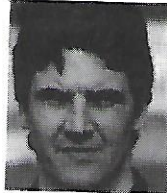
DENNIS BYATT (defender): Made league debut for Peterborough at Swindon in October, 1978. Moved to Northampton before joining Stones in March, 1981. Has made over 200 appearances for them.

PAUL BOWGETT (defender): Club skipper. Formerly with Tottenham and Wimbledon but has now played nearly 300 games for Stones. A 30-year-old sales manager in the entertainment industry.



ROBIN WAINWRIGHT (midfielder): League experience with Luton, Cambridge United, Millwall and Northampton. Also played for Dunstable and Hillingdon. A 34-year-old sports centre assistant manager.

BRIAN GREENAWAY (midfielder): A 27-year-old painter and decorator. Was at Fulham for six years before playing in Greece. Signed for Stones in August, 1983, and has made over 100 appearances for them.



LEE HOLMES (midfielder): A 29-year-old civil engineering technician who made his League debut for Brentford at Elm Park in August, 1979. Has FA Trophy winners' medals with both Enfield and Wealdstone.

ANDY GRAHAM (striker): Moved to Lower Mead via northern outfits Hyde United and Lancaster City. A 24-year-old history teacher. Scored the opener in last term's FA Trophy win at Wembley.



GARY DONNELLAN (midfielder): Former Reading player who made Royals debut at Southend in November, 1981. Joined Wealdstone in August, 1983. A 23-year-old button salesman.

MARK GRAVES (striker): Joined from Plymouth Argyle in August, 1982. At the start of this season had scored 102 goals in 153 matches. A 24-year-old financial consultant.



ALAN CORDICE (striker): Current member of the England Semi-Professional squad and made debut for them against Italy in 1983. A 29-year-old glazier, formerly with Norwich. Brother Neil also plays for Stones.

VINCE JONES (midfielder): A 20-year-old painter and decorator. Served apprenticeship at Watford but joined Stones from Herts County League side Redmond in August last year.



STEVE PERKINS (defender): While captain of Chelsea's reserve side he fractured his spine, keeping him out of action for two years. Moved to Wimbledon then Wealdstone in January, 1981. A 30-year-old restaurateur.

DEREK DOYLE (midfielder): Signed at the start of the season from local rivals Harrow Borough. A 26-year-old self-employed painter and decorator, formerly with Brentford, Southall and Hayes.



DOWN MEMORY LANE with DAVID DOWNS

THE last time Reading and Wealdstone met in the FA Cup was in the second round at Lower Mead Stadium, Harrow, on Saturday, December 17, 1977.

Wealdstone, then in the Southern League Premier Division, defeated Reading, who were seventh in Division 4, by two goals to one.

Stones, who had knocked out Division 3 Hereford in round one, took the lead with a goal scored by Keith Furphy direct from a corner in the fifth minute.

Despite heavy pressure, Reading were unable to equalise and fell further behind 20 minutes into the second half. Alan Lewis conceded a penalty which was converted at the third attempt by George Duck.

Eventually, Pat Earles did pull back a goal for

Reading. But despite three near misses by Ollie Kearns in the last ten minutes, Wealdstone held on to their lead and were rewarded with a third round tie away at QPR.

They were beaten 4-0 at Loftus Road, but it was calculated at the time that Reading's defeat had cost the club about £10,000 in gate money.

The teams at Lower Mead were:

Wealdstone: Lightfoot, Thomas, Fursdon, Watson, Parratt, Barwick, Ferry, Brinkman (Griffiths, 79mins), Furphy, Duck, Moss.

Reading: Death, Peters, Lewis (Sanchez, 65mins), Bowman, Hiron, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Bennett.

Referee: Alan Turvey (Basingstoke).

Attendance: 4,044.

Royal Blue Review



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1977-78

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Div 1 (South)
1973-4

Saturday, 17th December, 1977

Kick-off 3 p.m.

F.A. Challenge Cup
2nd Round Proper

WEALDSTONE

v.

READING

WEALDSTONE (Royal Blue & White)	v.	READING (All Yellow)	From
Chris Lightfoot	1	S. Death	
Paul Thomas	2	G. Peters	
Alan Fursdon	3	D. Moreline	
John Watson	4	R. Bowman	
Dave Parratt	5	D. Sutton	
Fred Barwick	6	A. Lewis	
Pat Ferry	7	G. Cumming	
Steve Brinkman	8	P. Earles	
Keith Furphy	9	L. Sanchez	
George Duck	10	P. Kearns	
Bobby Moss	11	R. Hiron	
Micky Griffiths	12	J. Williams	
	13	M. White	

Referee Mr A. Turvey (Basingstoke)

Mr M. Taylor
(St Albans)
(Red Flag)

Linesmen

Mr D. J. Cullen
(Waltham)
(Yellow Flag)

ROYALS CATCH THE MINNOWS

READING'S FA Cup track record against non-League opposition since entering the Football League in 1920 is excellent.

