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BOB HOUGHTON

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Continuing our day-by-day look at the happenings at Ashton Gate:

AUGUST 16 City start life in the Second Division with a 1-1 draw against Preston North End at Deepdale. City's goal is a 25 yard thunderbolt from Jimmy Mann. Skipper Geoff Merrick, deputising for the suspended Gerry Gow comments "we made a lot of mistakes". Manchester City and City are rivals for Northern Ireland youth international Neil Cummings. It is reported that City forward Tom Ritchie is upset at not being consulted over a bid from the Dutch club PSV Eindhoven. Press reports say the bid of around £250,000 was rejected.

17 City chairman Mr Stephen Kew offers immediate help to neighbours Bristol Rovers after a fire destroys the South Stand at Eastville.

19 West Ham draw 1-1 with City at Ashton Gate. Tom Ritchie scores City's goal before a crowd of 13,554. David Rodgers is on crutches after injuring his ankle — it is his third injury in three games.

23 City and Rovers draw 0-0 at Ashton Gate in the Bristol derby game. The crowd is 16,937. It is announced that Rovers will use Ashton Gate as their home ground "free of charge" for their next two home games.

26 A 2-1 defeat for City in their Football League Cup second round first leg fixture, away to Birmingham City. Tom Ritchie nets again.

29 Manager Alan Dicks is told by the board of directors he can have a "down payment" for a player. Now he must look for someone on the installment plan. Midfield player Jimmy Mann comes off the City transfer list at his own request.



Ducks are more associated with cricket than Robins! Umpire Bill Alley, however, had the Bristol City bird on his back in the recent floodlit international cricket match at Ashton Gate.

Picture by John Kelland.

WELCOME BOB...

Bob Houghton became Bristol City's new manager last week and is in charge of the team for the first time in a home match today. He accompanied the team to Grimsby on Saturday after flying over from Greece where he was coach to Ethnikos in the Greek First Division.

Everyone at Bristol City wishes him well for the future and it is to be hoped that everyone will get fully behind the club whose sole effort is to start climbing from the foot of the Second Division as quickly as possible.

Mr Houghton succeeds Alan Dicks. We should like to thank Mr Dicks for the excellent service he gave the club for 13 years and extend our good wishes for the future.

The directors spent many hours of hard work seeking a new manager. The first choice was Norman Hunter whom we would have liked in a player-manager capacity. The chairman, Mr Stephen Kew, visited him in Leeds but in the end Norman decided to stay in Yorkshire where he had just purchased a house and started a business. He was later offered the position of manager at Barnsley which he accepted.

The club received more than 30 applications for the position and the directors gave careful thought to all of them. In the end they decided to interview two candidates, Mr Houghton and Len Ashurst, the present Newport County manager. The interview with Mr Ashurst was conducted with full permission of the Newport County board.

Mr Houghton spoke at length with Mr Kew on the telephone from Greece and it was arranged for an interview to take place in a London hotel on the morning of our match at Queens Park Rangers. There he was met by a sub-committee from the board — Mr Kew, Archie Gooch and Malcolm Fox.

He was not able to see the match that afternoon because he wanted to return to Athens and stay in charge of his team the following day. Once he had obtained clearance from his club to move back to this country his appointment was announced.

Mr Kew said: "We finally drew up a short list of two candidates and both had excellent qualifications. We would like to thank the Newport directors and Mr Ashurst for their courtesy."

Mr Houghton came to Bristol last week and met the press and players for the first time on Thurs-



day morning. Everyone was impressed with his manner and the club are confident they have made the right choice.

He expects to clear up his affairs in Greece within a matter of days and work full-time at Ashton Gate from this week.

Although he has not managed in this country before, he has achieved considerable success abroad. He was manager of Malmo, the Swedish club, for six-and-a-half years. In that time he led the team to four championships and two Cup wins. His greatest achievement was in taking Malmo to the Final of the European Cup in 1979.

Malmo lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest but Mr Houghton's role in taking an unfashionable club to the final of the most important club competition in Europe was a wonderful triumph.

He felt that he had achieved all he could in Sweden so in the summer he moved to Greece. But he has always wanted to return to his native country and become a manager.

He has already said that he wants to model Bristol City on the lines of Ipswich Town, a club where he was once youth coach. He sees many similarities between the two clubs and is impressed by the potential at Ashton Gate.

We hope he will have a long and happy association with Bristol City and we welcome him warmly to Ashton Gate today.

**STAR
SHOT**
DAVID RODGERS AND
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FOCUS

It is hard to imagine a more dismal start to any football season than the one in Bristol.

Both clubs near the foot of Division Two, unsettling managerial changes at both clubs, the disastrous fire at Eastville and rock bottom attendances. As one Sunday newspaper put it — a case of sagging Bristols.

Things have got to pick up soon — and we are all optimistic at Ashton Gate following the appointment of Bob Houghton as manager.

But the drop in gates has brought severe economic problems to the club and this has naturally been reflected in programme sales.

There can be no doubting the quality of our programme. It was voted the best in the Football League last season and judging by your letters — is being well received again this season.

But with fewer people coming through the turnstiles sales are inevitably down . . . down to such a degree that we are losing money in an area we can ill afford to.

That's why you have a slimmer programme today and why we will have to restrict it to 16 pages until the crowds pick up again.

But what we can guarantee is that there will be no reduction in the editorial content. All the regular features are still there with the background to the Ashton Gate news and all the gossip from the visitors and the Second Division.

We will also continue to give our comprehensive club statistics which we know many of you use to keep your own club records up to date.

What we will be restricting is the number of action photographs — although the best of these will still appear.

Let's hope we can soon return to the bumper issues which won us five major awards last season — until then we feel sure you will bear with us.

