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NO. 14

## DIABLE HITS LAST MINUTE WINNING GOAL

Institute 3 Ruffwood 2.

The match started in sunny weather but there was a cold wind blowing in from the river. It must be mentioned that the pitch was in beautiful condition, a credit to the groundstaff.

With a slightly rearranged formation Institute lacked 'bite' up front but in the first ten minutes we seemed to have more control in midfield and Johnson and O'shaughnessy were playing well in the middle of the defence. Play was very even but in the eighth minute Institute took the lead with a good goal from Diable. Langford was feeling the lack of support 'up front' and chances for him today were few.

Nevertheless with Regan and Hanlon playing a dual role in midfield goal chances for Ruffwood were also few.

At the beginning of the second half Institute faded and Ruffwood took control of the game. Our lead now looked very slender and on one occasion Chellew flung himself backwards, just managing to tip the ball over the bar. Several times there were furious scrambles in our goalmouth but we managed to hold out. After ten minutes Langford was replaced by Halewood but there was no noticeable change in the tempo of the game.

Half way through the second half the pressure paid off for Ruffwood. Johnson found one of their strikers too fast on this occasion and a good shot left Chellew with little chance. Now the game was wide open and 5 minutes later a terrible mix-up between Johnson and Chellew allowed Ruffwood to take the lead. After being ahead for so long this was now going to test Institute to the full.

It was now that Regan showed his value to the team with some 'telling' passes from midfield. From one such pass he sent a long diagonal pass to Warburton on the right. Warburton took the ball on and when the goalkeeper advanced to meet him he hit a hard shot into the corner of the goal. He was injured in the collision with the goalkeeper but he had done his work very well for this was a fine goal and a vital one for the team.

As the game moved to a close it looked as if a 2-2 draw was to be the result. However, with just seconds remaining the Ruffwood defence got itself into a rare old tangle and Diable found the ball at his feet with the goalkeeper off the line. Full credit must be given to Diable for he not only causing the panic he took his chance ball into the only just time to the final whistle Diable, for taking, for his work in outstanding

was responsible for in their defence, but very well; lobbing the empty goal. There was kick off again before was blown. his chances, and regan midfield, were the players.

|       |               |   |
|-------|---------------|---|
| TEAM. | Chellew       | 7 |
|       | O'shaughnessy | 7 |
|       | Woods         | 6 |
|       | Regan         | 9 |
|       | Warburton     | 7 |



|          |   |            |   |
|----------|---|------------|---|
| Hooper   | 7 | Freckleton | 7 |
| Johnson  | 7 | Hanlon     | 7 |
| Diable   | 8 | Langford   | 6 |
| Halewood | 6 |            |   |

Season 1975-76.

Played 22 Won 17 Drawn 3 Lost 2

Goals for 79 Goals against 37.

Goalscorers up to Sat. March 6th.

|          |    |        |    |           |    |
|----------|----|--------|----|-----------|----|
| Langford | 25 | Diable | 14 | Warburton | 12 |
| Halewood | 10 | Regan  | 7  | Mansley   | 4  |

(players who have scored 4 or more goals)

### MEMORY CORNER.

Warwick Bolam 2 Institute 11.

## ROGERS HITS SEVEN GOALS.

The pitch was in poor condition, there being very little grass visible. The side already hit by injuries suffered another blow when only ten men were available at the kick off. Nevertheless this did not deter the side who proceeded to hand out to Warwick Bolam a severe thrashing. Regan starred in the early stages and was rewarded with two fine goals from great shots. The 'ten men' carried on the good work and shortly after, Mansley tapped home the third goal. Minutes later a fine through ball from Hamilton gave Rogers his first goal and one minute later the demoralized Warwick Bolam defence saw Rogers bang home his second goal. Hamilton, enjoying his first game for several months was passing the ball with great accuracy and he was responsible for Rogers' hat trick goal, a similar effort to his other two. O'shaughnessy had controlled the team very well and never allowed Bolam to take advantage of our player shortage.

