

FOLLOW THE EXPRESS TEAM FOR TOP REPORTS

Rocket for scared Terry

By MALCOLM FOLLEY

THE shadow of Kevin Beattie led IPSWICH's Terry Butcher to take his fitness at the weekend.

Butcher — being groomed as a possible successor to Dave Watson in the England side — hurt a knee in training.

But on Saturday morning he declared himself fit to play against BRISTOL.

Yet, at the end of a 1-1 draw in which the Under 21 international was constantly exposed by Peter Ward, he confessed he had made a mistake and got a rocket from Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

"I was furious," said Robson. "I'm sure Terry was worried about losing his place to Kevin, but I've warned him he'll be sorry if he is ever dishonest with me again."

Butcher was one of six men cautioned by Huddersfield referee Jeff Bray. Then tension mounted from the moment Bray upheld penalty appeals from Ipswich when a cross from Frans Thilissen struck Peter O'Sullivan's arm.

Once Brighton skipper Brian Horton was booked for dissent, and John Wark had scored from the spot, the tackling became keener and Bray never regained total control.

Ipswich, following six straight wins, could never master Brighton and were grateful for the superb performance from keeper Paul Cooper.

But even Cooper couldn't prevent 17-year-old substitute Gary Stevens once rejected by Ipswich — from plundering a deserved injury-time equaliser.

YORATH'S VIKING SHOW



TERRY YORATH

By Steve Curry

character and courage to describe Yorath's contribution to the 0-0 draw against ascending SOUTHAMPTON.

There were times in this battle when he seemed to be a one-man advance party attempting to break out of the straight-jacket imposed by two dominant defences.

Yorath's experience with Leeds, Coventry and Wales makes him an assessor worth listening to.

"It was too much of a 100 mph game," he said. "But Southampton probably had the better chances to win it."

"They play some lovely football

at times and I would say they are not far off being a Championship side. But when you dominate for long periods as they did you have to be more positive."

It was a good point taken up by another midfield man whose word on Soccer invariably has the ring of common sense.

Alan Ball commented: "In the last few weeks we've been to Liverpool and got a point and now come here and done the same thing. On both occasions we've sat in the dressing room believing we did enough to win."

"That's a mark of what a good little side we have become. What we have to do now is make it count when we have the edge as we did this afternoon."

TERRY YORATH is the breed of man you would choose as company when the enemy were about to swarm over the hill.

There is a hint of the marauding Viking about the blond Welshman. And a man who puts into a match what he did after four days in bed with 'flu would be the pride of any corps commander.

SPURS manager Keith Burkinshaw used words like



BOROTA

Dopes test!

TWO SHREWSBURY players were dope tested after the shock 4-2 victory at CHELSEA.

There should also have been a stewards' inquiry. How could the Second Division novices — only one player had even seen Stamford Bridge before — with just one win and nine goals from 13 away games, topple the League leaders so easily?

How could Chelsea, who looked like Soccer thoroughbreds against Newcastle, look such carthorses?

"No shock to me. I thought we could win," said Shrewsbury player-manager, Graham Turner.

By NORMAN DIXON

"We watched a video of the Newcastle game. I was amazed at the space they were given and realised if we did the same they'd murder us. So we closed up on them and for once took our chances."

Chelsea's Geoff Hurst blamed complacency.

"A few good results and they began to think they were great players and could stroll through games. Now they know."

"They have to fight for anything they get. Now we have to get back to work, especially at the back."

Yes, the defence had a nightmare game in particular

Micky Droy and goalkeeper Peter Borota.

Ion Britton was his usual busy self. Tommy Langley's enthusiasm was rewarded with two goals and Clive Walker always looked dangerous.

But not surprisingly, Turner was not enthusiastic about Chelsea's promotion chances.

"To tell you the truth, I haven't been impressed with any of the top teams. I suppose Leicester looked the best against us."

● CHELSEA midfielder player John Bumstead, who dislocated an ankle at the start of the match is still in hospital and will be examined by a specialist today.

Big Ernie spies double trouble

ERNE GREGORY will warn West Ham today that they have two tough home matches coming up — Q.P.R. in the League next Saturday and SWANSEA in the F.A. Cup on Saturday week, writes JOHN LLOYD.

Big Ernie, former West Ham goalkeeper, did a double spy job on Saturday by taking in the QPR 3, Swansea 2 at mudbath.

Gregory, now coach-

ing goalkeepers at Upton Park, declared: "Rangers striker Clive Allen can't miss another double hat-trick next week and Swansea are a much better team with John Toshack in it."

With a Steve Wicks own goal, Tosh's effort equalised Clive Allen's penalty and Paul Goddard's goal.

