EXPRESS SOCCER SERVICE...A WINNER ALL THE WAY

Wild about Gary

By DAVID MILLER

EVERY so often an ordinary match is made special by the sight of an outstanding youngster. Gary Chivers was such a player at SUNDERLAND.

Although CHELSEA lost 2—1 in a game they well deserved to draw, Chivers, after only a handful of first team appearances, is clearly a central defender with a fine future.

Geoff Hurst, suffering his second consecutive defeat since becoming manager, knows that it will take three years rather than five matches to turn Chelsea into a potential First Division force again.

With little or no money in the bank, it will be the ability of Hurst and assistant Bobby Gould to coach youngsters, rather than to motivate, which will be the decisive factor in Chelsea's long-term revival.

Chivers, calm and authoritative partner for the massive Micky Droy, is the kind of youngster around whom a stable team can be built.

Although Droy limped off injured in the second half with a hamstring injury which could keep him out of action for two weeks or more, Chelsea were dominant for the last half hour at Roker, playing the best football of the match.

They were desperately unlucky a minute after Tim Gilbert had scored Sunderland's 55th minute winner when promising Gary Johnson flung himself at a cross from Ian Britton, only for his header to hit 'keeper Barry Siddall on the legs.

Chelsea, looking competent and confident, were never overawed in the first half hour and led with a slightly lucky header by Johnson from Gary Locke's free kick before Kevin Arnott equalised.

Sunderland improved but, without the injured John Hawley and Bob Lee, they were seldom really convincing.

MICKY DROY

SPARKLING SPURS

I LIKE the "new" SPURS . . . what a difference a year has made to them!

There are three very good reasons for their climb up the First Division mountain.

First, Terry Yorath has given them a stability in midfield and is the perfect foil for the skills of Glenn Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardiles.

Second, the acceptance of English-style Soccer by Ricardo Villa and Ardiles—they looked good and worked hard.

Three, there is more steel in the side these days. When MIDDLESBROUGH had their moments, the Spurs defence stood the test well and were worth their 0—0 draw.

Scramble

The Londoners were fortunate twice, however. In the first-half, Mark Proctor went round Milija Aleksic, but the energetic Villa scrambled the shot off the line.

And, nine minutes after the break, Micky Burns headed David Armstrong's corner kick on to the bar from a position where it looked easier to head into goal.

But, apart from this, it was Spurs calling the tune. Chris Jones could have had a hat-trick, Villa one goal and Hoddle another in the first-half alone had Jim Platt, in Boro's goal, not been at his best. Then two minutes from the end, Gerry Armstrong rattled the Middlesbrough bar with the best shot of the match.

But Boro, undefeated at home this season, are never easy to beat. That is why Tottenham suggest to me that they might be going places. Perhaps a UEFA place for a start this year?

Jimmy Armfield looks at Spurs and likes what he sees

TERRY YORATH

Liverpool for title—Channon

By JOHN BEAN

MIKE CHANNON added his voice to the many who claim MANCHESTER UNITED aren't good enough to win the Championship.

Channon, fresh from a physical and mental mauling that would have reduced a lesser combatant to tears, insisted after SOUTHAMPTON'S 1—0 defeat that Liverpool remain the obvious title bet.

United boss Dave Sexton could reply—but doesn't—that if someone doesn't soon take a point from United at home the critics may become a dying breed by Christmas.

United's seventh Old Trafford win in as many outings was nicked by a fluke headed deflection from Southampton's Manny Andruszewski, that stemmed from a Lou Macari challenge.

If it was an unsatisfactory way to bag the points United can claim that Southampton's survival for 80 minutes was just as tenuous.

Betrayed

Lawrie McMenemy did his best to convince everyone that his Saints deserved a point for guts.

He pointed out that the absent Alan Ball would normally have policed the far post—deserted in the ninth minute by Graham Baker when Wilkins floated the ball across.

He reminded everyone that with Ball, centre half Dave Watson and keeper Terry Gennoe all confined to sick beds, his lopsided team was still looking for a point at the end.

But his theme was betrayed by the blistered hands of deputy 'keeper Peter Wells at one end of the pitch and the battlescarred face of Channon at the other.

Nice here, innit?

A HAPPY David Pleat, rejoicing in LUTON'S win at CAMBRIDGE, said: "We are still top, what more can I want?"

He agreed it was not an easy game, but was delighted his side had proved it could go away, win, and play football at the same time.

On the other side of the coin, United manager John Docherty said of the 2—1 defeat: "That was the luckiest two points Luton will get this season."

Even though his club has gone the last eight matches without a win, Docherty does not consider relegation. "We are too good to go down," he said.

"Of course I'm disappointed, but I thought we played better in this game than for several weeks. I could not ask for more from my players."

