

ALWAYS ON THE BALL FOR SOCCER

SWINGING BLUES

Fillery hits winner as Chelsea shine

THE rebirth of the Blues under manager Geoff Hurst continued last night at freezing Stamford Bridge.

West Ham supplied the artistry, but Chelsea, coming from behind, gave the 30,859 crowd the excitement and held on by their fingertips in a final 14 frenzied minutes as Hammers poured all over them trying to save the game.

West Ham should have scored in the first minute when Jimmy Neighbour broke away down the left and hit a low ball square into the box.

Frank Lampard slid on to the chance and from six yards put the ball inches wide of the gaping goal.

Chelsea hit back using the pace of Olive Walker and Lee Frost to unnerve Hammers down the middle. And twice they came close to taking the lead from well worked chances.

Micky Droy sent Walker away and he turned inside Lampard to curl a shot only inches over.

Then Walker set up Gary Chivers. The young defender was clean through, but goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson charged down his shot.

Lead

West Ham went into the lead in the 25th minute.

Billy Bonds hit a long ball that Trevor Brooking touched down to Pat Holland, who went across Droy and Chivers before

cutting a shot inside Petar Borota.

Chelsea were level four minutes later.

Frost, who hit a hat-trick on Saturday at Orient scored with a right-foot volley from 30 yards after John Sparrow's long throw had been cleared from a packed West Ham penalty area.

He hit the ball so hard that Ferguson was rooted to his line and did not see it until it bounced back into play off the back of the net.

West Ham regained their grip on the game



West Ham celebrate their goal by Pat Holland (second left)

Picture: MONTE FRESCO

By NIGEL CLARKE
Chelsea 2 West Ham 1

causing Chelsea problems.

He got right into the six-yard area before Gary Locke cleared the danger for Chelsea who were hard-pressed.

But in a lightning breakaway they nearly got a second goal.

Mick Fillery led Walker, got the ball back from him, and then hooked it just past the far post.

In the 76th minute Chelsea did go in front. Walker paved the way with a pass from the left which Fillery rammed home.

Best at the price

GEORGE BEST has put a price of £75,000 on his own head, writes Terry Smith.

Best, who is still registered with Fulham and played his first game in England for two years in the testimonial match for Ipswich boss Bobby Robson at Portman Road on Tuesday said yesterday: "Fulham say they want a substantial fee. I think £75,000 will be reasonable. I will give value for money."

NINE SAY 'NO' TO MULLERY

BRIGHTON boss Alan Mullery's search for new players is becoming desperate.

Mullery, eager to lift his side off the bottom of the First Division, admitted last night: "We have had three more bids turned down making nine refusals so far this week."

"Either the club turn us down or the player doesn't want to join."

David Gwyther, Rotherham's top scorer last season, is set to return

to Wales. Gwyther, 30, who started his career with Swansea, will join Fourth Division Newport for around £35,000.

Chelsea chief Geoff Hurst is to have more talks with Southend today before completing the £165,000 signing of winger Colin Morris.

Charlton striker Derek Hales will make his First League appearance for nine weeks at Chelsea on Saturday if Martin Robinson fails to shake off an ankle injury.

City plan 'could be a killer'

By GRAHAM BAKER

BRISTOL CITY were last night accused of attempting to take over their struggling Second Division neighbours Rovers.

And Rovers rebel director Ian Stevens, 35, warned that the club will be dead in two years if they accept City's offer to play their matches at Ashton Gate.

"City chairman Stephen Kew's offer is a takeover bid," said Stevens last night. "I will look after Bristol Rovers."

"Kew has a big job looking after City and I suggest he concentrates on that. If we go there we will be dead in two years. We would be swallowed up."

Stevens, who is also managing director of Eastville Stadium, insists that Rovers must stay at their present ground when the lease runs out on December 31.

Kew claims that City's offer is a genuine attempt to help Rovers over their predicament. "To say we're contemplating taking them over is utter nonsense," he said.

Death and glory night

READING goalkeeper Steve Death celebrated his testimonial match by keeping out a Young England XI at Elm Park.

Death, who will collect around £10,000 from a 7,466 gate, had little to do in Reading's 1-0 win — although Ron Greenwood's team included Southampton stars Nick Holmes and Graham Baker, QPR's Clive Allen, and Fulham's Richard Money.

Baker was taken off injured after a clash with Lawrie Sanchez.

