

FOOTBALL NEWS

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JOHNSON IN COMMANDING FORM AT HOLT

Whole side play well in fine victory.
Langford hits hat trick.

HOLT 0 Institute 3.

This was one of the best performances of the season and this could not have come at a better time when next weeks cup game is considered. Holt have a fair side but by the end of this game we had outplayed them completely and could easily have scored many more goals. The weather was mild and conditions were perfect for football, the pitch being hard after a frosty night.

The start of the game was lively and Regan was prominent in many early moves. Langford should have scored after 4 minutes when he was slow to finish off a good move. He did better minutes later when he cleverly turned with the ball, beating the defender and sending in a hard shot. The goalkeeper saved well. Almost at once He came under pressure as Institute pressed forward.

JOHNSON BLOCKS THE MIDDLE.

On the occasions that Holt broke away they found Brian Johnson giving nothing away in the middle of the defence. He cut out many attacks and distributed the ball accurately. It was Johnson and Regan who stood out at this stage. Regan played a clever dummy and sent some 'telling' passes to his forwards. From one of these passes Diable had a snap shot, the ball passing a few yards over the bar.

THE FIRST GOAL.

Warburton now came into the game and our pressure was rewarded with a well deserved goal. Warburton took the ball forward and shot for goal. The goalkeeper could not hold the ball and from the rebound Langford was on hand to tap the ball home. This was another example of Langford's value to the team, being in the right place at the right time, to snap up any mistakes by the goalkeeper.

Now it was the turn of Harrison, tackling well to break up a Holt attack and then trying a long shot which went close. Langford again hesitated when in a good scoring position and in the middle of the first half we seemed to run out of 'steam' a little allowing Holt to come back into attack.

However, once again the Holt forwards found it almost impossible to make progress down the middle because of the fine play of centre half Johnson. It was at this stage that we scored a most important goal. The ball was crossed from the right to Langford. He spent too much time getting the ball under control and seemed to have lost his scoring chance when he managed to get his left foot to the ball and record his 22nd goal of the season.

Chellaw saved well shortly afterwards and we were getting back to our best form when the half time whistle went.

The second half started with another fine save from Chellaw and a hard shot from Diable. Again, Regan cleverly worked the ball forward from

midfield , but his good work was spoilt by first Langford then Halewood being caught offside. Woods who had again played well came off after 8 minutes and Hooper took over in midfield. Almost immediately Warburton broke clear and with only the goalkeeper to beat he cleverly tapped the ball past him. Unfortunately he was brought down by the goalkeepers despairing lunge. He did not hit the penalty hard enough and the goalkeeper managed to save. This miss seemed to spur Warburton on , for from this moment to the end of the game he really gave the Holt defence a lot of trouble. From a breakaway a shot by a Holt forward was unfortunately handled by Johnson and they took their turn at penalty kicking. This time the ball hit the post and minutes later we made Holt pay dearly for this mistake. Warburton put a long through ball to Langford , and with the minimum of fuss Langford cracked the ball home to record his hat trick. At the other end Bennett saved our 'clean sheet' when he headed off the line , and the last ten minutes of this game saw us in complete control, nearly scoring on at least four occasions. In my opinion the man of the match award goes to Johnson. However, two other players deserve special mention. Freckleton for consistent performances at left back, and on many occasions very cool play when a slight crisis looms . The other player is Chellew. Every week he plays a vital part in goal and without Chellew I think everyone will agree our success would not be so impressive.

Next weeks game is against Alsop (cup) and Netherley , league.

This Saturdays teams.

Versus Alsop. Mersey Road.

Chellew

Bennett Freckleton

O'shaughnessy Johnson Woods

Regan Diable Langford Warburton Halewood.

Subs. Harrison. Hooper.

Versus Netherley Mersey Road.

Roberts

Bostock Nancollis Phair Stuart

Hassell Capt. Hanlon

Pimblett Lawson Rogers Mansley.

Subs. Hamilton. Whalley.

