

GRAND PRIX

Jones vrooms in for a treble

DAVID BENSON
in ZANDVOORT

AUSSIE speed ace Alan Jones made it a hat-trick of victories when he won the Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort yesterday.

Jones, in a Saubla-Williams, finished ahead of Jody Scheckter (Ferrari) and Jacques Laffite (Ligier).

The 32-year-old Australian, who has already won the Austrian and German Grand Prix, is in hot form at the moment, but he cannot win the world title.

Under 1979 rules, drivers can only count four races from each half of the season.

Jones, who collected four points in the first half can now only score a maximum of 40 and South African championship leader Scheckter, with 44, has already put him out of contention.

Collision

There was some hoit-gan driving at the start when Jones' team-mate Clay Regazzoni of Switzerland collided with Rene Arnoux in a Renault almost causing a multiple pile-up.

The Swiss driver lost a right front wheel which rolled across the track and as other drivers braked heavily behind them Jean-Pierre Jarier hit Carlos Reutemann causing the Argentinian to retire his Lotus after just one lap.

There was a spectacular moment when Gilles Villeneuve had a puncture in his Ferrari and tried to steer through a bend, but spun off.

Incredibly he got the car back on the track and drove a full lap on three wheels only to retire in the pits because the suspension collapsed.

It's Hughes horse sense

EMLYN HUGHES brought jubilant WOLVES down to earth after playing a leading role in their 3-0 thrashing of IPSWICH.

Crazy Horse, new skipper of the success-starved club, said cautiously: "We still need about 31 points to avoid relegation. That's the way we used to think at Liverpool at this stage of the season."

No problems

But it was quite a gala occasion at Molineux, with the unveiling of the new £24 million stand, the reappearance of manager John Barnwell recovering from his serious car crash and the home debut of Hughes.

"Now we have to take it from there," said Hughes.

By JOHN DAVIES

"This Wolves side is as hard as Liverpool. Obviously there is not as much skill, but there should be no problems we cannot overcome."

Barnwell, looking remarkably fit, said: "Emlyn has given us a calmness that wasn't there before. I am looking for the kind of shape in the side that Liverpool and Forest have and there were hopeful signs it is beginning to happen. And happen it will if everyone here at Molineux believes it will."

Goals from Willie Carr, Peter Daniel and Mel Eves stimulated the confidence that ran through the Wolves side.

But, at Portman Road this morning, some of Ipswich's lackadaisical stars can expect a kick in the pants from manager Bobby Robson.



HUGHES



KEVIN BOND

Bond's cut price stars

THE ODDS against pace-setting NORWICH winning the League title will be slashed from 100-1 to 66-1 this morning following their 2-1 defeat of LEEDS.

And Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson and England boss Ron Greenwood are the latest members of the Norwich admiration society.

Good job

"John Bond has done a very good job of strengthening his team," said Greenwood. "Four-goal wins against Everton and Spurs, and now victory against Leeds can't be bad."

Adamson admitted: "We were only in the match for the last 20 minutes. Norwich didn't let us play until then."

By JOHN LLOYD

I didn't recognise them from last season and they won't be easy for anyone from here on."

Leeds never recovered after manager's son Kevin Bond hit them with two goals in the first 35 minutes. Right-back Bond got his first from the penalty spot and No. 2 came from a roaring 35-yard shot when Dad thought he should have passed the ball. "You take chances like that because of your good position in the League," smiled 22-year-old Bond.

Now Norwich, with super goalkeeper Kevin Keelan providing the experience at the back, plan to continue their scoring ways in the League Cup at Gillingham tomorrow night and at Coventry next Saturday.

SAD SEE-SAW

But now Chelsea get points

By James Lawton

SAMPLE quote from long suffering CHELSEA fan: "So what's changed? We're back on the see-saw."

It's a reasonable reaction. Chelsea's 3-1 win over WREXHAM, despite the late emergence of Ron Harris as a midfield operator of some subtlety, was assisted by much good fortune.

