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ALLEN BATSFORD

HAVING handed the team over to Brian Hall, this is the first and last On the Ball I shall be writing. I am due to go into hospital on Wednesday 24th and expect to be away from the club for 2-3 months.

Brian has been my assistant for a number of years now and I have every confidence in him and I am sure he will make a good manager. I know that Paul Bowgett and the rest of the players will be giving him 100% to ensure they get the right results.

It's been a very difficult pre-season for Brian with so many injuries at times we almost couldn't field a side, happily things are moving in the right direction now with Stuart Pearce and Mark Graves coming back into the side at Gateshead on Saturday, but Robin Wainwright and Steve Perkins are still out, and Dennis Byatt suspended. Mark Morris comes in for Dennis and other new players Dave Price, Bob Iles, and Gary Donellan make up the team. Neil Cordice is still recovering from the injury received at Maidstone last season, he is back in training and working hard to get fit, but it's going to be some time yet.

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BOB HOLMES
of
THE EVENING STANDARD
writes . . .

REFEREES could face a few tough weeks as the new season gets into its stride.

Last season the Football Association, as part of a clean-up soccer campaign, ordered referees to clamp down on the professional foul.

Now FIFA, the game's world governing body, have told the FA to wind-up their war on the professional foul.

The FA have sent out instructions to the referees telling them to forget last season's special instructions but it will probably take them a few weeks to get used to their new battle plan.

Whatever their problems, however, I feel FIFA's decision is the correct one.

Although Alan Robinson, who refereed the recent Charity Shield match at Wembley, says: "I thought last season worked well after the initial three months", there was lots of controversy over the professional foul during the season.

Referees turned a blind eye to some fouls, while players were sent off for the most innocuous of offences.

And, in truth, there was never any need for special instructions on serious foul play anyway. The rules of the game already allowed referees to send off players for violent conduct.

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GOOD EVENING and welcome to Lower Mead Stadium. A warm welcome also goes to our visitors from YEOVIL TOWN for this our opening home league fixture of the new season. In the meetings between the two clubs last year a total of eight goals were scored as we recorded the "double" – winning 2-0 at home and 5-1 at Huish. No doubt the Town will be gunning for revenge tonight. On Saturday they started the season with a 3-0 home win over Frickley Athletic. On Saturday they started the season with a 3-0 home win over Frickley Athletic. Don't forget that the Alliance have introduced two new rules – on the points front there are now 3 for an away win, 2 for a home win and 1 for a draw and clubs may now field two substitutes.

After mixed fortunes in our pre-season friendlies we made the long trek up to league newcomers Gatehead on Saturday in search of three away points. At the Gateshead Stadium we got off to a flying start when Gary Donellan, making his Alliance debut for the club, stabbed the ball home in the fourth minute after the keeper failed to hold a Stuart Pearce free-kick. With Steve Perkins still injured and the game counting as one of Dennis Byatt's two match suspensions from last season, Mark Graves, Stuart Pearce and Bob Isles all returned to side early after suffering injuries in the friendly games. However, in the pouring rain, the team put on a good performance on the slippery pitch and were unfortunate to concede the lead in the second half. Incidentally, there were a number of "firsts" in that match – Gatehead's first Alliance game, both our subs, Paul Waites & Andy Waddock, were used and the new club strip of yellow and blue was worn for the first time in the League. We extend a warm welcome to the new faces in the team – players profiles on them will be appearing in future editions of the programme.

The Club Shop has been re-stocked during the close season with the new club colours – woollen and two types of silk scarves are available tonight, also a further supply of tea mugs has arrived. Orders are being taken for the new Rothmans Non-League Handbook which is priced at £7.95 – a deposit of £1 is required with your orders. If you haven't yet joined the Supporters Club or wish to renew your membership you can do so in the Club Shop. It costs £1 for adults and 50p for Senior Citizens and children under 16. A major perk to members this season is matchday membership of Morriffs which will enable our supporters to call into the club before and after the match for a drink. Discounts are also available from certain Harrow shops and members can take advantage of cheap travel to away days by train and coach. Join today!

