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FROM DON'S DESK



Eastville's new faces

You will have gathered from the recent arrivals at the club that I have made the decision to bring new faces to Eastville.

The aim is to introduce fresh competition for places so that everyone has to go flat out for a position in the first team.

The decision had to be made quickly and did not give me a great deal of opportunity to do much homework on the players themselves but I feel confident they will prove good assets.

In the case of Tony Taylor, he has the experience of 200 games in the First Division behind him - a good pedigree - while still being young enough to have a few more seasons left as a first team player.

ATTITUDE

He has impressed everyone in training with his attitude and ability and was a great help to our youngsters when he made his debut for the club in the Combination match at Fulham.

Paul Hendrie is a player I had seen in Birmingham City's reserve side before he went to America. And he played against us in the States for Portland during our tour.

I am confident he is capable of quickly settling into the Eastville scene.

Both are the enthusiastic type of player and if they can produce what I know they are capable of, I am sure they will both prove very popular with you, the fans.

In the case of young Jimmy Brown, formerly with Hibs, he has shown the potential to develop into a good first team player and has earned the chance to prove himself by working hard during his six weeks on trial with us.

RESPONSE

All new signings inject fresh life into a club, giving the manager different permutations and bringing a response from the players already on the staff.

Now we have to get to know the newcomers and how best they can blend in. Only time can tell how successful they are as signings.

As with Paul Randall, they come into the bargain category. I don't consider them gambles. The changes taking place are a calculated risk because I felt new faces were needed and I feel I have recruited players who can quickly establish themselves in the senior pool.

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It was a great pleasure to meet
former Rovers player **JIM PATERSON**
at the last home game and particularly
warming to see with him his old team-
mate **JESSE WHATLEY**.

It was Jim's first visit to the ground since
he left in 1930 to emigrate to Canada and
although he was disappointed not to see
Rovers win, he enjoyed his day immensely.

Now 72, he is living in retirement in
British Columbia and was back in this
country visiting relatives.

An inside-left, he was brought down
from Scotland by **DAVE McLEAN** when he
was appointed Rovers' manager in 1927.
He went on playing until he was 50 in
Canada.

Goalkeeper Jesse is 10 years his senior.
"He's marvellous and hasn't changed a bit"
said Jim.

I'm sure Jim would be thrilled to hear
from any of the older supporters who
remember seeing him play. His address is
210-1030 Pendergast Street, Victoria BC,
Canada.

New signing **PAUL HENDRIE** has been
staying at the home of his Portland Timbers
teammate **GRAHAM DAY** while looking for
accommodation in Bristol.

The two players became firm pals in the
States and Graham has a high regard for the
23-year-old Scot's ability. "It was after we
lost him through injury half-way through
the season that Portland started to struggle"
said the bearded defender.

"He is very quick and give a specific job
to do and you can be confident he'll do it.
When we played New York Cosmos, he took
Beckenbauer out of the game", Graham
added.

TONY TAYLOR, another of Rovers'
new signings, has no housing problems for
the time being.

Although he joined Rovers from Athlone
Town after a spell as player-manager of the
Southern Irish club, he had not sold the
house he bought while playing last season
for Swindon Town.

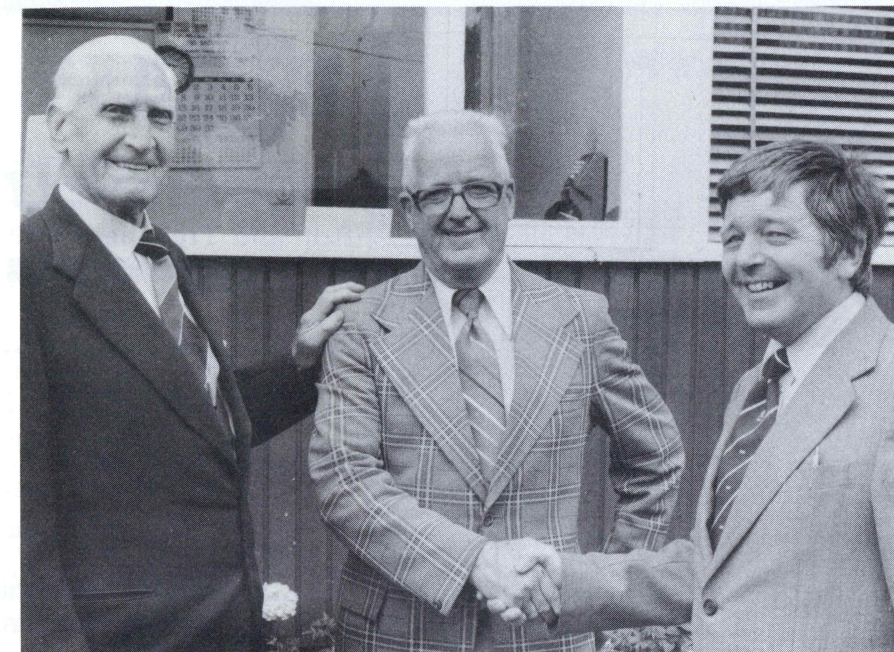
With the motorway, it is in easy com-
muting distance. But if he signs a longer
contract when his present month is up, the
former Crystal Palace star is likely to look
for a house in Bristol.

