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THE CHARTS.

UNLUCKY FOR SOME

RAIN STOPS PLAY

Billy Andrews scars away at the top of our goalscorer charts as he storms home 20 goals at the end of February 88.

Verwood's first team cracked thirteen goals past Parley in their league match at Poterne, and Graham Foster's four goals in that game take him to 17 in total.

Little gains in January and February meant few fixtures over the two months and the first team now face an extremely congested run in to the end of the season.

Rossgaiths conveyor belt is being put to good use as youth begins to infiltrate the senior team.

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12.12.87

CHRISTCHURCH

LG (1)

The game opened briskly with Christchurch using their left flank. Tony Pharoah won the ball and Ginnery collected a crossfield pass to spark off Arnold on the right. A good run and cross almost let in Martin but a good save prevented an early goal. Shutter was having a battle equal with a speedy right flank man making an exciting game for the spectators. It was Mike Eyles who opened the scoring though in the 25th minute with a terrific scoop shot looping the keeper into the top R.H corner of the net. A sparkling Martin Pharoah almost made it 2-0 a minute later but his shot clipped the post. A counter attack in the 27th minute caught us napping and a curled shot beat long. Ahern set the game alight in the second half and was rewarded for his efforts in the 56th minute when he sparked off Arnold whose shot was beaten out for Ahern to slant the ball into the net as he followed in. 17 min later Christchurch drew level as a corner was headed out for an inching forward to score on the volley. It was Edge that saved the day though as he scored to our Eyles corner heading a fine goal into the bottom corner of the net. The game finished with Verwood well on top and Arnold hitting the bar as the whistle blew.

19.12.87

BOURNEMOUTH ROBBIES (H) CUP.

Both teams were at full stretch for this tie with Peppers the clear favorites. Certainly they looked better in the early exchanges and extremely dangerous on the break. Tony Pharoah and Martin Shutter were under intense pressure with two lovely opposing wingers and it was a break on the right in the 21st minute that opened us up for a cross to be side footed in from 2 yds. 9 mins later we went two down as a scoop over a defensive wall was hit on the volley past helpless King.

Edge and Ginerca kept us in the game in the closing minutes of the half with some terrific defensive play. Martin Pharaoh opened up the second half with a fine run and shot and Foster was coming more into the game as we pushed forward. Shuttleland Tony Pharaoh looked stronger and more confident and Eyles began using his skills to splay the ball to the front runners. Martin was causing Poppies headaches and his pass to Foster drew the defenders allowing Foster to send away Arnold who clipped the keeper for a superb goal. The 67th minute saw Martin score a RF thumper but after an Eyles Free Kick had been headed down by Tony Pharaoh. We had Poppies on the wack and Foster and Eyles almost clinched the game but two super saves took us into extra time. We were on a high and carried the game to the Poppies. Sean Gave on for Usher smashed us into the lead in the 98th minute following a dazzling Foster run and lay back from the line. O'Connell and Tony Pharaoh stormed away from the half way line, drew the keeper and cheekily clipped Verwood into the next world.

2. 1. 88 RIVES SPORTS (H) CUP.

The I. O. W. thought the best they could muster would beat V.F.C. We proved them wrong and took them apart. Edge suffered a setback though as a high Ryan tackle cut through his socks and pad to slit open his shin. Tubbs came on in a one for one swap. Foster and Arnold combined well to set up a series of raids but it was Gales through ball that caught Ryan napping in the 31st

minute to let in Foster to put VFC ahead.

Rydes forced their way back into the game but Lynema and Tubbs were solid and unmovable. An on form Ashley Long easily coped with the odd shot. The Thorowatts were in superb form and with Shuttle overtopping on the left, Rydes had their work cut out trying to contain the attacks. In the 45th minute though a pinpoint Gyles cross found a diving Foster and we went two up as the ball hit the roof of the net. Although no goals were scored in the second half the football was superb with Chen stamping his class in the middle and Martin always threatening up front.

