

FOOTBALL

CLUB



SEASON 1984-5

NO. 1

HONOURS: Suburban League Champions 1978-79.
Wednesday League Champions 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76.
Wednesday League Division 2 Champions 1979-80.
G.F.A. Wednesday Cup Winners 1971.
Tom Jones Cup Winners 1967, 1976.

President - 'Monty' Britton	1st XI manager - Pete Hamblin
V. President - Ernie Coghlan	Wednesday manager - Bob Killbe
Chairman - Roger McKeown	Reserves manager - Dave Coles
Secretary - John Hurford	Club captain - Steve Bull
Treasurer - Craig Welsh	Social secretary - Mike Williams

FOREWARD

Two months have since passed from the last Football Club newsletter. I am sure those who read the newsletter derived as much pleasure as I did in reading through the fourteen or so pages. Many thanks to the newsletter producer, typist, editor and distributor, John Hurford. Keep it up John (I am sure he will not mind me asking if any of our members wish to contribute an article they forward it to John at A 2 Southmead - Green Watch).

This season, with less refereeing commitments (through old age, blindness and pencils protruding painfully from certain parts of my anatomy) I have been able to watch both Saturday teams in league action. From what I have seen I am sure that Peter's XI could do with a little 'rub of the green' being enjoyed by Dave's side. Although this season I have not had time to see a Wednesday League game as yet (I hope to remedy that in the next few weeks) I have been informed that what is our club's third team have been playing against players of Western and County League status. The management committee is seriously reviewing the Wednesday position and are concerned that players do not become too disheartened by results which I am sure will change with the re-involvement of the police teams.

It has pleased me to see Martin Glandville turning out for the Brigade on a Saturday and it would be good for the club if those other skilled footballing Brigade members decided to follow suit.

Congratulations to Monty Britton on being the first recipient of the Football Club's 'Meritorious Service Award' and many thanks to his wife Jean for the support and backing that she afforded the Football Club through Monty.

Well done Dave Coles and Keith Rogers on winning the Clubman and Player of the Year respectively for the 1983-4 season

Mike 'buy a raffle ticket' Williams has been appointed social rep. on the management committee and I am sure his talents will be put to good use.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 1985.

Ernie Coghlan (Vice President)

P.S. Being 'Aghast' at a recent management meeting I have now risen to fame with a national campaign 'AGHASt' being formed recently. A pint for the first person to give me the full name of the campaign.

COVER PICTURE: The agony and the ecstasy as Paul Walker heads a last minute equaliser in the friendly game with HMS Heckler.

COMPETITION PAGE

The front cover of this magazine lists the competitions and cups won by our Football Club.

The photograph below was taken on one of these occasions, list:

1. The competition
2. The year the photograph was taken
3. All persons on the photograph
4. The opponents and final score

Send your answers to John Hurford, A2. Southmead, Green Watch.

The first all correct answer drawn out on Saturday 2nd February 1985, will win 4 pints of Best Bitter (prize available at the Foresters Arms, Westbury - on - Trym, at the winners convenience).

The answers and the name of the winner of the above will be published in the next addition of this magazine.

N.B. The above prize has been kindly donated by **David Coles**



NEWSNOTES

On 26th September a team from A2 with assorted club players played a friendly match against H.M.S. Heckler at Muller Road. A well-fought game ended in a 2 - 2 draw. Thanks must go to referee Ernie Coghlan and especially to Ben Hollier (A2-Blue watch) who made all the arrangements, not least the after-match social when we were treated to spirited renditions of some quaint old sea shanties. Thanks also for the action photographs taken during the game which appear in this mag.

The club's annual presentation dinner/dance was held at Chaplins restaurant on 5th October. A three course meal was followed by some excellent and interesting speeches by Doug Hillard, Chief Officer Frank Wilton, Roger McKeown, Steve Bull and Ernie Coghlan.

The main presentations of the evening were those for 'player of the year' to reserves full back Keith Rogers and 'clubman of the year' to reserve team manager Dave Coles. There was also a special presentation of the newly created 'Meritorious service award' to our president Monty Britton. This is not intended as an annual award but will from time to time, be given to those who, in the opinion of the committee, have given outstanding service to the club over a number of years.