The second half started exactly as the first had finished. It was Rogers here, Rogers there, Rogers everywhere. Hassell put his fourth goal 'on a plate' and his fifth was a rocket like shot from fifteen yards. Bolam were completely swamped by now and a terrible mix up in their goalmouth enabled Rogers to score number nine with Halewood in close contention. Hassell was playing very well at this stage and even with 2 injured defenders which resulted in one leaving the pitch we continued to score. Rogers got his seventh goal near the end and Halewood had the easiest of chances to score after good work by Regan.

In the last ten minutes Bolam scored two consolation goals but the final whistle finally ended their torment.

Team. Chellew, Bennett, Hooper, O'shaughnessy, Regan, Hassell, Mansley, Halewood, Rogers, Hamilton.

### LATEST NEWS

Watch the notice board for details of how to get to the ground for the semi final. The photographs should be ready by Friday and will be displayed in room 33. All the players and myself would like to thank Dave Riley for taking the photographs.

Well Southport did it at last. They defeated Workington on Friday by 2 goals to 1. Unfortunately their crowd numbered only 1,226. Liverpool slipped up badly and Everton are back to reality after their two wins. Carl Diable has been given the job of taking any penalty kicks. He is going to practice with Chellew before next week's game. Well now for the cup team. This is a difficult job for I have only 11 places for 15 players, any of whom would do the job required as well as any other.



HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. WHEN HE ASKED ME MY NAME I GAVE HIM YOURS.

The team will be as follows.

Chellew  
Hooper  
Freckleton  
Halewood  
O'shaughnessy  
Johnson  
Joods  
Regan  
Jarburton  
Langford  
Diable.

IT WASNT SO MUCH THAT THE REF.  
TOOK MY NAME AS THAT HE  
HAD TO ASK WHAT IT WAS.



Sub. Hanlon. Bennett.

Harrison and Roberts.

Now for all the details as to how to get to the ground etc. watch the notice board.  
There is a lot of talk about bus strikes etc.  
Please do not ask me about all these details during the day. As soon as anything is known I shall put up a notice.

I am going to try and arrange as many B team games as possible during the next few weeks. Again do not keep asking me about these games. The Football News will tell you ALL.

Well done Daley 2B. He worked out the answer to the two problems in the last edition. O'shaughnessy also.

On behalf of the Football News I should like to thank Mr. Williams for the work he has put in to his First Year reports. I follow them with interest and I know the first Years do also.

All being well there will be a special cup edition this Friday. Including reports on Wednesdays semi final and Thursdays. Lets hope for a report on two victories.

Now the nights are not upon us so soon there will be time for a challenge game A Vs. B team. I know the B team fancy their chances and although the A team must be favourites I feel that there is not much between the sides.  
I shall arrange this game as soon as possible so as to leave time for a return match. I should like to see the above side with Bennet as sub take on this powerful formation

Roberts  
Halley  
Stuart  
Bostock  
Nancollis  
Hanlon  
Pimblett  
Lawson  
Mansley  
Rogers  
Hassell.  
Sub. Phair.

I know I have missed out lots of players but lets see how this 'all star' XI do in the first game.

Well thats all for now. Good luck to everybody this week. Remember Although it's nice to win, it is the game that counts. Play fair, do your best, no-one can ask for more than that.  
See you in number 15

RJGok EDITOR

# SUPERB ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE GIVES GREAT HOPE FOR SEMI-FINAL.

Ruffwood 1 Institute 3

WIGGINS (8)

HOLDEN (10)

HARPER (9)

JARMAN (9)

FOULKES (9)

VIRTUE (9)

MITCHELL (10) [Capt.]