What a miss,

WATFORD boss Graham Taylor groaned: "I felt we were robbed," even though CAMBRIDGE played the last 22 minutes with only 10 men.

Luther Blissett ruled out Tom Finney's opening goal for Cambridge and Ross Jenkins put them ahead before Finney netted again.

But something has changed—in the most important place in any football ground. I mean the manager's office.

For two many years Chelsea managers have been clutching at every favourable breeze.

Danny Blanchflower doesn't need to perform such optimistic cavorting. He has come into his job with a rare independence. He was glad of the points, sick with the performance.

"We need more movement, more conviction. Wrexham were more of a team."

"Ask me after 11 games and I might be able to give you something of an assessment of our chances... might be able to tell you if and where I need to strengthen the team."

Then he chuckles and wonders if maybe Chelsea are slipping into a habit... of picking up points.

They have five from six now and though it is true that if Wrexham's young keeper Eddie Niedzwiecki had not had a wild moment two minutes from the end Chelsea would certainly have been held, there is some evidence for hope.

Scorers: Chelsea—Harris, 19 mins; Britton 88 mins; Buntstead 90 mins; Wrexham—Buxton 12 mins.

Gordon's groans

HOT-SHOT FULHAM striker Gordon Davies, who got a hat-trick last week, held his head in his hands after an agonising second half miss in the 2-1 defeat at SUNDERLAND.

It was a header from six yards and Davies put it straight at Sunderland keeper Barry Siddall. "I should have scored," moaned Davies.

HURRY BACK CURRIE—YOUR PALS NEED YOU

By NORMAN DIXON

EDDIE KELLY had a few words of comfort for the shattered fans of Queen's Park Rangers after the 4-1 thrashing by Leicester.

"They'll be a different side with Tony Currie in and Stan Bowles back," said the man QPR sold to Leicester last season.

Unfortunately, manager Tommy Docherty wasn't there to hear. He was, for once in his life, speechless as far as the Press was concerned and dashed away straight after the match.

Currie is hoping to make his overdue debut this week, and Bowles is just hoping to get a same sometime.

"I'm on the transfer list,

but I've heard nothing. I'm keen enough to play if I get the chance," said Bowles.

Someone to bring a touch of order and cohesion is desperately needed. They just couldn't compare with the impressive Leicester boys playing delightful, short-ball football.

Clive Allen and Paul Goddard looked promising in attack, but got little support from midfield in which David McCreery often seemed like a little boy lost.

There must be question marks also about the central defence. It was perhaps their shortcomings which made Chris Woods seem so uncertain in goal.

Super Stoke strike again

By JOHN BEAN

AFTER watching his side beat SPURS 3-1, STOKE boss Alan Durban finally acknowledged that their form this season is no mirage.

He also revealed the problem which had been taxing his mind all last week.

"I pondered right up to Friday about asking Paul Richardson to do the same tight-marking job on Ardiles that he'd done on Forest's John Robertson in midweek," he explained.

"In the end, I disregarded Ardiles and played the side that had started with a convincing win against Coventry—I wanted to see if that was a fluke."

Quickest

So the experienced Richardson sat on the bench for 75 minutes while young Adrian Heath, new Dutch recruit Look Urmson, and Sammy Irvine took Ardiles and Co. to the cleaners. But the quickest, deadliest assailant of all was Garth Crooks.

His two goals—one a penalty—added to the pair he bagged in Stoke's opener, and he buzzed through Spurs' defence like a man with a chain-saw to carve a third for Brendan O'Callaghan.

"The boy's flying at the moment," confessed Durban. "We had two laughable offers for him in the summer, but frankly he was not going to go anyway."

Mayo owns up

By BRYAN COONEY

ORIENT boss Jimmy Bloomfield knew, after 28 minutes, that as a centre half, Joe Mayo is a good centre forward.

By then, Luton had rattled in two goals and were set fair for their 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road.

But Mayo had known all along of his shortcomings in the defensive department. "I got the message at Walsall some years ago," he admitted.

"They played me at centre half in the first four games and we had an average of four goals put past us per game. I knew then that I wasn't exactly cut out to be a hero in that position. And today's experiment proves that point. I was a bit of a disaster."

