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DEC 1985

SIMS HEADS SCORERS TABLE
NORMAN GATHERS MOMENTUM

FIRST TEAM REPORTS

7. 12. 85 CHRISTCHURCH (H) LG.

A 25 minute Verwood blast annihilated Christchurch. Short of their main two centre backs it took only 3½ mins for Steve Richards to penetrate the defence and collecting the ball chest height pivoted 10 yds out to volley home. 5 mins later, Norman was brought down in the box, successfully converting the resultant penalty. Christchurch were ineffective and the inevitable third came in the 11th minute when a tailor made cross from Gyres found Martin who headed powerfully into the net. Christchurch pushed forward and broke on the right but Ashley Long collected the cross superbly. In the 18th min. Gyres found Martin and a snap shot was deflected wide. Mike Gyres' corner was smashed into the roof of the net by Richards head claiming Verwood's fourth. A minute later and Gyres hammered a 25 yd free kick past a dejected keeper. We tailed off and Christchurch gradually put their game together. Fortunately the back four of Tony Pharoah, Edge, Hollowell and Miller were more than equal to the onslaught and the score remained 5-0 until half time. Nine mins. into the second half Norman took the ball wide on the right and a perfectly measured cross found Martin who headed Verwood's sixth.

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A delightful move in the 73rd min brought the seventh when an intelligent Tony Pharoah ruz and an equally intelligent flighted ball found Richards who headed across goal for Norman to head into the top corner.

With only 2min to go a low 20 yard shot from Christchurch zipped into the bottom corner. The game produced a good Verwood performance with Tony Pharoah, Mike Eyres and Ashley Long, outstanding.

14. 12. 85 WELLWORTHY (H) LG

A very young Wellworthy side took on a confident and experienced home side. The difference was evident from the start as Verwoods mid-field dominated with Mike Eyres producing some vintage football. After only 20mins. Martin Pharoah cleverly cut across the goal area and unleashed a right foot crackerjack to put Verwood ahead. Wellworthy's fought hard but a competent home side defence, with Long once again in commanding form, coped with all the visitors could muster. Miller, superb in the air didn't put a foot wrong and Tony Pharoah's strong tackling and running helped maintain the 1-0 lead until half time. Shortly after the re-start, a corner forced on the left was taken by Eyres and Martin stole in to skim a header over the keeper for Verwoods second. Wellworthy's, never stopped running and hit back, but Hollowell combining with Edge broke up the main thrust and a cross field ball to Richards sparked off a counter attack. Richards to Norman to Martin and then Eyres opened up Wellworthy's and Eyres taking full advantage

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of the gap smashed a 20 yard shot for goal which was deflected on the line past the keeper. The sheer ferocity alone was worth the goal being credited to our midfield maestro. With five minutes to go and Well-worthys showing signs of tiredness, Norman broke on the left and a chip ball found Martin Pharoah who lost no time in claiming his second of the game and closing the score at 4-0 in Verwood's favour.

21.12.85 LYMINGTON TOWN (A) BMTN SNR CUP

Although regarded as the underdogs against Hants 1 - Lyvington, our recent !! goal barrage in two games instilled the extra confidence enabling us to take the game to the home team. Good opening moves proved the recent improvements in our performance and an end to end game developed. Lyvington playing a hit and run style kept our defence at full stretch but with Ashley Long in top form and speedy Miller cutting out high through balls coupled to Edge's hard tackling not a lot of chances were offered to the home team. Steadily emerging as our key was Jony Pharoah's performance. Not only was Jony keeping his man in check he was also creating space on the right for foraging runs. In the 24th minute Mike Eyles took a free kick which hit the post, a cruel slice of luck hit us when the hasty clearance, long and high found a loose runner, an instant cross was met on the penalty spot by an rushing forward slotting the ball past Ashley Long. Verwood hit back and Norman went close followed a minute later by a Martin header which skimmed the bar.