Team meetings will be announced later in the week.

if you do this weeks spot the ball put your
name on your attempt.

FIRST YEAR FOOTBALL
QUARTER FINAL OF THE INTERMEDIATE CUP

CONNELLY HAT-TRICK IN GREAT ATTACKING DISPLAY

INSTITUTE 7

FAZAKERLEY 1

TEAM:

HARRISON	WAYDOCK	JARMAN	FOULKES
VIRTUE	MITCHELL (Capt.)	MANIFOLD	
LAWLOR	CURLETT	CONNELLY	

SUBS: WOODS, ROBERTS

Recovering brilliantly from their defeat last week, the team completely outplayed a hard-working Fazakerley side, which came with the defensive tactic of playing an offside trap. This worked on many occasions, as our forwards still have a tendency to move forward too quickly; but Fazakerley paid the price for such negative play, when the Institute midfield men learnt how to beat the trap by playing through balls for the forwards to run on to, and wingers Lawlor and Connelly had been instructed to take on the full-backs, which they did with great skill. It was only in the first five minutes that Fazakerley really matched the Institute, and once Manifold had put away the first goal, picking up a bouncing ball in the area, the game was almost won. Soon afterwards, Curlett tried a clever lob from well outside the area - I thought it had gone in, as it was difficult to judge without nets, but decided not to give a goal, and some better placed spectators confirmed that it had just gone over. However, the team soon went 2-0 up thanks to a fine volley by Connelly. One piece of quick-thinking by Manifold almost paid off. From a corner, he sent the ball out to Harper on the edge of the area; Harper shot hard, but it was blocked when on the way in. Harrison also put in an excellent shot, which the goalkeeper saved well - in fact, their goalie had a great match, denying our forwards on several occasions. The half-time score was 2-0. The third goal was a brilliant effort by Lawlor who dribbled his way through and sent a great shot over the keeper from the right, just outside the area. Connelly then sewed up the match by grabbing his second goal, and although Fazakerley scored a consolation goal to make the score 4-1 (a ball through the middle left the forward clear, and he gave the advancing Waydock no chance), Curlett soon restored the four goal difference, when, put through by Connelly, he slipped the ball wide of the keeper. Number six came from a penalty for hand-ball on the line. After all the excellent work he has done in defence, it was decided that Jarman should be given his opportunity at the other end, and he proceeded to net his first goal for the team; however he seemed to stub his toe on the ground and hardly connected with the ball; but it just trickled over the line past the stranded keeper: 6-1. The seventh goal was put in by Connelly who thus completed a deserved hat-trick.

It was an excellent all-round performance, everyone having a good game. Waydock handled the ball with increasing confidence; Foulkes did some great work in defence on the winger who was their best player; Harrison cleaned up well; Harper and Jarman were unbeatable in the middle of the defence. The midfield well together, with clever interpassing and quick through balls; Virtue looked impressive, Mitchell had his usual good game, and Manifold gave the midfield greater flair with his natural left-footed play. Curlett ran well at centre-forward. However, perhaps the best performances came from wingers Connelly and Lawlor who constantly troubled the defence. It was a great triumph of attacking football over negative defensive tactics - it's a pity all teams do not do this! I would like to thank the two substitutes, Woods and Roberts for their patience: the team were playing so well that it was impossible to take anybody off.

Our opponents in the semi-final will be Alsop, and the match will be played on a neutral ground, probably in March.

Second Eleven Football

January 24th 1976

Institute 6 Holt 3 (at Holt)

After everyone had 'swapped' round shirts, the Institute turned out in a greenish strip; 'Spud' Murphy (5D) having acquired one on the very steps of the Holt Comprehensive itself.

Having taken so long to sort itself out, it was no surprise that the Institute should find themselves 2-0 down itself ten minutes; but this wasn't going to bely the stout-hearted members of the 2nd XI.

Some of them, having noticed the Under-15 Team had just put in a goal, decided it would be a good idea to score, and first an "in-off" and then a Cottrill 'run-in' levelled the scores.

