

Goal!

■ SPURS STUNNED. United's Steve Coppell hits the winner past keeper Milija Aleksic with Sammy McIlroy looking on.

Bridge of smiles

GEOFF HURST stood there smiling, his arm around Nobby Stiles. It reminded you of 1966 and all that, writes Norman Dixon.

It also reminded you that Geoff Hurst is one of life's winners. He arrived on the World Cup scene with a winning hat-trick. He has made just as big an impact as a manager.

He took over **CHELSEA** when they were fifth from the bottom, now, 12 games and ten victories later, they are top.

"Now we've got to prove that we are good enough to stay there," he said after the 2-0 victory over Nobby's **PRESTON** men.

Mickey Droy headed them into an 18th minute lead

FOCUS ON LONDON'S DIVISION II CHALLENGE

but they had to thank some pathetic Preston finishing to stay ahead.

Then a lovely ball from Mick Fillyer, a typical explosive burst and cross from Clive Walker, presented Ian Britton with a clinching second goal.

CHARLTON manager Mike Bailey said last week he only wanted players in his team who were prepared

to die for him, writes **ROGER KELLY.**

Well thankfully we didn't have any fatalities at the Valley, but clearly Bailey's words had an effect in beating **WEST HAM** 1-0.

Charlton's work and enthusiasm eclipsed West Ham's skill and posed serious questions about the Hammers' ability to claw their way back into Division One.

Manager John Lyall pleaded: "We had our mind on Tuesday's League Cup tie against Forest. You can't afford to do that."

But it's all too common a scenario for West Ham to look the better side yet lose.

Charlton's victory was built around the strength of defender Les Berry, midfielder creator Dick Tydeman and the striking power of Steve Gritt.

BABES TO BATTLE

By David Miller

TWENTY years ago it was "Busby's Babes." Today, defiantly leading the First Division, it is "Sexton's Scufflers."

It is ironic that Dave Sexton, a manager so irrevocably alive on the side of style, should be succeeding right now with a team willing to "battle."

And in that context it is necessary to observe that Glenn Hoddle, ten days ago the toast of Wembley, was conspicuously absent from the action after his opening goal in this stirring clash, watched by over 51,000.

There were moments in **UNITED'S** late, snatched 2-1 victory at White Hart Lane when it was all too nearly a battle—begun latently and uncompromisingly in the early minutes by **SPURS.**

For half an hour from the 30th minute, Spurs led by Hoddle's 18-yard snap shot, which caught Gary Bailey unsuspecting.

But United eventually won, not only because Spurs conceded two slack goals, but because United never gave up hope.

"There must be a reason why we're there at the top," said a relaxed, smiling Sexton afterwards. "Today the team showed real resolve. We simply discussed the fact that we had to pressurise them. Their midfield had been running through us. The real reason for our victory was that Joe Jordan and Lou Macari kept battling away up front."

Chances

Keith Burkinshaw, reflecting that Spurs' midfield Hoddle, Pratt, Ardiles and Villa disappeared in the last half-hour, admitted:—

"You've got to do it over 90 minutes, not 60. United had not had a direct shot at goal, yet, in the end, they were given two easy chances."



PICTURE BY REG LANCASTER

Top marks, Lawrenson!



LAWRENSON

PETER WARD gets closest to explaining **BRIGHTON'S** rise from the dead.

"Mark Lawrenson has made a big difference to the side in midfield," he tells you. "He's given us some flair."

It is an undeniable argument. In the three matches since Lawrenson regained fitness, Brighton have collected five points. Or, to put it another way, almost doubled their total.

Astonishingly, Lawrenson has never played in midfield before. "It's still a bit strange," he admitted after performing yet another colossal part in **DERBY'S** 2-0 defeat at Hove on Saturday.

The man filling Lawrenson's defensive role, Peter Suddaby, has also made a massive contribution since arriving three matches ago on a free transfer. "When I was a lad at Preston, I used to watch Peter playing for Blackpool," says Lawrenson. "When he came here I gave him some stick and called him an old man."

"But he's done exceptionally well for us." To find the third factor behind Brighton's revival you need look no further than Ward—once a Derby target. His goal broke a three-month barren spell and he admits: "I feel happier now and just want to help Brighton out of trouble."

With the Three Musketeers in such a defiant mood, Derby looked like little boys lost. Brighton manager Alan Mullery acknowledges what

By **MALCOLM FOLLEY**

Lawrenson, Suddaby, and an on-form Ward have given his side. But, wisely, he counsels: "Don't let's kid ourselves that we're going to run riot in the First Division. We still need players

THE DOC OWNS UP

QPR boss Tommy Docherty had no excuses after his side's 2-1 defeat at Cambridge.

"They worked harder than we did. It is as simple as that."

Not surprisingly, Cambridge boss John Docherty—no relation—was delighted.

