

SEASON 1966-67

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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION IV**

**STOCKPORT
COUNTY**

v

**LUTON
TOWN**

**EDGELEY PARK
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

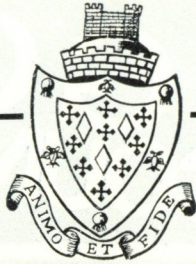


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COUNTY COLUMN

THE PAGE WHERE THE CLUB HAS ITS SAY

Our 5-point plan for the future



STOCKPORT COUNTY'S youth policy is under way. Tonight I want to tell you our plans for ensuring a steady flow of players for the future... and let me stress straight away that the accent is on local talent.

To prove this point we have signed, at the time of writing, three of this year's Stockport Boys squad—Jimmy Collier, Kevin Eyre and Brian Davies.

And when these notes are read, I hope to have signed them all.

Here I would like to pay tribute to Crewe Alexandra and tell a story that will surprise people who think that there is no sentiment in soccer.

EIGHT SCOUTS

I had signed Stockport Boys' skipper and centre-half, Paul Wilkinson, when I was at Gresty Road—but manager Ernie Tagg is letting him come to me now at Edgeley. Thanks, Ernie, we appreciate that gesture.

But back to the points of our youth policy...

1 WE have appointed eight scouts to cover the North of England with the accent purely on youngsters.

They will leave all professional scouting to manager Jimmy Meadows and myself, but they will have full power to sign youngsters without referring to us.

2 A SPORTS CENTRE is being planned at Oakwood Hall, Romiley, which we are to take over from one of our directors, Mr. George Hopwood.

In a five-year development, we hope to have changing, and possibly living accommodation there, a pitch, all-weather pitch, changing rooms, gymnasiums and tennis courts.

3 WE have entered the Lancashire League and F.A. Youth Cup for next season, and to break us in gently we will have friendly games with

BY
TREVOR PORTEOUS
Assistant Manager

other clubs' youth teams later this season.

4 WE have set our target at 8-9 apprentice professionals for next season. At present we have two, Ernie Douthwaite and Terry Allen.

5 TRIALS will be held in March, and already we have had applications from between 200 and 250 young hopefuls.

HARD WORK

A tremendous amount of work has gone into setting all this up, but we believe that it will ensure our future. But I would also like to stress that we are equally interested in the future of any boy we sign.

I can assure you no boy will be persuaded to leave school.

Indeed all boys will be encouraged to go on with studies, etc., and, with this in mind, we have had discussions with the Stockport College of Further Education and the youth employment officer.

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YOUNG TONY COULD FIND HIMSELF IN PENALTY HOT SEAT



WHO says football is getting dirtier? No-one at Edgeley, for when Kevin Randall scored Chesterfield's first goal from the spot last Saturday it was the first time this season that County had conceded a penalty. Indeed, Stockport first team have only been awarded two themselves—David Shawcross netted against Barnsley and Luton Town on September 5 and 17 respectively. With Shawcross and that other spot expert, Albert Quixall, now out of the side, the job could fall to the youngest member of the side, Tony Morrin, pictured above.

FIRST TEAM

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

HAYDOCK	25	QUIXALL	13
WOODS	25	SHAWCROSS	13
STUART	24	SYKES	13
ALLEN	19	FLEET	10
GOODWIN	18	JONES	10
LORD	18	MORRIN	9
ALLCHURCH	17	EAST	6
PRICE	17	PRENTIS	5
HENDERSON	16	HOLDEN	1
MULHEARN	15	LISTER	1

GOALS

League: Lord 10, Allen 5, Henderson 4, Shawcross 4, East 3, Sykes 3, Allchurch 2, Price 2, Morrin and two own goals. F.A. Cup: Morrin, Sykes and one own goal.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION IV

COUNTY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
County	25	16	5	4	36	18	37
Southport	25	13	6	6	37	22	32
Barrow	26	12	8	6	48	33	32
Tranmere R.	24	11	8	5	31	20	30
Southend U.	26	13	4	9	44	31	30
Wrexham	24	9	11	4	44	26	29
Crewe Alex.	24	11	7	6	35	31	29
Chesterfield	23	11	5	7	34	26	27
Aldershot	27	10	7	10	44	38	27
Hartlepool S.	26	11	5	10	37	37	27
Bradford C.	25	10	6	9	39	35	26
Newport Co.	24	9	7	8	33	33	25
Brentford	25	9	6	10	33	40	24
Exeter C.	25	6	11	8	31	33	23
Port Vale	23	7	9	7	21	24	23
Barnsley	26	7	8	11	33	37	22
Halifax T.	25	8	6	11	34	41	22
Notts Co.	24	7	7	10	33	42	21
Luton T.	26	8	5	13	32	46	21
Chester	24	7	7	10	29	46	21
York C.	25	6	5	14	34	45	17
Bradford	24	5	7	12	33	47	17
Rochdale	23	5	6	12	24	37	16
Lincoln C.	23	4	6	13	31	43	14