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The second half opened with Verwood carrying the game and in the 55th min. a neat low Byres cross found Norman who cleverly turned his marker and fired a 20 yd. half volley onto the bar. A Martin Pharaoh run almost produced a goal but the ball "bobbled" taking away the main direction and a clipped post denied us the goal we deserved. Richards combining with Ginerrea produced an opening for Norman but a good save kept Lymington ahead. A succession of Byres shots had the home team in trouble but luck had deserted us and the shots all flew high and wide. A Lymington counter attack had us in trouble but M.O.M. Jony Pharaoh kicked off the line. A short Lymington corner opened us up and a hopeful shot amazingly cannoned off four people and finished up in the back of the net. Our new found character emerged as we shook off this unlucky set back and from another Lymington raid broken up by Miller & Hollowell with a ball pulled back to Ashley Long for Ashley to use a powerful kick into the wind. Norman winning the chase caught the bouncing ball beautifully and sent a header over the advancing keeper into the net. We pushed forward and gave it all we had but didn't get the opportunity to take Lymington into extra time in which we felt we could have won. The crowd, fairly substantial (50p a head) saw a good game - Well done lads.

	PERFORMANCE UP TO & INCLUDING 21.12.85						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
League	14	6	3	5	32	15	15
Cup.	5	2	1	2	8	7	

from Lindsay Baldwin:-

RESERVE TEAM REPORTS

7. 12. 85 BOURNEMOUTH A' (A) Lg.

Our top of the table clash with Bournemouth A got off to the best possible start when Eric Sims turned in a Martin Smith cross after only 5 mins. Smith himself had the ball in the net shortly afterwards but was judged offside. The inevitable retaliation followed but our goal was kept intact until the 33rd minute when Bournemouth equalised. A near post cross being turned over the line. In the second half our defence had little difficulty in containing the Bournemouth attack and most of the play was confined to midfield. In the 70th minute though another near post cross was our undoing and the league leaders made it 2-1. Despite this set back we battled on and should have equalised 12 mins from time. Simon Thompson's long cross eluded the defence and Sims lost his goalscoring touch at the vital moment with the goal at his mercy. Shortly afterwards Sims again stretched the goalkeeper with a glancing header from a Baldwin cross. Our long unbeaten League run thus came to a disappointing end and at the end of the day we were unfortunate not to share the spoils. No doubt Abbey Life Reserves will feel the backlash on the 14th.

14. 12. 85 ABBEY LIFE RES (A) Lg.

Jan Salmon, Martin Smith and Bobby Syres were all missing from our line-up at Ferndown. With Billy Andrews only half

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fit we had to produce an exceptional performance - and we did. After Gale had gone close in the early stages, it was Sims, who else, who put us in front, scoring from close in after the goalkeeper had dropped a cross from the right. Despite the loss of three regular players we were playing well and Sims made it 2-0 when he chased a long ball and toe poked it home after a determined run. Abbey Life threatened momentarily and were fortunate to pull a goal back when a hard cross hit the prostrate Creed and deflected into goal. The second half saw us continue the battle with determination and following a dreadful back pass Sims got his hat-trick. The defence with Stuart ~~Jay~~ making an appearance at full back effectively restricted Abbey Life to token raids whilst the midfield of Holmes Robertson and Thompson linked up well with the forwards. Sims and Gale went close again whilst Baldwin's 35 yard blast from a free kick was superbly tipped over by Abbey's keeper. Gale got the goal he deserved to make it 4-1 and Abbey scored a late consolation from a penalty after Baldwin had handled on the line.

21. 12. 85 BURTON (A) HAYWARD CUP

Our Hayward Cup quarter final was an enthralling affair. Burton who previously beat us in the Hampshire Cup went close early on but Lee Robinson saved superbly. Top scorer Eric Sims control let him down at the other end as we retaliated. After 28 mins. we broke the deadlock. Sims released down the middle drew the goal-

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-keeper and neatly chipped the ball in. Further chances were few as we went in leading at half time. We fully expected a charge at the re-start and weren't disappointed. The woodwork saved us on two occasions whilst Brian Goddard stopped two certain goals with amazing goal line clearances.