They've lost just five times — only once at home — in 42 outings.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	23	18	4	1	82	25
Away	19	13	2	4	39	22
Total	42	31	6	5	121	47



● The programme cover, before the late team changes, from the last Wealdstone - Reading FA Cup clash.

TREVOR SENIOR'S SECRET AMBITION?

by ALAN SEDUNARY

HAS Trevor Senior set himself the target of scoring at least one Reading goal against each of this season's Division 3 opponents?

It would certainly seem to be the case because his goals against Wolves and Notts County brought his total up to 19 of this term's opposition.

He had previously added Brentford and Cardiff to his tally earlier this season, but November looks like being a bumper month for the Senior collection.

Darlington and Derby have escaped the Senior goal touch so far while today's visitors Wealdstone present another scalp for Trevor to aim for.

He has already scored at York so his blank last Saturday didn't matter too much!

Since Ian Branfoot was appointed as Royals

boss in January, 1984, Trevor's goals have become something of a good luck charm for the side.

He has scored 47 goals in 69 League games since Branfoot took over — and, remarkably, only one of those goals came in a game that Royals lost.

That one "wasted" goal was scored during our 5-1 defeat at Lincoln over a year ago. Even then, Senior could claim he did not know it was a futile goal as it put us into the lead — albeit only for a short period.

Obviously, the rest of the team would be advised to get Trevor on the scoresheet as often as possible to ensure we avoid defeat!

They certainly took note a year ago when we first pointed out this unusual statistic because he averaged a goal a game over the remainder of his injury-hit season.



● MANY would say Royals boss Ian Branfoot has already discovered the key to Division 3 success this season. But here he is collecting a rather different key — the one which opens and starts his brand new Austin Montego 1.6L. The car is part of a £12,000 one-year sponsorship deal between Royals and local vehicle dealers Penta, whose sales manager, Colin Kelly, is pictured doing the honours.
Picture: TONY POWELL

AROUND ELM PARK with RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT'S AN EQUALISER

ROYALS' 3-1 win over Notts County last week — their eighth Elm Park win of the season — means they have already equalled their tally of home league victories for the whole of last term.

DERRICK'S A STAR

FORMER Royal Derrick Christie has made a lively start to his new career at fellow Division 3 outfit Cardiff.

Although City have lost all four matches since he moved to Ninian Park late last month, Derrick was voted star man on his debut in the 1-0 home defeat by Bolton. He also scored in the game at Walsall — but the rock-bottom Welshmen still lost 6-3.

ALAN ON THE MOVE

ALAN JUDGE, another Elm Park old boy, has joined struggling Lincoln City on a month's loan.

Keeper Alan moved to Oxford United for £10,000 almost 11 months ago but has since failed to break into the Manor first team.

His first game for Lincoln ended in a fairly respectable 1-1 home draw with Bristol City. But when he and his new team-mates visited Derby last Saturday, poor Alan had to pick the ball out of the net no fewer than seven times!

BOOK YOUR COPY

DON'T forget to order your copy of *"The A-Z of Reading FC"* by Alan Sedunary.

It's due out on the market in time for Christmas (priced at £4.95) and contains the answers to such intriguing questions as: How are Steve Richardson and Sir Matt Busby related?

Alan's book will be available from the club offices and local bookshops and it is printed by our programme printers T.A. Printers of Reading.

WHERE'S STEWART?

SHAME on the local media man who, 20 minutes into the Reading v Oxford reserve game at Elm Park last Saturday, said: "Anyway, where is Stewart Henderson? I

haven't seen him today."

Stewart, of course, was making his seasonal Football Combination debut right in front of the blinkered hack!

REPLAY DATE

SHOULD Wealdstone earn a draw here today, the replay will be staged at Lower Mead Stadium on Tuesday (7.30).

Royals fans will naturally be hoping there's no need for the relatively short trip to Harrow and that their favourites can complete the task at the first time of asking.

CROWD BOOST

ROYALS' visit to York last Saturday produced the biggest Bootham Crescent crowd of the season of 6,045.

The Minstermen's previous best was 5,039 when Darlington were entertained on October 5. York responded that day with an emphatic 7-0 win.