FIRST TEAM HOME GATES

Aug. 26 v. York C.	7,897	Nov. 14 v. Bradford	7,524
Sept. 5 v. Barnsley	9,068	18 v. Tranmere R.	11,981
9 v. Chesterfield	10,265	29 v. Darlington	12,399
30 v. Southport	13,848	Dec. 2 v. Wrexham	9,955
Oct. 7 v. Newport Co.	12,041	16 v. Barrow	9,854
21 v. Halifax T.	11,100	23 v. Chester	8,855
Nov. 4 v. Exeter C.	8,649		

RESERVE TEAM

APPEARANCES

PARRY	25	HENDERSON	6
PHILLIPSON	25	JONES	6
HOLDEN	22	McALINDEN	6
ABBOTT	19	SYKES	6
PIELOW	18	PAUL	5
REYNOLDS	18	ALLCHURCH	4
FLEET	13	HARVEY	4
ALDERSON	12	MORRIN	4
COOKE	12	PRENTIS	4
MULHEARN	10	QUIXALL	4
HENSTOCK	9	ALLEN	3
DOUTHWAITE	8	BRENNAN	3
SHAWCROSS	8	FULTON	3
GOODWIN	7	ARMSTRONG	2
PRICE	7	BEE	2

GOALS

Holden 7, Abbott 6, Morrin 6, Price 6, PieLOW 3, Quixall 2, Goodwin, Henstock, Phillipson and Shawcross.

CHESHIRE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Altrincham	26	21	2	3	76	27	44
Wigan A.	25	16	5	4	60	36	37
Northwich V.	24	14	8	2	64	34	36
Witton A.	21	13	4	4	46	27	30
Hyde U.	23	13	4	6	43	33	30
Macclesfield	20	12	4	4	42	22	28
Ellesmere P.T.	25	10	7	8	41	34	27
Frickley C.	25	11	5	9	47	48	27
Chester Res.	29	9	7	13	50	53	25
New Brighton	23	8	7	8	37	41	23
Bangor C.	20	9	4	7	43	38	22
Tranmere R. Res.	25	8	6	11	41	52	22
Wrexham Res.	25	10	1	14	48	62	21
Runcorn	22	8	4	10	38	39	20
Stalybridge C.	24	8	4	12	37	43	20
Rhyl	22	7	5	10	34	39	19
Oswestry T.	24	8	3	13	32	54	19
COUNTY Res.	25	6	6	13	34	43	18
Buxton	23	5	7	11	38	44	17
Stafford R.	24	5	6	13	25	41	16
Mossley	24	5	5	14	33	51	15
Winsford U.	23	1	4	18	16	64	6

MEET THE TEAM WE MEET

KEVAN IS BACK ON GOAL STANDARD

EIGHT years ago Luton Town were in the F.A. Cup Final. Seven years ago they were in the First Division. Tonight they come to Edgeley Park as sixth bottom of the Fourth Division.

County beat them 3-0 earlier this season—their best away win—but nevertheless Luton will command respect tonight.

For since Stockport last played them they have had a change of manager. Alan Brown, who was in Luton's Cup side—he was at Blackpool when they won the coveted trophy in 1953, but unluckily missed the Final after breaking his leg scoring against Arsenal in a previous round—took over last November after building up Cheshire Leaguers Wigan Athletic to a powerful force knocking on the League door.



DEREK KEVAN

(By courtesy of "Manchester Evening News and Chronicle").

WARNING

Brown believes in training with his players, and the effect of his return was immediate—the club's morale got a tremendous boost.

And be warned—Brown said that he only needed three positions strengthening, goal, centre-half and inside-forward... and he has done that.

Most interesting of his captures is Derek Kevan, the much-travelled former England striker—he saw service with West Brom., Chelsea, Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough—and in whom Stockport were interested a few months back.

DEREK HAS SETTLED WELL. WITH FOUR GOALS IN FIVE GAMES.

Two of them gave Luton a shock lead over promotion-chasing Third Division side Bristol Rovers, who were rather lucky to eventually win this Cup-tie 3-2.