In the meantime, can we have comments from our readers? Remember, it's your match day magazine and if you have any suggestions for improvement or special features you would like included then drop us a line to: The Robin Match Day Magazine, Bristol City F.C., Ashton Gate, Bristol BS3 2EJ.

HATTERS

When Luton Town beat West Ham United 2-1 at Upton Park on the first day of the season, they looked all set to launch a major bid for a return to the First Division, which they left in 1975.

All the ingredients seemed there. A side which finished sixth last season, a defence which conceded only 45 goals in 42 League games and the second highest scorer in the section **David Moss**.

It was Moss in fact who scored those two goals against West Ham and the fact that he has been struggling to find the net since may have a lot to do with Luton's rather inconsistent form.

In fact a 0-0 draw at Grimsby Town is their only other away point and an average of a point a game is not going to bring them any improvement on last season's placing.

There is one major new face at Kenilworth Road this season. Yugoslavian international midfielder **Raddy Antic** has been brought from Spain by manager **David Pleat**.

Antic who has played five times for his country, had been playing in Spain with Zaragosa. He was previously with Partizan, Belgrade and the Turkish club Fenerbache.

Goalkeeper **Jake Findlay** joined the club in November 1978 from Aston Villa for a £95,000 fee. He played in 14 League games for Villa, making his debut in April 1974 against Sunderland. He first joined the Villa Park staff in 1970, as an apprentice.

Kirk Stephens was spotted playing non-league soccer with Nuneaton Town and joined Luton in June 1978 for a

£5,000 fee. He made his League debut in a 6-1 win over Oldham Athletic two months later.

After ten years with Luton Town, full back **Paul Price** has recently started to carve out an international career. He has played in Wales' last four games and recently skippered the Under-21 side in a 2-0 victory in Holland. He made his League debut, against Oxford United, in April 1973. His career has twice been hampered by broken legs.

Tony Grealish is also an international, having played 18 times for the Republic of Ireland. He was a member of the side which recently beat Holland 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier in Dublin. He spent seven years, two as an apprentice, with Orient, before joining Luton in August 1979 for a £150,000 fee.

Defender **Mal Donaghy** won three Northern Ireland caps in the side which took the Home International championship in May. He had already played for his country at Under-21 level when he was signed from Larne for £20,000 in June 1978.

Luton paid a club record £200,000 for central defender **Mike Saxby** in July 1979. He served his apprenticeship with Mansfield Town, making his League debut against Halifax in February 1976.

Former England youth player **Ricky Hill** was spotted playing schoolboy soccer in Cricklewood and was quickly taken on as an apprentice. That was in November 1975 and the following April he scored on his League debut, against Bristol Rovers.

Brian Stein joined the club, along

with **Martin Sperrin**, from Edgware in October 1977 for a joint fee of £20,000. He made his debut in a League Cup tie against Manchester City a month later and is the leading scorer this season.

Former England Under-23 player **Alan West** joined the club ten years ago this month in an £80,000 deal from Burnley. In that time he has played more than 260 League games for the club.

The two penalties David Moss scored in the opening game with West Ham took his League total to 99. The first 60 of those were scored for Swindon Town between his debut, against Hull in January 1972, and his departure for Luton in May 1978. His fee then was £110,000. He scored 24 League goals last season — making him second in Division Two to Clive Allen of Queens Park Rangers.

Luton paid £175,000 to Bristol Rovers for striker **Steve White** in December last year. But he has scored only twice since then and has not been able to regain the form which brought him 20 goals in 50 games for the Eastville club.

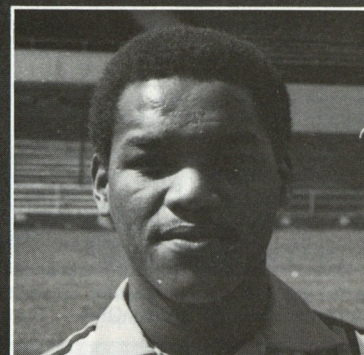
Birmingham-born **Frankie Bunn** made his League debut against Derby County in August and scored his first goal against Wrexham last month.

Belfast-born **Seamus Heath** made his first team debut in last month's League Cup game against Reading.

Former apprentice **Godfrey Ingram** made his debut against Oldham Athletic in January 1978. Last season he scored four goals in ten games on loan with Northampton Town.