ON AIR WITH IAN

REMEMBER to tune in to Radio 210's "Breakfast Show" programme between 9am and 10am on Saturday home matchdays. That's when Royals boss Ian Branfoot is the studio guest of DJ extraordinaire Jonathan Richards. There's always plenty of lively chat when Ian and JR hit the airwaves.

GUNN AGAIN!

TODAY'S referee Allan Gunn is making his second visit to Elm Park this season. He took charge of Royals' 3-2 victory over Bristol Rovers on August 26.

POSTER OFFER

TO commemorate Royals' magnificent 13 successive wins at the start of the season, the *Reading Chronicle* are bringing out posters of the attractive team picture from their October 18 edition. Cleverly drawn by artist Bob Watson, each one will be personally signed by all the Royals players.

They'll cost £2 per print and will be available from the club or Chronicle offices in Blagrove Street.

All profits will go to the players' pool.

**FA CUP FLASHBACK
PICTURE SPECIAL**



READING 4, KETTERING 2 (November 24, 1979, round one): Reading were given a hard fight by Alliance League Kettering before winning with goals from Mike Kearney (2), Ollie Kearns and Gary Heale. Kearns is seen chipping the ball over keeper Frank Lane for his goal. A crowd of 5,877 saw Reading succeed with: Death, Hetzke, Shipperley, Moreline, Henderson, Bowman, Sanchez, Joslyn, Kearns, Kearney, Heale. Sub: Wanklyn (not used).



READING 1, OXFORD UNITED 1 (December 10, 1983, round two): A crowd of 11,590 saw Senior miss the chance to put Reading ahead when his 20th-minute penalty missed the target. Ke eventually scored for Reading, who were beaten 3-0 in the replay at the Manor Ground. Royals' line in the first game was: Judge, Williams, Hicks, Wood, Richardson, Beavon, Duncan, Sanchez, Price, S. Crown. Sub: White (not used).



WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1, READING 2 (December 11, 1976, round two): Robin Friday scored both goals in Reading's difficult victory over their Isthmian League neighbours. Here, he is about to pounce for his second after goalkeeper John Maskell had fumbled the ball on an icy pitch. Reading's winning team was: Death, Peters, Bennett, Moreline, Henderson, Cumming, Murray, Carnaby, Hiron, Friday, Stuckey. Sub: Hollis (not used). A crowd of 7,700 watched the tie — more than the 7,401 who saw Reading beaten 1-0 at Division 2 Hereford United in round three.

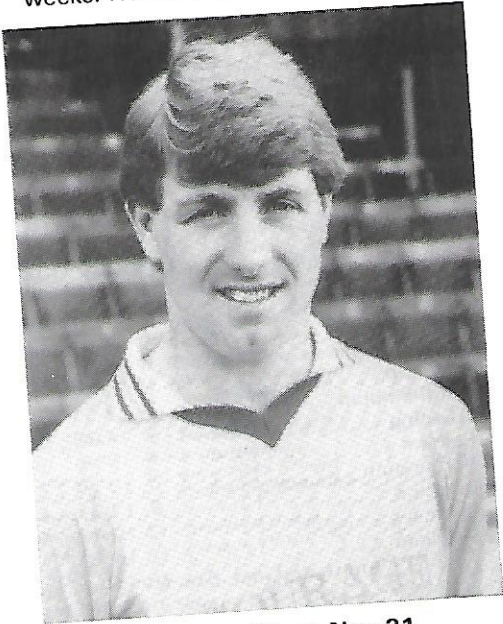


READING 6, BLYTH SPARTANS 1 (January 19, 1972, third round replay): Centre-forward Harman was inches wide with this header but still completed a hat-trick as Reading defeated Northern League side to earn a home tie with Arsenal in round four. The game was Charlie first as Reading manager, while the other home goals came from Barry Wagstaff, Gordon C and Dick Habbin. Full line-up: Death, Butler, Morgan, Harley, Wooler, B. Wagstaff, Flann Wagstaff, Cumming, Chappell, Harman, Habbin. A crowd of 10,550 watched the game, which played on a Wednesday afternoon.