"I had to talk to them severely during the interval because the 1-1 score was not reflecting the play. I told them the job was only half done, and they rose for the win."

McMenemy hits back at Ball bashers

By **JOHN DAVIES**

Before he jetted off for Southampton's game against Tunisia's national side on Wednesday, Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy angrily attacked The Dell boo boys who have been baiting the former England skipper.

"This has been going on for weeks," he stormed. "Every time the little man makes a bad pass—and that's not very

often—he gets abusive stick from the terraces."

Significantly McMenemy said: "If this kind of behaviour continues these loud-mouthed fans will get rid of Bally, and then say what a good player he was."

But if some of the fans didn't appreciate Ball's talents, Stoke manager Alan Durban certainly did.

"Just tell me where I can buy a player of Ball's calibre

apprehensive Leeds. But they just couldn't finish off their constructive play.

An out-of-character mistake by Jim Cannon in the 18th minute gave Alan Curtis a great chance, but from point-blank range, he hit John Burridge's legs.

Palace's defence suddenly had an unsure look about it and after 38 minutes Eddie Gray, with a great run from midfield, set up the chance for Kevin Hird to score.

That gave Leeds even more confidence, and Burridge became the busier goalkeeper.

BOBBY CAMPBELL has only one thing to say to a **FULHAM** side which is plundering down to the very bowels of the Second Division: "Keep playing the same way."

For despite the team's 2-0 defeat at **NEWCASTLE**, Campbell said: "We can't change our style now."

"I have been preaching and preaching that there is only one way to play. The players believe it because they believe in me."

SHREWSBURY player-

manager Graham Turner blamed "seven minutes" loss of concentration for his side's 2-1 home defeat by **LUTON**. "We let them off the hook," he said. "The first half-hour we completely dominated the game."

A 30-YARD "wonder goal" by Orient's Tommy Taylor, gave his side a 2-1 win over promotion-chasing **SUNDERLAND**. "A goal in a million," Sunderland boss Ken Knighton admitted ruefully.

REST OF THE WEEKEND SPORT IN SHORT

TODAY'S FIXTURES

ATHLETICS

FUKUOKA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON (Fukuoka, Japan).—Toshihiko Seko (Jap) 2h 10m 35s; 1: Shigeru Soh (Jap) 2-10-37; 2: Takashi Sch (Jap) 2-10-48; 3: B Ford (GB) 2-10-51; 4: G Hannon (GB) 2-18-51, 20.

BASKETBALL

Butlin's National Cup.—Flat Coventry 97 Sunblest Sunderland 85. **Women's National Cup quarter-finals**.—Langham Uxbridge 52 Cornus Luton 37. Tigers Hemel Hemp. 131 Scardianavian Homes Solent 69.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD, Melbourne. —Western Australia 105 and 182 (Kevin Wright 43, Higgs 7-49, Shaun Graf 3-24), Victoria 251. Adelaide: South

FOOTBALL

Australia 3-26, New South Wales 264 (Dyson 31, Prior 4-52, Mallett 3-75).

GOLE

NEW ZEALAND OPEN (Wellington).—273-D. Graham (Aust) 73, 281-R. Davis (Aust) 76, 288-B. Charles (NZ) 71; V Regalado (Mex) 63, 290-S. Owen (NZ) 76; B. Vivian (NZ) 75, 291-T. Kite (U.S.) 76, 292-T. Kendall (NZ) 71, 294-G. Litter (U.S.) 72, British: 236-M. Bembridge 77, 301-B. Barnes 80, 302-M. Foster 82, 305-T. Johnson 77.

LAWN TENNIS

SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN (Johannesburg).—Mixed Doubles, semi-final: S. Carnahan, M. Depalmer (U.S.) bt C. Dowdswell, (Zim-Rhodesia), 1. Charles (GB) 7-3, 3-5, 6-3. Men's doubles, semi-final: C. Moltram (GB), M. Cahill (U.S.) bt A. Partison (Zim-Rhodesia), Heinz Gunthardt (Switz) 6-2, 6-2.

MOTOR CYCLING

BRITISH SIDE-CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP (Bath).—Final rd: J. Howells (Suzuki) 8, 1; J. Turner (Suzuki) 10, 2; A. Clarke (Montesa) 17, 3. **DERWENT MOS BORNSLEY** (Ashtover, Derbys).—East Midlands Centre Juniors: D. Hart (Malco), Non East

RUGBY UNION

Midland Centre Juniors: D. Kennedy (Savarna), Experts & First and Seconds Allcomers: B. Steele (Malco).