JIMMY BROWN, who has just earned
himself a full contract after six weeks on

trial at Eastville, came to Rovers as a result
of a round of golf.

The young Scotsman's brother, **TOM
BROWN**, is the professional at Stinchcombe
Golf Club. **ERNIE BRAY**, a member at
Knowle and a friend of Rovers' directors,
was playing up at the north Gloucestershire
course and heard that Jimmy, who had been
released by Hibs, was anxious to come to
live in the West Country.

Ernie tipped off Rovers, coach **BOBBY
CAMPBELL** followed it up and now Jimmy
has achieved his ambition - and Rovers have
a player **DON MEGSON** rates as a really
bright prospect.



Rovers secretary Peter Terry welcomes ex-Rover Jim Paterson back to Eastville, watched by Jesse Whatley.

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Luton come here today after two quite remarkable victories which have sent their confidence soaring and made every other club in the country sit up and take notice.

Outstanding performance number one was a 3-1 victory over First Division Wolves and Molineux in the League Cup.

They followed that with a sensational 7-1 drubbing of Charlton at Kenilworth Road four days later.

Leading the way in both game was 29 year old **JIMMY HUSBAND** who scored five goals in the two matches - four against Charlton.

Husband joined Luton in November 1973 from Everton for a £70,000 fee and now links up in a front line with **PHIL BOERSMA** and **RON FUTCHER**.

Boersma, who missed the Charlton game with a hamstring injury, was signed during the summer from Middlesbrough for £35,000. He previously played for Liverpool.

Ron Futchter has recently returned from playing in America and has replaced former Manchester United man **JOHN ASTON**.

Futchter's brother **PAUL**, an England under 21 international, is at the heart of the Luton defence. The brothers joined the club in June 1974 from Chester with Paul costing £100,000.

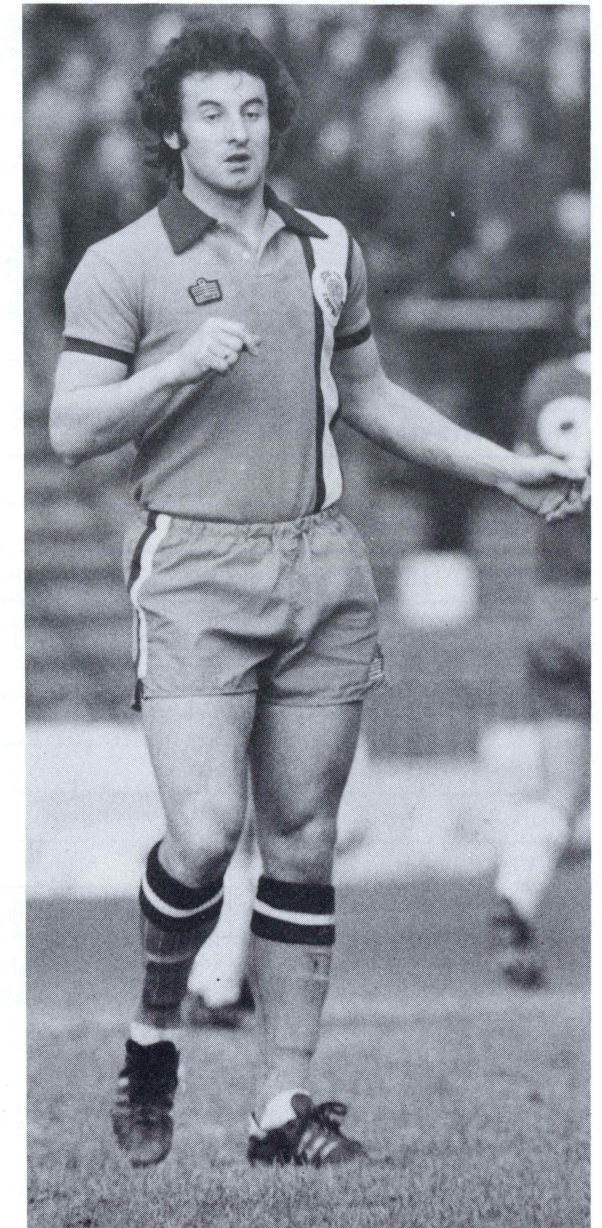
Also in the back four are **JOHN FAULKNER** who joined the club in 1972 from Leeds United, **STEVE BUCKLEY**, a £5,000 signing from Burton Albion, and **PAUL PRICE**, who made his debut in April 1973.

