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LAST WEEK'S VISITORS

Sorry we didn't produce a programme - none the less we thought you would like to read a brief write-up on our opponents.

Malshanger Football Club play at Malshanger, a tiny hamlet on the extensive estate of their patron, Sir Michael Colman (of Colman's Mustard fame), which is situated some six miles to the west of Basingstoke. The football club has exclusive use of a private seven-acre sportsground in a rural setting, with two football pitches and ample space for training etc. These facilities are part of Malshanger Sports and Social Club which comprises a clubhouse with two bars, a squash court and a new full-size bowling green.

Malshanger were originally a Sunday team, coming up through the Basingstoke Sunday League to win virtually all the honours available to them, before making the natural progression to Saturday football. Their facilities and playing record in Sunday football gained them entry straight into the North Hants Senior League where, in their second season, they won promotion to Division 1. Their second season in the first division saw them sweep to the title which encouraged them to apply for Hampshire League status in 1979.

explaining, some are unprintable – but most are done in the best possible taste. Use the clues to help you identify 20 stars with Many players have one. Some are funny, some take a lot of some of the best nicknames on the soccer circuit.

Rocky made his England debut in the 1-0 win over Denmark in 1988. Lurch was one of the 'Crazy Cang' and made history for three reasons in May, 1988. Chippy has played for twice as many Italian clubs as he has English ones.

This Robbo forms his club's strikeforce with John Colquhoun, Wayne Foster and Scott Crabbe.



Durie. 17. Alan McInally. 18. Ian Durrant Ogrizovic. 15. Tony Cottee. 16. Gordon Ted McMinn. 20. Stewart McKimmie

Robbo

Hodge. 6. Mark Hughes. 7. Ray Wilkins. 8.

QUIZ ANSWERS

Heath. 13. Vinny Jones. 14. Steve Goddard. 11. John Barnes. 12. Adrian Mel Sterland. 9. Alvin Martin. 10. Pau Liam Brady. 4. John Robertson, 5. Steve David Rocastle, 2. Dave Beasant. 3.

returned to his home town club. 5 Harry's travels took him across the Midlands and down to London before he

Sparky is well renowned for bigniting the Stretford End with his electric strikes on goal

one Rangers for another and Butch has recently swapped is now playing for a former team-mate.

■ Zico has one full England cap O and now plays in the Second successful spell in Scotland. Division after a brief but

defender and made his only Stretch is a former England appearance of the 1986 World Cup finals against Paraguay.

season's Littlewoods Cup team-mates in this ■ Sarge faces his old Quarter-Finals. Tarmac stars for England but prefers to follow the fortunes of the West Indies at cricket.

- Midlands after an unhappy Inchy is now based in the spell in Spain. Psycho has swapped a blue nothing has changed about his Shirt for a white one but biting tackles. 14 Oggy has one League goal to his credit for his First Division club. TC is struggling to win a place in his Northern club's first team line-up.



Jukebox

6 Jukebox was on target for Scotland in one of their

990 World Cup qualifying

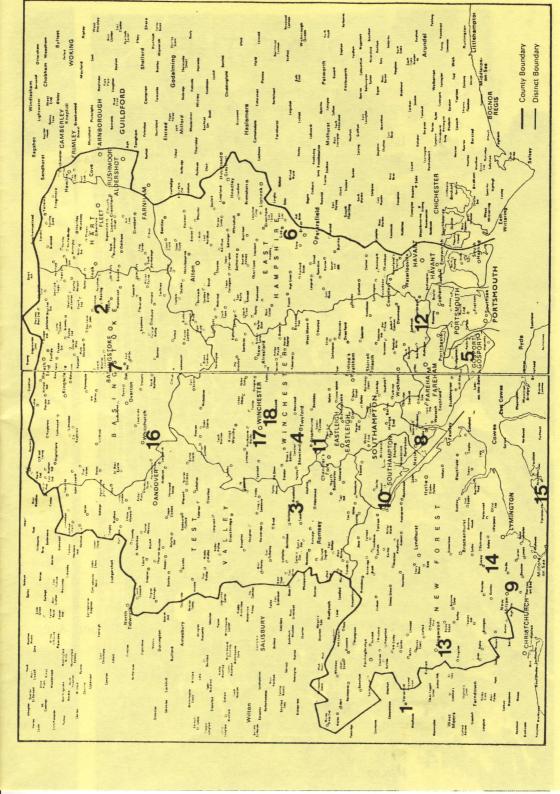
defeats.

storm in the top flight last Tambo took everyone by season but is now earning his wages abroad.