SFC Wealdstone, the supporters club team, were successful in their bid to gain the Championship of Division 5 of the Marathon Sunday League last season when they beat rivals Northwick Park at Lower Mead 3-1. They have started training for the forthcoming season and if any supporter is interested in playing for them further details can be obtained from the Club Shop.

Finally, we have two away games coming up – on Bank Holiday Monday we travel to Trowbridge Town and next Saturday we visit FA Trophy holders Telford United. Details of away travel are available in the Club Shop.
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DAVE HEATH, Secretary.

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FOR THE RECORD

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST FRIENDLY v LUTON TOWN (HOME)

Wealdstone - Ward, Barwick, Richardson, Byatt, Bowgett, Price, Donellan, Wainwright, (Waddock), Cordice A, Waites, Johnson.

LutonTown - Sealey, Coyle, North, Antic, Saxby, Elliott, Breacker, Stein M, Bunn, Daniel, Turner.

RESULT: 1-1 Scorers - Bowgett 75 mins (Wealdstone) Turner 54 secs (Luton)

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE v GATESHEAD (AWAY)

Wealdstone - Iles, Waddock, Pearce, (Richardson), Morris, Bowgett, Price, Donellan, Barwick, (Wates), Cordice A, Graves, Johnson.

Gateshead - Dodds, Higgins, Hindson, Robinson, Robson, Parnaby, Pugh, Woof, Topping, Hibbit, Henderson.

RESULT: 1-1 Scorers - Donellan (Wealdstone) 4 mins, Hibbert (Gateshead) 69 mins.

OUR RECORD AGAINST YEOVIL TOWN

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SEASON	HOME	AWAY
1974/75 (SL PREM DIV)	1-2	1-4
1975/76 (SL PREM DIV)	2-1	1-1
1976/77 (SL PREM DIV)	1-1	1-3
1977/78 (SL PREM DIV)	1-1	2-1
1978/79 (SL PREM DIV)	4-0	1-4
1979/80 (APL)	5-0	1-1
1980/81 (APL)	1-1	0-4
1982/83 (APL)	2-0	5-1

(Wealdstone's score given first)

SUMMARY OF LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	8	4	3	1	17	6
AWAY	8	2	2	4	12	19
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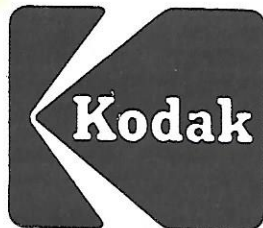
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THE ALLIANCE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Press Release

From the Press Officer, Brian Wilkinson
Monday, 15th August, 1983

No. 1

The fifth season of the Alliance Premier Football League gets under way on Saturday (20th August) using a unique points scoring system.

The new system means wins gained on opponents' grounds will continue to be worth three points, whereas wins gained at home will now be worth only two points: Both sides will gain one point in drawn matches. Last season, both 'home' and 'away' wins were rewarded with three points, but it was felt this tended to encourage visiting sides to play negatively for a draw in order to prevent the home club from gaining the two extra points for a win.

Attendances in the Alliance held up well last season in comparison with many other leagues (they dropped by just over 4%) and it is felt the extra incentive for attacking play away from home will make Alliance football even more attractive this season. 1,440 goals were scored in league matches last season, 171 more than in the previous season.

Another innovation agreed at the League's Fourth Annual Conference at Blackpool in June means teams can now use two substitutes instead of one if they so wish.

G.D. (Gordon) Swinton was elected new vice-president of the Alliance at the Conference. Taking his place as vice-chairman is D. (Derek) Nuttall, chairman of Northwich Victoria. Three new members of the Management Committee are Boston United secretary J. (John) Blackwell, Altrincham director E.W. (Ernie) Fryer and Runcorn director W.J. (Bill) King.

