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PICTURE BY REG LANCASTER

A spot of shut-eye for Norwich's Reeves, courtesy of Southampton's Waldron

Time-out, Palace

CRYSTAL PALACE, a team that can parade such spirit and skill, are a soft-hearted bungling lot.

They were in sight of snatching both points at MANCHESTER UNITED but tossed them aside in a senseless bout of defeatist time-wasting.

Referee Peter Willis revealed: "I had warned Palace about time-wasting, though I'm not obliged to do so. But the fact that a goal is

By DEREK POTTER

scored in extra time is no concern of mine."

United are too sharp to miss a second chance like that and Joe Jordan, whose return shook up both sides, though in different ways, headed the equaliser well into the 93rd minute.

Besides leaving some bruised egos, Palace took a few bruises home—painful ones.

"I wasn't too thrilled with that tackle on Gerry Francis,"

said Terry Venables. That "tackle" by Jordan put Francis out of the exciting fray in the seventh minute and added to Palace woes.

Palace shrugged off the handicaps and forced United into a performance some way above that required to beat more fragile visitors.

Jim Cannon stuck bravely to the battering ram Jordan and John Burridge, head stitched and cheek gashed, bravely clutched almost everything United bombarded at him.

Frank finds his touch

By STEVE CURRY

IT was a good week for Frank Stapleton in a footballing role, where the only currency that matters is goals.

The young Irishman scored two in midweek against Brighton and a further two to give ARSENAL an eventual comfortable 2-0 win over EVERTON.

For England international Bob Latchford luck went the other way. The hat-trick hero of midweek had to limp off at half time, out of the match and Wednesday's international.

Latchford and his scoring partner Brian Kidd could, however, find no excuses for not helping Everton to a lead.

As Arsenal manager Terry Neill admitted: "We lived dangerously. We couldn't have complained if we'd been a goal down at half time."

I suspect Don Howe delivered a few half-time home truths to his men about earning their wages for the Gunners. The game was transformed in the second half when Stapleton's first goal hit the net in the 58th minute.

One sensed that Everton's resistance had been broken and Frank stroked home a second after 79 minutes.

Stapleton told me: "obviously I like to get my name on the score sheet, and these

goals bring my total this season to 11.

"But it shouldn't matter who tucks away the goals so long as the team is winning. When you look at the top scorers at the end of a season you often find they are playing for a team that wins nothing."

Though it was Stapleton's goals that determined the outcome there was some evidence to suggest Everton are emerging from their period of transition and rebuilding.

With players like Hodge, Gidman, Bailey, Hartford and Stanley in the team this is a completely revamped Everton side from last year and Gordon Lee admits: "I think the fact we've had to rebuild does show on occasions."

"I've spent £2m on new players though I've got most of it back. But there's no money left, so I want to keep faith with this side."

A foggy shock—but Stig roars on

FOLLOW THE RALLY

WITH MALCOLM FOLLEY

STIG BLOMQUIST, one of the favourites to win the Lombard RAC Rally, survived a frightening eye-of-rally accident—with a cow.

Blomqvist and his co-driver, fellow Swede Bjorn Cederberg, were both taken to hospital after their car hit the animal in thick fog. But, after precautionary examinations, the Swedes were cleared to line up in their Saab Turbo when the Rally procession left Chester before a 12,000 crowd yesterday morning.

Blomqvist, who won the RAC in 1971, showed no ill-effects and was in fourth position when the cars reached the first major halt at Flamingo Land, Yorkshire, last night.

Less than a minute separated leader Marku Alen, of Finland, from a pack of 10 pursuing drivers after a day's driving over stages designed for maximum spectator comfort.

Fault

Alen was the fastest over the first five special stages until a cracked distributor cap reduced his Lancia Stratos to two cylinders on the Bramham Park test.

There were few dramas during the first half dozen of the 59 special stages in this 1,700-mile event.

Bjorn Waldegard, Sweden's world champion, elected, "modified" the shape of his Ford Escort when he careered off the road on the first stage and at Flamingo he requested an axle change.