21.88 BURTON (H) Cup.

This fixture should have been played at Burton but a flooded pitch meant Potters housing the game. It was a pity we didn't play at Burton, it would have saved home supporters a lot of embarrassment. We had 90% of the play and tried to dazzle third division Burton with personal displays. There was no real team effort and the shots at goal were a joke. Had Arnold's "goal" not been disallowed for him calling "let it run" it might have been a different story but the end result was a 2-0 defeat that saw us exit the Pickford Cup Competition this season.

16.1.88. CHRISTCHURCH (A) CUP

CANCELLED - PITCH FLOODED.



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CHRISTCHURCH

(H) CUP

Hurn was flooded following heavy storms so the fixture was re-arranged for Ferrer. Christchurch broke on the right at the start and an inswinger was almost swept in as they touched the ball past the post. It was a good save in the first minute and gave us a taste of things to come. It was 20 mins before we settled and gradually began to show the capabilities that took us through to these late stages of the Cup. Jubbs and Geneva were having a battle waded in the middle but were useless. The game ran into extra time before Christchurch snatched a scrappy goal in the 112th minute. Despite being beaten it was a thoroughly enjoyable game and we know we were unlucky to lose.

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BIRSTEAD

(A) CUP

Last week's abortive trip to the tow was recalled as the pitch was declared fit despite the heavy rain. It was like playing on a farm track with very little width to allow us play our usual sweeping attacking style of football. We literally camped in our opponents half for 90 mins as we tried to beat a massed defence and a bumpy area. Our laxity in defence as we pushed up in the 20th minute allowed Birstead's wh to run free and score but the impassable fester levelled the scores in the 41st minute with a brilliantly controlled

goal just inside the byard box. The game went into extra time and in the 104th minute a powerful header from a corner put Birstead 2-1 ahead. We threw caution to the winds and pushed forward but the day was epitomised as Willie Ahern broke away in the 108th minute of the game and his usual deadly killer instinct deserted him as his shot clipped the bar and went over. There was a distinct feeling that had the game been played on Potterne we would have gone through to the semi final.

30.1.88 QUEENS PARK (H) LG

Jerry Pharoah stole the day. Strong running good interchanging and a cracking third goal made it a match to remember. We opened well and it was obvious that Q.P. posed no threat. Edge and Tubbs were formidable in defence allowing Sturter to use the overlap with Gale. Martin was causing havoc but it was skipper Geneva who opened up the scoring heading a fine goal from a pinpoint Eyres cross. Gale went close in the 42nd minute when his header was cleared off the line and then Foster was unlucky with a shot that cannoned back from the inside of the post. Tubbs opened up the second half in attacking style breaking through and hitting the post and then Foster tantalised and tortured the Q.P.

defence with dazzling footwork and his inter-passing with Arnold was creating plenty of openings. It was Arnold however who snatched goal No 2 with a break from the half way line then cracking in a 20 yard rasper. Our third goal came in the 87th minute as Tony Pharaoh progressed down the pitch finally slotting Straker's cross into the net. It was a scintillating 3-0 win.

5.3.55 POST OFFICE (H) 4

We expected a hard game and get it. Post office covered well and were always dangerous on the break but this was a day when we competed for everything and had the better of the exchanges. Long athletically turned away early shots and with terrific handling looked very comfortable. But couldn't do anything to stop a 38 yard Flick hitting the net after 4 mins. Fortunately the "goal" had been turned in on the line by an offside player. 49 mins and P.O. cruelly had a headed goal judged offside but there was no doubting the goal that won the game as Jubbs shrugged off two tackles and butted his way into the box slammering a right foot shot low into the net.

12.3.88 SIGNALS (A) Semi Final

We didn't perform, and a lack lustre performance was deservedly thrashed by a fit Signals 3-0. Another Cup exit.

19.3.88 PARLEY (H) LG

This game was a comedy of errors on the part of Parley and with Foster on sparkling form we ran up the biggest score of the season.

6 min - Jerry Pharaoh zipped down the right, jinked into the box and slipped the ball into the bottom RH corner of the net. 1-0

18 min - Ahern tucked a right foot shot into the corner past a diving keeper 2-0

19 min - Adie Arnold collected like Eyes three ball dribbled past the keeper 3-0

20 min - Jerry Pharaoh engaged in fist cuffs - sent off.