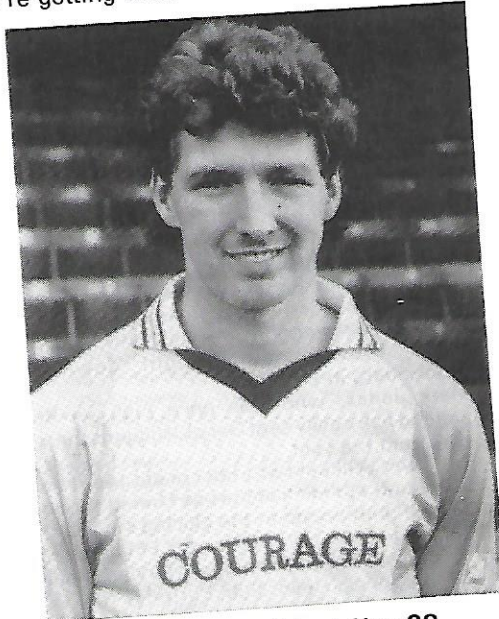
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THE BIRTHDAY BOYS!

ELM PARK witnesses no fewer than four notable birthday celebrations in the next few weeks. Here's a picture profile of the men who're getting older . . .!



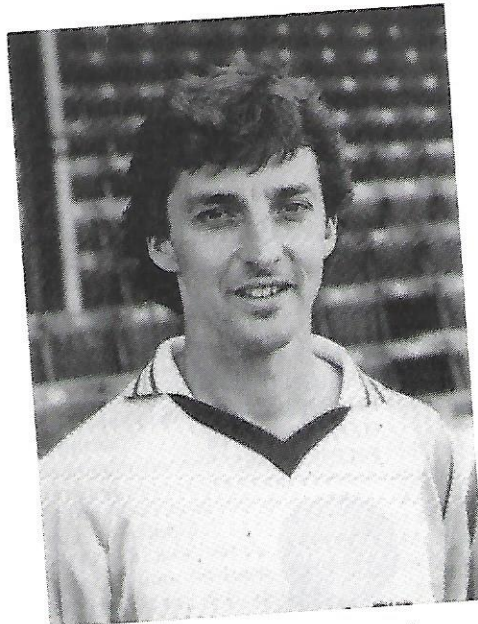
● Dean Horrix — 24 on Nov 21



● Trevor Senior — 24 on Nov 28



● Stuart Beavon — 27 on Nov 30



● Andy Rogers — 29 on Dec 1

ROYALS RESERVES AND

YOUTH ROUND-UP 85-86

Reading Res 1, Oxford Utd Res 1

NG Royals side fought out a creditable
Combination draw — their first of the
— against Oxford United at Elm Park last

y.
d by first-team call-ups and injuries,
fielded a somewhat strange looking line-

oyals started well against their equally
perienced opponents and took the lead after
ven minutes.

o floated over a corner from the right and
taker ghosted in unchallenged to head
firmly at the far post for his second goal in
mes.

however, drew level on the half-hour
Steve Head brought down Terry
berg in the area.

Jones, who was once high on Royals'
list, easily sent Derick Williams the wrong
m the spot.

as Williams who later made a series of fine
and athletic catches as United threatened
both points in the closing stages.

g Res: D. Williams, Findlay, Foster,
son, Staker, Harding, Norville, Boahene,
Jones, Head. Sub: Partridge (not used).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	14	11	3	0	59	11	25
Watford	15	11	3	1	37	9	25
Chelsea	14	10	2	2	44	9	22
West Ham	14	10	2	2	51	21	22
Ipswich	14	10	1	3	30	17	21
Luton	15	8	3	4	23	20	19
Tottenham	14	8	1	5	31	21	17
Q.P.R.	15	7	3	5	28	23	17
Norwich	15	6	3	6	24	20	15
Oxford Utd	15	5	4	6	28	27	14
Millwall	14	6	2	6	22	28	14
Birmingham	15	6	2	7	21	32	14
Bristol Rovers	12	6	1	5	28	25	13
Crystal Palace	16	5	3	8	21	35	13
Charlton	15	5	1	9	30	42	11
Southampton	14	3	4	7	22	33	10
Reading	12	4	1	7	14	29	9
Fulham	13	4	1	8	19	36	9
Portsmouth	13	3	2	8	10	20	8
Brighton	13	2	2	9	12	32	6
Swansea	15	2	0	13	10	49	4
Swindon	12	0	2	10	16	40	2