Jasper is on his way back to Premier Division action after a year out of the game through injury.

19 Tin Man plays on the right wing and has rammed in a ew goals this season.

20 McVicar is rated as one of Scotland and plays his home the best full-backs in games at Pittodrie.



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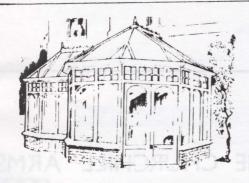
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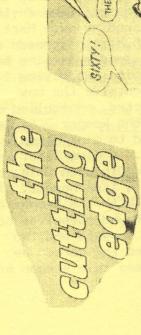
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9.12.89. MELSHANGER (H) LG.

A good referee, fast open attacking football set the stage for an enjoyable afternoon's game between two good footballing sides. Melshanger using the the width of the pitch had us stretched in the first few minutes but both Edge and Arnold were equal to the task cutting out the cross ball. Gale was well policed but still gave our opponents enough to think about with early surging runs. Tubbs was having the better of the exchanges in the middle of the park and with Dickinson's spirited running we had the slight advantages making the difference between the squads. Tubbs went close with a cross shot but the Melshanger keeper brought off a terrific save sending both sides in at the half time whistle O-O. We found ourselves in a reverse role from the kick off having to defend against penetrating runs. Pharoah's speed helped greatly and with Bingham in superb form we soaked up the pressure gradually easing our way back into the game. Phillips, nursing a hamstring pull was in the thick of things winning a 50-50 ball sending away Martin Pharoah for a good run and cross which Martin screwed wide. Bingham then stopped a counter attack sending a line ball to Martin in the 68th. minute and despite two biting tackles Martin beat a third man just outside the box screwing back a pass which Gale collected, controlled and placed a right foot shot just beyond the keeper. 5 mins. later we gave away a corner and failed to pick up an attacker who headed high into the net. 6 mins later we thought we had deservedly gone ahead again when Gale rose magnificently to beat the keeper with a fine header. The referee judged that Sean had collided with the keeper on the way up and gave a foul. We then found ourselves back on the defensive as Melshanger surged forward and two brilliant saves from Ashley Long closed the game. We can only hope that the rest of our games this season are played in this same spirited way.





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2.12 89	Sway	(A)	League	2.15 p.m.
9.12 89	Malshanger	(H)	League	2.15 p.m.
16.12.89	Westover	(H)	Cup	2.00 p.m.
23.12.89	Paulsgrove	(H)	League	2 15 p.m.

30.12.89 Nutfield (A) League 2.15 p.m.

SECOND TEAM BOURNEMOUTH 2

2.12.89	Moordown Sports	(A)	Cup	2.00 p.m.
9.12.89	Parkview	(A)	League	2.15 p.m.
16.12.89	Post Office	(A)	League	2.15 p.m.
23.12.89	No Fixture			
30.12.89	Bmth Electric	(A)	League	2.15 p.m.

THIRD TEAM SUNDAY BMTH VIII

2.12.09	naven nouse Inn	(A)	League	10.30	a.m.	
10.12.89	Parkstone Removal	(A)	League	10.30	a.m.	
17.12.89	Sirocco Q.P.	(H)	League	10.30	a.m.	

17.12.89 Sirocco Q.P.

31.12.89 Lloyds Bowmaker (A) League 10.30 a.m.

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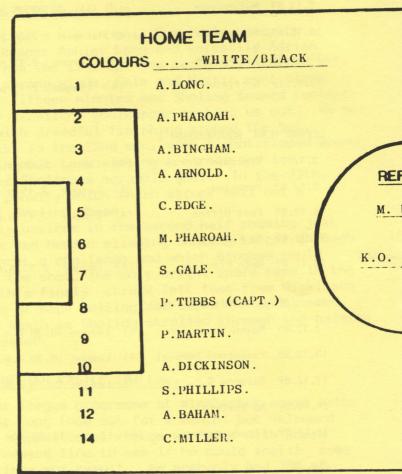
24.12.89 No fixture

3.12.89 Parkview (A) League 2.30 p.m.

Due to the withdrawal from the league of Highcliffe Hawks and the possible disbandment of Bisterne, the rest of the December month fixtures are being re-styled. Manager RICHARD ROUILEDGE phone 470264 should have further information on Wednesday night at training - 6 Dec. 1989.