24 min - Tibbs slammed home number 4 from a Foster pull back. 4-0

33 min - Foster split Parley's defence and a ground pass let in Willie Ahern 5-0

49 min - Ahern chips home his second as he beat two men in the box 6-0

53 min - Foster beat 4 men in a messy run then rounded the keeper for a magnificent goal.

60 min - Eyes hit a cracking free kick that shot past a dazed keeper 7-0
8-0

64 min - Foster hit his second as he dragged his marker and finished his foot-work display with a 20yd crack. 9-0

- 66 min:- Foster again slipped past his marker and a killer Rf shot - 10-0
- 69 min:- Gale fired in a rocket and the keepers save was fumbled allowing Arnold to chip goal II. 11-0
- 80 min:- Gale's well judged cross was touched home by a fine glancing Foster header 12-0
- 87 min:- Gale's efforts were rewarded when a sweeping left foot shot hit the net 13-0

24.3.88 WESTOVLE (H) LG.

Top of Div 1 - Westover, came anticipating that intimidatory tactics would overcome us. It backfired. We met them tackle for tackle and with Edge and Guevara dominating the Westover central midfield we had Westover on the back. Stubbs in midfield, supporting Martin was winning most of the tussles and his fine ball to Foster allowed our O.R. supporters seem to float in a ball that Athern was unlikely not to reach. Gale's fitness was winning the battle with his marker and we gradually got on top. 49 mins through saw Westover go ahead from a cross ball that was knocked in. Eyes free kick in the 58th minute found Foster who's clever "chest down" set up Willie Athern for a fine equaliser. We almost snatched the extra point in the late stages but two fine saves kept the score at 1-1 at the final whistle.

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FERNDOWN

A) Lg Tue.

Ferndown ran, chased, harried, fouled but this game saw probably one of the best Fernwood performances for a long time.

Brilliant defensive and attacking play was rewarded in the 17th minute when Pharaoh stopped Ferndown's exchanges and inter-passing with Ginerra broke away in the middle to chip the keeper for a great goal. 19 mins saw Paul Martin fling himself to the right to beat out a penalty as he deputised for Leng. 1-0 at the start of the second half and we were soon on the attack. Leng, arriving at half time took on the goalkeeping role for Martin to go to c.f. Martin gathered an Eyles pass and sent Foster away on the right. Foster jinked past the keeper 2-0. Brian Essioun came on for a taste of the first division and almost had a dream debut as he narrowly missed an Arnold cross. Martin linked again with Foster in the 64th minute and as Foster pulled back a superb line ball Martin smashed a right foot shot into the net. 76 min and Martin made his debut complete as a Foster's cross was met with a powerful diving header 4-0. 78 min and Foster went nap beating his F.B and then disarming his opposing keeper rolling the ball into the net for a superb 5-0 result.

2.4.88

HAMWORTHY LE (A)

Continued lumpy pitch caused this important fixture. VFC, because of recent results suddenly were in the running for the league. Unfortunately we couldn't rise to the occasion and were slaughtered. A gap made than the M3 occurred in our back four in the 15th min 1-0. 25 min and no one picked up Hamworthy's C.H. as he hammered a R.F. shot into the net following a corner. In the second half we had extremely hard luck with Martin hitting the woodwork twice and then scoring 2 shots beaten off the line. Suddenly we were in trouble as terrible blunders let in Hamworthy for 3 late goals. We were rightly humiliated 5-0.

PERFORMANCE TO DATE UP TO & INCL 2.4.88

<u>Div 1</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LC	17	10	2	5	51	19	22
cup	13	8	0	5	28	17	

UP TO AND INCL 20.2.88
DIV 5

LC	17	10	0	7	66	61	20
cup	3	2	0	1	8	8	

VERWOOD SECOND TEAM REPORTS

14.11.87 HORDLE SPURS (H) LG.

We outplayed Hordle with some fine attacking football with Andrews and Athoriz controlling the middle. It was Athoriz, in the closing stages of the half who opened up Hordle for Glynn to 'summer home. Unbelievably Steve Acton miscued seconds later and it was 1-1. Immediately following the goal a disputed penalty decision saw us go in at half time 2-1 down in a silly 5 minute spell. Andrews put his experience and skill to its best use in the 5th minute with a cracking goal, heading in a fine Steve Wright cross. A direct free kick minutes later saw us go ahead as Casdowne blasted a fine goal off the underside of the bar. Numerous chances went begging but we finished worthy 3-2 winners.