Pentti Airakka, the Finn who is leading the British Open championship, damaged the axle on his Vauxhall Chevette when he drove into a gate and spun at Bramham Park.

As the drivers prepared themselves for a tough night's work in the demanding Dalby and Kielder Forests, Britain's Roger Clark—lying fifth in his Ford Escort—spoke for them all when he told me: "The Rally proper starts from here."

Explosive Clive

CLIVE WALKER typifies the bubbling new spirit of Chelsea.

The Oxford 21-year-old has explosive pace, exciting skill, punch and a cocky, almost arrogant confidence.

Every time he gets the ball there is that expectant buzz from the terraces. He rewarded the fans with a part in all the goals in the 3-1 victory over CHARLTON.

It was Chelsea's eighth in 10 games since Geoff Hurst took over as manager and has taken them to third in the table and slashed their promotion odds.

The secret "I've just reorganised the side a bit,

By NORMAN DIXON

especially at the back, introduced more discipline and a style of play which suits the men we've got," said Hurst.

But even he had to admit that for the first 45 minutes the bandwagon almost ground to a halt.

Why the second half surge? "Bobby Gould and I had a talk to them at half time and they responded magnificently," Hurst said.

Charlton's new manager, Mike Bailey, who had seen Dick Tydeman give them a

deserved 27th minute lead, blamed "a mad seven minutes when Chelsea got three goals."

"We left Filley unmarked when he scored the first and then came the two penalties. I dispute the first but have no complaints about the second."

That first given by referee David Hutchinson was definitely harsh, Les Berry being penalised for hands when the ball hit him accidentally.

BOBBY CAMPBELL analysed FULHAM's 1-0 victory at OLDHAM thus: "We've been playing tremendous stuff without getting results, too much good football at the back—and I've told the lads so.

JAKE MAKES JAMES MAD

BURNLEY'S frustration was summed up by Leighton James in the goalless draw at home against table-toppers LUTON writes DAVID MANKELOW.

During a stoppage in play, he tossed the ball into the air and hit a volley into the net.

For the Welsh winger, despite being shadowed by three Luton defenders for most of the match, was a constant threat and only a great second half save by Jake Findlay denied him the goal that would have ended Burnley's run of 24 League games without a win.

Lions leap

DIVISION III—IV ROUND-UP

MILLWALL roared back to the top of the Third Division with a confident 2-0 home win over BLACKPOOL.

The Lions went a point clear thanks to goals from Nick Chatterton and John Mitchell and would have rattled up more but for two superb saves by keeper Ian Hesford.

Another keeper to prevent a rout was BURY's John Forrest who had GILLINGHAM chief Gerry Summers exclaiming: "It was one of the best goalkeeping displays I've seen."

Ken Price and Tony Funnell were the men to find a way past Forrest after Bury had

taken the lead through Johnson.

READING keeper Steve Death who celebrated a bumper testimonial in midweek was brought back to earth by CHESTERFIELD, who slammed seven past him.

Striker Colin Garwood took his goals total for the season to 16 as PORTSMOUTH narrowed the gap on Fourth Division leaders Huddersfield with a sparkling 4-0 win over LINCOLN.

A delighted Garwood said: "I normally score more after Christmas when the grounds are heavy. Now I'm aiming for 30."

Taylor plots win

By ROGER KELLY

THE realistic attitude of WATFORD manager Graham Taylor was chiefly responsible for their 1-0 win over BIRMINGHAM.

Taylor explained: "We accepted before the match that they were a better team than us. We had to beat them by tactics. It was no good playing their kind of game."

So Watford played without a conventional centre forward, they harried Birmingham's skilful midfield men and they kept a tight grip on their wingers.

"Birmingham will be near the top of the table at the end of the season, so I've got to be pleased it worked," added Taylor.

Watford's Eric Steele made three crucial saves, Birmingham's Jeff Wealds blundered to let John Ward score the winner.