CLUBMEN OF THE YEAR:

1983-4	Dave Coles.
1982-3	Pete Hamblin.
1981-2	Ernie Coghlan.
1980-81	Paul Walker.
1979-80	Graham Rudge.
1978-79	Paul Fear.

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:

1983-4	Keith Rogers.
1982-3	Craig Welsh.
1981-2	Steve Bull.

On December 5th Dave Coles arranged a skittles match against the Brigade skittles team. An exciting contest resulted in an honourable draw. Thanks to all who turned up and to the wives and girlfriends who provided an excellent buffet.

The South West District 5 - a side championships will take place in Poole leisure centre, Dorset on Thurs. 31st January. As holders of the trophy we hope to send our full allocation of 4 teams for what will be a great day out. The winners reward will be a 2 day trip to Middlesboro in March for the National Championships.

Anyone interested in playing should contact Martin Sedlen at B7 Kingswood (red watch).

Don't forget the Sponsored Jog in aid of Frenchay Special Burns Unit which will be run around the perimeter of A1 Temple on Boxing Day lunchtime. We would like to see as many club members as possible taking part. If you are interested contact Dick Green or Pat Causon at A1 Temple (green watch).

I understand moves are afoot regarding the sports ground at I C I, and once again we are tantalised by the prospect of playing on a flat green surface with proper facilities.

Let us hope that it doesn't dematerialise as so often in the past. Everything comes to him who waits - doesn't it ??

On a final optimistic note, up to date there have been no cautions or sendings off in club matches this season.

Well done lads - Keep it up.



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

Tuesday 2nd October saw a new event in the footballing calendar. Manager Bob Baird had organised a South West District 6 - a - side competition, by way of a trial for the coming match in Wales. Teams from all over the region took part with Devon emerging as the winners.

In the past the district side had consisted largely of Avon players with the odd representative from other Brigades. As a result of the trial, this season's team has been more representative of the region as a whole.

The team duly won its match against Wales in Newport by 3 goals to 1 with the clubs players being superb ambassadors for the Brigade both on and off the pitch, and although they left the competition when beaten 2 - 0 by Midlands in the Quarter-final I understand they gave a very good account of themselves.

A special congratulations to our England international Martin Sedlen on being presented with the man of the match award for the Quarter-final tie.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

London	4	East	1
Nth.Ireland	3	North West	1
Nth.East(N)	0	Nth.East(S)	2
Wales	1	South West	3

QUARTER-FINALS:

London	Vs	South East
Midlands	2	South West 0
Scotland(E)	5	Nth.East(S) 1
Scotland(W)	Vs	Northern Ireland

FIRE BRIGADE 1st TEAM

Once again the team has made a slow start to the season. This is mainly due to lack of fitness; despite having an organised training session to attend for the six weeks before the season's first game, the majority didn't train, in fact most weeks the training session consisted of 2 or 3 players, very disheartening indeed.

This lack of fitness meant that players had to use the first 6 or 7 games to get fit, then match fit, costing many defeats. However, a reasonable level of fitness has now been reached and we are beginning to compete and collect points; the first league win coming against Lockleaze 4 - 3, when Mel Rogers coming on at half-time had an outstanding debut.

The normal playing squad has been bolstered by the arrival of new recruits now on station and keen to represent our Brigade, namely Alan Ellis A5, Steve Fisher A1, Bob Leppier A1, Tim Leigh B4, (all station postings accurate at time of writing). Other new recruits also helping the club in general being Phil Ashman A3 and Darren Main A5. With stalwarts such as Rog McKeown, Steve Bull, and Mike Evans still managing to pull on their boots and the welcome arrival of Martin Glandville to hopefully put the ball in the net, so our last league game against De Veys ended with a 2 - 0 victory. Our one other win this season was by 4 goals to 1 against Bristol St Andrews in a Bosley Cup replay after drawing 1 - 1 the previous week, highlighting form fluctuations from one week to the next.

The steady form of Phil Judge, John Billingham and Bob Ampstead in defence despite the loss through injury of Craig Welsh has seen a good overall tightening of defensive work and with Ian Beechgood still covering acres in midfield and Dave Leeworthy giving us width up front results will hopefully continue to improve. My thanks to those players who have come into the 1st team from the successful reserve side to play when required and have given their all, namely John Davies, Mel Rogers, Mike Williams and Bob Killbe. Also many thanks to mechanic Paul Beard who continues to deputise in goal once every 4 or 5 weeks and invariably produces a faultless display.

