



The KICK - OFF

— DEC 1984

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER.

Our first team game against Bisterne on the 22nd had the hallmark of a great game and we weren't disappointed as our report shows.

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Three new names enter our goal charts, Jony Pharoah Steve Jubbs and Chris Edge. Steve Richards climbs higher in the scores table with two league goals and one cup goal in the month

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Mick Doukes continues his scoring exploits for our Reserves.

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1.12.84 TELEPHONE SPORTS (A) We were tipped apart. This was a day best forgotten as we crumbled under Tele Sports' attacks. After only 20min, a light wing run and cross found an unmarked Tele C.F. and a crisp header made it 1-0. Straight from the re-start we counter attacked on the left to see Martin Pharoah go close with a rasping right foot drive. Steve Norman hit the rebound into the tuckus but the ball was scrambled away.

Slowly we climbed into the game and in the 40th minute Norman was floored just outside the box. The resultant free kick was cleverly flighted by Carter and found Richards head 1-1. Another Verwood attack this time featuring Foster almost put us ahead after a mazy dribble and left foot shot was luckily fingertipped away by Tele's keeper.

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An immediate counter attack had our defence at sixes and sevens and a goalmouth scramble let Jete's in for an easy goal.
a 55th minute free kick - a rare Ashley Long mistake - 3-1.

In the second half we tried to raise our game but Jete's had us on the rack with both their wing men penetrating our defence.

A long Ginerxa clearance found Norman and our ineptible Cf. wounded his marker and slipped the ball past an advancing keeper 3-2.
Jete's yet again lashed into us and inevitably got their fourth from a corner in the 75th min.
We were lucky in the closing stages to keep the deficit to two goals.

8.12.84 BLUEBIRD (H) Dorset Sm Cup.

We took the game to Bluebird from the start and after only three minutes Richards broke on the right and was unlucky to see his shot blocked on the line.

Edge Jubbs and Eyles all providing masterful touches in the middle of the park contained the odd Bluebird attack.

In the sixteenth minute Foster jinked his way through on the right and a cracking cross was smashed home on the volley by Steve Richards
Bluebird battled back but their R.W. raid was stopped dead by a strong Shuttler challenge.

Tony Pharoah joining his attack sparked off another raid but Norman's shot was narrowly wide.

The second half followed the same trend as the first with Verwood storming to the attack. Martin Pharoah was creating havoc on the wing and was unlucky to see a left foot shot clip the bar and go over.

Carter and Eyles then went close before Bluebird won a corner in the 72nd minute from which scores were levelled.

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In the 74th minute Bluebird went in front from a deflected free kick outside the box.

We fought back but couldn't turn our superiority into goals and went down 2-1.

There is no doubt though that we outplayed Bluebird and certainly have nothing to fear in our forthcoming league games with them.

15.12.84 RINGWOOD (A) We met a poor Ringwood side and smashed them 6-1. Blooding both Hollowell and Hosking in a full game manager Red Lock saw for the first time the qualities of our new club members.

Martin Pharoah in sparkling form once again, took only eight minutes to impose his audacious talents on the game. Outstripping his full back on the left, cutting inside he unleashed a tremendous 25 yard right foot shot that hit the net before the goalkeeper moved.

2 minutes later he again had the Ringwood defence in knots with a dazzling run and a shot from the edge of the box that was tipped over by the keeper.

It was one way traffic as Foster made it 2-0 in the 20th minute with a 30 yard rocket.

25 minutes and Tony Pharoah won a 20 yard race chipping the ball over an advancing goalkeeper 3-0. Verwood were rampant.

30 minutes and Norman almost made it 4 with a right foot shot that just cleared the bar.

55 minutes and Martin Pharoah was pulled down in the area allowing Steve Norman to fire home the penalty.

60 minutes and Chris Edge soared to meet a high corner 5-0

70 minutes saw Jubbs smash a volley into the net after Hollowell cued up a delightful ball

80 minutes was consolation time when Ringwood pulled one back to finalise scoring 6-1.

22.12.84 BISTERNE (A) This game provided the thrills and spills of two teams near the top of the table.

Bisterne set off as usual at a 100 mph. we countered at 101 mph. Long was soon in action dealing competently with a headed corner and was looking sound. Tony Pharoah and Martin Shuttle at the back ably supporting Jubbs and Hollowell coped with all thrown at them until the 13th minute when a harsh decision gave Bisterne a penalty 1-0.

We attacked from the re-start and in the 15th minute had a goal disallowed by a linesman's twisted view. The 5 man move and Norman's finish deserved better.

Jubbs, outstanding in defence and coping with a wily c.f. was able to combine with Carter and Eyles to set up a counter attack, after a Bisterne raid, but Foster was unlucky to have a tight foot shot scrambled away.

Unceasing wind and rain became our ally in the second half and gradually we got on top. Relentless pressure paid off in the 55th minute when Richards rose majestically to level scores from a corner.

Five minutes later we went ahead when Eyles crossed a ball that rifled into the top corner.

Bisterne fought back and levelled scores in the 75th minute with a header following a deep cross from the right.

Verwood cracked back and in the 80th minute a glorious diving Carter header made it 3-2.

The last 10 minutes was nail biting stuff as both sides went close but it was Verwood who ran off winners of this titanic battle.



VERWOOD RESERVES

1.12.84 TALBOT RISE (H) Lady luck plays a vital role in the world of football. Whether it is during a top class professional match or a local schoolboy game "she's" always there and if on your side you will doubtless benefit to some degree. Unfortunately when you need her most "she" generally deserts and so it proved when we entertained Talbot Rise in this home fixture. Despite an encouraging start to the season recent results haven't been too good so a decent scoreline was desperately wanted.