For nearly an hour it was deadlock, then suddenly in a three-minute spell Luton were two goals up.

Bob Hatton slotted home the first and David Moss hammered his sixth penalty of the season.

Although Alan Biley scored for the first time in nearly two months, the goal came two minutes from time and far too late for United.

Pike's turn

LITTLE Geoff Pike climbed off the Upton Park treatment table just an hour before the start to earn Hammers 1—0 victory.

Pike, in doubt because of a calf injury sustained in the League Cup tie at Sunderland last week, netted the winner and jolted Wrexham's promotion hopes.

Manager John Lyall said: "It was a bit tight and Geoff had to have special treatment. But I was delighted it worked out for him—and us."

The win puts Hammers only four points away from second place in the table, with a match in hand.

It was thanks to Pike's equaliser last week that West Ham face Sunderland in tonight's League Cup replay at Upton Park.

But they will be without Trevor Brooking, Stuart Pearson and Paul Brush.

Wrexham manager Arfon Griffiths sad: "I thought our goalkeeper was superb and our defence had a good game. Although West Ham had 80 per cent of the pressure, I didn't think they were going to score."

New boy Ian Edwards, Wrexham's £125,000 midweek signing from Chester, showed some useful touches.

That's David—at the double

JULIA LONGLAND in AMSTERDAM

DAVID BROOME clinched a magnificent Grand Prix double last night.

First he won the Netherlands Grand Prix on Queensway Big Q then the Amsterdam Grand Prix on Sportsman.

The Amsterdam Grand Prix was the major event of the four-day show and Britain had three finalists in the jump-off against the clock — Broome, Derek Ricketts and Nick Skelton.

But it was Broome and Sportsman, last to go, who won with a second and a half to spare and bring Broome's winnings for the day to over £3,000.

Caroline Bradley, Daily Express Sportswoman of the Year, dropped back in the second round on Tigre.

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By RONALD WHITE

ROGER PAGE, 41, earned his sixth National Veterans Cyclo-Cross title at Bingley, Yorkshire.

He opened up a lead of 50 seconds over local rider Harry Bond near half-way. Bond tried hard to catch him, but could only reduce the gap to 30 seconds after 59 minutes 20 seconds of racing.

Another local rider, Richard Bates, 19, was a surprise winner of the Senior race, beating Coventry's Chris Dodd by 52 seconds in 52 minutes 30 seconds. He has been put in Britain's world championship training squad.

Newton title

■ AUSTRALIAN Jack Newton, 281, had a nine-stroke victory in the New South Wales golf championship in Sydney.

■ ENGLAND won the team event in the second World Cup Darts Championship in Las Vegas last night. John Lowe, Eric Bristow, Tony Young and Bill Lennard beat Wales in the final, 9—7.

■ DUTCHMAN Tom Okker 35 won the Mazda Over-35's tennis tournament at the Royal Albert Hall by beating 51-year-old American Pancho Gonzales 6—1, 7—6 in the final.

■ HENDON have appointed John Evans as manager to take over from player-boss Rod Halder.

REST OF THE WEEKEND SPORT IN SHORT

EUROPEAN SOCCER

BELGIUM.—Antwerp 0 Anderlecht 0—RWDM Molembeek 0 Standard Liege 1—FC Bruges 2 CS Bruges 0—Charleroi 2 Lierse 3—Beerschot 4 Hasselt 0—Beveren 0 Waregem 0—FC Liege 2 Waterschei 0—Beringen 1 Berchem 0.

HOLLAND.—Utrecht 3 Alkmaar 2—Feyenoord 4 Haarlem 1—Zwalle 3 NAC Breda 0—Nijmegen 0 Ajax 3—PSV Eindhoven 1 Excelsior Rotterdam 1—MVV Maastricht 1 Sparta Rotterdam 3—Willem II Tilburg 0 The Hague 6—Twente Enschede 3 Go Ahead Eagles 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 2 Vitesse Arnhem 1.

ITALY.—Bologna 0 Cagliari 1—Catanzaro 2 Roma 2—Lazio 1 Juventus 0—Milan 2 Fiorentina 0—Napoli 0 Avellino 1—Pescara 1 Perugia 1—Torino 0 Inter Milan 0—Udinese 3 Ascoli 1.

PORTUGAL.—Benfica 3 Sporting T 2—Porto 1 Uniao de Leiria 0—Braga 2 Boavista 0—Setubal 0 Belenenses 1—Rio Ave 0 Estoril 2—Beira Mar 3 Guimaraes 3—Portimomense 1 Varzim 0.