Soon the Institute started to play and with Battle taking a firm hand, or foot if you like, in midfield, seized a grip on the game much to Mr. Lea, Wilkinson, and Glyn Kelly's delight, who had spent the first half kicking a ball about in an effort to keep warm. Institute went ahead 3-2, and came half-time.

The 'Coach' got to work and decided it was now going to be a 4-4-2 formation, but Holt (whose teacher plays centre-half for Altrincham) put back, so Steve Newell took up a left-wing attacking position. Institute, however, ran away with the game putting in more goals from Cottrill, 'Spud' Murphy (2) and Battle.

Highlight of the game was a delightful 'air-borne' header from Murphy off Battle's cross, which was put in in true Mick Walsh (Blackpool) style.

Outstanding player was Battle, closely followed by Brockenbrow, Leigh, Murphy, and Carter.

There are more wins to be gained by this team this year, who bounce back well from week to week (after a Roby hammering of the previous week (!-1)).

May I take this opportunity of wishing Mr Cottle-Messors, Robinson and Williams, Moulder and Eastham; and their teams; the very best of luck in their raid on Swierpods school honours this season 1975/6 - (Good luck boys)
R.G. Lea

UNDER 14. Echo Cup: Round 4

TREMENDOUS TEAM EFFORT SEES INSTITUTE INTO SEMI-FINALS

RESULT: DE LA SALLE: 0 LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE: 1

After the defeat by a tough, though not particularly skilful, Roby side on the previous Saturday, our Echo Cup match this week against De La Salle — our bogey team which has so far always beaten us — provided me with some apprehension about the outcome.

Saturday morning was mild and sunny, and the pitch was in quite condition, although there was a hard, bare patch in the centre. Both sides had a keen following of noisy supporters.

The match got under way with both sides settling down remarkably quickly to play some fast, exciting football. The game was fairly even until midway through the first half when a clearance from the De La Salle penalty area was well won in the air by Parry, who headed the ball back into the area, where it came to Kinsey, who calmly beat the goalkeeper to put the Institute ahead.

This upset the rhythm of the opposition for the rest of the first half, but the Institute failed to make use of further scoring chances.

After the interval De La Salle attacked strongly in a determined effort to level the scores, but good play by the Institute rearguard saw them safely through this period of pressure. The Institute midfield trio took command from now on and built up a series of strong attacks from which several scoring chances resulted.

The Institute front-runners, however, were unable to add to the score. They were thwarted by a combination of over-eagerness, indifferent finishing and by some brave and desperate defensive play by the opposition. Parry moved forward to join the attack, but saw his shot from 20 yards go past the post, and soon afterwards the De La Salle goalkeeper saved bravely at the feet of Mitchell.

Despite all this pressure, the game was far from over and there were some tense moments, as De La Salle, on their few breakaway attacks, looked dangerous particularly near the penalty area where they made frequent use of the long throw. Yet the Institute back four gave no ground and contained the opposition forwards.

Towards the end both substitutes were brought on and were immediately in the thick of things - Shone cutting out a last minute effort down the right flank by the De La Salle winger just before the whistle blew for time.

This was a thrilling game to watch, and was deservedly won by the Institute with a splendid team effort. The score itself says very little - De La Salle could not have complained if they had lost by 4 or 5 goals.

The spirit in which the match was played is a tribute to both teams - there were only 3 free-kicks in the match - all for offside.

Team: Cannon; Gibiliru, Pettigrew, Brockenbrow, Freeman; Cutts, Parry, Parkinson; Kinsey, Hanley, Mitchell.
Subs: Creedon, Shone.