In midfield, Luton have **ALAN WEST** the former England under 23 international signed from Burnley in October 1973 for £80,000.

RICKY HILL is a former apprentice who made his League debut against Rovers at Kenilworth Road in April last year when he came on as substitute and scored in a 3-1 Luton win.

PASQUALE 'LIL' FUCCILLO is another ex-apprentice who made his League debut back in 1974 when Luton were in Division One.

Luton's first team squad goalkeepers are **MILIJIA** (pronounce it Melia) **ALEKSIC**, signed from Plymouth Argyle in January for £20,000 and **KEITH BARBER** who first played for the club's League side in April 1971.



Four-Goal JIMMY HUSBAND.

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KENNY STEPHENS ON THE BALL AGAINST FULHAM.

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FULHAM GOAL-KEEPER GERRY PEYTON HAS A SHOCKED LOOK ABOUT HIM. LEFT IS PAUL RANDALL.

Rovers



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Team Changes

- 1 MARTIN THOMAS
- 2 PHIL BATER
- 3 TONY TAYLOR
- 4 PETER AITKEN
- 5 STUART TAYLOR
- 6 FRANKIE PRINCE
- 7 KENNY STEPHENS
- 8 DAVID WILLIAMS
- 9 PAUL RANDALL
- 10 DAVID STANIFORTH
- 11 ANDREW EVANS
- 12

Referee

DEREK NIPPARD (Christchurch). He has been on the league list for ten years and last year officiated in the Northern Ireland v Wales international.

A married man he works for Southern Gas and enjoys cricket and 'do it yourself'.

Linesmen:

D. Woodward (Malvern) red flag.
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Half Times

A Blackburn Blackpool	I Mansfield Millwall
B Bolton Oldham	J Stoke Sheff. United
C Brighton Hull	K Aston Villa Arsenal
D Charlton Orient	L Chelsea Derby
E C. Palace Sunderland	N Leeds Ipswich
F Notts Co. Cardiff	P Liverpool Coventry
G Southampton Burnley	R Man City Man Utd.
H Tottenham Fulham	S Norwich Bristol City

Luton Town



ORANGE/NAVY

Team Changes

- 1 MILIJIA ALEKSIC
- 2 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 3 PAUL PRICE
- 4 LIL FUCCILLO
- 5 PAUL FUTCHER
- 6 JOHN FAULKNER
- 7 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 8 RICKY HILL
- 9 RON FUTCHER
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 PHIL BOERSMA
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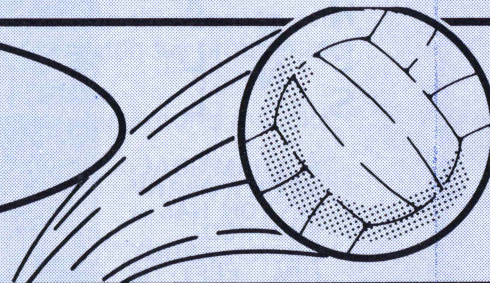
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Division Two
Saturday September 24th (3 pm.)