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28.10.89 SHOLING SPORTS (H) Cup

We were confident of a win in this Cup replay despite having both Goalkeeper Ashley Long and versatile Adrian Arnold missing from the line up. We certainly started well kicking against strong winds. Gale and Martin went close within the first fifteen minutes and Sholing seemed content to rely on their excellent goalkeeper to keep us out. We were helping though with dreadful finishing around the box. Martin was unlucky in the 22nd min. with a shot tipped round the post. Sholing hit back winning a corner and lax defending allowed Sholing a scramble goal. In the 37th. minute we won a penalty which Ahern struck well but a flying save kept Sholing ahead.

We were literally useless in the second half showing just how lethargic we had become allowing Sholing to cut through our defence without a challenge and which Bingham could do nothing with the shot. The only bright spark came in the 76th. minute with a finely struck left foot from Dickinson giving a glimmer of hope pulling one back. We spluttered but never fired again as Sholing strolled through the balance

of the game untested.

4.11.89 WINCHESTER CASTLE (A) Lge.

We resumed our league programme at Winchester again without Goalkeeper Long (now out for a month) but welcomed back Arnold. A positional change was made with Ahern joining the forward line to see if he could instil some goal-getting into our result. We probably had 70% of the game but unfortunately the move of Ahern did nothing for us as we still fought shy of converting good chances into goals. We got caught in the 44th. minute when we stood off an attacker and a 35 yarder zipped past Bingham. Unbelievably we collapsed immediately the second half began as Winchester waltzed through a static midfield and defence slipping a simple goal past Bingham. Two minutes later we died as we allowed Winchester freedom of the pitch and ball, never challenging a run down the left which again resulted in a goal. Bingham had it all to do again four minutes later as once again we gifted Winchester freedom

to race through and Bingham throwing himself at the feet of the forward gave away a penalty which Winchester converted. Ahern was substituted by Barham and it was probably the new legs and different style that gave us the lift we needed as we picked ourselves up and absolutely murdered the opposition with good football. Constant pressure paid off as Martin Pharoah one of our better performers was brought down in the area and from which Phillips slammed us back into the game. Tremendous character showed itself as we carried the game to Winchester and in the 84th. minute a good run and cross from Tony Pharoah emulating his brothers example saw Gale smash a forceful header into the net. Shots from Dickinson and Barham

unluckily went wide as we surged into Winchester's area. We couldn't notch any more though and the whistle blew on a 4-2 defeat. The only consolation was the spirited fight back in the last 25 minutes which hopefully signals the end of a terrible bad patch.

11.11.89 HAMWORTHY (H) DORSET CUP

Our opponents, unbeaten to date in Bournemouth brought a strong squad and from their defensive pattern it was obvious a draw would satisfy them. Tubbs and Martin Pharoah were having a battle royal in the middle of the park but gradually using the inventiveness of Dickinson, they came out on top setting up a series of attacks. Gale missed a golden opportunity in the tenth minute which was emulated by Martin 2 mins. later. Our defence wasn't under too much pressure but early threats were capably handled by Long.

Gale provided the goal that set back Hanworthy's hopes when he tapped in a rebound from a Dickinson header. The second half saw a pressure build up from Hanworthy and with 10 minutes remaining a break on the left opened up our back four and a low shot levelled the score.

A wave of attacks threatened to engulf us at the end and only a timely line clearance by Phillips prevented departure from the Dorset Cup.

Paul Martin proved to be our trump card in this replay displaying his talent in the goalkeeping arena. With the absence of Ashley Long manager Rod Lock shuffled the pack using Dickinson as spearhead and bringing young Andy Barham straight in on the left of midfield.