For anyone interested in watching: Ernie Coghlan and Monty Britton would welcome someone different to converse with at home games each week and they can be assured of a high standard of football and an impressive view over Severnside.

Pete Hamblin (manager) A2.

RESULTS - SCORERS - APPEARANCES:

Broad Plain House	Home	1 - 7	M.Rogers.
St. Aldhelms	Home	0 - 1	
Exeter United	Home	1 - 5	P.Fear.
Stockwood Green	Away	0 - 5	
Avonmouth	Home	1 - 1	Leeworthy.
The Mill Y. C.	Home	1 - 1	Leigh.
Eagle House	Away	0 - 2	
Br.St.Andrews(Bosley Cup)	Away	1 - 1	McKeown.
Br.St.Andrews(Bosley Cup)	Away	4 - 1	Leeworthy(2), P.Fear(2).
St.Phillips M(G.F.A. Cup)	Home	2 - 4	McKeown, P.Fear.
Glenside St. Gabriel	Away	1 - 5	McKeown.
Lockleaze C. A.	Home	4 - 3	Glanville, McKeown(2), Davies.
St. Aldhelms	Away	0 - 2	
De Veys	Home	2 - 0	McKeown, P.Fear.



GOALSCORERS: (up to + including match Vs De Veys)

LEAGUE TABLE:

McKeown 6, P.Fear 5, Leeworthy 3,
Davies 1, Glanville 1, Leigh 1,
M.Rogers 1.

APPEARANCES:

Billingham 13, P.Fear 12, Bull 11,
Beechgood 11, McKeown 10(2),
Welsh 10, Fisher 9, Judge 9,
Ellis 8, Evans 8, Leeworthy 7(1),
Rudge 7, Leppier 6, Ampstead 5(1),
Glanville 5, Hamblin 4(2), Leigh 4,
Beard 3, Davies 2, Williams 2,
Main 2, Ashman 1, R.Fear 1, Hale 1,
Killbe 1, Sedlen 1, Smith 1,
M.Rogers (2).

	P1	W	D	L	Fr-Ag	Pt
Stockwood	14	12	0	2	44-16	24
P & W United	13	10	3	0	41-10	23
Wessex Glass	12	9	1	2	43-22	19
The Mill	14	8	3	3	32-17	19
Broad Plain	13	8	1	4	30-20	17
St. Aldhelms	12	6	4	2	25-15	16
Exeter United	13	5	4	4	28-20	14
Teyfant Ath.	12	7	0	5	20-19	14
Eagle House	14	3	4	7	22-36	10
Dynamo	10	2	5	3	18-19	9
Glenside St.G.	11	3	2	6	24-24	8
Lockleaze C.A.	10	3	1	6	28-37	7
Port Of Bristol	12	2	2	8	12-29	6
AVON FIRE BGDE	11	2	2	7	11-32	6
B.St. Andrews	13	1	3	9	23-42	5
De Veys	12	2	1	9	16-44	5
Avonmouth	10	1	2	7	14-26	4

BRIGADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Once again this season the Brigade's participation in the Knock-out Championship ended with a 1 - 0 defeat at Leek against Staffordshire. This was especially disappointing since the pattern of the game was similar to last year with Avon enjoying most of the possession without being able to take advantage of their superiority. The apparent partiality of the officials didn't help matters and we can only hope for a more favourable draw next season.

On Sunday 9th September the team travelled to Llanidloes in drought ravaged Mid-Wales to play against Powys Fire Brigade in the preliminary round. We were greeted by a deluge of Biblical proportions. Nevertheless a 4 - 0 victory was achieved through goals by Paul Fear(20 mins), Steve Bull(56 mins), Martin Sedlen(62 mins) and Dave Leeworthy(73 mins).

The facilities and hospitality provided by the home side were excellent and do great credit to such a small Brigade.