(up to and incl. Sat, Nov 9)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Tues Aug	20	Tottenham Hotspur	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug	24	Norwich City	A	L 0-5
Sat Aug	31	Luton Town	A	L 1-2
Wed. Sept.	4	Millwall	H	W 2-0
Tues. Sept.	10	Southampton	H	W 1-0
Sat Sept	14	Swansea City	A	W 1-0
Sat Sept	21	West Ham United	A	L 2-5
Sat. Sept.	28	Watford	H	L 1-3
Sat. Oct.	12	Ipswich Town	H	L 2-5
Sat. Oct.	19	Arsenal	H	L 1-6
Tues Oct	22	Charlton Athletic	A	W 2-0
Sat Nov	2	Slough (BBSC Rd 1)	A	L 1-2(aet)
Sat. Nov.	9	Oxford United	H	D 1-1
Tues Nov	12	Portsmouth	A	
Tues. Nov.	26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Sat Nov	30	Chelsea	A	
Wed Dec	4	Crystal Palace	H	
Sat. Dec.	7	Swindon Town	H	
Sat Dec	14	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Tues. Dec.	17	Queens Park Rangers	H	
Sat. Jan.	4	Luton Town	H	
Wed Jan	8	Millwall	A	
Sat. Jan.	18	Swansea City	H	
Sat Jan	25	Southampton	A	
Tues Jan	28	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed. Feb.	5	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
Sat Feb	8	Arsenal	A	
Sat. Feb.	22	West Ham United	H	
Tues. Feb.	25	Charlton Athletic	H	
Sat Mar	1	Watford	A	
Sat. Mar.	8	Bristol Rovers	H	
Tues. Mar	11	Ipswich Town	A	
Tues Mar	18	Fulham	A	
Sat Mar	22	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat. Mar.	29	Norwich City	H	
Sat. Apr.	5	Birmingham City	H	
Wed Apr	9	Oxford United	A	
Sat Apr	12	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat. Apr.	19	Portsmouth	H	
Tues Apr	22	Swindon Town	A	
Sat. May	3	Chelsea	H	

- BBSC — Berks and Berks Senior Cup
- All home games 2pm kick-off

IN BRIEF

● ROYALS' postponed Football Combination fixture with Crystal Palace, which should have been played here today, has been given a new date.

The Londoners' second string will now visit Elm Park on Wednesday, December 4 (2pm). But Royals still have no firm news on their outstanding Combination games against Birmingham and Fulham, which were originally set for November 2 and 5 respectively. Watch this space . . .

● BIRTHDAYS . . . associate schoolboy Paul Davies reached the ripe old age of 16 yesterday. Scott Taylor, a graduate of Royals' successful Centre of Excellence, is 15 on November 28.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

Aug.	17	Southampton	A	L 2-4
Aug.	24	Oxford United	H	L 2-4
Aug.	31	Luton	A	L 0-6
Sept.	7	Crystal Palace	H	W 6-2
Sept.	14	Bristol Rovers	A	D 0-0
Sept.	21	Brighton	H	L 0-1
Sept.	28	Bristol Rovers (Lge Cup Rd 1)	H	L 0-4
Oct.	5	Brentford	A	L 0-2
Oct.	7	Aston Villa (SJFC Rd 1)	H	D 1-1
Oct.	12	Colchester	H	W 1-0
Oct.	19	Bournemouth	A	L 1-2
Oct.	21	Aston Villa (SJFC Rd 1 replay)	A	L 0-2
Oct.	26	Wimbledon	H	L 1-4
Nov.	2	Tottenham	A	L 1-3
Nov.	6	Staines (FAYC Rd 1)	A	L 3-4
Nov.	9	Swindon	H	L 1-4
Nov.	16	Tottenham	H	
Nov.	23	Southend	A	
Nov.	30	Southampton	H	
Dec.	7	Oxford United	A	
Dec.	14	Luton	H	
Dec.	21	Crystal Palace	A	
Jan.	4	Bristol Rovers	H	
Jan.	11	Brighton	A	
Jan.	18	Brentford	H	
Jan.	25	Colchester	A	
Feb.	1	Bournemouth	H	
Feb.	8	Wimbledon	A	
Feb.	22	Swindon	A	
Mar.	1	Southend	H	

- SJFC — Southern Junior Floodlit Cup
- FAYC — FA Youth Cup

YET another depressing spell for Royals' youth team with three more defeats in quick succession.

In the South East Counties Junior League, Royals fell 3-1 at Tottenham and 4-1 at home to local rivals Swindon.

The young Spurs went ahead after just two minutes and then made it 2-0 in the opening exchanges of the second half.

Full-back Kelly Blackwell gave Royals hope when he scored his first-ever goal for the club. His intended cross dipped in at the far post!

But the hosts scored again from the penalty spot to settle the argument near the end.

Against Swindon, Royals were never in the hunt. A Paul Davies goal was all they had to show for their efforts.

Sandwiched in between the two league matches, the Elm Park youngsters made a disappointing FA Youth Cup first round exit at Staines.

Although they led 3-1 at one stage with scores from Nicky Stokes, Andy Jones and Michael Boahene, Staines hit back to win 4-3 and gain revenge for their 4-0 defeat in the second qualifying round of the same competition last season.