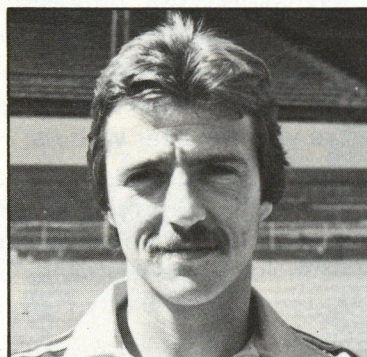
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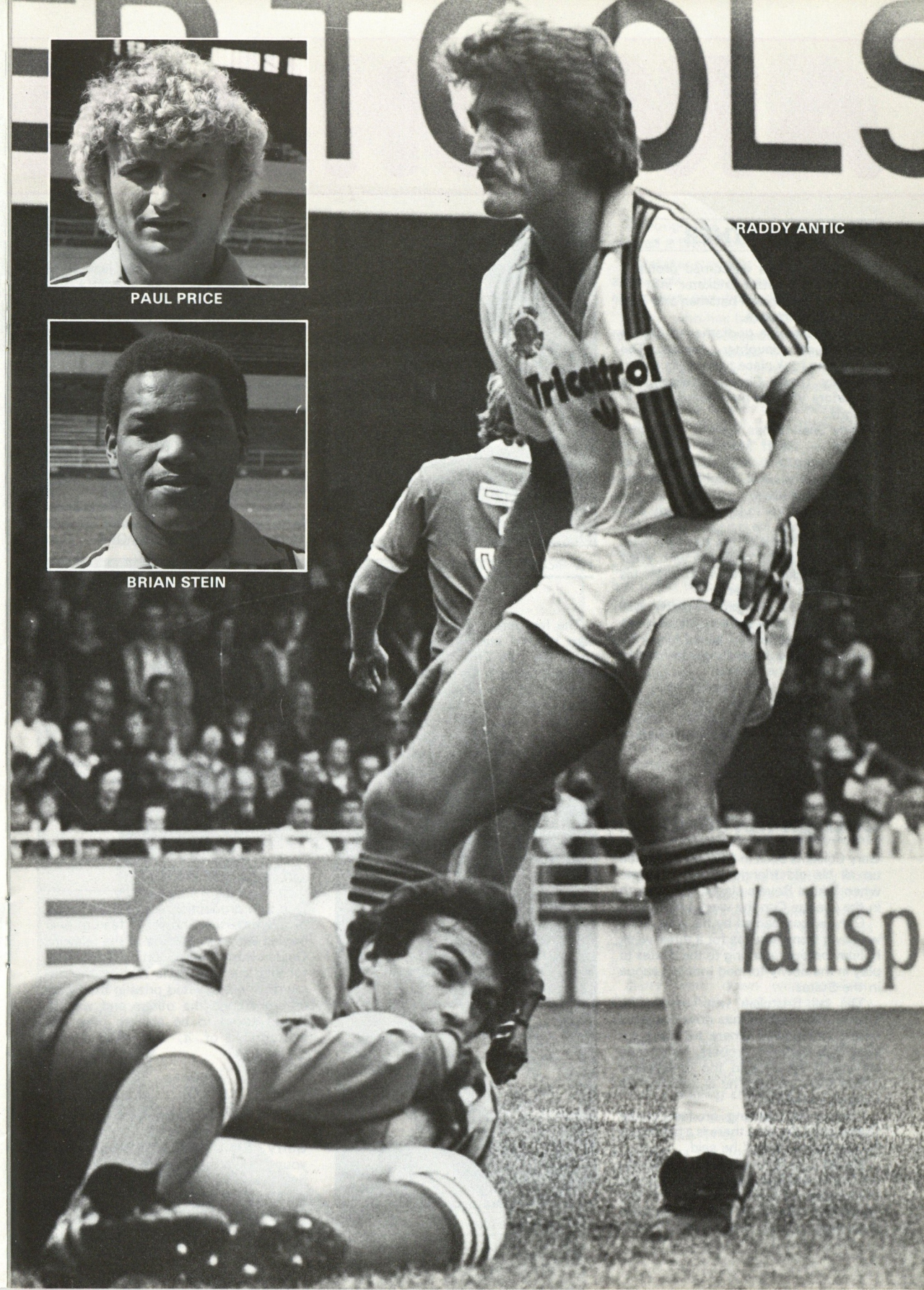
DAVID PLEAT



DAVID MOSS



JAKE FINDLAY



AROUND THE GROUND

THE GODFATHER . . .

Chris Garland has welcomed probably the world's greatest cricketer into his family — West Indian batsman and Test captain Viv Richards.

Viv has become godfather to Chris's 10-month-old daughter Jessica. The christening took place two weeks ago at the Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea, the day before Viv flew back to his home in Antigua.

Baby Jessica has another godfather as well — Geoff Merrick, the club's former captain and long-serving defender, who is a neighbour of the Garlands at Nailsea.

Chris asked Viv to join the family during the summer. He is a keen cricket fan and a good friend of the batsman who has become a firm favourite with West Country cricket followers through his exploits with Somerset.

Said Chris: "We get on pretty well together and see quite a bit of each other in the summer. I asked him if he would like to be Jessica's godfather and he jumped at the chance."

Chris and his wife Patricia have two other children — Adam (9) and Ryan (6½). Former City captain Bobby Kellard and his wife Anne are Ryan's godparents.

COLLIER RETURNS . . .

Gary Collier is back in Bristol and looked up all his old friends at Ashton Gate when Bristol Rovers played Portsmouth in the League Cup the week before last.

Gary, accompanied by his wife Julie, was over from America for a three-week holiday before returning to the States to play in the newly-formed Indoor League in the States.

The tall Bristolian who joined City straight from school has now bought a house in Portland where he plays for local club Portland Timbers. He intends staying in America in the foreseeable future and says that he is enjoying his football immensely.

"Soccer is catching on fast in the States and I am sure there is a big future for the game there," he said.

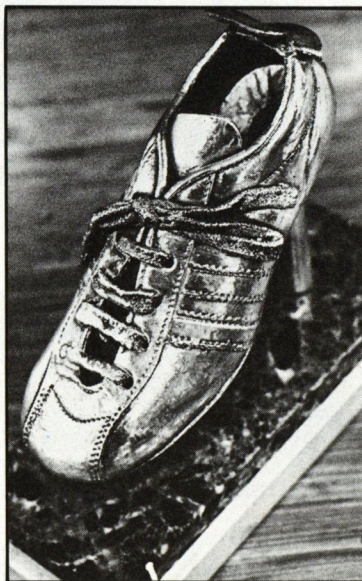
He left City 18 months ago for Coventry City — the first player to move under the freedom of contract for players. The club did not want him to leave but were powerless to keep him.



Viv Richards — The Godfather.

The fee determined by the independent tribunal was £350,000. This was about the sum Coventry received from Portland towards the end of last season.

Gary had the unusual distinction of never playing a first-team match before his own supporters at Coventry. He made only two senior appearances and they were both away.



The Tilsberg Golden Boot.

PROMOTION

Director Malcolm Fox has just completed a successful cricket season. Chew Magna, the team he plays for, won promotion to the First Division of the Somerset League.

THE DOC SAYS . . .

Quote from Tommy Docherty after City's 4-0 defeat at Loftus Road: "Bristol City are a good team and won't be relegated. All they need is a good win like we had today."

