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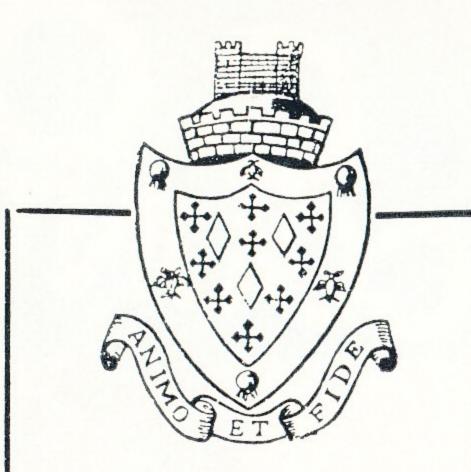
Edgeley Park Friday, 29th November

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.



ALEX YOUNG (See Page Three)

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(F.A. Cup Round Two)
Saturday, December 7th
Kick-off 3 p.m.

GILLINGHAM

(Football League)
Friday, December 13th
Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Next Away Game is

ORIENT

Saturday, December 21st Kick-off 3 p.m.

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COUNTY COLUMN

THE PAGE WHERE THE CLUB HAS ITS SAY

THE "GHOST" WILL HAUNT DEFENCES



SO great is the magical attraction of Alex Young that even blase, case-hardened characters like myself are excited at the prospect of seeing him playing in County's colours in the Third Division.

Without wishing to be poetic I like the description I read the other day— he will be on orchid in a rockery.

You see this man Alex Young is a legend in his own time, one of the finest players ever to grace a football field. One prominent first division manager said of Young that he was two seconds faster both in action and in thought than any other first division player.

Even now, Young is reputed to be one of the top three entertainers and purists in football, ranking for football skills, alongside George Best and Charlie Cooke.

I think that this is shown by the keen chase to sign the player—a chase which we, fortunately, won to make the costliest signing in the club's history.

We went after Alex Young because of his extraordinary talents which we know will be a great boon to Stockport. In moving from the first Division he by-passed the second. But we hope that will be remedied next season.

INVESTMENT

Like all people in football we are not going into imaginative fancies about Alex Young. We were realistic when we signed him, because we knew it would be a worthy, solid investment, and that he would bring out the best in the players around him.

His colleagues at Everton, I know, still feel that Alex Young could get into the Everton team, so great is his talent.

BY.

TREVOR PORTEOUS (assistant manager)

I know that for many of you it will be the first time that you are seeing this player, although you may have watched him on television for Everton, particularly in that fine Cup Final of 1966 when he helped Everton to pull back from two goals down to beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-2.

He was not known as the "Golden Vision" or "The Golden Ghost" at Goodison Park for nothing—he earned these names because he was as elusive as a wraith when he was drifting through those first division defences.

PROMOTION

We are hoping that here at Edgeley Park he will be doing the same thing to the Third Division defences—we hope the "Golden Ghost" will haunt those defences constantly to give us promotion.

He has already been given a warm welcome to Stockport, and the wave of publicity that preceded and followed his signing for us has been phenomenal.

But tonight, I'd like you to reserve your own special welcome for this player who himself chose to come to County, spurning other attractive offers, because he felt it was a friendly club with the right kind of atmosphere.

Let's all say to Alex Young—WELCOME TO EDGELEY PARK.

NEWS

MORE capsuled comments from the Press-this time about that hard-won point at Tranmere, fellow promotion-chasers, which puts County right on the heels of the leaders, just one point behind.

Centre forward Jim Mulholland sliced another sizeable chunk off his £7,000 transfer fee by keeping County up among the Third Division promotion hopefuls. County survived several frightening scrambles and with their trump card Alex Young held in reserve for a week, will be happy at the result—DAILY EXPRESS.

- Ounty's well-drilled defence was not caught napping again after Tranmere's 31-second goal, and when Mulholland headed his first goal for the club County made sure the shutters went up. County, neat and organised always looked one step ahead—SUN.
- Stockport spent most of the second half defending. But they showed their character under pressure as they had when they attacked to get the equalising goal, of real promotion prospects-DAILY MAIL.
- Throughout the defence showed it has the capacity to absorb tremendous pressure and still have enough in reserve to release potentially dangerous attacks. Freddie Goodwin, sweeping up tidily, Billy Haydock and Alan Ogley toiled tirelessly to keep out the lively Tranmere attack—MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS.
- Stockport's excellent defence served them well again when they gained a hard-earned draw from fellow promotion-contenders Tranmere. In the second half, with the scores level, they withstood constant Tranmere pressure-DAILY TELEGRAPH.
- Stockport won a "derby" race for a place among the Third Division leaders, making up a handicap start to do so-DAILY MIRROR.
- Stockport needed to win to take them to the top of the table, but must have been satisfied with a 1-1draw. Stockport were not out of matters in a most entertaining game after losing an early goal and it was no surprise when they equalised after half an hour with Mulholland heading in-THE GUARDIAN.

