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1984/85 GOLA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND F.A. TROPHY WINNERS



MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER
v COVENTRY CITY
STUART PEARCE MATCH

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MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP	WINNERS 11 TIMES

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EDITOR'S NOTES

GOOD EVENING and welcome to tonight's special game. We extend a very cordial welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Coventry City and hope that they enjoy their stay with us tonight. We are hopeful that Stuart Pearce will be with us tonight to enjoy HIS game.

Tonight's programme is slightly different to usual and we are grateful to all the contributors – particularly Toby Jackson and Roy Couch two of our 'regulars' who have spent a great deal of time researching and preparing their articles.

In a recent programme you may have read my comments on Stuart Pearce. I attended the same school as Stuart and although I am a few years older, remember seeing him play in the 'school team' alongside players including John Boakye and Steve Ray who also joined Wealdstone. Even at that age his talent was clearly visible. After playing for the Wealdstone reserves Stuart soon established himself in the first team and the rest of the story we all know.

Whilst on holiday in Portugal in June 1983 I met a fellow football fanatic and as our discussions broadened the name of Mr. Pearce cropped up. "One day he'll be in the football league and may even play for England" I told him. "Stuart who?" he asked. "Pearce" I said.

My fellow holiday maker was an avid Nottingham Forest fan!! Small old world isn't it!!
Enjoy the game.

DAVE FREE

ON THE BALL WITH BRIAN HALL



TONIGHT is what I hope will be only the first of many times that I am called upon to say a few words about Stuart Pearce. I remember before I joined the Wealdstone staff watching 17 year old Stuart play against Kettering, and immediately recommended him to a league club. To be fair, everyone at that club except the manager was impressed.

However, what a blessing in disguise! His move to Coventry thrilled me, and I remember saying that I saw no reason why Stuart couldn't go all the way, as good left backs in England were somewhat scarce. His improvement has obviously been phenomenal and with his move to Nottingham Forest, I am sure that the England No. 3 shirt is not far away.

Many Congratulations Stuart, have a great career.

BRIAN

SCOTCH MANAGER

THE Real Mackenzie Whisky Manager of the Month for October was Eddie McCluskey (Enfield) who just pipped Weymouth's Brian Godfrey. The presentation will be made on Saturday before Enfield's home game with Kidderminster Harriers.

SPORTSMAIL SOCCER



Pearce

Clough hands it to Pearce

BY RAY MATTS

BRIAN CLOUGH last night pressed the World Cup claims of a player who only 13 months ago was working as an electrician with Brent Council.

After making 23-year-old left-back Stuart Pearce Nottingham Forest's new skipper, Clough said: 'I would also recommend him as a possible international understudy for Kenny Sansom.'

Pearce made the transition from part-time soccer with Wealdstone to First Division Coventry for around £20,000 and was then transferred to Forest last summer for £180,000.

Clough added: 'Despite his

short spell in the professional game Stuart has made tremendous strides and I see no reason why he shouldn't be challenging for England recognition.'

Pearce said: 'I was happy when I moved to Forest from Coventry because it was a bigger club where I hoped to learn even more. That has proved to be the case.'

'I have enjoyed my spell with Forest, but I still feel that I can improve even more.'

Team that Clough built is doing the talking

THE days when Brian Clough gave the world a daily bulletin on the state of soccer may well be over but his Nottingham Forest football team now speak eloquently on his behalf.

Clough, at the maturing age of 50, no longer is extravagant, either in his dialogue or in the size of the transfer fees he pays for players.

Yet, if the man who first broke the 11m barrier when buying Trevor Francis now pays much more restrained amounts, his investments would certainly appear value for money.

Take Franz Carr, as England manager Bobby Robson may well be grateful to do in the near future. He scored Forest's winner in the emotional third-round Milk Cup tie at Derby. What an exhilarating sight he was at the Baseball Ground with his wonderful acceleration, his superb body swerve, close dribbling ability and, finally, his finishing flourish.

He cost Forest £25,000 from Blackburn, Clough pursuing an interest his old buddy Peter Taylor first took in the coloured lad five years ago when he was just 14.

Take former Portsmouth favourite Neil Webb who Clough decided was worth a £230,000 investment when other clubs were hesitating. The Reading lad is still only 22 and he will, I can promise you, get better.