But Rangers' boss Tommy Docherty could afford to be at his smiling best because Goddard clinched both points in injury time.

Fisher angle lifts Orient

ORIENT'S 4-0 win — their best of the season — left a large dent in WREXHAM'S promotion hopes.

Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield said: "If we had been more clinical in our finishing, it could have been eight. But I'm still delighted with the way we bounced back after our Cup defeat last week."

Bloomfield revealed one of the tactical switches which helped give his side command. Bobby Fisher, normally

a sweeper, moved forward to a midfield role and played a big part in the win.

Late pain-killing injections on two Orient men, goalkeeper Merwyn Day and striker Billy Jennings, were also important. Day had little to do on his return after injury but Jennings scored twice and could have got a hat-trick.

Joe Mayo and Tommy Taylor (penalty) were Orient's other scorers.

Wobbly Watford upset Taylor

WATFORD's defeat by a late CARDIFF goal left manager Graham Taylor shattered, writes JIM HILL.

"I am upset at the way we played and even more upset at the manner in which we lost."

"We are on the brink of relegation and there are top players who have to come to terms with our needs."

Mike Henderson and Willie Roston, who cost £300,000, bore the brunt of responsibility for Watford's latest

failure. Henderson lost control of the ball and then his temper little more than a minute from the end.

Referee Maurice Robinson booked him for consecutive retreating tackles on Ronnie Moore and Phil Dwyer and then the interfering Roston for dissent.

Cardiff took a quick free kick before Henderson was properly resettled and found enough space for John Lewis to score.

MILLER ON MONDAY

Face up to the facts, United

A WEEK has passed since the allegations made by ITV's "World in Action" programme against Manchester United and chairman Louis Edwards.

But, so far, not a word has come out of Old Trafford.

It is imperative that Edwards, or the club, should make some kind of statement.

Silence can only encourage a gossiping, scandal-mongering public to believe in, and embellish, the allegations — and, even worse, encourage United's less disciplined fans to believe that "anything goes."

This is not a matter which, if ignored, will simply go away. United are a world-famous club and Edwards is their chairman, a position he has quite clearly sought, cherished and enjoyed.

The responsibilities of that position are in direct proportion to the fame and status of the club, and have to be faced.

Everybody in football — and many outside — has long been aware that inducements have been made by many clubs to get schoolboys to sign forms. On this issue, United are protected by an amnesty on matters prior to 1975.

What has to be said — and it is true of any club — is that Manchester United is, and always will be bigger and more important than the officials and players who constitute it at any one time.

If officers have fallen down on their duty then they, no less than players, should be replaced in the continuing interest of the club.

Attacked

Edwards has a duty to inform the shareholders, and the fans, where he stands. An innocent man attacked is obliged to defend himself.

There must be grave concern, of a different kind, across the city at Maine Road. While United challenge Liverpool for the title, Manchester City are serious candidates for relegation.

I detect an alarming note over the past few weeks in Malcolm Allison's utterances on the mounting crisis, in which he implies that the alarm bells keeping every City fan awake at night do not bother him.

Allison, appearing on BBC "Match of the Day" after Saturday's home defeat by West Brom, had his eyes fixed not on the interviewer but on some distant dream-land as he stated: "Whatever happens, I'll always be a winner in the end."

Big Mal should take a cold shower this morning to remind himself that, as manager, he is a trustee of the future of City, and that the team is not a vehicle for him to indulge his tactical theories in a time of crisis.

All that matters between now and April is not whether Allison is proved right or wrong — he could be right while City go down — but whether City stay up. He must not be too proud to compromise.

David Miller

REST OF THE WEEKEND SPORT IN SHORT

ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY SOCCER SCORES — DIV 1: Aston Villa 2, Crystal Palace 0; Div 2: 1. Manchester United 3, Ipswich 1; Brighton 1, Manchester City 1; West Brom Albion 1, Stoke 1; Bristol City 0, Tottenham 1; 2. Southampton 0, Wolverhampton 0; Exeter 0, Doncaster 1; 3. Burnley 0, Fulham 1; 4. Cardiff 0, Watford 0; Charlton 0, Birmingham 1; Chelsea 2, Shrewsbury 0; 5. Leicester 0, Newcastle 2; 6. Luton 0, Peterborough 0; 7. Orient 4, Wrexham 0; 8. Swansea 2, Div III: Exeter 2, Millwall 1; Grimsby 0, Brentford 1; Oxford United 1, Mansfield 1; Shrewsbury 3, Colchester 0; Southend 0, Blackpool 1; Div IV: 1. Algershott 1, Darlington 1; 2. Bournemouth 2, St Albans 0; 3. Dover 1, Lincoln 1; 4. Harrogate 3, Walsley 2; 5. Hereford 2, Halifax 2; 6. Northampton 3, Peter Vale 1; 7. Rotherham 1, Tranmere 1; 8. York City 1, Witton Albion 2. Scottish League Prem Div: Dundee 1, Aberdeen 0; Div 1: Norwich 0, Dumbarton 2; Div II: Stirling Albion 0, Forth 0; Celtic 0, Dundee 0; 3. Aberdeen 0, Celtic 0; 4. Dundee 0, Celtic 0.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