Gale force, cold winds made it difficult to play good football but the lads were all fired up and with only 3 mins. 48 secs. on the clock Martin made a stunning save intelligently releasing an early ball to Barham, a quick chip and there was Dickinson slamming a 30 yarder into the net. On balance Hamworthy were playing the better football but the strength of our defence kept a clean sheet. Edge and Arnold were in superb form and it was a clearance from Edge in the 32nd minute that found Tubbs bursting through to fire a low shot into the bottom corner. Six minutes later and Gale smashed a flying header past a bewildered keeper following an inch perfect Barham cross.

Lady luck smiled in the 4th minute of the second half when Edge was harshly judged to have handled in the area. The penalty rose high and wide. Gale's constant pressure on Hamworthy's defence paid dividends when he won a 50-50 ball and there was slick Dickinson to drive home his second of the game and Verwood's fourth.

A consolation goal for Hamworthy came in the 40th minute following a high clearance from a pressurised defence.

24.11.89. COMPTON (A) LEAGUE

Our return to the league took us to Winchester and local side Compton hosted the venue.

It was an evenly matched ten minutes as both sides tested new opposition but then Compton cracked wide open as their back four fumbled and fidgeted letting in Martin Pharoah to slip the ball into the net. Compton's forwards were always a threat on the break but splendid work from Bingham and Tony Pharoah kept speedy wingers under wrap. In the 38th minute Dickinson won a corner and Gale rose superbly to head our second goal.

The second half opened in classic style with Compton defence in panic allowing Dickinson to half volley our third. Compton did try valiantly to get back into the game but Ashley Long had an untested day. The second half was comfortably controlled allowing Barham and Shutler a run out in place of Martin and Pharoah.

2.12.89. SWAY (A) LEAGUE

A bitter cold wind swept across Sway's pitch but at least it was dry. Arnold and Gale were away for this game and their spots were covered by the ever improving Barham and the evergreen Ginevra.

Another of our youngsters wore the 12 shirt, Chris Miller.

The first 15 mins. were frantic as Sway pumped the ball constantly at our defence but we kept their forwards outside the box reducing their efforts to minimum impact.

It took us 25 minutes to penetrate their defensive blockade and a diving header from Martin opened the scoring.

The game deteriorated into a niggling contest as Sway became frustrated.

In the 83rd minute a brilliant Martin Pharoah run and cross found Barham lurking on the far post to nod home the last nail in Sway's coffin.

Chris Miller had a run out in the 70th minute coming on for Phillips, settling in quickly for a good debut.

CLUB HISTORY

Verwood is steeped in history. A noteable spot for visitors is the Monmouth Ash Public House which is said to be built on the site where the Duke of Monmouth hid in a tree to avoid his pursuers. Can we believe the rumour that he was the first referee to officiate at a Verwood F C match?

The first written records date back to the late 1920's, and a copy of the notice to Dorset FA confirming ground directions and club colours indicate that we have a similar colour scheme now. Then, Verwood played in white smock, red gaiters and clogs. We now of course wear white gaiters.

Until 1986 the clubs home games were all played on the recreation ground except for a short period of time when a piece of spare ground near Coronation Road was used. This in fact was the best period in the clubs playing record as we were unbeaten in two years. The club secretary forgot to tell the opposition we had moved!

According to long established club members and ex-players travelling in and around Dorset by steam train - changing under and/or behind well layed hedge rows proved conductive to team spirit and offered a different slant to Country Life!

During the war years matches were organised against teams from the home guard . West Moors Army Barracks, Woodlands Searchlights, but the team they enjoyed playing most of all was aginst the Land Army.

De-mob saw explayers reunited and the club continued it's affiliation to Dorset re-establishing it's winning ways bringing minor and junior trophies to the village. This also bought back the local hostilities particularly the annual battle against Cranborne. Memories recall one

particular game when police were called in from Wimborne to control the crowd and restrain the reverend Williams from striking the referee with his walking stick. Fortunatly we don't get that sort of trouble anymore. We don't get a crowd!

Moving from Dorset FA to Bournemouth FA gave us a chance to broaden our horizons. The early 1960's saw some of the club officials involved with the village youth side, Rossgarth YFC. It's heartening to see that the link has not only been maintained but last years first teamsported 9 players who had "come through the ranks".

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