Under 14 Record; 1975-76

Block fixtures

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	10	1	2	83	15

Scorers

21	Hanley
20	Kinsey
14	Pettigrew
5	Cannon (pen)
4	o.g.; Brockenbrow
3	Cutts; Mitchell; Creedon
2	Parkinson; Freeman
1	Gibiliru; [Grainger]

Cup matches

P	W	D	L	F	A
5	4	1	0	15	4

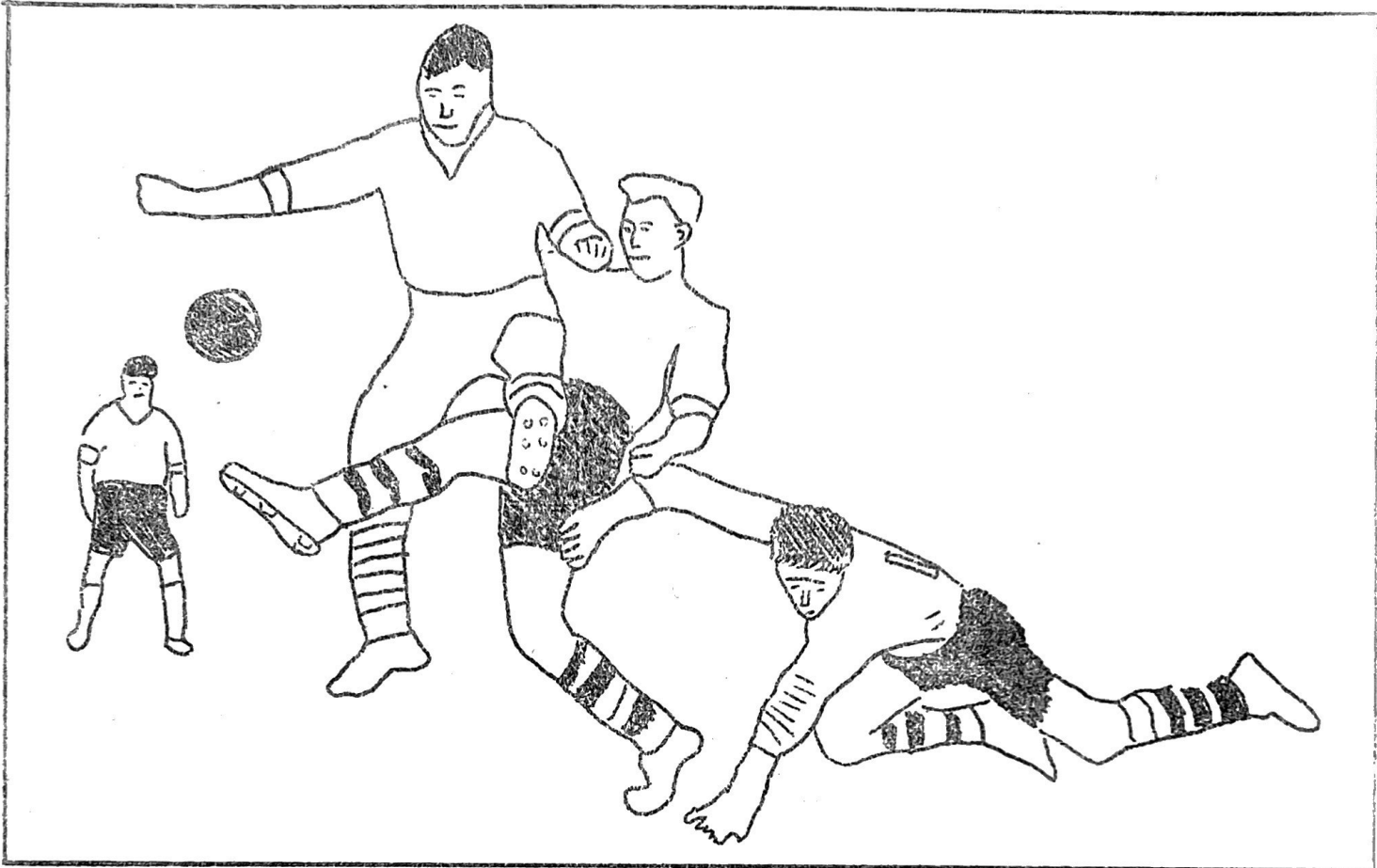
Scorers

5	Hanley; Kinsey
2	Pettigrew; Brockenbrow (2 pen)
1	Parkinson.

SPOT THE BALL.