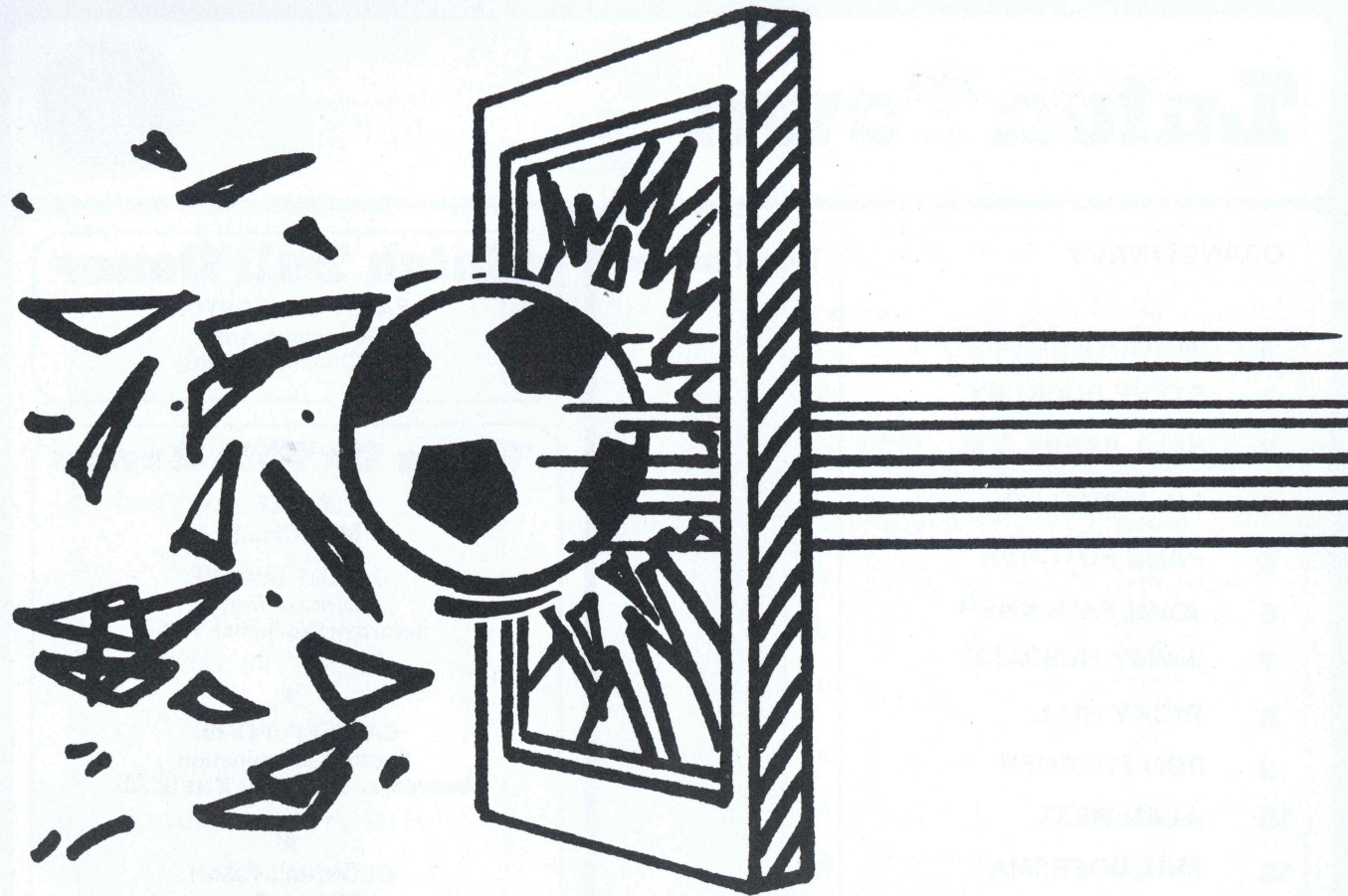
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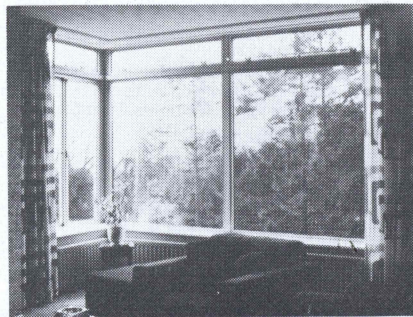
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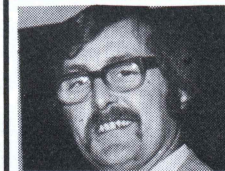
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And that's yours truly in the middle of the picture watching David receive his well-earned reward.