MANIFOLD (8)

LAWLOR (8)

CURLETT (8)

ROBERTS (8)

SUB : HARRISON

After all the good weather during the week, it was disappointing to arrive at Kirby on a bitterly cold day, with a very strong wind. The strange thing was that all the goals were scored against the wind - it proved to be more of an enemy than a help as though balls were carried out by the wind. We had heard about Ruffwood's reputation and expected a very hard game - but although they had an excellent midfield player, this reputation was exaggerated and the team soon mastered them. From the beginning the Institute were looking dangerous and Curlett should have scored when put through on the right, but he failed to keep his shot down and it went sailing over the bar. We kept on pressurizing them and had several near misses. However, once again we gave away a simple goal, this time through perhaps our most reliable player, Jarman. There seemed to be a misunderstanding between him and Wiggins: Wiggins hesitated to come out, Jarman passed back but missed Wiggins; the ball hit the post and a Ruffwood forward tapped it in. An uncharacteristic error which he must forget. This was virtually the only time Wiggins had to come into action in this half, as the defence were in top form especially Holden who was playing his first game - he was always in the heat of the action, tackling strongly and clearing well, under pressure. However, we turned round 1-0 down, and it looked like a difficult task to pull back the lead against the wind - but this was reckoning without Mitchell. Soon after the re-start, he dribbled through on the right and sent in a mighty shot from the edge of the area - the first of three superb goals. Soon after, our pressure turned into a second goal - although it must be admitted that he was offside: standing just inside their half, he was put through the middle, accelerated well and lobbed the keeper from the edge of the area. Perhaps the third goal was the best. We had a corner, and

the ball was cleared out to the edge of the area. Virtue moved in and sent in a superb shot over the keeper: 3-1 and we were heading for a well-deserved victory. Wiggins made a great save near the end to prevent Ruffwood making a comeback. Everyone played well, some brilliantly. Wiggins looks safer with every match and inspires confidence in the defence. Holder played superbly and I cannot remember a single error from him; Foulkes too, broke up any threat down his wing; the centre of the defence picked up most balls that came their way, and Jarman need not worry too much about his mistake; the midfield played well together, two of them scoring great goals; the forwards created plenty of openings, although Curlett must still run harder. If we remember that Ruffwood had not lost since October, we can see what a marvellous performance this was.

### STATISTICS

| <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 21       | 14       | 2        | 5        | 86       | 36       |

### GOALSCORERS

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| CURLETT  | 20 |
| MITCHELL | 15 |
| CONNELLY | 13 |
| VIRTUE   | 9  |
| ROBERTS  | 8  |
| MANIFOLD | 7  |
| LAWLOR   | 5  |
| WOODS    | 5  |
| JARMAN   | 1  |
| HARPER   | 1  |
| ELLISON  | 1  |

K. Williams

W. Robinson.

## Second XI Football

### Ruffwood Defeat Institute 3-1

Team: Wilkinson (R), Boyce, Woodward, Carter, B. Crawford, Foulkes, Jodd, Newell, Catrill, Halliwell, Wilkinson P.

It was a bright but bitterly cold morning. In spite of Friday instructions Battle/nor Nicholl managed to turn up; also Murphy, who had failed to report an injury. The ten men were aided by a rescue act from Kevin Boyce (SB), who gave up two tea and toast in bed to turn out at 10.10 am sporting a Second-Row forward's Rugby shirt! Credit to Kevin.

The game was not many minutes old when Catrill, courageously taking the opposition on inside the 'penalty' area, was 'knocked' six feet into the air. Catrill, taking the penalty himself, coolly slotted the ball into the side most corner of the net.

This prompted a fast, direct Ruffwood side into responding and they drew level, though it looked like a goalie error.

Wilkinson was not reproducing his goalkick rockets of last week, most of them ending up as a damp squib.

Certain tactical points were brought out at half-time, but the absence of a Right-wing striker, and a 'Norman Hunter' like, midfield player were going to prove too much for today's team.

The second half started and Ruffwood scared again when our goalies dived five minutes too late for an extended drive, from near the half-way line.

Ruffwood went further ahead, despite now having only ten men. Institute had now lost the initiative.

From Institute's point of view, not our best performance, lacking the cohesion necessary to beat a good side like Ruffwood. Our best players were Carter, who stuck at his task; as did Newell; Jodd, whose speed of the mark would beat most Rugby stand-off halves; and Halliwell, with hair raising runs down the left-wing, often finishing with a good centre (where we missed Murphy for the headers).

This week we shall look for a grafting, tough, midfield player, a safe goalie, and a raiding right wing striker - but where do you find them.... !! Next Match: - Old Hall (Maghull G.S.) AWAY.

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