Results of Alliance Premier League matches are now available on an ANSAFONE SERVICE after 5.15pm on Saturdays and 9.30pm on weekdays. The number to ring is: Preston (0772) 862482.

CLUB NEWS . . .

ALTRINCHAM: Altrincham have added striker Leo Skeete and midfield player Paul Cruickshank to their squad during the close season. Skeete, 32, was previously with Runcorn, having joined the Canal Street outfit midway through their 1981/82 Championship season. Cruickshank has moved to Moss Lane from 4th Division Bury, where he made his Football League debut in the 1979/80 season. He had completed over 80 appearances for Bury by last November, when a broken leg kept him out of the side for the rest of the season.

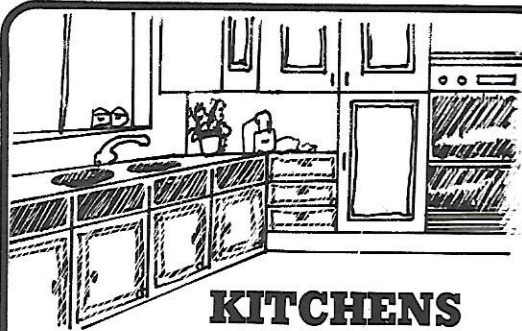
BOSTON UTD: A new youth team has been formed by Boston Utd and will be run jointly by new reserve team manager Tony Scrupps and Gilbert Sands, a local youth football administrator. The 'Pilgrims' have completed the signing of two new players this summer. They are 20-year-old Stuart Hibberd – a midfielder who made 50 Football League appearances for Lincoln City before being released at the end of last season – and 23-year-old Stephen Hirst, who can play either in midfield or in the attack and was with Northern Counties (East) side Ilkeston Town last season.

ENFIELD: Goalkeeper Dave Mallet (20) and left-back Keith Hayzledene (25) have been added to Enfield's powerful squad during the close season. Both players were previously with Isthmian League side Leytonstone/Ilford and were members of the Essex club's 1981/82 Championship winning side which was named Rothmans Non-league Team of the Season.

Enfield, current A.P.L. Champions, kicked off their pre-season friendlies in style last week, playing the full 'Spurs' first team in front of 3,500 spectators at Southbury Road and leading 1-0 at half-time through Noel Ashford before finally going down 4-1.

MAIDSTONE UTD: Maidstone United have paid Leytonstone/Ilford £2,000 for the services of forward Micky Dingwall (27). Dingwall's only other club has been Barking. Another 'Stones' summer signing is 21-year-old midfielder Nigel Donn, who was with Orient last season. Previously, he was with Gillingham – having joined them straight from school.

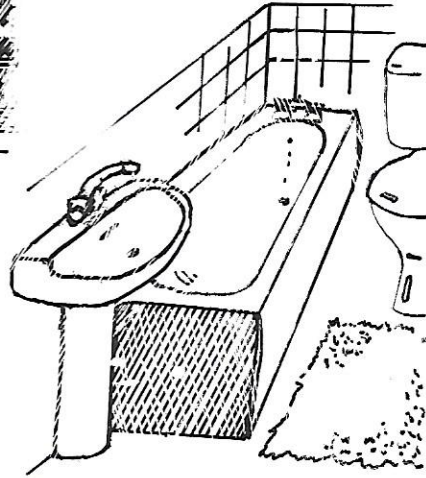
RUNCORN: Runcorn have signed England Non-league international John Rogers from Barrow. The former Altrincham striker replaces Leo Skeete, who has moved from Canal Street to play for Altrincham. Another likely departure is winger Steve Joel. Manager John Williams has reluctantly placed him on the transfer list due to the player taking a job entailing regular night work. Although a lower paid day job is available to Joel, the club is unable to make up the difference in money.