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*Presenting another in our occasional series of personal articles. Club secretary **Alison Meek** takes a look at life behind the scenes during Royals' recent home game with Wolves.*

IT'S 9.02am and already the switchboard is ablaze with calls coming through on every line.

On an evening match Jayne, our receptionist/telephonist, has the morning off and it therefore seems busier than usual. My first task is to start writing ground tickets for the numerous people who have ordered them. 'Wolverhampton Wanderers' is not the easiest of team names to write in a hurry, especially when one gentleman comes in for 15 of them! No sooner have I written a batch when more are required. I haven't quite mastered the art of answering the switchboard, writing and selling tickets and making the tea at the same time!

I have been informed that two television crews will be turning up and the problem is where to put them all as each crew consists of five men plus equipment. The media must have guessed when the manager walked in as the phones start ringing again. All three are going and some bright spark in the background is shouting "Don't panic!" Easier said than done.

Brenda has just brought in the Executive Box programmes. As they need to be put in the boxes, I take the opportunity to go outside. It's an eerie feeling standing at the top of C Stand on a matchday when the place is still deserted. But it's nice to get away from the hustle and bustle of the office for just a quiet moment.

It's now 4pm and I am beginning to feel nervous about the game. Can we win our 14th successive League match or will this be the one that stops our run? One of the TV crews is in the managing director's office setting up their lights while the other is interviewing

someone on the pitch. Tonight's game is sponsored by Bratts, who will be making a presentation beforehand. They have just arrived at the same time as the 60-strong Ambassadors Band and the office resembles a sardine tin. Having shepherded everyone away to their respective places, Jayne and I start handing out more tickets. By 7.15 most of them have been collected and it is a lot calmer.

CHEERING

As the office is directly underneath the main stand, we can hear all the cheering. The man in the public address box rings down to say Wolves have just scored through Ryan. We can't believe it! While the game is in progress the turnstile operators return with the gate takings, which need to be checked, and we try to arrive at a crowd figure. Half-time arrives and the switchboard springs into life. One particular lad from Wolverhampton has phoned every five minutes since 7.30 for the latest score. Suddenly there are deafening cheers and plenty of stamping. Jayne and I rush to the switchboard to hear from the PA man which one of our players has scored (we know it's our team as the cheers are far louder). We hear the news that Kevin has just equalised and everyone is ecstatic. Someone guesses the final score will be 2-1 and we keep our fingers crossed. Trevor puts us into the lead and we start to celebrate — only to be told nine minutes from time that Wolves have drawn level. Our elation subsides and then the final whistle blows. The switchboard is still ringing and Jayne says she hates telling callers the final score is a draw.

The gate figure has been reached and the place is full of Pressmen clamouring to be told it. I make a quick visit to the match officials before they leave, then Jayne and I prepare to go home at 10.30.

It's been a long and tiring day and it wasn't the score we had hoped for. But the excitement of a matchday just can't be beaten!

FANFARE with SIMON EEDLE

GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to all the Wealdstone fans for today's first round FA Cup tie. While wishing them well for the remainder of the season, I hope their progress in this competition is halted by Royals!

Should today's match end in a draw, the replay will be held at Lower Mead Stadium, Wealdstone next Tuesday evening (7.30). Coaches to the match can be booked immediately after the final whistle in the Tilehurst End Blue Streaks Shop. Bookings are also being taken for Royals' visit to the Baseball Ground, Derby, on November 30.

I would ask that you book up as soon as possible as it will help us to make sure that enough coaches are available. Please remember that bookings cannot be made at half-time, nor will they be taken without the full amount being paid in advance.

On a more personal note, I was very sorry to see Roy Tranter leave the Reading board of directors. First and foremost, he was a supporter. Without Roy's efforts, it is doubtful that Reading would exist today and I am sure we will all be eternally grateful that he helped fight off the proposed merger with Maxwell United.

Of course, the other director to have resigned with Roy was Jim Brooks, who has had an even closer link with the supporters over the years. Jim used to be the RFSC chairman as well as director and has given sterling service to both, for which he has been awarded the post of Life President.

Opinions expressed in this programme are not necessarily those held by Reading Football Club.



● Royals skipper Martin Hicks rises high to repel all invaders.

Picture: TONY POWELL

FROM THE MIDDLE . . .

THE CAUTION

AMONG the sanctions the referee has over and above the award of a free-kick, the caution comes in the middle in severity. Referees frequently give informal warnings to players (e.g. for an over-zealous tackle where they are willing to give the benefit of the doubt). Yet the referee wants the player to know the matter has been noticed and (mentally) noted. That sort of warning is the first level: the final stage is the sending-off, the intermediate stage is the caution — a formal warning which is recorded. It is also reported by the referee to a higher authority, even in park football to the surprise of some of the players.