Despite these close calls we were looking dangerous on the break and Ian Robertson missed two good chances before we sealed a semi-final place four minutes from time. Sims, chasing his marker back to goal, waited for the mistake, got it and expertly sidestepped the keeper to slot in the second. Just to rub it in Gale cracked an unstoppable third shortly afterwards. A tremendous all round team performance deserved it's win and we now look forward to our semi-final spot.

PERFORMANCE UP TO & INCLUDING 21.12.85

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
League	9	5	2	2	25	17	12
Cup	5	4	0	1	21	6	

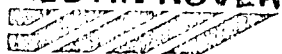
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SCORERS PAGE

Eric Sims closes 1985 at the top of our goal scoring chart with, co-incidentally, the same number of goals which Steve Norman had claimed end Dec 1984. Steve has stepped up his late recently and sits at No.2

INDIVIDUAL TARGETS FOR JAN 1986

NAME	TOTAL DEC. 84	TOTAL DEC. 85	LG.	CLIP	TOTAL JAN 85
E SIMS	1	19	11	8	1
S. NORMAN	19	15	14	1	27
N. ANDREWS	0	10	5	5	0
S. RICHARDS	-	-	4	2	7
M. PHARDAH	7	6	5	1	9
P. MARTIN	0	6	3	3	0
R EYRES	0	5	1	4	0
J ROBERTSON	0	4	4	0	0
M. EYRES	2	4	4	0	2
S. GALE	0	3	1	2	0
J HOLMES	3	2	1	1	3
L BALDWIN	6	1	1	0	7
G FOSTER	6	1	1	0	7
M SHUTLER	0	1	1	0	0
M GINEVRA	0	1	0	1	0
M SMITH	0	1	0	1	0
I SALMON	1	1	1	0	1
C EDGE	1	0	0	0	2
S THOMPSON	1	0	0	0	1
B GODDARD	1	0	0	0	1
A PHARDAH	1	0	0	0	1

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FIXTURES FOR JAN 1986

FIRST TEAM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>K.O.</u>	<u>CUP/LG.</u>
4.1.86	DOWNTON	H	2.30.	LG.
11.1.86	TELE SPORTS	A.	2.30	LG.
18.1.86	ABBAY LIFE	H	2.00	PICKFORD CUP
25.1.86	BMTH. P.O.	H	2.30	LG.

RESERVES

4.1.86	Q. PARK ATH.	H.	2.30	LG (REC)
11.1.86	L.C.M. TRNSPT	H.	2.30	LG
18.1.86	BMTH P.O. Res.	A.	2.30.	LG.
25.1.86	BURTON	A.	2.30	LG.



STAR PROFILE this month has given way to the New Years Day game report.

1st JAN 1986

VERWOOD VETERANS

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ROSSGARTH RAMBOS

The Potherne Bowl staged the game of the season as two classic teams confronted each other. The crowd, well policed, well behaved (excluding the autograph hunters) rose as one as the nominated Captains (oldest player on each team) Mike Guy and Bernard Scott led out their teams:-

VERWOOD VETS.

BRIAN EASEDOWN JR. KELVIN EARTH
ALAN SHAKESHAF. JOHN ATKINS STEVE RICHARDS
BILLY ANDREWS BOBBY EYRES MIKE GUY TONY
PARKER ROD LOCK.

ROSSGARTH RAMS.

PHIL IRVING PETER BARHAM
STEVE PEGRAM BERNARD SCOTT NEIL HUDSON
GRAHAM SHERVINGTON BARRY MORRIS BRIAN EASEDOWN SR.
STEVE WELLS STUART FRY ASHLEY LONG NICK LONG

Referee:-

The majestic REG DAY.