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PRESS RELEASE

from the **ALLIANCE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
PRESS OFFICER

SCARBOROUGH: Four new players have signed for Scarborough during the close season: They are 19-year-old Neil Thompson, a defender from Hull City; midfielder Charlie Bell, who has had considerable Football League experience with Middlesbrough and Mansfield Town; midfield player Brendan Phillips from Nuneaton Borough (he holds four England Semi-professional 'caps' and was formerly with Kettering Town and Boston United); and winger Trenton Wiggan (and England Schoolboy international once with Sheffield United) from Gainsborough Trinity. Boro' have also signed full-back Richard Dawson from York City. Dawson spent the latter part of last season on loan to Scarborough, during which time he made 14 league appearances.

TROWBRIDGE T: An Executive Suite has been opened by Trowbridge Town. Limited to 75 members who will receive lavish hospitality at home matches in return for their £100 membership fee, half the places have already been taken up.

New faces at Frome Road this season will include former Yeovil Town full-back Steve Ritchie, midfielder Danny Bartley (ex-Hereford Utd), central defender Duncan Ross (19) and striker Steve Round (20). Ross and Round both appeared for Walsall in the Football League several times last season.

WEYMOUTH: A mammoth rebuilding task is facing Weymouth manager Stuart Morgan after the departure of no less than seven of last season's F.A. Cup giant-killing team. Goalkeeper Kieron Baker, defender Billy Elliott, midfielder Gary Borthwick and striker Trevor Finnigan have all moved to Yeovil Town (Finnigan as player/manager); full-back Paul Morrell has gone to A.F.C. Bournemouth on a free transfer; striker Mark Baber has rejoined Southern League side Poole Town; and winger Peter Johnson (released with Finnigan last season) has yet to find another club. Morgan's task has been made even tougher, however, by a disastrous pre-season injury to 'keeper Kevin Roberts, who is likely to be out until the New Year with a fractured ankle. Meanwhile, full-back Bryan Lawrence has not been able to take part in pre-season training due to a damaged achilles tendon.

Arrivals at the 'Rec' include former Yeovil Town striker Dave Platt, full-back Phil Sandercock (from Barnet) and young striker Steve Crabbe from Western League side Bridport.

WORCESTER C: Worcester City have made five close season signings, one of which sees former club captain Barry Lowe return to St. George's Lane after a spell with Nuneaton Borough. Completing the quintet are 'keeper Paul Hayward (from Paget Rangers), full-back Colin Caddick (Walsall), central defender Julian Marshall (ex-Hereford Utd, Bristol City and Walsall) and much travelled striker Bobby Shinton, whose former clubs include Manchester City, Wrexham and Walsall. Meanwhile, the club has placed record signing Jimmy Williams on the transfer list following his failure to turn up for pre-season training.

YEOVIL TOWN: Yeovil Town, who were losing more than £1,000 a week 12 months ago, report a loss of £4,603 last season compared with £55,664 the previous season – largely through slashing £23,000 off the players' wages and expenses coupled with a major increase in lottery receipts.

In addition to their four signings from Weymouth (see above), Yeovil have signed full-back Nigel Jarvis, central defender Grant Davies and utility player Paul Charles. Jarvis moves to Huish after a spell with Blackburn Rovers and was previously with Plymouth Argyle. Davies, who was signed from Newport County after fierce competition for his signature, made over 200 Football League appearances for the Welsh club. Charles can play either in midfield of the back four and has been recruited from local football.

FIXTURES (all Alliance Premier League)

Tuesday, 23rd August (K.O. 7.30pm)

Bath City v. Kidderminster H.
Enfield v. Trowbridge T.
Frickley Ath. v. Bangor City
Runcorn v. Gateshead
Wealdstone v. Yeovil Town

Wednesday, 24th August (K.O. 7.30pm)

Boston Utd v. Dagenham
Maidstone Utd v. Kettering T.
Scarborough v. Altrincham
Weymouth v. Barnet

The Alliance Premier Football League Handbook will be available for distribution with next Monday's release.