One of the most interesting statistical facts from that match was that City had 14 corners to only four by QPR.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

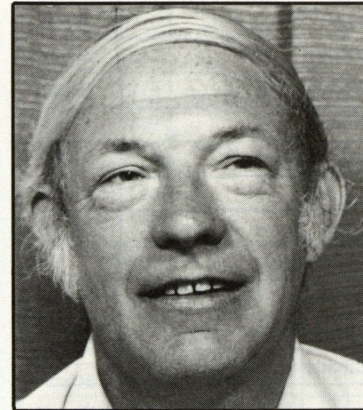
It was a case of mistaken identity in respect of our personality Press Gang feature for the City v Notts County game. Colin Howlett, of Radio Bristol, penned his article on current Bristol soccer topics — but the Robin did him an injustice by accidentally showing a photograph of colleague reporter David Foot. Apologies to both, chaps, and to put the record straight Colin is in the top left hand picture and right opposite is another of Dave.

GOLDEN BOOT

Due to a production snag, in the same programme the Showcase feature was carried without a picture of the relevant Golden Boot Award won by Bristol City for their success in the Tilsberg tournament. It is a coveted prize in the Boardroom among the others and we are now pleased to be able to have the photograph of it, for you, printed below.

GARRY'S DEBUT . . .

Garry Smith became the latest youngster to be given his chance in the first team when he came on as substitute for the final 30 minutes against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road.



Mistaken Identity . . . Colin Howlett (left) and David Foot. Below: Garry Smith, the latest youngster to be given his chance in the City first team.



Although he failed to score, he created a favourable impression.

Caretaker-manager Tony Collins said afterwards: "He played with plenty of enthusiasm and didn't do badly at all."

Garry, who has been at Ashton Gate for 18 months, was pleased with his performance. "I enjoyed the game," he said. "I was a little nervous at first but got the feel of it after five minutes."

"It is much quicker than reserve and youth team football, but I think I can play at that level."

His best scoring chance came when he came in by the far post to head a cross from Jimmy Mann. But the ball flew wide of the goal.

"I should have done better," he conceded. "I snatched at the chance. If I had steadied myself and brought the ball down with my chest I might have come closer to scoring."

In the dying minutes he was involved in a neat piece of inter-passing with Trevor Tainton who, unfortunately, shot just wide.

Garry started his City career living in the club's hostel near the ground. But he has now moved back to his parents' home in Warminster. He makes the trip to Bristol for training each day on the train. It takes him about an hour.

"I feel happier living at home," he said. "My father is very keen on me doing well in football and it helps to be with him more often."

Garry now has hopes of getting trials for the England youth team. He and two other City players were picked for a few days training at Lilleshall earlier this month — but none of them could make it.

Garry went down with tonsilitis. Defenders Alan Nicholls and Gary Williams had to drop out as well.

Alan was confined to his Plymouth home with gastroenteritis and Gary had a date with a specialist for an examination of a niggling knee injury.

Alan is now back in harness and so is Gary whose knee is improving. The specialist is not too concerned about Gary's knee and has told him to continue playing and training.

If it swells up again he will take another look.

ROBINS RECORD

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE 1980-81

	Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	9	5	0	0	10	1	2	2	0	6	4 16
Notts County	9	4	0	0	10	4	2	2	1	4	6 14
West Ham United	9	3	0	1	11	4	2	3	0	4	2 13
Sheffield Wed.	9	4	0	0	8	1	1	1	3	4	9 11
Derby County	9	3	1	1	9	6	2	0	2	3	5 11
Orient	9	4	1	0	11	1	0	1	3	5	10 10
Swansea	9	1	2	1	6	6	2	2	1	7	4 10
Oldham	9	3	2	0	6	1	0	2	2	2	4 10
Chelsea	9	0	3	1	4	5	3	1	1	11	9 10
Newcastle United	9	2	3	0	5	3	1	1	2	2	7 10
Wrexham	9	2	1	2	7	6	1	2	1	4	4 9
Cardiff City	9	3	1	1	9	6	1	0	3	4	8 9
Luton Town	9	2	1	2	5	5	1	1	2	3	6 8
Grimsby Town	9	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	3	7 8
Shrewsbury Town	9	2	2	0	7	5	0	2	3	1	7 8
Bolton	9	2	1	2	9	7	0	2	2	3	5 7
Cambridge United	9	2	0	2	7	4	1	1	3	3	8 7
Preston North End	9	1	3	0	3	1	0	2	3	2	10 7
Q.P.R.	9	2	1	1	9	2	0	1	4	3	7 6
Watford	9	3	0	1	7	5	0	0	5	4	10 6
Bristol Rovers	9	0	4	1	3	4	0	1	3	1	8 5
Bristol City	9	0	2	2	1	3	0	1	4	2	9 3

Up to and including 4th October 1980

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

FIRST TEAM (including Cup games)				RESERVE TEAM			
Player	App	Sub	Gls	Player	App	Sub	Gls
Baddeley	1	—	—	Baddeley	7	—	—
Cashley	10	—	—	Chandler	8	—	2
Doyle	2	—	—	Chivers	1	—	—
Fitzpatrick	6	—	—	Delvin	1	—	—
Garland	2	3	—	Down	—	1	—
Gow	8	—	—	Doyle	6	—	5
Jantunen	—	1	—	Economou	6	1	—
Hay	6	2	—	Fitzpatrick	—	—	—
Mabbutt	10	—	—	Garland	1	—	—
Mann	7	1	1	Gow	1	—	—
Merrick	10	—	—	Hay	1	—	—
Pritchard	4	2	—	Jantunen	6	—	—
Ritchie	10	—	3	Marshall	7	—	—
Rodgers	4	—	—	Meacock	2	2	1
Smith	—	1	—	Mogg	2	—	—
Sweeney	10	—	—	Musker	7	1	—
Tainton	10	—	—	Newman	5	1	—
Whitehead	10	—	—	Nicholls	4	—	—
				Pritchard	3	—	1
				Scott	—	1	—
				Shaw	5	—	—
				Smith	3	1	1
				Stevens	8	—	—
				Williams	1	—	—