Reserve striker Jerry Williams got Reading's winner

TABLE TENNIS

DESMOND IS A HOME BANKER

YUGOSLAVIA slammed Cyprus 5-0 in a European Soccer championship game in Novi Sad yesterday. Now Spain must win their last match against Cyprus in Nicosia on December 9 to top Group Three.

LEATHERHEAD midfielder player Mark Quinton has been sacked after being sent off in a reserve match. Said manager Billy Miller: "He is the first player we have had sent off in nearly ten years. We are not having that."

IVAN MAUGER, winner of speedway's world championship for a record sixth time in Poland this year, has been named as New Zealand's Sportsman of the Year.

ROTHMANS gave motor sport a j.m. boost when they announced they will sponsor the British Open rally championship from 1981 for four years.

DESMOND DOUGLAS, England's top table tennis player got England away to a winning start in the European Super League against Yugoslavia in his home city of Birmingham.

He thrashed Zoltan Kalinic, another left-hander, 21-14, 21-12 and will now play old rival Dragutin Surbek.

Surbek levelled the match by beating Paul Day 21-18, 21-17, even though the former English champion fought hard on his return to the side.

Jill Hammersley, who recently got back her No. 1 European ranking, restored England's lead by winning 21-8, 13-21, 21-15 against Erzebet Palatinus. She looked tired in the second game, but recovered with some sterling defensive work in the third.

With world doubles champion Surbek and Anton Stipanovic likely to beat Douglas and Lancashire's John Hilton, a great deal depended on Douglas again producing the goods in his singles clash with Surbek.

Morgan is top target

By TOM LYONS

LLANELLI utility star Peter Morgan, has played in three different positions for Wales, is being chased by top Rugby League clubs St. Helens, Warrington and Wakefield.

The 20-year-old Morgan, currently out of action with back trouble, has played stand-off and centre with the Wales 'B' side and was full back in the Welsh XV against Rumania last month.

Morgan has just turned down a £10,000 offer from St. Helens, but the Lancashire club remain favourites to sign him because of their colony of Welshmen.

PLAYBOY!



"If our lot had half as much thrust up front I'd be satisfied."

DUTCH CALL-UP FOR THIJSSEN

HOLLAND have recalled Ipswich ace Frans Thijssen to the international scene — after an absence of four years.

Thijssen, signed by the East Anglian side from Twente Enschede last February, is in the squad for the European championship match against East Germany next Wednesday.

SPORTS SUMMARY

LEAGUE CUP

Fourth Round Replay

NOTTM. FOR. 3 BRISTOL CITY 0

O'Neill, H-T: 2-0

Anderson, Woodcock 20, 462

(Forest away to West Ham in Fifth Round)

SECOND DIVISION

CHELSEA 2 WEST HAM 1

Frost, Fillery Holland

H-T: 1-1 30,859

TOP OF THE TABLE

Luton 15 8 5 2 28 14 21

Newcastle 15 8 4 3 19 12 20

Birmingham 15 8 4 3 20 14 20

Q.P.R. 15 8 3 4 28 14 19

Leicester 15 7 5 3 28 20 19

Chelsea 15 9 1 5 23 17 19

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKBURN 1 CHESTERFIELD 0

Crawford 5, 955

H-T: 1-0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter Finals, Second leg

DUNDEE 1 HAMILTON 0

Pirie H-T: 0-0

(Hamilton win on agg: 3-2).

RAITH 0 DUNDEE UTD. 1

H-T: 0-0 Hegarty

(United win on agg: 1-0)

POSTPONED: Celtic v Aberdeen,

Kilmarnock v Morton (ground unfit).

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-Final, second leg: St. Mirren v St. Johnstone (postponed — pitch waterlogged).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Cardiff 0, Orient 1; Fulham 1, Plymouth 1; Hereford 3, Chelsea 2; Leicester 1, Oxford Utd. 0.

STEVE DEATH TESTIMONIAL

Reading 1 (Williams), Young England XI 0. H-T: 1-0; 7,466; Receipts: £10,000.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY

Third Round: Aldershot 4, Eastleigh 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP

Third Round: Cheltenham 2, Gloucester 1; Enderby 3, Minehead 0; Waterlooville 2, Hastings Utd. 2.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group Three: Yugoslavia 5 (Kranjcar 2, Vujovic, Petrovic, Savic), Cyprus 0. H-T: 1-0; 20,000 (in Novi Sad).