Take Clough's own son, Nigel, another teenager, who may be one paced but has a reassuring touch on the ball, an excellent balance with his short legs and long back, and a hint of his father's arrogance.

Above all, take full-back Stuart Pearce, a natural left-footed player from Shepherd's Bush, Clough took him in a summer deal involving another promising defender.

Ian Butterworth, for less than £500,000.

Pearce is the player Robson is seriously scrutinising as a possible understudy to Kenny Sansom for England's World Cup squad and, typical of Clough the only complaint he has against him is the length of his hair.

There was always lengthy debate about Clough's ability to sustain his uncanny ability in transfer dealings without the assistance of Taylor.

But with Alan Hill now occupying Taylor's office at the City Ground the flow of talent seems undiminished.

And there seemed evidence enough to me in the month of October when Forest won every match they played in, to suggest that the amazing Mr Clough was really quite right not to call it a day at 50. The game is the better for his presence.

STEVE CURRY

Pearce nearing World Cup call

By JOHN WRAGG

NOTTINGHAM FOREST defender Stuart Pearce could earn an England call-up tomorrow, only two years after entering League football.

Don Howe, England manager Bobby Robson's assistant, will check the form of Pearce during Arsenal's game at Forest.

Robson has already watched Pearce and is keen to find an understudy for left-back Kenny Sansom in time for the World Cup Finals next summer.

Forest manager Brian Clough led the call-up campaign last night when he said: "I can't think of anyone better than Pearce for the job."

"I would think he has got every chance of figuring in an England squad, providing he stands up when he tackles a player, always helps his colleagues out—and gets his hair cut!"

Now Arsenal boss Howe has the chance to make a direct comparison between Sansom and Pearce.

Staggering

"Pearce's emergence has been nothing short of staggering," says Clough.

"The first thing I noticed about him was his competitiveness."

Pearce, 23, was playing non-League football for Wealdstone two years ago when former Coventry manager Bobby Gould snapped him up for £30,000.

Clough paid £200,000 to sign him in the summer and Pearce has now become Forest captain.

F.A. CUP PREVIEW

WITH Saturday's F.A. Cup tie at Reading only a few days away, I have previewed the other ties involving Gola sides. You may like to make your predictions.

My probable winners in bold type:-

Notts County v. Scarborough

Frickley v. Halesowen

Stockport v. **Telford**

Chorley v. **Altrincham**

Runcorn v. Boston

Nuneaton v. Burnley

Chelmsford v. **Weymouth**

Enfield v. Bognor Regis

Farnborough v. Bath City

Fareham v. **Maidstone**

A.F.C. Bournemouth v. Dartford

Wycombe v. Colchester

Dagenham v. Cambridge

- Close but no surprise
- Frickley too good at home
- They could be at it again - may need a replay.
- Same again - Alty in form.
- This is Runcorn's fifth game so far in the competition. They won't slip up.
- Acting Manager Dixey inspired last season - could he do it again?
- Very tough - possible replay.
- How many will they score?
- Could be farewell to Bath - Farnborough look good.
- Fareham upset Fisher in the last round - can't see a repeat.
- Repeat of last season - same result looks on.
- Colchester are struck with injuries - possible upset.
- Two unpredictable teams - pin job but Dagenham may score once and win!

DAVE FREE



TREVOR PEAKE - Coventry City

CLUB SHOP NEWS

GOOD evening everyone and a special warm Lower Mead welcome to our illustrious visitors from Highfield Road for tonight's prestigious Friendly match with Coventry City. We do not get frequent opportunity to match our skills against League opposition, so this week will be quite an exciting one with today's game and Saturday's F.A. Cup tie at Reading to follow. If Bangor City can hold mighty Athletic Madrid to a single goal in their own stadium, I don't see why we cannot go one step better!

Last Wednesday's Bob Lord Trophy game with Weymouth was full of incident and showed what a funny game football can be. For the second time this season Lee Holmes let his team-mates down with a needless dismissal for petty offences and our goal lead and flowing attacks suddenly had the added obstacle of being a man short. Weymouth seemed to take little advantage of the situation until they too were reduced to ten men in later stages of the game, and it was then that they snatched an equaliser that will make the second leg an uphill struggle. The way that we played even when a man short will give us an element of confidence, but without discipline it is that much harder to achieve consistency of performance.