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NEXT HOME GAMES

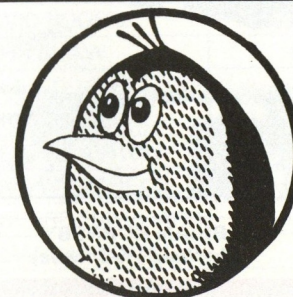
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1980-81

Date	V	Opposition	F A	Att.
Aug 16	A	Preston North End	1 - 1	6,058
Aug 19	H	West Ham United	1 - 1	13,554
Aug 23	H	Bristol Rovers	0 - 0	16,937
Aug 26	A	Birmingham City (LC 2 (1L))	1 - 2	12,163
Aug 30	A	Watford	0 - 1	10,450
Sept 2	H	Birmingham City LC 2 (2L)	0 - 0	6,958
Sept 6	H	Swansea City	0 - 1	9,528
Sept 13	A	Sheffield Wednesday	1 - 2	15,054
Sept 20	H	Notts County	0 - 1	7,485
Sept 27	A	Queens Park Rangers	0 - 4	8,551
Oct 4	A	Grimsby Town	0 - 1	8,781
Oct 7	H	Luton Town		
Oct 11	H	Newcastle United		
Oct 18	A	Bolton Wanderers		
Oct 21	A	Wrexham		
Oct 25	H	Derby County		
Nov 1	A	Orient		
Nov 8	H	Blackburn Rovers		
Nov 11	A	West Ham United		
Nov 15	H	Preston North End		
Nov 22	A	Cambridge Utd. (1)		
Nov 29	H	Oldham Athletic		
Dec 6	A	Shrewsbury Town		
Dec 13	H	Bolton W. (2)		
Dec 20	A	Newcastle United		
Dec 26	H	Cardiff City		
Dec 27	A	Chelsea		
Jan 3		F.A. Cup 3		
Jan 10	H	Cambridge United		
Jan 17	H	Watford		
Jan 24		F.A. Cup 4		
Jan 31	A	Bristol Rovers		
Feb 7	H	Sheffield Wed.		
Feb 14	A	Swansea City (5)		
Feb 21	H	Queens P'k Rangers		
Feb 28	A	Notts County		
Mar 7	H	Grimsby Town (6)		
Mar 14	A	Luton Town (LCF)		
Mar 21	H	Wrexham		
Mar 28	A	Derby County		
Apr 4	H	Orient		
Apr 11	A	Blackburn R. (SF)		
Apr 18	H	Chelsea		
Apr 20	A	Cardiff City		
Apr 25	H	Shrewsbury Town		
May 2	A	Oldham Athletic		

RESERVE FIXTURES 1980-81

Date	V	Opposition	F A
Aug 16	H	Swindon Town	3 - 1
Aug 20	A	Cardiff City	1 - 0
Aug 23	A	Oxford United	1 - 3
Aug 27	H	Southampton	3 - 3
Sept 1	A	Leicester City	0 - 1
Sept 9	H	Queens Park R.	2 - 3
Sept 20	A	Bristol Rovers	1 - 2
Sept 27	A	Tottenham	1 - 4
Oct 4	H	Hereford United	4 - 1
Oct 7	A	Arsenal	
Oct 11	A	Orient	
Oct 18	H	Fulham	
Oct 21	H	Reading	
Oct 25	A	Ipswich Town	
Nov 1	H	Crystal Palace	
Nov 4	H	Cardiff City	
Nov 8	A	Luton Town	
Nov 15	A	Swindon Town	
Nov 22	H	Chelsea	
Nov 29	A	Norwich City	
Dec 6	H	West Ham Utd.	
Dec 9	H	Birmingham City	
Dec 10	A	Reading	
Dec 20	H	Arsenal	
Dec 26	A	Plymouth Argyle	
Jan 10	A	Chelsea	
Jan 17	A	Southampton	
Jan 31	H	Oxford United	
Feb 7	A	Queens Park R.	
Feb 14	H	Leicester City	
Feb 17	H	Tottenham	
Feb 28	H	Bristol Rovers	
Mar 7	A	Hereford United	
Mar 14	H	Orient	
Mar 21	A	Fulham	
Mar 28	H	Ipswich Town	
Apr 4	A	Crystal Palace	
Apr 7	H	Plymouth Argyle	
Apr 11	H	Luton Town	
Apr 18	A	Birmingham City	
Apr 25	A	West Ham United	
May 2	H	Norwich City	



MEET THE BOARD...

MALCOLM FOX

My sporting past is hardly what you would expect of a Bristol City Football Club director — I was a keen rugby player in my youth and the first soccer team I seriously supported was Bristol Rovers.

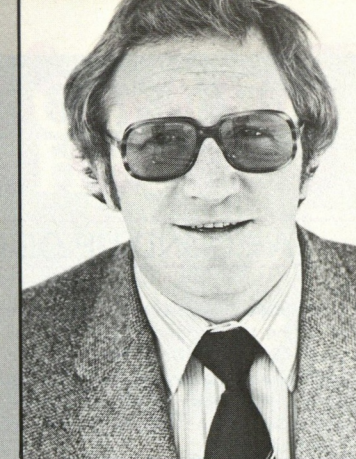
I was educated at Bristol Cathedral School where there was no alternative to playing rugby and I was chosen at full back for Bristol boys before going on to play at fly-half for Bath Technical College.

It was not until I left college that I stopped playing rugby and switched my attention to watching football. I have never found rugby a particularly entertaining spectator sport so when I finished playing I started going to Eastville with a friend who was a keen Rovers supporter.