Yugoslavia 6 4 0 2 14 6 8

Spain 5 3 1 1 10 4 7

Rumania 5 1 2 2 7 8 4

Cyprus 0 1 3 1 1 1 1

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

Amateur Football Alliance 2, R.A.F. 0.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

(Monaco, Monte Carlo).

Group 'A': France 2, Belgium 2; Czechoslovakia 1, Spain 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

(Bonn, West Germany).

Italy 3 (Rohmann o.g., Altobelli 3).

MIDWEEK LEAGUE

Gillingham 0, Charlton 3.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

Third Round: Kettering 3, Weymouth 1.

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP

Second Round: Sutton 4, Dudley 1. Replay: Nuneaton 8, Oldswinford 4.

NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Barnsley v Rotherham (postponed, pitch unfit).

NORTH HERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Workshop 1, Burton 0.

INTERNATIONAL (Cacia Spain)

Spain 1 (Mesa), Denmark 3 (Larsen 2, Bethelsen), 20,000.

GREYHOUNDS

WIMBLEDON, 7.45: Flery Lackan 0-4 (6-1, 72p), 8.00: Select Cambel 2-1 (4-3, £1.75).

N.R. Merchant Sailor (5), 1.15: High Manded 7-2 (3-1, 97p).

8.38: The Grand Slam 7-4 (1-3, 95p), 8.45: Carry On Banie 2-1 (0-1, £1.52), 9.00: Ratchy 4-1 (5-1, £2.93), 9.15: Adamstown Lucy 5-1 (2-5, £4.13), N.R. Sedate Gambol (1-3, 9.30: Altimira Flash 3-1 (1-6, £1.03).

Doubles: £74.24; £33.80; £78.57; £50.43.

TOP DOG'S BEST

BRIGHTON: 8.37 White Orchid; 9.28 Jingling Star, CATFORD: 8.01 Arcturus; 8.33 Tauber.

SOUTHEND: 8.16 Shenley Frolic; 8.48 Buckwhet, WALTHAMSTOW: 8.48 So Sharp; 9.00 Thoby Gray.

WHITE CITY: 9.09 Bulgaden Dreamer (NAP); 9.45 Blue More.

BILLIARDS

WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Colombo, Sri Lanka) Group 'A': Sri Lanka 1 (Sri Lanka) bt M. Mohideen (Sri Lanka) 2, 60pts-602.

Group 'B': S. Agrawal (India) bt C. Everton (Wales) 140pts-94; B. Benet (NZ) bt E. Fisher (Can.) 119-78; P. Misud (Malta) bt W. Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka) 1054-1026.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH (Dundee)

Anglo-Scottish 9pts., New Zealand 18. H-T: 3-15.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (Rochampton)

United Bank 10pts., Essex 10.

CLUB MATCHES

Bridgewater & Albion 9pts., Exeter 11; Gloucester 7pts., Exeter Univ. 6; Nuneaton 15, Coventry 21.

ATHLETICS

FLEET STREET HARRIERS

THREE BRIDGES RACE (London): 1. D. Hardstaff (North London) 13m. 48s.; 2. R. Marriot (South London) 13-30; 3. G. Harrold (Enfield) 14-10.

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN LEAGUE (Trebic, Czechoslovakia). — Super Divi Czechoslovakia 3, Sweden 4.

GOLF

EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT PLAYERS DIVISION QUALIFYING COMP

(Vilamoura, Portugal). — Final leading aggregates: 343—K. Williams (GB) 76, 76.

78, 75, 72, 76; J. Purcell (GB) 80, 72, 77, 77.

BOXING

COMMONWEALTH AND CANADIAN WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

(Halifax, Nova Scotia). — 15 Rnds: Clyde Gray (Can) stop Chris Clarke (Can) holder in 10th.

LAWN TENNIS

BENSON AND HEDGES CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Wembley). — Men's Singles. First round: R. Lewis (GB) bt T. Okker (Hol) 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; S. Stewart (US) bt S. Carnahan (US) 7-5, 6-2; P. Taylor (US) bt A. Jarrett (GB) 6-1, 6-4; H. Pfister (US) bt G. Vilas (Arg) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; J. McEnroe (US) bt J. Lloyd (GB) 6-4, 6-1.