It was a close contest though and he won it by only five votes. Be sure you play your part by filling in the coupon in today's Matchday Magazine, naming your man of the Match.

Remember that at the end of the season, the player receiving the most votes throughout the League and Cup programme will receive £50 and a silver tankard. How's this for a real supporter? Rovers fan Mike Weedon hitchhiked all the way from Colchester, where he now lives, to be at Eastville for our last game against Fulham.

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Supporters' News

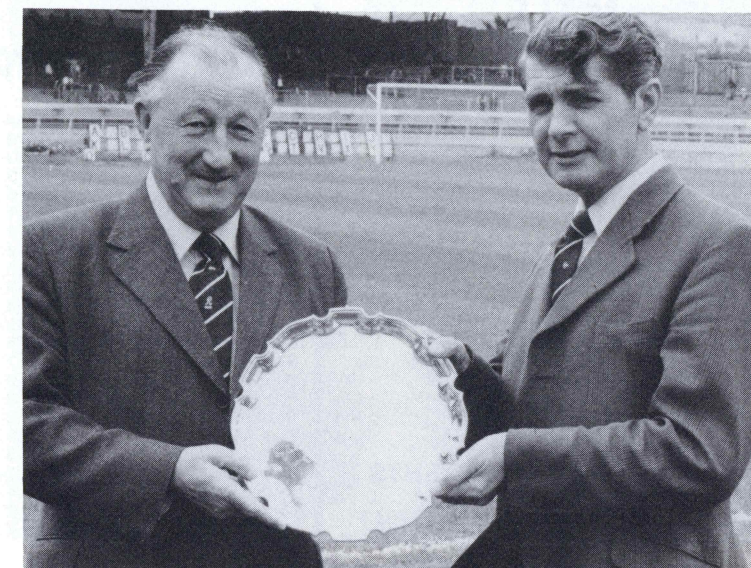
The retirement of George Purnell from the Supporters Club committee after nearly 25 years' service is a sad loss but I am happy to hear that he still intends to carry on supporting the team.

George has done a great deal of work behind the scenes in a quiet, unassuming way and his resignation is the big blow.

In recent years, he has taken responsibility for the travel arrangements to away matches and he was the person who organised the special trains we used to run.

He has been a tremendously loyal committee man and we are all very grateful to him for his efforts.

ERIC GODFREY



Supporters Club chairman Eric Godfrey presents an inscribed silver salver to George Purnell.