Brown's first signing, however, was centre-half Max Dougan, for whom he paid Leicester £7,000 just before Christmas.

Dougan has made a great difference to their defence, which Brown hopes will have been improved further by Oldham Athletic goalkeeper Ron

Swan, whom he has just taken on a month's trial.

Three of Luton's players were in the England Youth team which won the Little World Cup at Wembley three years ago. They are three forwards, wingers Graham French, who came from Wellington, and Ray Whittaker, who had a spell with Arsenal, and ex-Nottingham Forest inside-forward David Pleat.

Pleat is a winger turned centre-forward, but the twin spearhead with Kevan is inside-left Bruce Rioch, a 19-year-old local discovery who has attracted big-club attention, particularly Leicester.

Full-backs are Bobby Thomson, signed from Liverpool three seasons ago, and skipper Fred Jardine, a local boy and former winger who at 25 is the longest-serving player on the staff.

Flanking Dougan are 20-year-old Gordon Reddick, another local, and strong-tackling Scot, John Moore, who came from Motherwell.

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PERSONALITY PAGE

THIS WEEK

Keith Allen



COUNTY are proud of their players' behaviour on the field. Only one first-team player has been booked and none sent off this season. This is no fluke, for managers and trainers make a point of stressing that they insist on perfect conduct.

But to one player, at least, this comes as second nature.

For inside-forward Keith Allen came under the guidance of the game's No. 1 gentleman, Jimmy Dickinson, when he started his career with Portsmouth.

Recalls Keith: "I was very raw when I joined Pompey, my only football having been on the Isle of Wight. But Jimmy took me straight in hand.

"He guided me all the time and his theme was: Remember, it's a team game. Never play for yourself."

And it wasn't just talk with Jim. Although he tackled hard in a tough position; wing-half and later centre-half, he was never once booked throughout his lengthy career.

NEVER ARGUED

Says Keith: "He never even argued. If a decision went against him, he just walked away and got on with the game."

Hardly surprising that Allen votes Jimmy the most consistent player he has ever seen, and adds that Portsmouth could have selected no better man to take over as their public relations officer when he retired from playing.

"And he soon made his mark here, too," adds Keith, "for he was one of the first people to try and make soccer a family game, allowing women in free if they were accompanied by their husbands or boy friends."

VITAL STATISTICS

Born Nettlestone, Isle of Wight, November 9, 1943. Joined Portsmouth straight from school and had two seasons in Reserves. Moved to Grimsby in part-exchange for Cliff Portwood—Grimsby also got £4,000—and after one season came to County with Dick Young in summer of 1965. Married, he has a daughter, Samantha, born in November.

**WHAT I
OWE TO
DICKINSON**

Allen has needed all the patience that Jimmy taught him this season, for, after having a cartilage operation, he has not found his return easy, despite one or two typical goals.

He is the first to admit that he hasn't quite discovered the touch that had some big clubs interested in him last season—but some deep thinking by manager Jimmy Meadows could well see him zooming back to his best.

OUTSTANDING

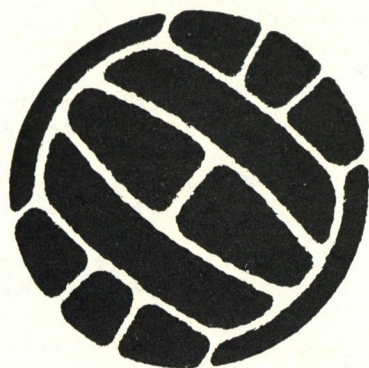
To many people, friendly games might just be a way of filling in gaps in the fixture list. But not County. They are vital chances of experimenting.

So when County went to Southport, Jimmy switched Keith from "up front" to a midfield role.

He revelled in the extra freedom and had an outstanding game.

So there's another Jimmy who has played an important part in the career of the six-foot Allen, who is also a useful cricketer.

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There's a lot of enjoyment to be had in watching a good game of football. And there's a lot to be gained from planning your future. So, when you leave the match this afternoon, open the programme again at this page and take a good look at the name at the bottom. Because F is for Fairey, too. And there your own personal future may very well be. That is if you're interested in learning modern engineering techniques, or are already acquainted with them. We have quite a few good vacancies open right now. One of them might be just the thing for you. Think of the satisfaction you'll get watching football next Saturday and knowing that your future is assured.

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BEGINS

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But the tickets are still only 1s.—so look out for sellers on duty in and around the ground. The same goes for all our home senior games.

Odds on winning in this County Club competition are only 1,800 to 1, for we have only the minutes and 20 players. Other organisations include the seconds, too, which, of course, greatly increases the odds.