WWE VALLEY AC TRIAL

G. Bamford (200 Famb), 1; T. Jurgens (200 Famb), 2; W. Andrews (250 Mont), 3. **Best Novice**: M. Herbert (175 Yam).

RUGBY MCC TRIAL

(Rugby).—Soleos: A. T. Wright (325 Suz), 1; A. Cowley (325 Suz), 2; A. Hain (250 Suz), 3. **Singles**: P. Bingley (250 Suz), 1; M. Boddice (250 Suz), 2; R. Winwood (250 Wal), 3.

NATIONAL KNUIT TROPHY TRIAL

(Bath).—Best Solo: M. Lamokin (325 Suz), 1; C. Sutton (350 Mont), 2. **Best Squeez**: J. Howells (250 Suz), 1; J. Turner (250 Suz), 2.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL (Montauban, Fr).—France 30 Romania 12.

Representative Match: Pentyr & Falmouth 4 Cornwall 26—Cornwall Five Service 10 Falmouth Reserves 0.

Oxfordshire Knockout Cup Quarter-finals: Oxford 18 Oxford Univ Greyhounds 10.

Charles Burton Diamond Jubilee Match: President's 24 Public Schools Wanderers 16 (at Sonbury).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Division One.—St Helens 39 Castleford 21—York 12 Salford 16—

WORKINGTON

Blackpool 'B' 8—Husley 16 Warrington 5—Wakefield 16 Leeds 14—Eligh 5 Hull 10.

Division Two

Doncaster 5 Whitehaven 4—Huddersfield 21 Bramley 17—Huyton 4 Oldham 31—Batter 0 Featherstone R 15—Barnold 6 Dewsbury 6—Swinton 5 Keighley 26—Rochdale K 8 Halifax 8.

SHOW JUMPING

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL SHOW: Puissance.—M. Malia de Costa (Portugal) Ennuseville, 1; S. van Poerschoten (Belg) porche, 2; N. Pessoa (Brazil) Miss Moet, 3. **GB: H. Smith**, Sanyo Hifi, 5.

SPEEDWAY

LADA INTERNATIONAL (Wombler).—I. Mauger (Hull) 13, 1; J. McMillan (Readinghampton) 12, 2; J. Davis (Reading) 11, 3.

SQUASH

BRITISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sheffield).—Third Round: G. Brins bt N. Stewart 9-4, 9-3, 9-2; J. Leslie bt S. Bateman 9-1, 9-7, 9-1; A. Dwyer bt P. Ayton 9-8, 9-2, 9-3; B. Paterson bt M. Shaw 9-4, 9-2, 10-9; P. Kenyon bt B. Pearson 9-8, 9-10, 10-8, 9-7.

G. Dupre bt P. Wright 9-1, 9-7, 9-1; 10-8, 9-7.

YACHTING

SOLENT CIRCUIT SERIES (Lymington).—Final Race 25.5 feet upwards: Super Tension (T. Smith), 23-25.4 feet; Mezzanine (K. Hancock and L. Chapman), 21-22.5 feet; Popincoola III (G and W. Brogan), 16-20.9 feet; Exprohibitionist (C. Linkletter), 14-17.

WEST SOLENT HANDICAPS

Division One: Piers Ear (J and R. Newman), 14-17.

Division Two: Gem (M. Parry), 14-17.

GREYHOUNDS

HAWKEYE'S FANCIES **GRAYFORD**.—8.16 Housekeeper, 8.50 Laird of Arkley, 9.7 Kings Luce, 9.42 Welsh Cocker (nap).

HARRINGAY.—3.17 Borwick Bound, 9.9 Off To The Moon, 9.27 Fionna Fane, 9.45 Tweedy John (nap).

WEMBLEY.—8.38 Right Arkle, 9.16 Kilmagour Mist (nap), 9.35 Windmere Prince, 9.55 Fur 10.

WIMBLEDON.—7.46 The One Above, 8.30 Quarrymount Sake, 9.0 Portland Dasy (nap), 9.30 Cantelena.

ASSOCIATION

(K.O. 7.30, unless stated)

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP.—Semi-Final: Morton v. St. Mirren v. St. Johnstone.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE.—Cup: Third Round: Altonham v. Wexham, Northwich v. Trilford.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Midland 1 Kidderminster v. Bridgend.

BERCELYSTHIAN LEAGUE.—Premier Div: Craydon v. Barking, Harrow Boro v. Gushalton.

F.A. YOUTH CUP, Second Round: Aston Villa v. Derby (7) — Nottm For v. Leicester (7) — Peterborough v. Sutton Coldfield — Port Vale v. Shrewsbury (7) — Sunderland v. Leeds — Torquay v. Bristol C — Watford v. Redhill.

BOXING.—John Feecey v. Lee Graham, Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, W1 (8).

Liverpool odds-on

LIVERPOOL are odds-on favourites to retain the Division I title. Bookmakers Joe Coral quote them at 3-1 on, with Manchester United 4-1, Nottingham Forest 10-1 and Arsenal 25-1.