21.11.87 EVANGELICALS (H) LG.

Steve Wright stormed into this game and after only 5 minutes slammed a great left foot goal to put us in front. Andrews sparkled in the middle and with Glynn resolute at the back we looked odds on to pick up two points. Steve Wright broke away on the half hour as Nicky Long chipped him a clear ball and Steve lost no time tucking away number 2. With a minute to go in the half a long hopeful ball caught us flat footed 2-1. 56 minutes - 2-2 as we relaxed and paid for a "laid back" approach. We struggled back into the game and Nicky Long put us in front to make it 3-2. We unfortunately lost the game to two late penalties as Evangelicals punched the points.

23.11.87 BROADSTONE (H) LG

It was a day of disasters. We just scraped 11 players together for the game and before we settled found ourselves 3-0 down as Broadstone overran us. Simon Guy pulled one back in the 25th minute but Broadstone hit the 4th shortly after. Guy substituted King in goal in the second half and pulled off two fine saves to keep the score "respectable". Andrews was having a great game and was rewarded for his efforts when a hard R.F. shot hit the back of the net. We tried hard, none more so than Butcher Bill but as we tired towards the end Broadstone snatched two more to finish the scoring 6-2.

5.12.87 THE ARROW (A)

Nicky Long almost caught The Arrow napping as he hit a cracking shot from the kick off forcing a fine save. Andy Barham cleverly beat his midfield marker in the 20th minute and a weighted pass found Steve Wright who smashed home No1. No2 came only minutes later as Billy Andrews chipped the keeper. We looked comfortable but a little laxity at the back saw half time 2-1. Midway through the second half The Arrows drew level and just before the final whistle a foul on Andy Saunders, unseen by the referee, allowed The Arrows to tap in the winner.

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12.12.57 CHASE MANHATTAN (A) LG.

Our proposed merger with Rissgarth was almost prevented in this game as we fielded a very young side predominantly from the Rissgarth senior team. It was "Old Boys" Nick Lery and Stuart Fry who caught the eye with good strong play and particularly Fry as he smashed us into the lead from a Fry Hook Kick. 10 minutes later the dynamic duo clicked again as a terrific Fry pass freed Lery who chopped the on-marching keeper. Eastwell and Barham continued well in the middle to land away Steve Wright and the outside left made no mistake with his trusty left foot. We allowed them back into the game though and they scored two late goals to give the final result an unrealistic 3-2 scoreline.

19.12.57 SOMERFORD LODGE (A) LG.

We struggled to raise a team for this most important game against the league leaders. We were short on experience and despite valiant performances particularly from Wright Eastwell Lery Fry and Barham, we lost 5-1. Eye catching was a steadily improving Paul Sherrington who is developing quickly into a fine sweeper. Stuart Fry hopes as in the future to bleed tremendously young players with a courageous and skillful potential.

2.1.58 BROADSTONE (A) LG.

Our young side faced a strong and

confident Baccastone and with a resounding 6-2 victory over us in our last game Baccastone became over confident. We had them "cold" as we shook them with pace and guile. Andrews our experienced "old head" led the forwards in a wave of attacks and Butcher Bill deservedly put us ahead with a great solo effort. 10 mins into the game Wright forced a corner and Easdowns strong kick found Titson who took his chance well lobbing No. 2. Buckley was having a stormer and after robbing his opposing number, cleverly sent away Andrews for our third. Baccastone were being outplayed in every department and most prominent was our Rossgarth U16 lads Sherrington Peck Easdown & Barham. Old man Fry was coping well with the high hopeful balls but one finally eluded the defence to let in Baccastone to make it 3-1. Nicky Long had the last say in the score line as a Barham through ball split Baccastone wide open to allow Nick slot the ball just inside the post. A tremendous performance and sweet revenge.