Souvenirs: Blue and yellow caps at £1.95 and silk scarves at £1.00 can be purchased tonight for our Cup trip, and large rosettes should also have arrived. Let's all make our presence felt at Elm Park!

Double-winning brochure: Our League visitors and their supporters may be interested in our commemorative brochure detailing our unique Gola League and F.A. Trophy winning season last year. "84-85: The Double Year" is packed with photographs and on sale for just £2.00 in the Club Shop.

Programmes: As well as current season Football League and Non-League club programmes, we have more of our bumper bargain bundles on offer tonight. Fifty assorted Non-League programmes for just 50p, and fifty assorted Wealdstone home programmes for a give-away 25p. Available while stocks last!

Lapel badges: Badge collectors and enthusiasts will be impressed by the best stock of Non-League badges on offer in the country. Badges from over 100 different clubs are on sale and lists are available upon request. We also have a few League badges on sale as we intend to widen the variety on offer this season.

Reading material: The new issue of "Programme Monthly" is on sale tonight. Now with 56 pages of interest to collectors, the glossy magazine sells at £1.00. Out tonight also is "Middlesex Review" covering the local Non-League scene and spreading its horizons from its original "West Middlesex Review" guise. Our Non-League Directories should be available tonight as the Football Club appear to have laid their hands on some already, so all those that have pre-ordered their annuals should call in.

TOBY JACKSON

STUART PEARCE, RECORD HOLDER

STUART PEARCE made 242 appearances for Wealdstone in League and Cup matches and scored 15 goals, one of them a penalty, before their transfer to Coventry City in October 1983.

The first of these appearances was on the 3rd March 1979 when he was one of four reserves drafted into the first team away to bottom of the Southern League, Dorchester Town. It wasn't the happiest of debuts for Stuart, with the Dorset side running out winners of five goals to one.

The following season Wealdstone became founder members of the Alliance Premier League and straight away Stuart established himself as a first team regular. In our opening fixture at Worcester, Stuart was named as substitute, but an injury to Colin Johnson following a nasty tackle of City's fullback, Graham Selby, enabled him to make his only appearance as sub whilst at Wealdstone. Stuart missed only one of our next 135 league fixtures before an injury forced him to leave the field at Runcom on the 27th November 1982. This run had included 92 consecutive league appearances, a club record which Stuart still holds to this day. He missed the next seven league matches before returning to the side to play in our next thirty one league matches prior to his departure to Coventry.

Stuart's last appearance for the Club was on Saturday 15th October 1983 and resultwise, was a much happier one than his first back in 1979. A 3-1 win against Basildon United in the 3rd Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup was a fitting end to Stuart's six splendid seasons at Lower Mead.

ROY COUCH

WEALDSTONE F.C. KIT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME 1985/86

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GARY DONNELLAN			R.J.R. Price	Graham Mann
DEREK DOYLE			Nick Dugard	Steve Jones
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MARK GRAVES		Kevin Jackman	Steve Brewer	Teresa Jones
BRIAN GREENAWAY		Mick Ferguson	Karen Taylor	Steve Last
LEE HOLMES		Mrs M.A. Price	Ken Wiggins & Jon Irvine	Dave Mason & Debra Cassar
BOB ILES			Paul Keen	Jan Mills
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How would you, your company, friends or local club/pub like to sponsor an item of kit for the Wealdstone F.C. team members this season? Why not help and fill the vacant spaces above? Please see Toby Jackson in the Club Shop or contact the Club Office in the stadium car park.

A STAR IS BORN

OVER the last ten years there have been a mere handful of occasions when tears have come to the eyes of the Lower Mead faithful. The final whistles at Wembley and Kettering last season when the Double was won, the missed penalty against A.P. Leamington that cost us so dearly and relegated us to the Southern League, and the jubilation against Hastings and Ashford when we bounced straight back in such style. Yet for me one of the most emotional moments in all that time came on October 15th 1983 at around 4.43 p.m. when our young captain for the day ran over to the Cinema End supporters for the final time having inspired his team-mates to a F.A. Cup victory.

The standing ovation afforded to Stuart Pearce that day was no more than he deserved having won a place in the hearts of all Wealdstone regulars. His 100% commitment, his decisive tackling, his surging assaults down the win and his accurate blockbusters from well-worked free-kicks endeared him even to the critical gaze of the "Clock side" whose scathing abuse has finished lesser mortals.