Verwood kicked off with a slick move between Richards and Andrews allowing the latter to head for goal but clever defensive play by Pegram linking with Hudson broke up the attack. A high ball into midfield brought the "engine room" battlers into play and Scott using majestically headed Richards knees giving away the first foul of the day. A taking Byres free kick brought Lock into action but the cross was headed away by Shervington. Rossgarth attacked swiftly on the right with Wells winning a

corner. Long caused havoc in the area forcing Shakeshaft to head across the box only for Scott to pop up between the blades of grass and slam a left foot shot into the net.

William Hills upon hearing the score reduced the odds and changed betting to Verwood 1-10 Rossgarth 10-1.

Stung, Verwood sprang into action with the Vaseline streaked Shakeshaft surging forward sending a high ball to Eyres, an interchange between Guy and Richards and danger threatened. Easedown though reading the game well flashed across the box knocking the ball back to driving. Wells and the Long brothers were causing Verwoods defence lots of problems. Earth, surprisingly, still awake did magnificently in the 30th min. in blocking an Ashley Long run, then feeding a back pass to young England hopeful Easedown jr. In the 37th min Long was rewarded for his persistence netting Rossgarths second with a timely tackle in the area from which the ball re-bounded into the wof of the net. 43 mins and Ashley Long ripped between Shakeshaft and Earth firing a good shot into the bottom corner of the net.

The scorching first half pace took its toll and Reg Day handed over the whistle to the young, fresh faced, Mike Fry.

The rule book was consulted and it was decided that Rossgarth should play the second half with 11 men giving their 12th to Verwood so that both sides had equal numbers.

Although Scott had showered that morning it was a unanimous Rossgarth team vote that he be the transfer party.

Shakeshaft seizing the opportunity of the extra man shot off to centre forward position, never to return.

The second half opened with Rossgarth still pressing forward with Wells and the Long brothers causing Verwoods defence problems. Nick Long intelligently interpassing with Sty opened up a gap but Basedown jr was equal to the cross. Stuart Sty's vicious "studs up" tackle on Scott allowed Atkins to to send a long free kick to Eyles but a timely Barham tackle stopped the attack. Verwood were gradually getting on top and some fine play between lock Andrews and Richards opened up Rossgarth once again but Basedown snr. and Hudson did well to block the route to goal. Earth stopped Ashley Long's run on the left and a fine pass to Atkins set up Verwoods attack, Atkins side-stepping his man slipped the ball to Scott, a long high ball to Shakeshaft, a nod to lock, a cross ball and there was Parker to score a left foot cracker past a bewildered Irving. 2 mins later and Eyles drove a fine shot at goal which a bleary-eyed Irving did well to collect. A battle followed between Shakeshaft and Irving but between the post and a lucky day Irving came out on top. The pace was killing and became fiercer after Eyles unleashed a right foot rocket to make it 3-2. In fact Irving was still diving as we kicked off again. Mike Guy the cultivated architect of mid field prompted his men forward yet again but Rossgarth were equal to the onslaught and cool Barry Morris stepped into the limelight with a neat interception sparking off

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a Rossgarth counter attack. An Easedown cross threatened but Scott leaping high clearing the grass headed out. Richards collecting the loose ball dummed his man and sent out a ball to Lock. Then he sent out a search party as no one could find him. A minute later released from the iron lung Lock dazzled the opposition with a speedy mazy run. It would have been even better had he remembered the ball. A Tony Parker left foot shot almost made it 3-3 but Pegram struggling to keep awake fell over just at the right time to block the shot. The game saw-sawed but with Atkins now emerging as the dominant figure supported well by Bath and Easedown jr for Verwood and the defensive wall of Rossgarth - Hudson Pegram Barham Morris and Shervington both attacks found difficulty creating chances. The final whistle went with the score 3-2 in Rossgarths favour.

Flowers and fruit for the players should be addressed to Poole General Hospital Wards 10, 11 & 12 Geriatric wing where the New Years Day Stalwarts can be viewed.



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