Reserve and "A" team news

By KEITH COATES

Cup

Stockport Co. 0 Wigan Ath. 1

A bad decision by the referee in awarding a penalty to Wigan after a great save by Lloyd, plus weak finishing, robbed up of a point. We could have got two points, for our approach play was the best we have used all season. Credit must go to the lads for the way they accepted and took the physical challenge of the Wigan side.

Wrexham 4 Stockport Co. 0 (Northern Floodlit League)

A goal and a player down in the first five minutes gave us problems right away. Cooke, chasing his intended back-pass and trying desperately to stop it entering the goal, crashed into the stantion and had to go off with a gashed leg, not getting any sort of rhythm during the match Wrexham were worthy winners.

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GAMES AND GOALS

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SOCCER CAN FIND THE ANSWER IN RUGBY

MATT D'ARCY

(Manchester Evening News and Chronicle)

PULES are made to be broken, so they say—and we certainly see more than our fair share of rule-breaking in football, most of which goes unchecked.

I'm talking about the "small" offences, the ones that don't really seem to matter but which in fact

can swing a game.

The most irritating crime of them all is the persistent disregard of the ten-pace rule for freekicks. It was with some joy that I saw a referee on television mark the spot where the offence took place, count out ten paces with the ball under his arm, and sit on the ball until the "line" of defenders moved, ever so reluctantly level with him.

But is this the kind of pantomime we have to go through to enforce a rule that is as emphatic as the penalty-kick rule which stipulates no-one must be in the area except the goalkeeper and the penalty-taker as the kick is

taken?

No-one infringes this rule because there is no future in it. If a defender steps in and the goalkeeper saves, the kick is retaken. If an attacker steps in, and the ball goes in the net, again the kick is re-taken.

ANSWER

Rugby League has what I consider to be the answer to this irritating trend. If the offending side do not move, very promptly ten paces away from the ball, the referee has the power to move the ball forwards ten yards until they do.



TONY MORRINa versatile substitute at County.

Smmmmmmm

Imagine this happening in football—it could reach the point where an offence 40 or 50 yards out would end with a kick six yards from goal.

And if direct free kicks were to be awarded once the advancing free kick reached the penalty area, I doubt if we would ever see such an untidy infringement

again.

Another topical point arises after a referee awarded a penalty against Everton full-back Tommy Wright in the game against Leeds on Saturday after the player had handled the ball. It seemed to be an accident but as the ball had been brought completely under control the referee had to award the penalty.

ADVANTAGE

BUT AT THE TIME THERE WAS NO DANGER TO THE EVERTON GOAL AND LEEDS WON AN ADVANTAGE THAT WON THEM THE GAME.

I go along with the theory that unless the offence halts what appears to be a certain goal, a second "penalty" spot should be brought into the game—on the 18 yard line—which gives the goalkeeper a slightly more favourable chance of getting to the ball.

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WHO? WHERE? WHEN? CAN YOU ANSWER THEM?

QUIZ TIME—AND WITH THE CLUB EXPECTING ITS HIGHEST GATE OF THE SEASON BECAUSE OF THE DEBUT OF YOU-KNOW-WHO, THE QUIZ IS ANGLED LARGELY ON ATTENDANCES.

ONE: Which club holds the League record for average attendances over a full season

TWO: What is the largest crowd—approximately for a Football League match, and on which ground was this record established?

THREE: What is the smallest crowd ever to watch a League match in England—and where?

FOUR: What is the largest crowd ever to watch a football match in England, outside London?

FIVE: Do you know the British record for an international match and on which ground was it, between which countries?

SIX: What is the largest crowd ever to watch a soccer match, where and when?

SEVEN: What is the largest attendance at an F.A. Cup Final. Do you know both the official figures, and the unofficial estimate?

EIGHT: What is the smallest attendance at an F.A. Cup tie—and why was it so small?

NINE: What is the record attendance for a friendly match between Football League clubs—and which two clubs were involved?

TEN: The two Glasgow clubs, Rangers and Celtic set up a League attendance record for Britain. When and where, and what was that attendance?

ANSWERS

ONE: Manchester United set up a new League attendance record last season with an average of 57,549 which helped to give United a record £250,000 profit.

TWO: Manchester United v. Arsenal at Maine Road on January 1st, 1948 were watched by 82,950 spectators.