Stuart came to Lower Mead in 1977 progressing through the youth and reserve sides before being offered a contract by Alan Fogarty in 1979. Few who saw the raw teenager plunged into first team action at Dorchester in March 1979 in an embarrassing 5-1 defeat could have predicted Stuart's climb to the fringe of international honours for his country. It did not take long for Stuart to find his destined niche in the Wealdstone back four after an initial sortie in midfield, and the number three shirt is unlikely to be filled by a more skillful player again at Lower Mead with the greatest respect to his successors. Few players performed with such consistency as Stuart Pearce between debut and departure at Wealdstone and it was little surprise when news of his impending transfer to First Division Coventry City appeared in the press.

Pride in "our Stuart" grew as his First Division debut and first League goal came and went, and we all felt a great thrill to see our most famous export pitting his wits against the star-studded attack of Manchester United or Liverpool on "Match of The Day". It goes without saying that the transfer fee received for Stuart was a pure life-line in times of great financial discomfort and set up the successes of last season. By moving on to come under the wing of Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest in a deal worth around £180,000 not only did Stuart reward Coventry for their faith in his ability with a quick £155,000 profit, but due to clauses in the original transfer agreement, he yet again came to our aid with a vital cash boost. The portion of the Forest transfer fee that found its way to Lower Mead far outweighed income from winning the Gola League or capturing the F.A. Trophy at Wembley last season, and has kept Wealdstone Football Club from the sad fate that has come the way of Non-League clubs around the country.

Stuart Pearce's recent nomination as Nottingham Forest captain has pushed him to the verge of selection for the England squad as cover for Kenny Sansom and at just 23 years of age there are few Wealdstone supporters who cannot visualise Stuart completing his amazing rise to fame by representing his country in the not too distant future. Brian Clough has an ideal student to benefit from the coaching and tuition available at the City Ground: Stuart always epitomised the unassuming talent content to learn his trade by hard work and purposeful effort.

We thank Coventry City for their major part in Stuart's progress and for their participation in tonight's Friendly fixture. We are delighted to pay hosts to First Division opposition at Lower Mead and wish their players, officials and supporters an enjoyable evening and a safe return home. We hope that Stuart Pearce will be able to make an appearance this evening also and wish him every success in his continuing and blossoming First Division career.

TOBY JACKSON

THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL

A SUPPORTER'S TALE

BY LES BULL

MY good friend David Free, the Club's P.R.O., asked me to put pen to paper and write an article for his programme concerning football; he seems to think I'm a bit of a connoisseur as I like travelling to football a few nights a week.

Question? What have The Maracana in Brazil, Old Trafford, The Bernabeu Madrid Ibrox, Wembley and Paradise have in common, yes you guessed - they are all famous football stadiums around the world. Ah Paradise I hear you ask, not so well known around the world, in fact probably not known at all outside of Ely (Cambridgeshire) or in Ely itself. But Paradise is the home of Ely City Football Club of the Eastern Counties League whose ground is one of many I have visited on my travels. What a wonderful name for a stadium, or should I say a roped off playing area.

There are many people like myself who in Non-league football terms, collect grounds - a sort of hobby like collecting stamps or records but without the material gain. I myself have over 250 in my collection but know of one fan who has 500 and another of over a 1,000, a rare achievement. The only criteria for collecting a ground is you actually see a match played there. So on a rare Saturday or midweek when Wealdstone are not playing, it's time to scour the papers in search of another Paradise and there's so much to choose from, Southern League, Vauxhall, Spartan, Hellenic, Kent Leagues and so on. Most clubs now have the benefit of floodlights so they can play in the evenings. Could you find a better way of spending an evening than watching say, Berkhamstead v Letchworth Garden City in the Hertfordshire Charity Shield Cup Final with extra time and penalties thrown in, all for 80p, great value!

One name for people who watch these games like myself are groundhoppers. You can always spot them a mile away, non-league handbook (the Bible for the converted), pyramid magazine for lists of fixtures, British Rail timetable for what that's worth, notebooks, pens, stopwatches and the travellers companion, The Camra good beer guide - a must for any serious football fan. Another collectors item is 3 games in one day. Takes a lot of planning but can be done especially on Bank Holidays.

What a marvellous family day out, Leytonstone in the morning, Basildon in the afternoon and as a special treat Boreham Wood in the evening. What a way to impress the opposite sex.