Between the middle and late sixties I also became a Rovers fan and it was not until I became friendly with Peter West, now a fellow director, that 'I was persuaded to switch my allegiance to Bristol City.

That was in 1970 when Peter was a keen City fan and when he later joined the 51 Club I soon followed. Even then we had no idea that we would ever be invited to join the board but I was delighted when earlier this year I was given the chance to follow in Peter's footsteps. Ted Kingston and Archie Gooch were appointed at the same time as myself.

I am now in charge of the club's finance committee which controls all money matters and I also look after administration. This entails being in daily contact with the club to see if there are any problems. If there are, it is my



job to decide who should deal with them.

The jobs attached to being a director make a considerable demand on my time and it takes a conscious effort to ensure that they do not interfere with my family life or my work. I have a wife and two children to consider and I work in my own family's business manufacturing industrial protective clothing.

A football club such as Bristol City is a big organisation to run and yet the directors can only work part-time. It can be a great strain and I personally feel that it would be a good move to appoint a general manager to take some of the pressure off us.

The club is better organised now than ever but it will take time to reap the benefits. It is not possible to make a lot of money overnight and it is very frustrating to know that although things are running smoothly and we are saving money it is never enough to cope with the ever-increasing prices in the transfer market.

Because of this it has not been possible to show the fans tangible proof of the hard work going on behind the scenes at the club by investing in highly priced new signings. But I can assure supporters that the club is being run on the right lines and I am confident that it will not be long before the present bad patch is behind us.

Two's Company

A ROUND UP OF DIVISION TWO NEWS AND PERSONALITIES

● Cambridge United again grabbed the glory in the third round of the Football League Cup. Following their second round home and away wins against last season's winners, Wolverhampton Wanderers, they ousted Aston Villa in round three.

Steve Spriggs and Tom Finney scored the goals which gave Cambridge a 2-1 home win over Villa.

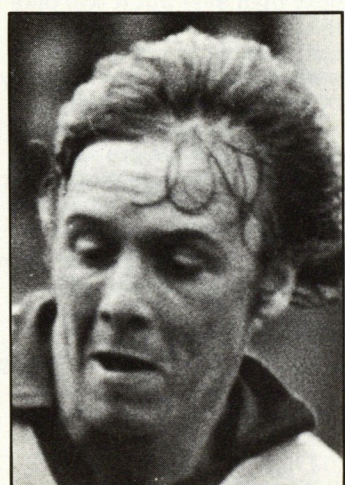
Now Cambridge, who have never previously been beyond the second round in the competition, will travel to Coventry City for a fourth round tie.

● It's been a torrid time for Andy King after his £425,000 move from Everton to Queens Park Rangers.

He made his Rangers debut in the 1-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday and in his second game, a League Cup tie against Notts County, was sent off.

Don Masson of Notts County was also sent off in that League Cup tie. Following Rachid Harkouk's dismissal at Ashton Gate that made two red cards in four days for County.

● Derby County assistant manager John Newman turned down the chance to manage Third Division Chesterfield after the departure of Arthur Cox for Newcastle United. Frank Barlow, who was Cox's number two at the Recreation Ground, is now in charge.



ANDY KING
Queens Park Rangers

● Stewart Boam scored his first League goal for Newcastle United in the 2-1 home win against Queens Park Rangers.

The defender moved from Middlesbrough in a £150,000 deal more than a year ago but his only previous goal was in a League Cup tie with Sunderland last season.

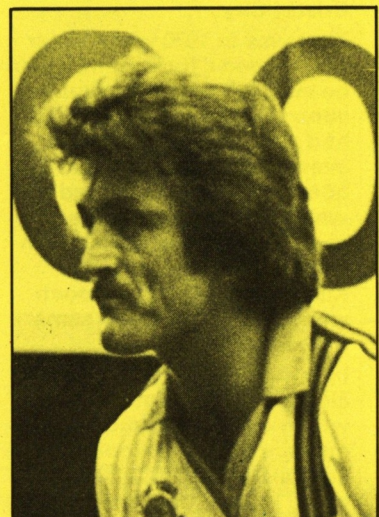
● Raddy Antic, Luton Town's Yugoslavian international signed during the summer from Spain, scored his first goal for the club in the League Cup tie with Manchester City. But Luton still lost the home fixture 1-2.

● Kevin Kilmore, seriously injured during Grimsby Town's run up to the Division Three championship last season, had his first outing in five months when he came on as substitute against Wrexham. Three games later he was in the starting line-up for the home game with Derby County.

● Three Division Two players made their Welsh Under-21 debuts in the recent 2-0 win over Holland in Dordrecht.

Paul Price of Luton, Frank Jones of Wrexham and Ken Jackett of Watford all made their first appearance at this level. Price, of course, has already won four senior caps.

In all there were eight Division Two players in the Welsh line-up. The others:



RADDY ANTIC
Luton Town

Martin Thomas and Vaughan Jones (Bristol Rovers), Jeremy Charles and David Giles (Swansea City) and Mark Aizlewood (Luton Town).

Paul Goddard was another player from the section to make his Under-21 debut recently. The West Ham forward was in the England side which beat Norway 3-0 at Southampton.

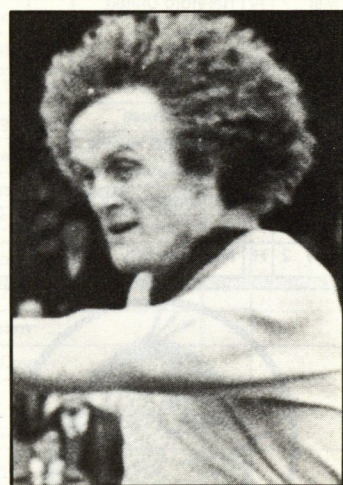
● Swansea City's former Liverpool striker Alan Waddle celebrated his first appearance of the season with two goals. His double came in the 4-1 win at Bolton.