YEOVIL TOWN PEN PICTURES

TREVOR FINNIGAN (PLAYER/MANAGER) 6'0½" appointed May 83. Has returned after being sold to Weymouth in 81 for a fee of £5000. Has league experience with EVERTON, BALCKPOOL & BOURNEMOUTH, and has been a member of the England Non-League side. Can operate in midfield or up front.

KEIRON BAKER Joined the club from Weymouth this season, an experienced goalkeeper with a lot of Football League experience, regarded as one of the safest keepers in the Alliance Premier League. Transferred from Bournemouth to Ipswich for £30,000 in 1977.

GARY BORTHWICK Another ex Yeovil player who returned from Weymouth at the beginning of the 83/84 season, Club captain and his enthusiasm for the game will help the younger players tremendously.

BILLY ELLIOTT 5'11" Central defender, this son of a footballing father who previously had two spells with Yeovil, has been one of the finds of the Alliance League, we have been lucky to sign him from Weymouth to strengthen our defence. This youngster has also had experience with Plymouth Argyle and Bournemouth.

NIGEL JARVIS 5'7" Full back, has joined the club at the beginning of the season, after a spell with BLACKBURN ROVERS, also had a spell with PLYMOUTH ARGYLE, this very quick defender is hopeful to make a big name for himself in the Alliance League.

MALCOLM GOLD Signed from local football in the season 78/79 and was given a contract after just two games. Malcolm operates either in midfield or in the back four and has been watched by League Scouts. Voted 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' last season and is the longest serving player at the Club.

STEPHEN PITMAN Aged only seventeen is a local player in his second season with the club. Plays in defence and the club feels that he has the ability to go a long way in football, after making appearances in the First team last season, whilst still at school.

ANDREW BELL Played in local football before he went to EXETER CITY for just over a year, was freed at the end of the 79/80 season and signed for Yeovil in that summer, has always been a goal scorer but can operate with great effect in mid-field, was leading goal scorer for the club last season.

PHILIP JAMES Yet another local player who has made his mark in Alliance Football. Last season was his first full season with the Club and he has gained a lot of confidence up front.

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ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE (FINAL TABLE 1982/83 SEASON)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts	WEALDSTONE RESULTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	HOME		AWAY	
Enfield	42	16	3	2	57	21	9	6	6	38	27	84	L 1-3	W 1-0	
Maidstone United	42	17	1	3	55	13	8	7	6	28	21	83	D 0-0	W 3-0	
WEALDSTONE	42	13	5	3	45	17	9	8	4	35	24	79			
Runcorn	42	15	5	1	50	21	7	3	11	23	32	74	W 1-0	L 1-2	
Boston United	42	14	5	2	46	25	6	7	8	31	32	72	D 0-0	D 0-0	
Telford United	42	16	3	2	46	17	4	8	9	23	31	71	W 2-0	D 0-0	
Weymouth	42	13	6	2	37	14	7	4	10	26	34	70	L 2-4	L 1-4	
Northwich Victoria	42	15	5	1	48	22	3	5	13	20	41	64	W 2-1	D 3-3	
Scarborough	42	10	6	5	39	23	7	6	8	32	35	63	D 2-2	W 2-1	
Bath City	42	12	3	6	41	25	5	6	10	17	30	60	D 1-1	L 2-3	
Nuneaton Borough	42	11	6	4	36	20	4	7	10	21	40	58	L 1-2	D 1-1	
Altrincham	42	13	5	3	40	17	2	5	14	22	39	55	D 1-1	W 1-0	
Bangor City	42	8	9	4	33	29	6	4	11	38	48	55	W 2-0	D 2-2	
Dagenham	42	5	9	7	30	26	7	6	8	30	39	51	W 3-1	W 2-1	
Barnet	42	9	3	9	37	39	7	0	14	18	39	51	W 6-0	D 0-0	
Frickley Athletic	42	11	6	4	41	25	1	7	13	25	52	49	W 2-0	D 2-2	
Worcester City	42	10	7	4	43	33	2	3	16	15	54	46	W 2-0	W 3-1	
Trowbridge Town	42	9	5	7	31	30	3	2	16	25	58	43	W 4-0	D 0-0	
Kettering Town	42	9	5	7	45	37	2	2	17	24	62	40	W 4-0	W 3-1	
Yeovil Town	42	10	4	7	37	36	1	3	17	26	63	40	W 2-0	W 5-1	
Barrow	42	7	4	10	26	35	1	8	12	20	39	36	W 4-0	W 2-0	
Stafford Rangers	42	4	8	9	22	30	1	6	14	18	45	29	W 3-2	L 1-2	