There are comparisons also to be made with football league clubs, for instance Oxford City has a church in the corner like Everton, Buckingham Town also employs a man in a boat to fish out the balls from the river as does Shrewbury. I'd like to see Dennis Byatt play here as I'm sure he could reach the clockface of the tower on the church with one of his hefty clearances. Other notable comparisons between league and non-league are the rural settings of Darlington and Fareham, being bored by Arsenal and Harrow Borough and Hartlepool. What can one compare this site of historic beauty with, perhaps the blitz? No, seriously, Hartlepool is a monument, and of great archaeological importance.

A few years ago when I had a caravanette I toured the North of England over Easter, starting Good Friday with that great north eastern derby - no not Newcastle v Sunderland - Hartlepool v Darlington, travelled south Saturday for Darlington v Halifax, Bradford City v Hartlepool on Sunday, and Bank Holiday Monday for another ground of outstanding natural beauty - Halifax, who entertained the mighty Rochdale from across The Pennines. So I got four great matches and more verbal off the wife in those 4 days than most referee's get in one season, all she got out of it was a stomach upset, still can't please them all the time can you? Thinking back on it perhaps she would have preferred four non-league games, ha-ha! I must admit I have a very understanding wife.

So to today's game. While you're busily digesting this over your pint or two I am busily making the match officials and players tea, as you may or may not know I help out on match days in the dressing-room making teas and running the baths - have also been seen carrying players off on stretchers, no St. John's Ambulance man me, but then someones got to do it when the unfortunate occasion arises.

I would like to congratulate Brian Hall on last seasons outstanding success, he has assembled a very good and flexible squad of players, many of them can play in various positions and do a good job, and didn't they do a good job last year - a historic Double (or was it Treble). Well done lads. Let's hope we can do it all over again, I'm sure with their attitude and commitment they can.

There are also many more people at this club who work extremely hard both paid and unpaid, a great tribute to our supporters. Remember, football is a marvellous game, so do enjoy it. Win, lose or draw, get behind the team, not on them, come back again, bring a friend and show them the delights of football and especially our club, Wealdstone. I brought my boss the other week and he loved it. Mind you we did win 7-2! Hope you see a good game today, I leave you all with that thought.

P.S. - To my namesake and friend, William, Sports Reporter at the Harrow Observer, 'I'm not after your job but I wouldn't object if you offered me a job as Football Correspondent.'

Don't forget our annual Sports Quiz Night on Wednesday January 8th, 1986.

COVENTRY CITY



Back Row (Left to Right)

Greg Downs, David Bowman, Graham Rodger, Steve Ogrizovic, Perry Suckling, Brian Kilcline, Andy Williams, Paul Culpin.

Middle Row (Left to Right)

John Sillett (Youth Team Coach), Kenny Hibbitt, Kirk Stephens, Trevor Peake, Wayne Turner, Brian Borrowes, Jeff Doyle, Frank Upton (Assistant Manager), George Dalton (Physiotherapist).

Front Row (Left to Right)

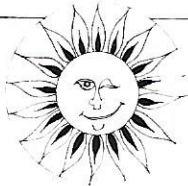
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Paseo Maritimo—beach front Fuengirola



ATTITUDE TO ALTITUDE

BY THIS AFTERNOON'S GUEST WRITER – DAVE GRAY

BACK in 1970 the word on the sports pages of all the newspapers was 'altitude'. The World Cup in Mexico loomed with England amongst the favourites, having toured South America the previous summer to acclimatize to playing high above sea level.

As the 1986 tournament appears on the horizon it won't be long before our sports reporters again bombard us with reports of the difficulties of breathing in Mexico. Again, England will be amongst the favourites to win the Cup, mainly because there are no outstanding teams in world football, but there must not be any excuses about the climate should be fail.

