

Reports and gossip from Town

reliance on defence

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ARMY: Watson: Shirriff, Davis, De Zeuz, Edens, Bullock, Referee, Archdeacon, Liddle (Rammell 60 mins). Payton, Unrest, ass Hurst and goalkeeper Butler.

THE GOAL: Neil Referee block-buster hit just inside the penalty, by Andy Rammell in the 58th minute.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town four, five wide and shot by Dwight Marshall clipped the outside of a post; Barmsey five saved and wide. Corners: 5-4 to the home side.

REFEREE: Tony Leake, Darren: have a call for over-use of the yellow card.

30-40 mins: Town's Scott Oakes for time-wasting at a throw-in, Paul McLaren for a foul on Referee and Darren for a foul on Leake. Barmsey and Sheridan at the same time; Barmsey's Archdeacon and Davis, for fouls on Johnson and Douglas, and Payton for fouling the net after being given offside.

ATTENDANCE: 6,437, Oakwell's lowest Saturday gate of the season. Town's highest since the move from Luton doing their best to rally after losing to the next after being given offside.

EXTRA COMMENT: Pretty good in the first half, save for the Town failing to net the goals they needed. But it was Barmsey's game, and he was the star of the page, when the Town were chasing the game, the home side should have had two or three more goals while Darren was on the pitch and on emergency centre-forward duties.

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APPEARANCES... GOALS

Team appearances (as sub in brackets) Harvey 19 Steve Davis 14 Marshall 17 M Johnson 17 Steve Davis 16 Peake 14 (3) Alexander 14 (1) Hughes 14 Feuer 13 Oldfield 12 (2) James 9 (3) Guentchev 8 (5) Oakes 8 Waddock 7 (4) Vilstrup 6 Taylor 5 (3) Riseth 5 (1) Linton 5 G Johnson 5 (1) McLaren 5 Kelvin Davis 4 Sommer 2 Thorpe 1 (6) Douglas 1 (3) Patterson 1 (2) Woodford 1 (2) Thomas 1 (1) League goals Marshall 3 Davis 2 Guentchev 2 Thorpe 1 Hughes 1 Harvey 1	Douglas 1 Assists Alexander 2 Taylor 1 Guentchev 1 M Johnson 1 G Johnson 1 Marshall 1 S Davis 1 Feuer 1 Harvey 1 Cup goals Marshall 1 M Johnson 1 Assists S Davis 1 Alexander 1 Anglo Italian Cup K Davis 3 S Davis 3 Harvey 3 James 2 Linton 2 Guentchev 2 Oldfield 2 McLaren 2 Vilstrup 2 Oakes 2 Alexander 1 (1) Marshall 1 (1) Thorpe 1 (1) Skelton 1 Evers 1 Hughes 1 M Johnson 1 Riseth 1 Patterson 1	Goals Marshall 1 Guentchev 1 pen Assists Hughes and Harvey each Coca Cola Cup Sommer 1 M Johnson 1 S Davis 1 Oldfield 1 Alexander 1 Marshall 1 Taylor 1 Guentchev 1 Harvey 1 Thorpe 1 Thomas 1 James 1 Hughes 1 Waddock 1 Matthews 1 Goals Marshall and Marvin Johnson 1 each Assists Steve Davis and Thorpe 1 each
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APPEARANCES... GOALS

League appearances (as sub in brackets)	Douglas	1	Goals
Harvey	Assists		Marshall 1
Steve Davis	Alexander	2	pen
Marshall	Taylor	2	
Guentchev	Guentchev	1	Assists
M Johnson	M Johnson	1	Hughes and Harvey
Steve Davis	G Johnson	1	each.
Blake	Marshall	1	
Alexander	S Davis	1	Coca Cola Cup
Hughes	Feuer	1	Sommer
Feuer	Harvey	1	M Johnson
Oldfield	Cup goals		S Davis
Oldfield	Marshall	1	Oldfield.
Guentchev	M Johnson	1	Alexander
James	Assists		Marshall
Oakes	S Davis	1	Taylor
Waddock	Alexander	1	Guentchev
Vlustup	Anglo Italian Cup		Harvey
Taylor	K Davis	3	Thorpe
Riseth	S Davis	3	Thomas
Guentchev	Harvey	3	James
G Johnson	James	2	Waddock
McLaren	Guentchev	2	Matthews
Kelvin Davis	Oldfield	2	Goals
Sommer	McLaren	2	Marshall and Marv
Thorpe	Vlustup	2	Johnson 1 each
Oakes	Oakes	2	Assists
Patterson	Alexander	1	Steve Davis and
Woodford	Thorpe	1	under 1 each
Thomas	Sketton	1	
League goals	Hughes	1	
Marshall	Ever	1	
Sketton	M Johnson	1	
Guentchev	Riseth	1	
Thorpe	Patterson	1	
Hughes			
Harvey			

ARSENAL's reported interest in **Ceri Hughes**, who has just regained his place in the Welsh international side, was dismissed as no more than party talk by Town manager Terry Westley this week.

Someone fed Fleet Street a line saying that Bruce Riech had bid £750,000 and been told he must double it if he wants the 24-year-old midfielder.

Westley confirmed a couple of weeks ago that Hughes was attracting interest, but would not name the clubs involved. He added he did not want to sell Hughes.

This week the manager said he did not know where the latest story came from. Arsenal have not expressed any interest in Hughes, and to be blunt I don't think we should be too much yet to get into Arsenal's Premiership side."

But big clubs are regular visitors to Town matches, and Westley suspects that

CERI HUGHES

Steve Davis are the most upstart in their second minds.

Arsenal's alleged interest may date back to an Italian game in September when Riech was in the team. But the Town reply was as the Arsenal boss is Harpenden, Kenilworth Road was the obvious place for him to go to see

Two are lucky to escape ban

GRAHAM Alexander and **Ceri Hughes** did well to escape the attentions of an over-fussy referee at Barmley. If either had been booked, a three-game suspension would follow.

Both have received five yellow cards so far this season, to top the Town's bookings list, and Hughes has already served a suspension for his sending-off at Southend, the club's only red card offence in the league.

Julian James has been booked four times, plus once in the Anglo-Italian tournament, but the yellow card from Genoa counts only in that competition.

In domestic games 21 disciplinary points before November 1987, and Alexander would have passed if they had been booked at Oakwell - earns a three-match ban.

Players who pass 21 disciplinary points by February 25 will be suspended for two games, and for hitting a mark by April 14 for one game. And collecting 33 points by March 31 gets a further 14, to add to what you get for reaching 21.

Darwen ref **Tor** got little support from manager at Oakwell, brandished the yellow card six times. Scott **Co** booked for time over a throw-in, **book**ing in nearly 10 minutes. There is no appeal of the ref's decision. **Leake** received a yellow card the day, by playing 10 minutes before half-time.

Barnsley's **Arn** was the yellow card territory crime of the week after he had been booked, in stoppage time, at the end of the game. A few tackles too early that went any hint of sinment.