Winning times are announced over the loudspeakers and winners' names printed in County programmes.

DATING COUNTY

FOOTBALL LEAGUE				CHESHIRE LEAGUE			
Date	Opponents	Gnd.	Score	Date	Opponents	Gnd.	Score
		F—A				F—A	
Aug. 20	Barrow	(A.)	1—1	Aug. 20	Wigan Athletic	(H.)	2—3
24	Crewe (F.L. C.)	(A.)	0—1	23	New Brighton	(A.)	0—3
26	York City	(H.)	3—1	27	Tranmere Rov.	(A.)	0—2
Sept. 2	Lincoln City	(A.)	1—0	29	Buxton	(H.)	0—0
5	Barnsley	(H.)	2—1	Sept. 3	Stafford Rangers	(H.)	2—0
9	Chesterfield	(H.)	3—1	7	Buxton	(A.)	1—1
17	Luton Town	(A.)	3—0	10	Bangor City	(A.)	1—1
24	Rochdale	(A.)	0—1	12	New Brighton	(H.)	0—0
27	Barnsley	(A.)	2—1	17	Chester (L.C.C.)	(A.)	1—3
30	Southport	(H.)	1—0	19	Altrincham	(A.)	0—2
Oct. 7	Newport County	(H.)	0—0	24	Mossley	(H.)	0—1
15	Brentford	(A.)	1—2	Oct. 1	Chester	(A.)	0—3
18	Bradford	(A.)	1—0	8	Northwich Vic.	(A.)	0—1
21	Halifax Town	(H.)	2—1	22	Wrexham	(A.)	4—5
29	Hartlepoons Utd.	(A.)	0—1	29	Frickley Coll'y	(H.)	5—1
Nov. 4	Exeter City	(H.)	1—0	31	Wigan Athletic	(A.)	1—5
12	Bradford City	(A.)	1—0	Nov. 5	Hyde United	(A.)	3—4
14	Bradford	(H.)	4—0	12	Tranmere Rov.	(H.)	2—2
18	Tranmere Rov.	(H.)	1—0	19	Witton Albion	(A.)	0—4
26	(1) Darlington	(A.)	0—0	26	Chester	(H.)	0—2
29	(rep.) Darl'gton	(H.)	1—1	Dec. 3	Oswestry Town	(A.)	4—0
Dec. 2	Wrexham	(H.)	1—0	10	Wrexham	(H.)	2—0
5	(rep.) Darl'gton	(N.)	2—4	17	Ellesmere P.T.	(A.)	1—1
10	Aldershot	(A.)	1—1	26	Runcorn	(H.)	Pp.
16	Barrow	(H.)	2—1	27	Runcorn	(A.)	2—0
23	Chester	(H.)	1—1	31	Stalybridge Cel.	(H.)	4—1
26	Chester	(A.)	1—1	Jan. 7	Macclesfield	(A.)	Pp.
31	York City	(A.)	2—1	14	Witton Albion	(H.)	0—1
Jan. 7	Southport (F.)	(A.)	1—0	21	Rhyl	(A.)	
14	Chesterfield	(A.)	1—2	28	(C.S.C.) Hyde U.	(H.)	
20	Luton Town	(H.)		Feb. 4			
27	Doncaster (F.)	(A.)		11	Northwich Vic.	(H.)	
Feb. 3	Rochdale	(H.)		18	Ches. Senior Cup		
11	Southport	(A.)		25	Youth International		
17	Port Vale	(H.)		Mar. 4	Mossley	(A.)	
25	Newport County	(A.)		6	Hyde United	(H.)	
Mar. 3	Brentford	(H.)		11	Oswestry Town	(H.)	
11	Port Vale	(A.)		18	Stafford Rangers	(A.)	
18	Halifax Town	(A.)		24	Winsford United	(H.)	
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27	Crewe Alex.	(H.)		Apr. 1	Ellesmere P.T.	(H.)	
Apr. 1	Exeter City	(A.)		8	Stalybridge Cel.	(A.)	
7	Bradford City	(H.)		15	Altrincham	(H.)	
10	Notts County	(H.)		22			
14	Tranmere Rov.	(A.)		29	Macclesfield	(H.)	
21	Hartlepoons Utd.	(H.)		May 6			
26	Notts County	(A.)		13	Bangor City	(H.)	
29	Wrexham	(A.)					
May 5	Aldershot	(H.)					
13	Southend United	(A.)					
26	Lincoln City	(H.)					

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