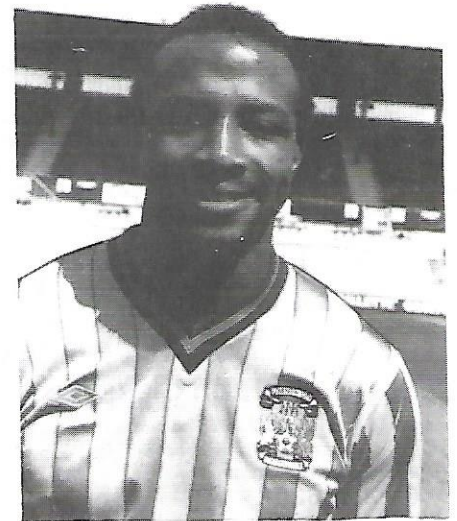
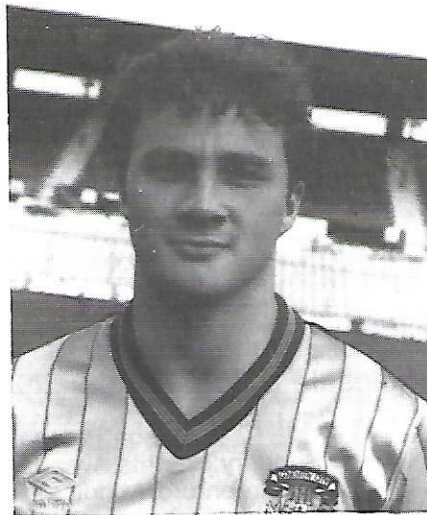
England's 1985 tour of Mexico has given us a great advantage over many of the competing teams, for it has given our player first-hand experience to assess how playing at high altitude affects their bodies, and how they must modify their style of play. It was interesting to note that Glenn Hoddle, surely a man suited to more 'continental' style football, finally became an England 'regular' on this tour. Perhaps the trip has proved that it is virtually impossible to play the acknowledged British style football – 90 minutes hard running – in the heat of Mexico. With luck Bobby Robson will tell his midfield to hold the ball and dictate the play, for in Hoddle, Robson, Wilkins and Reid we have four of the best midfield men in the business.

Finally, please Mr. Robson, find out as soon as possible who is England's Number 2 goalkeeper, and give him as much international experience as possible before we fly off to the sun. We must not be caught out as we were 16 years ago. Everybody knows what Peter Shilton can do – he is the world's number one – so let's find out who really is number two.

DAVE GRAY

SOME COVENTRY PLAYERS

TERRY GIBSON – prolific goalscorer who recently scored in six consecutive games.
CYRIL REGIS – himself a product of non-league football.



COVENTRY CITY PEN PICTURES

Steve Ogrizovic - Born in Mansfield. At 6ft 4ins he is one of the tallest goalkeepers in the Football League. Joined Chesterfield from school. Played 18 League and Cup games before being transferred to Liverpool where he played 4 League matches. Went to Shrewsbury in a player exchange deal. Signed from the Second Division club in June 1984 for a tribunal fee of £72,500. A well known cricketer having played for Shropshire in the Minor Counties League. Played in all 42 League games last season.

Borrows Brian - Liverpool born. Played 27 first team games for Everton before moving on to Bolton Wanderers. A right-back who was signed from Bolton Wanderers for £80,000 during the summer.

Greg Downs - Born in Nottingham. Signed by Norwich City straight from school. Made his first team debut as a centre forward, but quickly switched to defence and played 200 games for the 'Canaries' at left-back. Signed from the East Anglian club during the summer.

David Bowman - Scottish Under 21 midfield player who signed for Coventry City from Hearts on 12 Dec 1984 for a £150,000 fee. Born in Tunbridge Wells.

Brian K'line - Born in Nottingham. Stands 6ft 4ins. As a schoolboy he was known as a striker, but was converted to centre-half by Notts County, his only professional club before joining Coventry City in the summer of 1983 for a fee of £60,000. An England Under 21 international.

Trevor Peake - Born at nearby Nuneaton and began his career with Nuneaton Borough before moving to Lincoln City where he was voted the Third Division's top centre-half. Played 125 League matches before transferring to Coventry City at a fee of £100,000 in January 1983.

Micky Adams - Born in Sheffield. Began his professional career with Gillingham in the Third Division. He played 48 League matches and was voted the Third Division's best left-back before transferring to Coventry City in July, 1983, for a fee of £75,000.

Lloyd McGrath - Birmingham born. Highly rated central defender who won England youth caps and made his debut for Coventry City towards the end of the 1983/84 season after the misfortune of dislocating a shoulder. Made 22 Football League appearances last season.