FACTS & FIGURES

FOLLOW THE RESERVES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result			
Aug.	27 Fulham	A	0-0		21 Crystal Palace	H
Sept.	7 Birmingham	H		Jan.	29 Tottenham	H
	12 West Ham	A			4 Cardiff	A
	21 Cardiff	H			10 Fulham	H
	24 Luton	A			21 Birmingham	A
Oct.	4 Leicester	A			24 Crystal Palace	A
	8 Swindon	A		Feb.	31 Reading	H
	19 Chelsea	H			8 Reading	A
	26 Bristol City	H			11 Ipswich	A
	31 Tottenham	A			14 Luton	H
Nov.	2 West Ham	H		Mar.	25 Orient	A
	5 Hereford	A			28 Hereford	H
	8 Plymouth	H			7 Swindon	H
	23 Oxford	H			14 Bristol City	A
	28 Chelsea	A		Apr.	22 Norwich	H
Dec.	3 Southampton	A			8 Oxford	A
	6 QPR	A			11 Plymouth	A
	10 Arsenal	H			12 Orient	H
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Aug 6—Bristol City (A.S. Cup) . . . A
9—Birmingham City (A.S. Cup) H
13—Walsall (1)H
16—Walsall (1)A
20—Cardiff CityA
23—Notts CountyH
27—FulhamH
Sept. 3—BlackpoolA
10—Luton TownH
17—OrientA
24—Oldham AthleticH
30—Charlton AthleticA
Oct. 4—Mansfield TownH
8—BurnleyA
15—Blackburn RoversH
22—Tottenham HotspurA
29—SouthamptonH
Nov. 5—MillwallH
12—SunderlandA
19—Bolton WanderersH
26—Sheffield United (1)A
Dec. 3—Hull CityH
10—Stoke CityA
17—Sunderland (2)H
26—Brighton & Hove Albion . . . A
27—Crystal PalaceH
31—Notts CountyA
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Jan 2—Cardiff CityH
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21—BlackpoolH
28—F.A. Cup 4
Feb. 4—Luton TownA
11—OrientH
18—Oldham Athletic (5) A
25—Charlton AthleticH
Mar 4—BurnleyH
11—Blackburn Rovers (6) A
18—Tottenham H. (LCF) H
25—Crystal PalaceA
27—SouthamptonA
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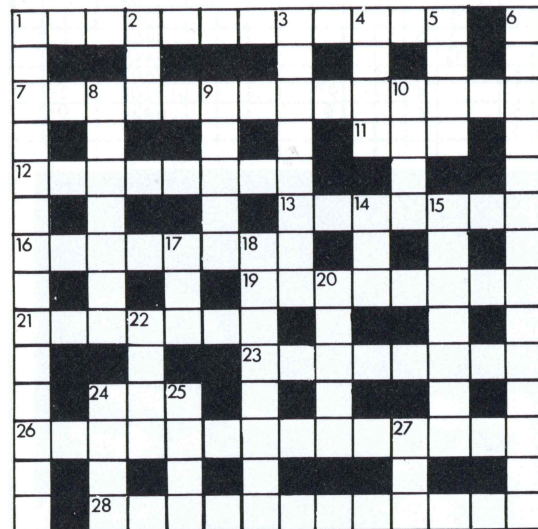
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Crossword No.5 Compiled by G.R. Melville.



Clues: Across

- Rovers' photo-grapher (4, 8)
- Mancunian music-maker (5, 9)
- Chester's river (3)
- Place (8)
- Instance (7)
- Jewels (8)
- Cut off (8)
- Examiners of old shillings (7)
- Little detective takes revive and refers to building (8)
- German City (3)

- Asinine song made famous by Jack Jones's father (6, 8)
- The boys from Blackpool (3, 9)

Clues: Down

- Greek hero's vulnerable spot (8, 6)
- Nothing (3)
- Disease (8)
- Chopped (4)
- Tardy (4)
- Novelist (7, 7)
- Fungoid growths (7)
- Large windowed polygonal recess (5)
- Appear (4)
- Afflict (3)
- Flower (7)
- Top card (3)
- Aversion (8)
- Deranged crone never does it twice (5)
- Discourse (4)
- Monad (4)
- Just a lake (4)
- Slumberland (3)

Solution to crossword number 4.

Across: 1, Graham Day; 7, Rider; 9, Ides; 11, Emetic; 13, Skein; 15, Spiced; 16, Impi; 17, Sop; 20, Belle Vue; 21, Port Vale; 22, Eva; 24, True; 25, Return; 26, Emery; 28, Dacoit; 30, Elba; 32, Pylon; 33, In the dark.
Down: 1, Griffin Park; 2, Axe; 3, Maoris; 4, Ares; 5, Fit; 6, Tec; 8, Discovery; 10, Saki; 12, Edgeley Park; 13, Spiritual; 14, Noble; 18, Peeve; 19, Everton; 23, Ambush; 24, Tree; 27, Stun; 28, Dye; 29, Cog; 31, Lea.

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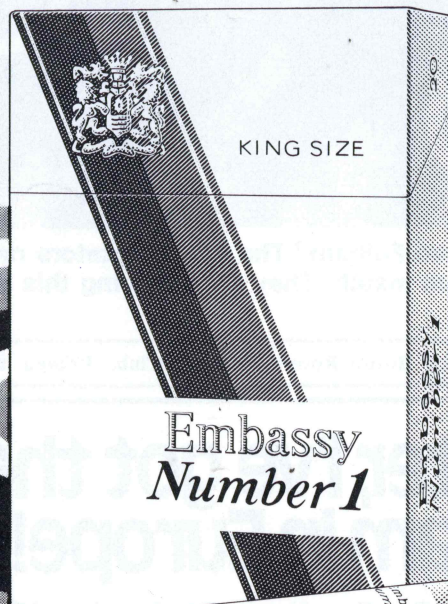


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