WEST GERMANY.—VFL Bochum 0 FC Kaiserslautern 0—Werder Bremen 1 Bavern Munich 4—Cologne 2 Hertha Berlin 2—Eintracht Frankfurt 6 MSV Duisburg 0—VFB Stuttgart 2 Eintracht Brunswick 0—Fortuna Duesseldorf 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1—Borussia Dortmund 2 FC Schalke 04 1—1860 Munich 0 Hamburger Saimas 1 Eintracht Uerdingen 0 Borussia Munchengladbach 1.

SPAIN.—Las Palmas 1 Espanol 0—Athletic Bilbao 2 Atletico Madrid 1—Valencia 2 Sevilla 1—Rayo Vallecano 5 Malaga 1—Barcelona 1 Burgos 0—Almeria 0 Sporting 0—Real Zaragoza 4 Hercules 0—Real Betis 1 Real Sociedad 1—Real Madrid 2 Salamanca 0.

SWITZERLAND. — Cup: Chenois Geneva 4 Zurich 1—Chiasso 2 Servette Geneva 2 (Servette won on pens)—Frauenfeld 1 Renens 0—Zurich Grasshoppers 3 Sion 3 (Sion won on pens)—Lucerne 3 Vevey 0—Neuchatel Xamax 2 St Gallen 1—Winterthur 2 La Chaux-de-Fonds 1—Young Boys Berne 2 Basle 0.

BADMINTON

HUNGARIAN OPEN (Budapest). — Men's Singles Final: N Yates (G.B.) bt T Kunstler (W Ger) 18—13, 6—15, 15—2. Women's Singles: P Kilvington (G.B.) bt H de Cort (Hol) 11—6, 11—7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Men: Crystal Palace 106 Guildford 78—Blackpool 102 H Hemostead 113—Sunderland 92 Stockport 81—Kingston 92 C Palace 113. Women: C Palace 42 H Hemostead 81—London YMCA 72 Uxbridge 73.

CYCLING

NATIONAL VETERANS CYCLO-CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (Bradford, 11).—R Page (Page) 59m 20s, 1; H Bond (Bradford), 2; A Winters (Coventry CC), 3. Team: Bradford. Seniors and Juniors: R Bates (Bradford), 52m 30s, 1; C Dodd (Kitchingsun) 2; B Davies (unsn), 3.

NEW FOREST SCRAMBLE. — A Macdonald (Sportif Europa).

ICE HOCKEY

INTER-CITY LEAGUE. — Altrincham Aces 1 Solihull Barons 9—Streatham Redskins 5 Southampton Vikings 3—Sheffield Lancers 4 Oxford Univ 5.

HOCKEY

SECOND TEST (Whangarei, N.Z.).—New Zealand 4, Ireland 1.

LAWN TENNIS

WIGHTMAN CUP (G.B. v U.S.).—(British names first): S Barker lost to C Lloyd 5—7, 2—6; A Hobbs lost to K Jordan 4—6, 7—6, 2—6; V Wade lost to T Austin 1—6, 4—6; D Jevans and J Durie lost to T Austin and A Kiyomura 3—6, 1—6.

S Barker lost to T Austin 4—6, 2—6.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS TOURNAMENT (Stockholm). — Semi-finals: B J King (U.S.) bt V Ruzici (Rum) 4—6, 7—6, 6—2; B Stove (Holl) bt L Sandin (Swe) 6—3, 6—3.

SUPER TOURNAMENT (Tokyo). — Men's Final: B Borg (Swe) bt J Connors (U.S.) 6—2, 6—2.

MOTO-CROSS

RACE OF THE YEAR (Mallory Park).—P Mathia (Cotton-EMX), 1; V Semmens (Malco), 2; D Watson (Suzuki), 3.

ROAD TROPHY TRIAL.—R Shepherd (Honda, 83 marks), 1; M Lamokin (Bultaco, 100), 2; M Rathmell (Montesa, 108), 3. **British Trials Championship** (after nine rounds): Rathmell, 118 pts; Lamplin, 87; Shepherd, 80.

MOTOR CYCLING

PERSE NATIONAL TRIAL (Hampshire).—J Gaskell (Suzuki) 21, 1; J Turner (Suzuki) 33, 2; A Clarke (Montesa) 36, 3. **BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP** (after 9 rounds).—Clarke 109, 1; Turner 76, 2; Gaskell 72, 3.

MOTOR RACING

FORMULA FORD FESTIVAL (Brands Hatch).—D Macleod (Scot, Sark I), 1; T Gray (Eng, Van Diemen RF79), 2; R Morris (Eng, Crosslo 32F), 3.

MOTOR SPORT

BOVIS NATIONAL RALLY. — M Wilson (Escort) 93mins 43sec, 1; G Elsmore (TR7), 2; J McRae (Chevette), 3. **Castrol Autosport Championship** (Final places). — Wilson 88pts, 1; McRae 85, 2; D Stokes 82, 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL (Hull).—GB 28 Papua New Guinea 12.