Of the four reasons for cautions, the least common is for entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's permission (self-explanatory?) and for persistently infringing the laws of the game. Persistent infringement is more difficult to define. Players always ask: "How often is persistent?" No easy answer. More than a couple of occasions but it doesn't have to be the same offence. The referee cautions when the player's actions make it quite clear he has no intention of playing within the laws.

"Dissent" and "ungentlemanly conduct" are all too frequent. Dissent "by word or action" from the referee's decision has become part of the gamesmanship of soccer at all levels. Minor petulance and reflex comments are often tolerated by officials and some argue that the caution is used too little to underline the referee's authority. Others would like the law changed to allow a more direct and immediate punishment as in rugby (i.e. the automatic ten-yard sanction).

"Ungentlemanly conduct," as regular readers will know, merits an article of its own. It is something of a catch-all to cover those actions by players which merit a more severe punishment than just a free-kick (e.g. a worse than usual, premeditated tackle). Also, those actions not covered under the usual definition of foul play (e.g. gesticulating to prevent a player from taking a throw-in).

The caution is serious because if a player goes on to commit another cautionable offence he will be sent off. The fact that it need not be the same offence helps to explain some of those puzzling decisions when a player seems to have committed a cautionable offence but ends up walking to the dressing-room. Often ungentlemanly conduct followed by dissent and punished accordingly.

● Reading Referees' Association

. . . and now you're the ref

- 1 The goalkeeper takes a quick goal kick. The ball strikes you, the referee, just outside the penalty area as you are running up-field and rebounds into the goal. What is your decision?
- 2 A dog runs on to the pitch and chases the ball. You stop play and re-start with a drop ball. How many players do you get to take part?
- 3 As you are doing your pre-match inspection of the pitch on the local park, you notice that there are no centre line flags. What action do you take?
- 4 An indirect free-kick is awarded to the attacking team just outside their opponents' goal area. Defenders and attackers line up on the goal-line between the posts. The ball strikes one of these attackers from the free-kick and goes into the net. Do you give a goal?

● Answers on Page 29

. . . and today's man in black

ALLAN GUNN: Purchasing manager, married with two daughters. Started refereeing in 1965 in Sussex and progressed via Football Combination. Interested in swimming and squash. Refereed FA Youth Cup final in 1980, lined 1982 Charity Shield and France v Brazil in 1978. Refereed 1985 Milk Cup semi-final.

COMMERCIAL CHAT with ALBERT MOSS

IT IS very pleasing to be in the commercial department at the moment, seeing the renewed interest shown by our supporters in the new range of souvenirs.

Many of the items have created great interest, the most popular item being the limited edition of the lead crystal whisky glass.

Steve Thomson of the *Reading Evening Post* wrote about the glass and commented that it would have been nice if all 13 victories were recorded rather than just the 12.

I am pleased to say that this is now in hand and, by the time we play Darlington, a **new limited edition** will be on sale — as yet price unknown.

Another item selling well is the cagoule and all sizes are now back in stock.

BARGAIN

For the more discerning among you, a new lambswool jumper will be on sale today. It is

WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

ELM PARK'S commercial department has a number of interesting sponsorship schemes still available.

One of the most appealing is 'Be a Sponsor for a Day.'

It costs just £20 a head and provides excellent value for money.

You get a seat in the director's box, use of the sponsors' lounge facilities plus a buffet lunch.

'Sponsor a Matchball' is also in great demand and at £57.50 has proved one of the most popular schemes at the club this season.

Further down the scale, there's also the 'Sponsor a Kit' scheme.

Again, this has proved very popular with the fans.

But there are still a few spaces left, as you will see from the table on Page 28.

There's also several gaps in our 'Sponsor a Goal' grid on the same page.

Anyone interested in any of the above should contact commercial manager Albert Moss at the club offices.

navy blue in colour with the insignia RFC 1871 embroidered on the front.

At £15.50, it is a real bargain for such a quality product.

The 'Sponsor a Point' scheme launched in the last home programme created a lot of comment but very little reaction. So, come on all you Royals supporters. Let's have some positive response from you, your company or both.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We send our very best wishes to Les Preston, who is celebrating his 70th birthday today. Les has been a supporter of Royals for 30 years.

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JUST IN . . .