The first half saw us start confidently and we coped admirably well with Talbot's early raids. Their on the break out of defence Ian Salmon burst clear, beat the goalkeeper only to see the ball rebound from a post. Shortly afterwards Nigel Clark chipped the keeper and this time the ball hit the cross bar. All exciting stuff but then the referee harshly ruled Mike Creed handling the ball and a penalty was given. Peter Prince bringing off a fantastic save then brilliantly blocked the shot from the rebound. In our next attack Ian Salmon had a clear opening but hit the post yet again. Talbot rode their luck and two goals before the interval gave them an embarrassing lead. A third 2 minutes into the second half sealed the game but we managed to reduce the arrears when Ian Robertson crossed for Nigel Clark to head home. Talbot scored a fourth in the closing stages - ironically off the inside of an upright.

15.12.84 St. GEORGES (A) A fine battling display saw our Reserves fight back from a goal deficit to gain their first win in 5 matches.

after looking good in the early stages Verwood found themselves a goal down when St. Georges forward slotted the ball home following a harsh free kick decision against us.

Hoskings making his debut for the Reserves had a "goal" ruled offside before John Holmes chested home the equaliser following good work by Mick Boulkes on the touch line.

A dangerous break just before the interval by St. Georges saw their winger gracefully somersault landing in a heap 3 yards the wrong side of the touchline. Steve Turner was promptly booked for his "mistimed" tackle.

15 minutes into the second half we took the lead when Mick Boulkes glanced in a header following Ian Salmon's corner. From there on it was backs to the wall as St. Georges pressed for the equaliser. Rick Sweatland performed well in goal whilst Barry Hollowell, also playing his first game was a dominant figure in the heart of our defence.



Our own "Reuter" correspondent - ace reporter Lindsay Baldwin has had difficulty in telex transmission so the Stour Vale game on the 15th December will feature in January's Kick Off

<u>1st & 2nd's</u>		<u>SUMMARY FOLLOWING ABOVE RESULTS</u>						
<u>TEAM.</u>		P	W	D	L	Pts	G For	G Ag.
1st.	League	14	10	1	3	21	45	22
	Cup	3	1	0	2		3	5
2nd	League	11	5	1	5	11	20	21
	Cup.	4	2	0	2		12	9

GOAL SCORERS TABLE

	LG	CUP
NORMAN	18	1
FOULKES	5	4
PHARDAH M.	6	1
FOSTER	6	
RICHARDS	5	1
BALDWIN	5	1
CARTER	5	
CLARK	3	2
EYRES	2	
MILLS	2	
HOLMES	1	2
MURPHY	1	
RILEY	1	
SALMON	1	
GODDARD	1	
SIMS	1	
THOMPSON	1	
PHARDAH A.	1	
TUBBS	1	
EDGE	1	
ACTON	1	
	<u>68</u>	<u>12</u>



STAR PROFILE

This month's selection of a first team player for The Kick Off's Star Profile coincided with some sparkling revelations.

TWO questions in a local quiz provide a clue to identity.

QUESTIONS

- 1/ Who put the "Queen" in Wimborne Q.E. ?
- 2/ Name two shortened forms of the name Stephanie.

ANSWERS

- 1/ Mr & Mrs Norman
- 2/ Steve & Stevie.

The Kick Off investigated "Stevies" history:-

Steve's first transfer came at the age of six after moving from a tough bunch of cubs to the more sedate Brownies.

Proving his qualities of leadership it wasn't long before Steve became Brown Owl and then it was merely a short step to Guides and "Guides". "Steve" however longed to play with the boys! Taking up the game of soccer he loved showing his cheeky disposition. Centre forward has proved his best position giving him the opportunity of penetrating defences.

Many of these qualities were unknown to us until recently when things came to a "head". A perm followed by silicone implants saw remarkable changes in the usual dressing room libdery. Now of course his leather jock strap fully struts and high heeled boots are legend.

He is of course the only player we have who loves being called a pair in the rectum.

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A recent stunning announcement of "Stevie's" intent to marry was put into perspective when it was pointed out this was an immediate answer to doubling his wardrobe.

FAVOURITE HOBBY Horticulture - developing pansies

FAVOURITE FOOD Fairy Cakes.

FAVOURITE SPORTS Football and Drag racing.

FAVOURITE FILM "A man for all seasons"



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JANUARY FIXTURES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIV</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Lg/Cup</u>
5.1.85	I	STOUR VALE	(A)	CHRISTCHURCH REC	Lg.
5.1.85	V	BMTH. P.O.	(H)	POTTERNE	Lg.
12.1.85	I	CHRISTCHURCH RES	(A)	HURN	Lg.
12.1.85	V	ST. GEORGES	(H)	POTTERNE	Lg.
19.1.85.	I.	FERNDOWN RBL	(H)	POTTERNE	PICKF CUP 3RD RND.
19.1.85	V	GANDEIR	(A)	BMTH PARKS SP2	Lg.
26.1.85	I	BMTH RES-OR- LCM TRNSPT-OR- M. M. CO.	(A)	TO BE CONFIRMED	PICKF CUP 4TH RND.
26.1.85	V	QUEENS PARK	(A)	KING GEORGE V P.F. FERNDOWN	Lg.

Note:- All LEAGUE games - 2.30p.m K.O.

All CUP games - 2.00p.m. K.O.

LEAGUE POSITIONS @ 15.12.84

1ST TEAM 3RD.

RES. 6TH.

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wishes for a happy & prosperous

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See you next month.