DIV 1.—Bradford N 15 Leigh 17—Hull KR 18 Castleford 13—Hunslett 8 St Helens 8—Wigan 23 Blackpool B 10—Workington 7 Warrington 14—Wakefield 19 York 8.

DIV II. — Barrow 42 Batley 10—Halifax 8 Keighley 5—Dewsbury 15 Bramley 11—Huddersfield 3 Oldham 12—Rochdale 19 Whitehaven 7—Swinton 7 Huyton 0

RUGBY UNION

Essex Cup, Second Rd: Woodford 30 Eton Manor 0.

SHOW JUMPING

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW (New York).—**White Horse Trophy**: Sanyo Music Centre (H Smith, GB), 1; Grande (M Matz, U.S.), 2; Semi-Tough (Miss T Rudd, U.S.), 3. **Gucci Trophy**: Jet Run (M Matz, U.S.), 1; Rush Green (Miss A Smith, GB), 2; Semi-Tough (Miss T Rudd, U.S.) 3.

AMSTERDAM GRAND PRIX (World Cup Volv—qualifier): Sportsman (D Broome, G.B.), 1; Hendrik (A Blickenstorfer, Switzerland), 2; Hydrophane Coldstream (D Ricketts, G.B.), 3.

NETHERLANDS GRAND PRIX.—Queens Bi Q (D Broome), 1 Pluco (H Nooren, Holland), 2; Denham Hills (D Rickett) 1, 3.

SPEEDWAY

BARRY THOMAS TESTIMONIAL MEETING.—**Hackney 39** (Z Plech 9, B Thomas 8) **Kent Select 38** (D Jessup 9, G Kennett 8).

AMUSEMENT GUIDE

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. All Seats Bkble.

1: **The Frisco Kid** (A). Wk. & Sun.: 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.

2: **Prophecy** (X). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 437 1234. Seats bkble for last evening perfs. Mon.-Fri. and all perfs. Sat. and Sun. (not late night shows) at box office 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Mon.-Sat.) or by post. No telephone bookings. **Airport '80 The Concorde** (A). Sep. progs. daily 1.00 (not Suns.), 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

NOW RITZ Leicester Square. **Pretty Baby** (X). Sep. progs. daily 1.00 (not Suns.), 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. (930 5252.) **Alien** (X). Sep. Progs. Wks. 1.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20. Late Show Sat. 11.10.

LONDON PAVILION. Picc. Circus. (437 2652.) **Moonraker** (A). Cont. Progs. Wks. 1.45, 4.45, 7.45.

ODEON, Haymarket. (930 2738/2771.) **Rich Kids** (AA). Sep. Perfs. Wks. 2.15, 5.20, 8.15.

ODEON, Leicester Square. (930 6111). **Yanks** (AA). Sep. progs. Wks. doors open 1.00, 4.15, 7.30. All seats bkble. in advance at box office or by post.

ODEON, Marble Arch, W.2 (723 2011/2). **Moonraker** (A). Sep. perfs. Sun.-Fri. Doors open 3.00, 6.45, Sat. doors open 1.15, 4.35, 8.05. Evening perf. and weekends bkble. in advance.

PLAZA 1, 2, 3, 4, off Piccadilly Circus. 437 1234. Advance booking facilities same as EMPIRE, Leicester Square. No telephone bookings.

1: **Quadrophenia** (X). Sep. progs. daily 1.0 (not Suns.), 3.15, 6.0, 8.30.

2: **Up in Smoke** (X). Sep. progs. daily 1.10 (not Suns.), 3.35, 6.0, 8.30.

3: **Beyond Evil** (X). Sep. progs. daily 1.0, 3.30, 6.0, 8.30.

4: **The Champ** (A). Sep. progs. daily 1.0 (not Suns.), 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181. World Premiere Presentation **Scum** (X). Sep. perfs. dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.45, 5.55, 8.35. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. Seats bookable. Licensed bar.

STUDIO 2 & 4, Oxford Circus. 437 3300. Licensed Bar.

2: Robert Altman's **A Perfect Couple** (AA). Progs. 12.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20. Lte. Show Sat. 11.10.

4: **The Deer Hunter** (X). 12.45, 4.05, 7.30. Lte show Sat. 10.50.

WARNER WEST END, Leicester Square. Tel.: 439 0791. Fully air-conditioned.

1: **Agatha** (A). Progs. 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

2: **The In Laws** (A). Progs. 2.15, 4.25, 6.25, 8.30.

3: **The Frisco Kid** (A). Progs. 1.15, 3.25, 6.00, 8.26. Sun. 3.15, 5.35, 8.00.

4: **The Main Event** (AA). Progs. 2.10, 5.00, 7.55.