● Sheffield Wednesday's Brian Hornsby is another who celebrated his return with a goal. The former Arsenal and England youth player scored in Wednesday's 3-2 win at Swansea.

● Duncan McKenzie scored his first goal of the season — and the 111th of his Football League career — in the 1-0 win at Wrexham.

● West Ham striker David Cross took his scoring run to five successive games at Cambridge with his tenth of the season in all competitions.

● Cwmcairn youngster Paul Maddy made his Football League debut for Cardiff City in the 2-1 home win over Bristol Rovers.



BRIAN HORNSBY
Sheffield Wednesday

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PRESS GANG

Richard Latham — *Bristol Evening Post*

Heard the one about the goalkeeper who stood on his line sipping a port and brandy during a vital League match?

Hard to imagine, isn't it. But it actually happened in a Gloucestershire County League game last season.

The poor goalkeeper turned up for the match feeling very sick but was persuaded by his manager to play as the club were near the bottom of the League and had no replacement.

After about 20 minutes the goalkeeper asked to come off and in desperation the manager ran to the club's bar and poured him a port and brandy to settle his stomach. The brave lad downed it while the game went on at the other end and not only did it cure his sickness but also helped his team to win 2-1.

That is the sort of story that has made my job of covering local soccer for the *Evening Post* so enjoyable. I certainly don't mean to make fun of those involved because I know many of them take it very seriously but there is no denying that it does produce some most amusing incidents.

Like the lad who didn't take kindly to being sent off and decided that if he couldn't continue playing nor would anyone else. He picked up a bench and threw it at one of the goals causing it to collapse.

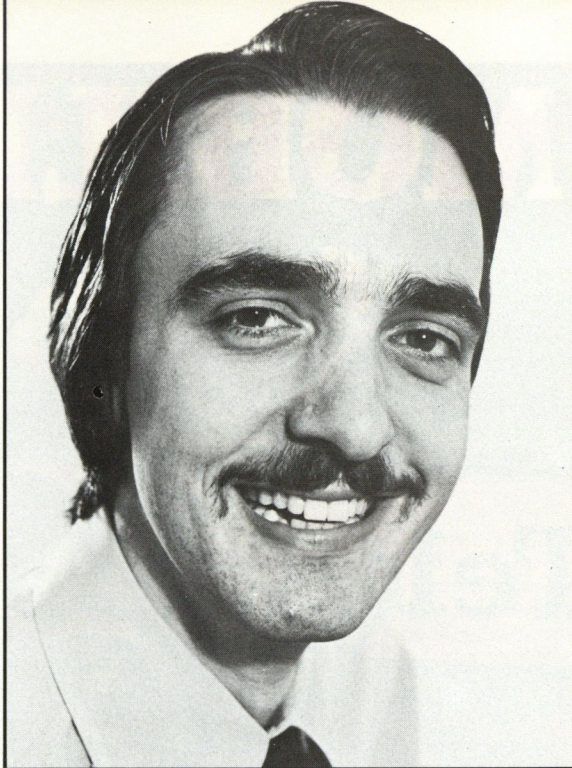
Or the fan behind the goal who just couldn't contain himself when the ball beat his team's goalkeeper and rolled agonisingly towards the empty net. Excitement got the better of him and he raced on to perform a dramatic goal-line clearance.

Not the sort of things those who regularly cover professional soccer have to write about, but, believe me, not a week goes by without something amusing happening in the local Leagues.

With the addition of this humour, amateur football reflects to a tremendous extent the modern trends in the professional game. The standards may not be as high but tactics follow closely those popular among Football League clubs — sometimes with disastrous results.

The most obvious example is the offside trap, which a great many local teams use, without having enough time together to perfect it. I have lost count of the number of times I have seen defenders race towards the halfway line appealing with their arms in the air, only to look back in dismay and see that one of their team-mates has been a bit slow to react and played everyone onside.

Clearly, while players and coaches cannot get to see professional matches on Saturday afternoons when their own teams are playing, they do pick up tips from television, which means that their professional counterparts must set the right kind of example.



This does not only apply to tactics but also to standards of discipline. It is very hard to tell a young player that he must never question referees' decisions if every week on TV he sees top soccer stars consistently arguing.

The responsibilities of those at the top of any sport in shaping its future are immense and football is no exception. It is bad enough seeing experienced professionals in trouble with referees but how much sadder it is to see youngsters on a local park unable to accept decisions without resorting to bad language. The future of the game is in their hands.

Sadly, because it reflects what is happening in the professional game, amateur football shares the problems now being faced at the top level. There is too much emphasis on defence and too few individuals with the sort of flair needed to excite spectators. Worse still is the increasing dissent which is causing many referees to quit.

This is a great shame because there is so much good in local club soccer, notably the genuine warmth that exists between the vast majority of those involved. Despite their huge numbers everyone seems to know everyone else and their passion for the game is boundless.

Problems are often best solved by attacking them at grass-roots level and the onus is on those coaching schoolboys to instill the right attitude to the game in them. But if top players and officials can pull together to overcome what has been a grim start to the season and start making the right sort of football headlines they will be doing a great service to those who follow them.

While it has always been my ambition to report on professional football I consider myself lucky to have had the chance to give regular coverage to the smaller local clubs without which the game could not survive.

There may not be so much at stake in amateur games but they are often full of incident and it is very refreshing to know that sport and fun, a combination too often missing at the highest level, are mixed by thousands of soccer enthusiasts every week in the parks.

JIM'S PAGE

Today we welcome Luton Town and may we also extend a warm welcome to our new manager Bob Houghton for his first match at Ashton Gate. Let's really get behind the team today.