9.1.88 HORRLE SPURS RES (-1) 10.

We started well, attacking Horrle down the right. Persistent, powerful football was awarded when Long slipped elegantly past his full back and put the ball in the net to give us a deserved lead. Only 10 mins later and we were two ahead when Wells sent away Andrews who was chopped down in the box. Butcher Bill tucked the

ball away with the keeper during the wrong way. Five minutes later and Casanova curled a left foot shot into the net. Morale slumped back from the kick off with a good goal but just on half time Long made it 2-1 with a superbly taken shot. An amazing night was followed when Andrews and Steve Wright cracked in goals each and then in the space of six minutes we collapsed as Herdie slammed 4 goals past hapless Edwards. Steve Wells stabilised things with a superb run and strike and then Long hit his hat trick with a right foot blaster. Herdie hit back in the 87th and 88th minutes and we had to hang on like grim death to finish the game ahead at 8-7.

16 LOS CHASE MANHATTEN RES (H)

After last week's hard stopper we were faced with a confident Chase side. We took things apart early in the game and Steve Wright went away on the left to slide a cracking left foot goal past an advancing keeper. We then squandered chance after chance and went in at half time 3-1 down. Gray came on at half time for Wright but was as guilty as the rest as his goalkeeping chances went begging. With only 20 mins to go we went 4 down. Steve then injected hope with a flash kick which he made it 4-2. Wells then made it 4-3 and then Casanova opened up

Chase defence allowing Long to level the scores. It was aching along finish with Edwards holding a strong cross and with only two minutes to go Butcher Bill weaved his way through the Chase defence, wrong footed the keeper and slipped in the winner. Gasdown Str. took an hour to revive.

23.1.88 EVANGELICALS (A) Lg

Two weeks of defensive nerves saw the introduction of an old head at sweeper. They don't come much older! It was Alan Shakeshaft emerging to "do the job". With his long shorts and ankle high boots, hair parted in the middle Alan really looked the part. It was Andrews who fired us ahead after 35 minutes and only 10 mins later a second ^{of} slashing RF shot slammed into the net. Just on half time our opponents slipped a goal closing the half at 2-1. Disaster then hit, as Evangelicals cracked two more goals past us without reply.

20.2.88 BURLEY (A) Lg

No games and no training for 3 weeks took its toll as we spluttered our way through the game. Steve Acton and Simon Thompson made welcome returns but despite the strength at the back of new man Colin Moor and the quality of Acton and Thompson, our inability to convert early chances sent us in at

half time 2-0 down. We rallied in the second half and it was our scoring machine Billy Adams who showed his versatility with first a goal hammered in with his right foot and then goal number two with a flashing header. Wright was there clear through but tamely hit the keeper. Barry stole the points with only Smerdale to go with a lucky goal.



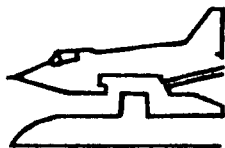
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What about Bert Pharoah there!
Bert almost promised a donation to the Club some weeks ago!
When we hope this will become reality?

RACE NIGHT

April sees our first race night - see the race stewards for details

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STUART FRY

BOB MALDMENT

we turn up and enjoy
it.

FIXTURES FOR APRILDIV 1

2.4.88	HAMWORTHY	(A)	LG.	SAT
6.4.88	WOODFALLS	(A)	LG.	WED
9.4.88	SWAY	(A)	LG.	SAT
12.4.88	BRANSFORD	(H)	LG.	TUE
13.4.88	TRINIDAD	(A)	LG.	WED.
16.4.88	CHRISTCHURCH	(A)	LG.	SAT.

DIV 2

9.4.88	FORDINGBRIDGE	(A)	LG.	SAT
16.4.88	ABBLEY LIFE	(H)	LG.	SAT.

SCORERS TABLE

ANDREWS	20.	ARNOLD	8.
FOSTER	17	PHAROAH A	4.
GALE	14.	PHAROAH M	3
AHERN	14	GINEVRA	3.
LONG N	13.	ACTON	2
GEY	12.	NEWMAN	2
KYRKS	10	WELLS	2
MARTIN	10	TUBBS	2
KASDOWN	6	SHAKESHAFT	2
WRIGHT	6.		

EDGE 1. SHERVINGTON 1. PITSON 1.

NOTE

SECOND TEAM SCORERS TOTALLED
TO 20. 2.88 ONLY.



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