THREE: The smallest attendance for the Football League is 13 spectators who paid to watch Stockport play Leicester City in a Division Two match on May 7th, 1921 at Old Trafford when Edgeley Park was under suspension.

FOUR: The record for a game in England, outside London, is 84,569 at Maine Road, Manchester in 1934 when City beat Stoke 1-0 in the 6th round of the F.A. Cup.

FIVE: Scotland against England at Hampden Park in 1937 was watched by 149,547 people.

SIX: On July 1st, 1950 156,000 people paid £86,500 to see Brazil v. Uruguay in the World Cup Final in Rio de Janeiro.

SEVEN: When Bolton beat West Ham 2-0 at Wembley in 1923, 126,047 people paid to watch the match, but tens of thousands more broke into the ground. Unofficial estimates put the crowd at around 200,000.

EIGHT: The smallest attendance at an F.A. Cup tie was the couple of hundred people who were allowed to watch free the game between Norwich and Bradford City in a second replay at Lincoln City. Officially the game was played behind closed doors so as not to interfere with production at a nearby armaments factory.

NINE: When Newcastle played Liverpool in a friendly in 1948, 44,840 people paid to watch.

TEN: On January 2nd, 1939, 118,567 people watched Rangers play Celtic at Ibrox Park.

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Main Stand 9/-Wing Stands 8/-Cheadle Stand 8/6

IN THE EVENT OF A REPLAY this will take place at Barrow on Monday, December 9th at 7-30 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available and will be on sale immediately following the match at Edgeley Park.

MEET THE TEAM WE MEET money

LUTON ARE JET-PROPELLED PROMOTION CANDIDATES

TUTON continued their jet-propelled promotion surge when they climbed out of Division Four and, in fact, were leaders of this Division for several weeks before dropping away slightly.

But they are still there, only one point behind County and will be particularly anxious to pick up at least a point tonight. We are as anxious to make sure they don't. The GRAHAM FRENCH is the tricky little outside right while BRIAN LEWIS, aged 20, is emerging as a great prospect at inside forward after being signed from Coventry at the start of the players are:

SANDY DAVIE, goalkeeper, signed a month ago from Dundee United for a £5,000 fee. Big, powerful player, turning out to be an excellent buy.

MAX DOUGAN and BILLY McDERMENT, the full-backs are both former Leicester City reserves and McDerment has been playing for five or six games because of an ankle injury to Fred Jardine, the regular left-back.

ALAN SLOUGH, a local youngster, aged 20 is right half, and centre half and skipper is former Northampton player TERRY BRANSTON, who joined the team at the beginning of the promotion season.

KEITH BANNISTER, left-half, was bought from Crystal Palace about a month ago for £20,000 and is just beginning to settle down in the side.

season.

LAURIE SHEFFIELD, formerly with Oldham, and KEITH ALLEN, the former Stockport player are currently disputing the centre forward spot, but Sheffield is favourite as the club's leading scorer this season with 12

BRUCE RIOCH is inside left, one of the country's most fancied young players and Luton rate him at £80,000 although this season he has not been on form, and has only scored three goals so far.

REG WHITTAKER, ex-Arsenal, who was almost transferred to Orient a couple of weeks ago and former Plymouth winger MIKE HARRISON are both in line for the left-wing spot.

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ALCOHOLOGICA STREET	Date	Opponents	Gnd. Score	Date	Opponents	Gnd. Score	
	Aug.	10—Reading 13—Bury (F.L. C.) 17—Swindon 19—(F.L. C.) replay	(A) 1-1 (A) 0-1		10—Man. C. 'B' SC 17—Oldham 'A' SC 27—Man. U. 'B' SC 6—Bolton 'B' SC	(H) 0-3 (H) 5-0	
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		6—Crewe	(H) 2-1 (A) 0-1 (H) 4-3	Nov.	26—Bolton 'B' 2—Tranmere 'B' 9—Man. C. 'B'	(H) 3–3 (A) P. (H) 1–1	
	Oct.	20—Plymouth	(A) 0-0 (H) 4-1	Dec.	16—Bury (S.C.) 23—Blackburn 'B' 30—Everton 'B' 7—Preston 'B'	(H)	
		12—Gillingham 18—Orient	(A) 0-0		14—Man. U. 'B' 28—Bury	(A)	
	Nov.	25—Southport 1—Brighton 4—Rotherham	(H) 3-1	Jan.	4—Bury (S.C.) 11—Oldham 'A' 18—Man. C. 'B'	(H)	
		9—Torquay 16—Bradford F.A.	(A) 1-0	Feb.	25—Man. U. 'B' 1—Liverpool 'B' . 8—Blackburn 'B' .	(H) (H)	
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