BRIGADE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Dyfed	0	Berkshire	2	Staffordshire	1	Avon	0
Leicestershire	5	Norfolk	0	W. Glamorgan	1	London	3
Lincolnshire	1	Kent	7				
Nottinghamshire	1	Warwickshire	0				
Powys	0	Avon	4				
South Glamorgan	1	Hampshire	4				
Suffolk	1	West Midlands	0				

FIRST ROUND:

Central Regn.	0	W. Yorkshire	6
Cleveland	1	Tayside	4
Clwyd	4	Berkshire	0
Dorset	0	Hampshire	6
Essex	1	Suffolk	4
Kent	3	Buckingham	1
Lothian	2	Northumberland	1
Merseyside	7	Northern Ireland	2
N. Yorkshire	0	Tyne + Wear	5
Nottingham	1	Derbyshire	0
S. Yorkshire	0	Durham	2

SECOND ROUND:

Cheshire	2	Merseyside	3
Gtr. Manchstr	4	Durham	3
London	2	Hampshire	1
Nottingham	1	Kent	2
Staffordshire	2	Clwyd	0
Suffolk	3	Leicestershire	3
Tayside	3	Lothian	0
Tyne + Wear	3	W. Yorkshire	2

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:

Kent	Vs	Leicestershire
London	Vs	Staffordshire
Merseyside	Vs	Tyne + Wear
Tayside	Vs	Gtr. Manchester

SATURDAY RESERVES

The season started with three draws in three games. Each time we applied the Liverpool tactic of not giving up until the final whistle. Despite being behind in all three this never say die attitude resulted in three points from three games instead of no points from three games.

With a great team spirit and the right attitude we have gone from strength to strength and a string of notable victories have followed. Up to date we are unbeaten in the league and strongly pressing for promotion.

Dave Coles (manager) A2.

RESULTS - SCORERS - APPEARANCES:

					<u>Position</u>
Bristol North West	Home	5 - 5	Green(3), Bull(2).		
Schweppes	Away	3 - 3	Green, Dunster, Wilkes.		
Alex Jarretts	Away	3 - 3	Dunster, Green(2).		
Hengrove Athletic	Home	1 - 0	McKeown.		3rd.
Rolls Royce	Away	3 - 1	Green(3).		3rd.
Lockleaze C. A.	Home	3 - 2	Carter(2), McKeown.		4th.
Whitchurch	Home	4 - 0	Green(2), Ashman, Killbe.		3rd.
Rolls Royce	Home	2 - 1	Carter, Green.		2nd.
Sneyd Park (GFA.Cup)	Away	3 - 2	Green(2,1pen), Davies.		
Little Stoke	Home	1 - 1	Kennedy.		2nd.
Good Viewing	Home	4 - 2	Dunster, Green(2), Williams.		4th.
Rangers Ath(GFA.Cup)	Home	0 - 5			
Whitchurch	Away	2 - 0	Leigh, Clark.		4th.
Lockleaze C. A.	Away	6 - 1	Clark, O.g., Leppier(2), Dunster,		2nd.
Patchway N. E.	Away	1 - 2	Dunster.	Williams	4th.

GOALSCORERS:

Green 16(1 pen), Dunster 5, Carter 3, Bull 2, Clark 2, Leppier 2, McKeown 2, Williams 2, Ashman 1, Davies 1, Kennedy 1, Killbe 1, Leigh 1, Wilkes 1, Og.1.

APPEARANCES:

Carter 15, Dunster 15, Hurford 15, Green 14, M.Rogers 14, Killbe 13(2), K.Rogers 12(2), Coles 12, Clark 11, Williams 7(2), Lewin 6, Leppier 5(4), Dewey 3(1), Davies 3, Mantle 3, McKeown 3, Sedlen 2, Ampstead 1(1), Kennedy 1(1), Doyle 1, Ellis 1, Hale 1, Leigh 1, Light 1, Wilkes 1, Roberts (2), Bull (1), Gadd (1).

DIVISION 7 TABLE 23rd DECEMBER.