Cyrille Regis - Born in Mariapousoula in French Guyana and hit the headlines when he was spotted playing non League football for London club Hayes by West Bromwich Albion. Played nearly 250 League games for Albion, scoring more than 80 goals and won 4 England caps. Highly skilled, powerfully built striker who was troubled by injury in his last season with Albion. Signed by the 'Sky Blues' in October 1984 for £250,000.

Terry Gibson - Born in Walthamstow. Joined Tottenham Hotspur from school and played 22 League and Cup games for them. Signed by Coventry City for £70,000 in August, 1983 and scored on his debut at Watford. Played 38 League games last season and was the highest goal scorer with a total of 16 goals.

Dave Bennett - Born in Manchester. Played 52 League games for Manchester City in the First Division before being transferred to Third Division Cardiff City where he played 36 matches. Signed by Coventry City in July 1983 at a tribunal fee of £100,000.

Paul Culpin - This Leicester born striker was released by Leicester City after having trials. One of the most prolific goal scorers in non League football over the last two seasons, twice topping 50 goals a season for Nuneaton Borough.

Jeff Doyle - Born in Crumlin, Dublin. Joined the 'Sky Blues' as an apprentice professional. A midfield player who is an Eire youth international. Signed professional last season. A regular member of the Central League side.

Gareth Evans - Locally born. Played for Coventry Schools and signed for Coventry City as an apprentice professional. An opportunist goal scorer who is a regular member of the Central League side. Signed professional last season.

Kenny Hibbitt - Bradford born. One of the most experienced footballers in England. After playing 15 times for Bradford Park Avenue he joined Wolverhampton Wanderers where he notched another 530 first team games, scoring 113 goals. Joined Coventry City on a free transfer in July 1984.

Graham Rodger - Glasgow born. Joined the 'Sky Blues' on a free transfer from Wolverhampton Wanderers during the second half of last season and has since progressed so well that he has played in three senior pre-season games. Centre half who is a good tackler and good in the air.

Kirk Stephens - Coventry born right-back who has never made any secret of his ambition to play for his home town Club. Rejected as a schoolboy and turned to Nuneaton Borough in the Southern League before being signed by Luton Town where he spent six years. Achieved his ambition to join Coventry City in the summer of 1984 in an exchange deal which took Ashley Grimes to Kenilworth Road.

Perry Suckling - England Youth International goalkeeper who was born in Hackney. Joined Coventry City from school. Became the second youngest player to make his debut for the Club when he played against Southampton in August 1982 at the age of 16 years and 320 days. A regular member of the Central League side who has also made a number of first team appearances.

Wayne Turner - Luton born. Joined his local town club from school. Utility player who prefers the anchor role in midfield. Played over 100 games for Luton, but lost his place at Kenilworth Road when Peter Nicholas was signed. Appointed club captain within two months of his arrival at Highfield Road.

Andy Williams - Born in Birmingham. A midfield player from Solihull Borough. He was sought after by several League clubs, but chose Coventry City after a spell on trial at the end of last season.

CUP

AFTER failing to win a match in October, Boston Utd. beat Lincoln City 4-0 at home before a crowd of 1,398 to win the Lincolnshire Senior Cup final for the first time since 1978.

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v Coventry
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BOYLES	1	STEVE OGRIZOVIC
LES CLEVERLEY	2	BRIAN BORROWS
STEVE TAPLEY	3	GREG DOWNS
VINCE JONES	4	DAVE BOWMAN
STEVE McCARGO	5	BRIAN KILCLINE
SAVE MALEY	6	TREVOR PEAKE
DENNIS BYATT	7	MICKY ADAMS
PAUL BOWGETT	8	LLOYD McGRATH
ROBIN WAINWRIGHT	9	CYRILLE REGIS
BRIAN GREENAWAY	10	TERRY GIBSON
LEE HOLMES	11	DAVE BENNETT
WOBLE WICKERS 1	S	
NEIL GORDICE	U	TO BE
ANDY GRAHAM 1	B	ANNOUNCED
MARK GRAVES	S	
DEREK DOYLE		
GARY DONNELLAN 1		
VINCE JONES		
LES HOLMES		
ANDY GRAHAM		
MARK GRAVES		
DEREK DOYLE		
STEVE PERKINS		

HALF-TIME

2-5

FULL-TIME

3-6

OFFICIALS

Referee: **PHIL DON** (Hanworth Park)

We welcome back Phil Don for his second game here this month and trust that he enjoys himself tonight.

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