Club Pens at 20p and the "Travelling Supporters' Guide to Football League Clubs" priced at £2.75 per copy.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT ELM PARK

READING v DARLINGTON

Canon League Division 3
Saturday, November 23, 1985 (3pm)

READING Res v CRYSTAL PALACE Res

Football Combination
Wednesday, December 4, 1985 (2pm)

READING Res v SWINDON Res

Football Combination
Saturday, December 7, 1985 (2pm)

TOKEN GESTURE!

THIS token has been introduced in order to deal with any subsequent FA Cup ties where ticket demand may exceed supply.

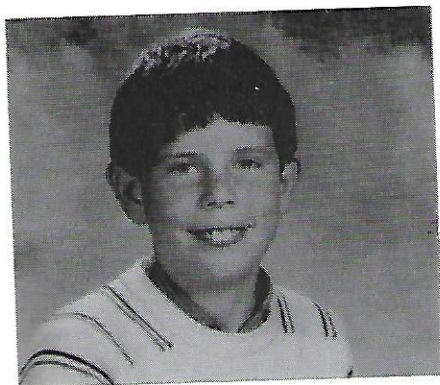
Please keep the tokens safe.

Should they be needed, the more you save the better your chance of getting a ticket for the big game.



FA Cup Token
No. 1

MATCH MASCOT BALL DONOR



THIS afternoon's match mascot is Peter Tucker, who is ten years old and lives in Bowling Green Road, Thatcham, and goes to Whitelands Park School.

He enjoys playing football, badminton, chess and going fishing.

He supports Reading and West Ham and his favourite players are Kevin Bremner, Gary Westwood and Tony Cottee.

BACK IN BUSINESS

THE Reading Supporters' Club annual soccer quiz is now back in action.

Once again generously sponsored by Thames Valley Cleaning Contractors, it was due to make its seasonal bow last night with the Pack Horse taking on the Three Tuns and the Black Horse. The eight first round winners plus the four highest scoring losers go on to the next stage of the competition.

Each tie will be held in the Elm Park social club, starting at approximately 7.30pm. The bar will be open and light refreshments provided.

Full first round draw: Nov 15 - Pack Horse v Three Tuns v Black Horse; Nov 22 - Laurel Park v Lamport Gilbert v Reading FC Staff; Nov 29 - Rising Sun v Bideford v Fairholt Printing Corporation; Dec 6 - Henley v Bantam v Rose and Thistle; Dec 13 - Oxford Utd Supporters' Club v RFC Burnham v IBAP; Jan 3 - Press Gang v British Telecom v Reading Borough FC; Jan 10 - Loyal Royals v Microchips v RFSC Committee.

To be arranged: Thames Valley Cleaning Contractors v Reading FC Players v Forbury.

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May we take this opportunity to wish Reading Football Club and all its supporters a very successful season, culminating in gaining promotion with the Division 3 Championship. Good luck.

● Quiz answers from Page 26

- 1 A corner kick. A goal cannot be scored direct from a goal kick. The fact that the ball has struck an official never alters the decision that would have been made.
- 2 There is no fixed number required by law but, from your experience, you know that one from each side will be expected by most players.
- 3 You ask whether any are available because they help the officials. But you cannot insist as they are optional.
- 4 No. The attacker was offside. He had not got two opponents nearer the goal-line than he was — and he was certainly trying to gain an advantage.

NEW REFEREES WANTED

READING Referees' Association has laid on an extra training course starting on Tuesday, November 26 — just ten evenings, with a break for Christmas and the New Year. All-in cost is only £6 and a chance to get your kit **free**. Full details in local Press or ring John Lambden on Reading 477740 or George Mills on Reading 691893.



● **KEEP** your head down and your body between the ball and the opponent. Royals Stuart Beavon (above) and Dean Horrix provide the perfect examples of concentration and control while in possession.

Pictures: TONY POWELL



READING

Colours: Blue/white/navy

- Gary Westwood 1
- Gary Peters 2
- Colin Bailie 3
- Stuart Beavon 4
- Martin Hicks 5
- Steve Wood 6
- Glenn Burvill 7
- Dean Horrix 8
- Trevor Senior 9
- Kevin Bremner 10
- Andy Rogers 11

WEALDSTONE

Change colours: All red

- Bob Iles
- Steve Tapley
- Steve McCargo
- Dennis Byatt
- Paul Bowgett
- Robin Wainwright
- Brian Greenaway
- Lee Holmes
- Alan Cordice
- Mark Graves
- Gary Donnellan
- 12

Referee:
**ALLAN
GUNN**

Linesmen:
B. WIGGINGTON
(red flag)

C. PEAKE
(yellow flag)

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