REST OF THE WEEKEND SPORT IN SHORT

SATURDAY RESULTS

DIV ONE: Arsenal 2 Everton 0. Villa 2 Stoke 1. Bolton 0 Man City 1. Derby 0 Ipswich 1. Leeds 1 WBA 0. Liverpool 2 Tottenham 1. Man Utd 1 Crystal Palace 1. Middlesbrough 1 Bristol City 0. Norwich 3 Southampton 1. Nottm Forest 0 Brighton 1. Wolves 0 Coventry 3.

DIV TWO: Bristol Rovers 1 Newcastle 0. Chester 1 Luton 0. Camb Utd 2. Wrexham 0. Cardiff 0. Orient 0. Chelsea 3. Charlton 1. Oldham 0. Fulham 1. Preston 1. Leicester 1. QPR 1. Shrewsbury 1. Sunderland 3. Notts Co 1. Watford 1. Birmingham 0. West Ham 2. Swansea 0.

DIV THREE: Carlisle 1. Sheff Utd 0. Chester 1. Mansfield 0. Chesterfield 7. Reading 1. Exeter 0. Oxford Utd 0. Gillingham 2. Bury 1. Grimsby 1. Wimbledon 0. Hull 0. Barnsley 2. Millwall 2. Blackpool 0. Rotherham 4. Brentford 2. Sheff Wed 2. Southend 0. Swindon 2. Blackburn 0.

DIV FOUR: Aldershot 1. Hallfax 1. Bournemouth 0. Doncaster 0. Crawley 0. Darlington 0. Hereford 1. Rochdale 1. Huddersfield 1. Tranmere 1. Northampton 2. Barroepool 1. Peterborough 1. Walsall 3. Portsmouth 4. Lincoln 0. Port Vale 1. Torquay 1. Wigan 4. Scunthorpe 1. York 3. Bradford City 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Prem Div: Celtic 3. Hibernian 0. Dundee Utd 0. St Mirren 0. Kilmarnock 0. Partick 1. Morton 2. Dundee 0. Rangers 0. Aberdeen 1.

DIV ONE: Aberdeen 0. Dunfermline 0. Arbroath 1. Hamilton 1. Clyde 1. Dundee 1. Stirling Albion 1. Motherwell 1. Raith 1. St Johnstone 3. Berwick 3.

DIV TWO: Alloa 1. Stranraer 1. Brechin 1. Cowdenbeath 3. E. Fife 1. Queen's Park 1. E. Stirling 1. Forfar 1. Falkirk 3. Queen of South 1. Montrose 5. Stenhousemuir 0.

ASSOCIATION SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Div Two: Albion 3. Meadowbank 1. WORLD CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP (Malmo)—First Leg: Malmo 0. Atletico Olympia (Paris) 1. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Bucharest)—Group Three, Second Leg: Rumania 2. Cyprus 0.

EUROPEAN SOCCER GREECE—Apollon 0. Larisa 1. Iraklis 0. Olympiakos 0. Panathinaikos 0. PAOK 0. Corinthos 0. A.E.K. 1. Rhodes 2. OFI 0. Crete 0. Ethnikos 1. Ioannina 1. Doxa Drama 1. Kastoria 0. Panathinaikos 2. Kavala 0. Panionios 0. Aris 1.

WEST GERMANY—FC Cologne 2. FC Kaiserslautern 0. Eintracht Braunschweig 3. Bayer 0. Laverkusen 1. VfB Stuttgart 0. FC Schalke 04 0. Fortuna Dueseldorf 1. Hamburger SV 1. TSV Munich 1860 0. FC Bayern Munich 2. FC Bayer 05 Uerdingen 3. Hertha BSC Berlin 1. VfL Bochum 1. Eintracht Frankfurt 0. Borussia Dortmund 1. Borussia Moenchengladbach 1. Werder Bremen 2. MSV Duisburg 1.

BASKETBALL ROTARY WATCHES NATIONAL—Div II (Men): Ovaline 88. Helmi 87. Ziebart Doncaster 88. Div II: Peter 112 Brunel Uxbridge 91.