CRICKET

The recent floodlight international cricket match staged at Ashton Gate was a fantastic success and letters of goodwill and congratulations are sprinkled over my office desk from fans who enjoyed the evening's entertainment. Many of you have asked if we can promote a similar event again. I can't see any reason why we cannot repeat the success. Many of you will know that Geoff Boycott came into the club shop on the day to autograph his new book. If any supporters would like a copy we still have a few available and I would advise you to pop into the shop this evening before we sell out. My sincere thanks to all supporters who came along to the match and particularly to those who stayed until the end to see the presentations and give their support to the players leaving the field.

TRAVEL

Here's an opportunity for supporters to enjoy a "get away from it all" weekend. For our match at Orient on the 1st November, we are organising a special London weekend trip which will not only take in the match at Brisbane Road, but also provide supporters a free evening for sight-seeing or visiting a show. On Sunday morning we will take in a trip to Petticoat Lane and on Sunday afternoon the coach will continue on a sight-seeing tour of London and Windsor. Coaches depart from Ashton Gate at 8.00 a.m. on the Saturday. Accommodation for that night will be in a first-class London hotel. We arrive back in Bristol at approximately 9.30 p.m. on Sunday night. There are still a few places left for this new travel venture and it would be nice to see a few members from the 51 Club taking up this opportunity.

AGENTS PARTY

Our annual agent's party will be held on the 16th December, at the Mecca when every player from the first team to the youth team will be coming along to enjoy this fabulous evening along with directors, staff, agents and supporters. Admission for agents is free, but tickets are available at £2 each for friends and family. The cabaret and band have yet to be finalised but please book now as only a few tickets are left.

STAG NIGHT

We are now taking bookings for the Stag night to be held at the Dragonara Hotel on 5th



THE ENGLAND CRICKET TEAM LINE UP AT ASHTON GATE

November. On a date such as that the evening should go with a bang! We are hoping that Brian Clough will be the main speaker joined by John Bromley, head of ITV Sport, and Cliff Morgan will comper for this super evening. Tickets are £12 each, tables of 10, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PONTINS

One of the many bonuses our lottery agents enjoy are the holiday weekends we provide them with at Pontins. This weekend we have over 70 chalets booked at Pontins, Brean Sands. These holidays are negotiated twice a year and we know many of our agents look forward and enjoy these weekend breaks. Any supporter that would like more details of how to take advantage of this offer should contact me at the club on 663886.

TONGUE IN CHEEK

I couldn't resist not publishing a recent letter that found its way to my office recently. It's an application for the manager's post that was vacant until Bob Houghton took over last week, and comes from Mr. G. Thompson, 11 Quarry Vale Road, Sheffield. It reads:

"With reference to your advertisement in the national press, I would like to be considered for the manager's vacancy at Bristol City Football Club. I have had several years in the forces so I really know all about discipline. After this I was player/manager for a team in the Sheffield Hallamshire Sunday League for several years. In fact, to commemorate this achievement there is a football boot on display in Reception at work. During my many years playing the game (although I am only 64

and a track suit manager) I earned the nick name "Cobra" due to my lightning striking ability. Nay, I once scored a goal at Burton Albion Ground from 30 yards, press-cutting enclosed. By all means contact the following or any of the undermentioned for reference:

Len Badger — used to coach our works team that I managed.

Alex Sabella — uses the same super market as me.

Pedro Verdi — lives next door to Dave who works at the filling station down the road.

Ted Hemsley — bears a striking resemblance to me (we used to both drive brown Capris).

Added to this I also know one of the women in the ticket office at Bramall Lane. I am sure that you will agree this is a footballing pedigree and look forward to seeing you at the interview which must surely be a mere formality.

Yours faithfully

G. Thompson

P.S. I hate referees who are all on one big ego trip. Jimmy Hill is doing a grand job.

P.P.S. If you have any more floodlit cricket matches, may I point out that my style has been likened to that of Geoff Boycott."

With Sheffield United in the Third Division it's good to see at least one of their supporters retaining a sense of humour!

JIM EVANS
Commercial Manager



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SAVE ON TRAVEL

Save travel expenses and travel with the Gloucester and Cheltenham Supporters Club to Ashton Gate on match days. Pick up points are at Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stonehouse (The Globe). Ring Mr Dancy on Bishops Cleeve 4679 or Mr Tiley on Gloucester 720310.

C.A.T.S.

For the away trip to Bolton on 18th October there will be an extra treat for supporters with one of the coaches travelling on to Blackpool after the match to see the lights. Coaches will leave Ashton Gate at 9.00 a.m. and the fare to Bolton only will be £5 for members and £5.50 for non-members.

For our away trip to Wrexham on 21st October the coach fare will be £3.75 for members and £4.25 for non-members. Coaches leave Ashton Gate at 2.00 p.m.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES . . .

The Avon Suite is now open every lunchtime for hot and cold snacks. On Saturday match days only, commencing this Saturday when we play Newcastle, the Avon Suite will also be open for Grandstand supporters to obtain snacks (no drinks). Entrance to the Suite is via the A and B block exit.

One of our members has suggested that the Supporters Club organise a sponsored goal scheme to raise funds for the Football Club. This matter will be discussed by the committee. If any other supporters have suggestions or ideas for other fund-raising events we shall be pleased to hear from them.

SCOREBOARD . . .

A Birmingham City v Arsenal
B Brighton v Everton
C Liverpool v Middlesbrough
D Southampton v Wolves
E Cambridge v Wrexham
F Notts County v Grimsby
G Preston v Newcastle
H Q.P.R. v Orient
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- 3 MAL DONAGHY
- 4 TONY GREALISH
- 5 MIKE SAXBY
- 6 PAUL PRICE
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 RADDY ANTIC
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12

TONIGHT'S MATCH OFFICIALS:

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C. E. TOPLISS (Yellow Flag)