ITALY: 1. AC Milan 3, 2. Fiorentina 1; 3. Juventus 1, 4. Lazio 1; 5. Roma 0, 6. Napoli 0.

SPAIN — Espanol 1, Malaga 1; Burgos 1, Sevilla 0; Gijon 0, Atletico Madrid 0; Alacante 1, Las Palmas 0; Real Sociedad 4, Athletic Bilbao 0; Salamanca 1, Valencia 1; Real Madrid 1, Rayo Vallecano 0; Betis 2, Barcelona 1; Zaragoza 0, Almeria 0.

WEST GERMANY — Borussia Dortmund 2, Werder Bremen 0; Fortuna Dusseldorf 3, FC Cologne 0; VfB Stuttgart 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Eintracht Braunschweig 1, FC Kaiserslautern 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2, MSV Duisburg 2; 1860 Munich 4, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 3, VfL Bochum 2; FC Schalke 1, Hertha BSC Berlin 0; Hamburger SV 3, Bayern Munich 1.

ATHLETICS

AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL MARATHON (NZ) — 1. D. Coax (NZ) 2:13:27; 2. D. Cannon (GB) 2:15:01; 3. B. Foster (GB) 2:15:30; 4. T. Wright (GB) 2:16:40.

MARATHON

(Bonn, Germany) — 1. Y. Yamaoka (Japan) 2:13:27; 2. J. Coax (NZ) 2:13:27; 3. J. Coax (NZ) 2:13:27; 4. J. Coax (NZ) 2:13:27.

JAVELIN

(Bonn, Germany) — 1. N. N. N. (U.S.) 64-4; 2. M. Scruton (GB) 61-10.

BASKETBALL

ROTARY WATCHES NATIONAL LEAGUE — Div 1: Oxford 84, Peterborough 78; 2. Oxford 84, Peterborough 78.

CROSS COUNTRY — (Zurich, Switzerland) — 1. Smith (GB), 1. Women: 1. Smith (GB), 1.

CYCLING — **MIDLAND BANK INTERNATIONAL CYCLO-CROSS** (13 miles) — C. Wrenn (Ireland) 1:14:30; 2. J. Coax (NZ) 1:15:00; 3. J. Coax (NZ) 1:15:30; 4. J. Coax (NZ) 1:16:00.

SOUTH WESTERN CYCLO-CROSS (13 miles) — 1. J. Coax (NZ) 1:14:30; 2. J. Coax (NZ) 1:15:00; 3. J. Coax (NZ) 1:15:30; 4. J. Coax (NZ) 1:16:00.

KARATE — **EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS** (Paris) — Light-heavyweight: 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

MOTOR CYCLING — **ST DAVID'S TRIAL** (Cardiff) — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

SHIPS — **BRITISH TRISTE CHAMPIONSHIP** (Cardiff) — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

WINDSURFING — **INTERNATIONAL** (Amsterdam) — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

HAWKEYE'S FANCIES — **CRAYFORD** — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

HARRINGTON — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

WINDSURFING — **INTERNATIONAL** (Amsterdam) — 1. J. Coax (NZ), 2. J. Coax (NZ), 3. J. Coax (NZ), 4. J. Coax (NZ).

Scrap cards, says Robson

IPSWICH manager Bobby Robson wants referees to burn their yellow and red cards.

He launched his campaign after six players were booked during his team's match with Brighton on Saturday.

One of those cautions, for Paul Mariner, carried him to 20 points and threatened his place against Chester in the FA Cup fifth round.

Robson said: "Yellow cards in particular are being over-used."

He intends to raise the issue at a future meeting of the Managers' and Secretaries' Association.

"Crowds are calling for the yellow card for every foul

committed," he said, "and referees don't show enough discretion."

Mariner was booked for the one and only foul he committed on Saturday. It was the same at Bristol City the week before, and at Preston a few weeks earlier.

He's made three tackles and gone up to 20 points. "The card system was introduced to football to overcome the language barrier in international and European club matches. There is no language barrier to overcome in a League match."

"Of course, if a player persists in fouling, he should be sent off. But cards make the whole thing theatrical."

MALCOLM FOLLEY