Team	Pl	Home			Away			Goals Fr-Ag	Pt
		W	D	L	W	D	L		
Schweppes	14	4	1	1	7	0	1	55-21	23
Patchway North End	13	6	1	2	4	0	0	50-17	21
Hengrove Athletic	14	1	1	1	9	0	2	46-17	21
AVON FIRE BRIGADE	13	5	2	0	3	2	1	38-21	20
Tytherington	12	2	2	2	4	1	1	35-19	15
Bristol North West	11	3	0	3	4	1	0	34-20	15
Good Viewing Sports	13	4	1	3	3	0	2	40-34	15
Fromeside	13	3	2	1	2	0	5	34-29	12
Alex Jarrets	11	4	1	3	1	0	2	28-33	11
Corinthian Sports	11	2	1	2	2	2	2	26-31	11
Little Stoke	14	1	0	4	2	3	4	20-32	9
Whitchurch	14	3	0	5	0	2	4	15-33	8
Lockleaze C. A.	15	0	1	7	1	1	5	27-66	4
London Life	12	0	0	5	1	2	4	14-59	4
Rolls Royce	12	1	1	4	0	0	6	19-48	3

WEDNESDAY TEAM

With the 4 police teams not playing and Hartcliffe having withdrawn, the Wednesday League has, this season, been reduced to something of a farce. Clifton Wednesday seem to have already sewn up the league championship and could well end up winning three trophies for playing only around 20 games.

The teams left tend to be the better sides in the league which has inevitably had a bad effect on the Brigade teams fortunes. On the plus side this has enabled us to reach the Quarter - Finals of the G. F. A. Cup for the first time in recent years. Unfortunately our cup run was brought to an end when we actually had to play a game.

In spite of everything the team has soldiered on with great spirit and there have been indications in recent matches that better times are ahead.

I would like to thank everyone who has played for their enthusiasm and effort, in which respect they have, as always, been faultless.

Bob Killbe (manager) A5.

RESULTS - SCORERS - APPEARANCES:

Clifton Wednesday	Away	0 - 6	
Bristol Computers	Home	1 - 4	Clark.
Loco. Sports	Away	0 - 4	
Bristol Taxis	Away	1 - 11	Butt.
Nat. Smelting Co.	Home	2 - 5	Brown(2).
Nat. Smelting Co.	Away	0 - 9	
Post Office	Home	3 - 3	Fisher, Leppier, Carter.
Post Office	Away	1 - 11	Clark.
Bristol Taxis	Home	2 - 7	Main, Fisher.
Computers (G.F.A.Cup)	Away	5 - 8	Davies(2), Brown, Sedlen, Fisher(pen).

GOALSCORERS:

Brown 3, Fisher 3(1 pen), Clark 2,
Davies 2, Butt 1, Carter 1, Leppier 1,
Main 1, Sedlen 1.

APPEARANCES:

Doyle 10, Brown 7, Clark 6, Harper 5(1), Roberts 5(1), Cross 5, Davies 5,
Fisher 5, Wilkes 5, Billingham 4, Chapman 4, Coles 4, Hurford 4, Main 4,
Mantle 3(3), Carter 3(2), Appleton 3(1), Ashman 3, Harris 3, Killbe 3,
Sedlen 3, Ampstead 2, McKeown 2, Russel 2, Butt 1(2), Dewey 1, Drake 1,
Leppier 1, Proud 1, Webb 1, Ferris (1).

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE TABLE 13/12/84.

Team	Pl	W	D	L	Fr-Ag	Pt
Clifton Wednesday	10	9	1	0	59-17	19
Nat. Smelting Co.	10	6	3	1	53-17	15
Locomotive Sports	10	7	1	2	33-22	15
Post Office	10	4	2	4	50-26	10
Bristol Taxis	10	3	0	7	37-44	6
Weston Y.M.C.A.	8	3	0	5	20-44	6
Bristol Computers	11	3	0	8	25-57	6
AVON FIRE BRIGADE	9	0	1	8	10-60	1

RAFFLE IN AID OF THE MIKE BARRETT APPEAL FUND:

Thanks to a lot of effort by most of the players and the quality of the prizes the raffle must be seen as a success by raising some £235 to date, hopefully with more monies to come in.

Special thanks to Pete, the landlord of the Forresters Public House for his help in both selling tickets and with the presentation on Thursday 20th December. Letters of thanks have also been sent to Brian Robson, Gary Mabbut and Doug Hillard for supplying the prizes.

Mike Williams (Social Secretary) C5