Here is the solution to last weeks spot the ball.
The winner was S. Conneely IC.

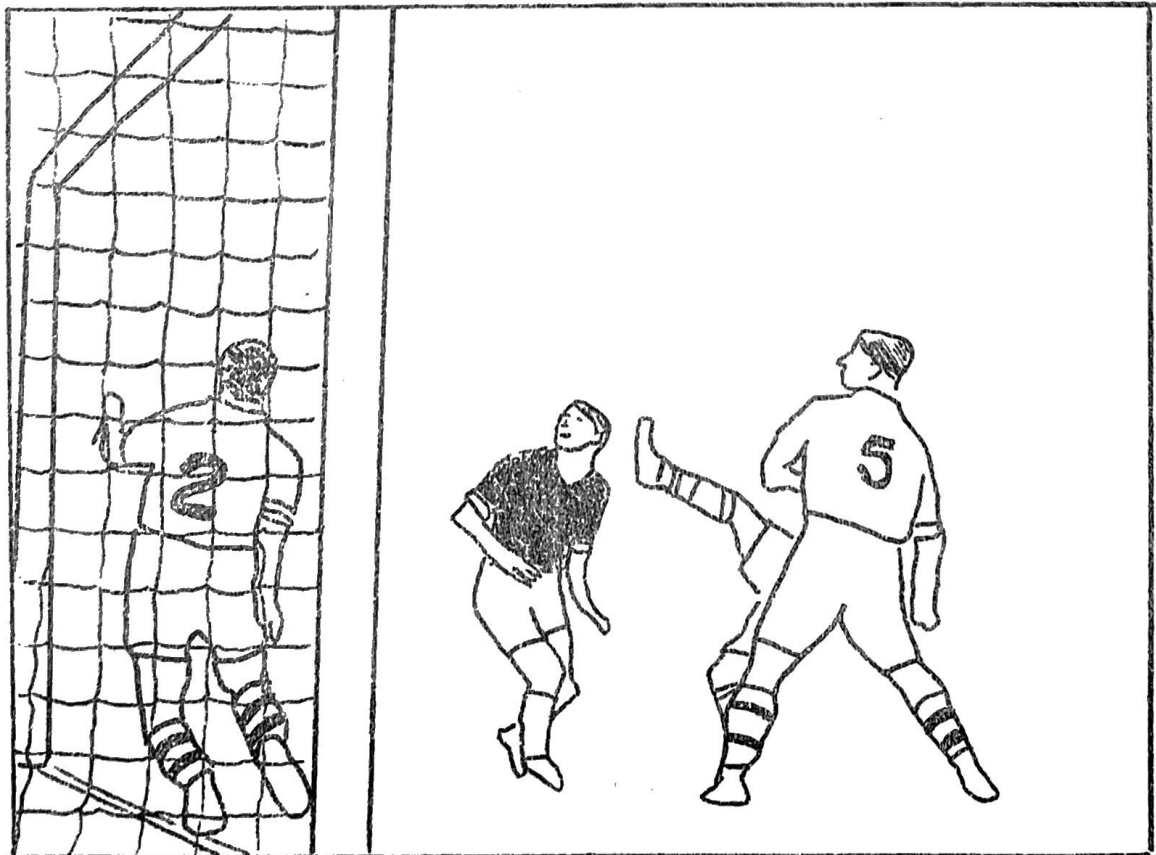
Very close behind him was Mr. Lee, and other near misses by
Furlong 2A, Manifold ID, Hott Bsc, Chellew 2C, Bostock 2C and
Barbara Drezd.



HAVE A GO AT THIS ONE.
ANOTHER SMALL PRIZE FOR WINNER.

Arsenal V Liverpool 1950
cup final.

TEAR HERE.



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