"It was an eerie experience out there facing a striker like Bob Hatton. It was like playing against myself."

THE SATURDAY SOCCER CHECK

DIV ONE.—Arsenal 0 Man Utd 0—Aston Villa 0 Bristol City 2—Bolton 2 Southampton 1—Derby 0 Everton 1—Liverpool 3 WBA 1—Man City 3 Brighton 2—Middlesbrough 1—O Palace 1—Norwich 2—Leeds 1—Nottingham 4—Sheff Wed 3—Spurs 1—Wolves 3—Ipswich 0.

DIV TWO.—Bristol R 2 Shrewsbury 1—Burnley 0 Notts Co 1—Cam Utd 2—Watford 2—Cardiff 1—Birmingham 2—Charlton 1—Newcastle 1—Chelsea 3—Wrexham 1—Luton 2—Orient 1—Preston 1—Swansea 1—QPR 1—Leicester 4—Sunderland 2—Fulham 1—West Ham 1—Oldham 0.

DIV THREE.—Barnsley 2—Reading 0—Carlisle 1—Bury 0—Oxford 1—Sheff Utd 1—Chesterfield 3—Plymouth 1—Exeter 2—Mansfield 1—Gillingham 1—Bullwall 1—Grimsby 4—Blackpool 3—

Hull 2—Oxford Utd 2—Rotherham 3—Colchester 0—Sheff Wed 0—Blackburn 3—Swindon 4—Brentford 0—Wimbledon 0—Southend 1.

DIV FOUR.—Aldershot 3—Port Vale 1—Bournemouth 3—Newport 2—Bradford City 2—Tranmere 0—Hereford 1—Darlington 0—Huddersfield 3—Doncaster (—Northampton 1—Walsall 2—Peterborough 2—Hull City 1—Portsmouth 6—Southport 1—Stockport 1—Wigan 2—York 0—Lincoln 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Prem Div.—Celtic 5—Kilmarnock 0—Dundee Utd 1—Aberdeen 3—Hibs 5—Dundee 2—Partick 2—Rangers 1—St Mirren 0—Morton 3—FIRST DIV.—Aberdeen 2—St Johnstone 3—Ayr 0—Clyde 0—Berwick 1—Hearts 3—Clydebank 2—Dumbarton 1—Hamilton 4—Airdrie 3—Raith 0—Dunfermline 0—Stirling 2—Motherwell 0.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Midland: Bedford v Enderby—Bromsgrove v Gloucester—Minehead v Trowbridge. Southern: Aylesbury v Andover—Chesham v Bournemouth—Folkestone v Shep v Salisbury—Poole v Dover (3.0). Dorchester v Ashford.
BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Prem: Carshalton v Harlow—Croydon v Tooting and M—Dagenham v Boreham Wood—Enfield v Woking—Hendon v Dulwich H—Harrow v Barking—Hitchin v Sutton—Oxford C v Leatherhead—Slough v Staines—Tilbury v Wycombe W—Walthamstow A v Hayes.
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FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Luton v Southampton (3.0).
ATHLETICS.—England v Poland v Switzerland (O Palace Centre, 2.30).
MOTOR RACING.—Aurora AFX British Formula 1 Championship (S H O W J U M P I N G (J u l y 2 7 2 8)—Silverstone (11.15). Embassy Speed Stakes (3.15).
SPEEDWAY.—Gulf British League: Birmingham v Exeter (7.30)—Exeter v Birmingham (11.0)—Reading v Wolverhampton (7.30)—Hull v Poole (7.30)—Wimbledon v Ipswich (7.45)—King's Lynn v Sheffield (7.45)—Grady Hth v Swindon (7.45).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Newcastle v Middlesbrough (11.0)—Scunthorpe v Boston (3.00) and Southport v Stoke—Wokingham v Glasgow (7.00).
CHALLENGE: Halifax v Belle Vue—Netherfield v Oxford—K. C. C. v Rye House v Midsenhall (4.30).