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1982/83

	APL	APLT	FAC	FAT	MSC	SLCM	FR	TOTAL
Mark Graves	23	—	5	—	—	1	3	32
Alan Cordice	13	—	2	—	2	1	2	20
Neil Cordice	11	—	5	1	1	—	1	19
Nigel Johnson	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	13
Dennis Byatt	5	—	1	—	—	—	1	7
Roy Davies	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
John Margerrison	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
Stuart Pearce	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
Ray Knowles	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Paul Bowgett	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	4
Paul Waites	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
John Peachey	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Fred Barwick	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Robin Wainwright	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Andrew Waddock	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Simon Pentland	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Own Goals	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
TOTALS:-	80	1	14	1	7	3	19	125

(Fixtures, League Table and Goalscorers compiled by Roy Couch)

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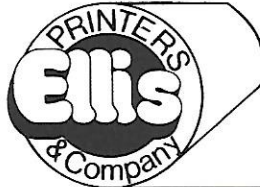


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Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Scorers
Aug. 9	Wimbledon XI	Home	FR	D 2-2	Cordice (A), Johnson
Aug. 13	Q.P.R. XI	Home	FR	L 1-5	Johnson
Aug. 16	Luton Town XI	Home	FR	D 1-1	Bowgett
Aug. 20	Gateshead	Away	APL	D 1-1	Donellan
Aug. 23	Yeovil Town	Home	APL		
Aug. 27	Kidderminster Harr.	Home	APL		
Aug. 29	Trowbridge Town	Away	APL		
Sep. 3	Telford United	Away	APL		
Sep. 10	Bangor City	Home	APL		
Sep. 17	Cambridge City	Away	FAC		
Sep. 19	Bath City	Away	APL		
Sep. 24	Altrincham	Home	APL		
Sep. 26	Yeovil Town	Away	APL		
Oct. 1	Bangor City	Away	APL		
Oct. 8	Boston United	Home	APL		
Oct. 15	Barnet	Home	APL		
Oct. 22	Weymouth	Away	APL		
Oct. 29	Frickley Athletic	Home	APL		
Nov. 12	Dagenham	Away	APL		
Nov. 19	Boston United	Away	APL		
Nov. 26	Nuneaton Borough	Home	APL		
Dec. 3	Worcester City	Away	APL		
Dec. 10	Bath City	Home	APL		
Dec. 17	Maidstone United	Home	APL		
Dec. 26	Kettering Town	Away	APL		
Dec. 31	Enfield	Away	APL		
Jan. 3	Kettering Town	Home	APL		
Jan. 7	Maidstone United	Away	APL		
Jan. 14			FAT		
Jan. 21	Weymouth	Home	APL		
Jan. 28	Runcorn	Away	APL		
Feb. 4	Enfield	Home	APL		
Feb. 11	Kidderminster Harr.	Away	APL		
Feb. 14	Trowbridge Town	Home	APL		
Feb. 18	Northwich Victoria	Away	APL		
Feb. 25	Frickley Athletic	Away	APL		
Mar. 3	Scarborough	Home	APL		
Mar. 10	Nuneaton Borough	Away	APL		
Mar. 17	Telford United	Home	APL		
Mar. 24	Runcorn	Home	APL		
Mar. 31	Scarborough	Away	APL		
Apr. 3	Worcester City	Home	APL		
Apr. 7	Barnet	Away	APL		
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