DAILY MIRROR BRITISH FEDERATION—R.P.—Tillot Guildford 1. Kilbarny 89. Ovaline Helmi 87. Ziebart Doncaster 96. Paisley 87. Crystal Palace 131.

CYCLING BC-CA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—Eastern Division (14 miles): C. Stevens (Becontree Wheelers) 1:31.0. M. Daley (Rothwell/Cherry Valley) 1:33.1. D. Chinery (Colchester) 1:57.0.

GOLF MOROCCAN GRAND PRIX (Rabat): Final scores: 215—M. Brannan (U.S.), 250—A. Tapie (U.S.), E. Piori (U.S.), 282—A. Garrido (Sp.), E. J. Canizares (Sp.), V. Regalado (Mex.), 285—B. Vivian (NZ), British scores: 295—M. King, 302—F. Pollard.

PACIFIC MASTERS (Golemba, Jap): Final scores: 280—N. Suzuki (Jap), 282—W. Rogers (U.S.), T. Watson (U.S.), R. Carl (U.S.), 285—M. Amato (Jap), 284—T. Kobayashi (Jap).

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Melbourne): Final scores: (Australian unless stated) 281—J. Newton, 285—G. Marsh, G. Norman, 298—R.

Shearer, 291—W. Britton (U.S.), S. Tuttle (U.S.), 292—C. Player (SA), 293—S. Ballesteros (Sp.), 294—D. Graham, R. Shaw, 295—H. Gren (U.S.), British scores: 298—T. Johnson, 299—P. Cowen, M. James, 302—M. Bembridge.

LAWN TENNIS BENSON AND HEDGES TOURNAMENT (Wembley): Men's singles final: J. McEnroe (U.S.) bt H. Solomon (U.S.) 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles final: P. Fleming, J. McEnroe (U.S.) bt T. Smith (Cz), S. Smith (U.S.) 6-2, 6-3.

MOTOR CYCLING PEAK TRIAL (Derbyshire)—R. Shepherd (Honda) 23 marks, 1: M. Lampkin (Bultaco) 33, 2: J. Reynolds (Suzuki) 38, 3: British Trials Championship—Final Places: M. Rathwell (Montesa), 1: Lampkin, 2: Shepherd, 3.

MOTOR RACING MACAO GRAND PRIX—G. Lees (GB, March) 1hr 35m 55.48 sec, 1: R. Patrese (It, March), 2: H. Rothemann (Holl, Chevron), 3: D. Daly (Ire, March), 4: Other British: T. Needall (March), 10: R. Keegan (March), 12.

RALLYING

LOMBARD RAC RALLY (Leaders after 6 special stages): Alen (Fin, Lancia Stratos) penalties 2min 1sec, 1: H. Mikkola (Fin, Escort) 20min 35sec, 2: T. Pond (GB, Sunbeam Lotus) 29min 34sec, 3: S. Blomqvist (Swe, Saab) 29min 45sec, 4: A. Vatanen (Fin, Escort) 29min 55sec, 5: R. Clark (GB, Escort) 29min 58sec, 6.

SHOW JUMPING DEFENCE FORCES TROPHY (Dublin)—Veve World Cup—Hydroplane Goldstream (U. Ricketts, GB), 1: Tigre (C. Bradley, G.B.), 2: Carrolla Boomerang (E. Macken, Ireland), 3.

Talbot Grand Prix: Tigre (C. Bradley, G.B.), 1: Hydroplane Goldstream (U. Ricketts, GB), 2: Carrolla Boomerang (E. Macken, Ireland), 3.

Today's sport ASSOCIATION—Southern League (Mid): Minehead v Cambridge (7.30), (South): Chesham v Ashford (7.30). Poole v Crawley.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Chelsea v Spurs (2.15)—Luton v Ipswich (7.30).

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE—(Premier) Crofton v Boreham Wood—Dorchester v Hares.

F.A. Trophy (2nd qualifying round, 2nd replay) Harwich & P v Witney (at Finchley).

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP—Arsenal v Palace (7.0).

BOXING—Alex. Tompkins v Shaun Chatterton, Lewisham Concert Hall (8).