

SECOND DIVISION RACE

TOMMY YO-YO!

But this time Doc's magic may not work

By HARRY MILLER: QPR 2, Luton 2

A UNIQUE hat-trick is in danger of slipping from manager Tommy Docherty's grasp — and he knows it.

The Rangers side he is straining to take up from the Second Division lacks balance. And deep down the Doc is aware of that too.

His defenders and his midfield men—Glenn Roeder in particular—all came under the hammer after a 2-0 lead and a point had been lost to Luton.

Docherty, who took Chelsea and Manchester United straight back to the First Division after relegation, has been relishing the thought of being a three-time yo-yo winner. But now he admits: "I might need a minor miracle. Some of the players—as I have told them—are just not good enough."

We're going down, says boss Andy

Oldham 4, Charlton 3
AFTER watching his side blast in three goals and lose, Charlton manager Andy Nelson admitted: "That's it—we're going down."

"Even if we win all our remaining matches, we still won't stay up," Charlton, who had previously scored only nine goals in sixteen away trips, stunned Oldham in an incredible six-goal first half. Taking full advantage of a mistake-riddled defence, they scored through Martin Robinson, Kevin Smith and a Derek Hales penalty.

But Oldham hit back and Jim Steel grabbed a late winner.

Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell said: "It was terrible — definitely a match to forget. That's as bad as we have played all season."

BRIAN WINS AGAIN

British golfer Brian Waites followed up last week's Kenya Open victory by winning the Mufulira Championship in Zambia.

'Murder'

Docherty, who generously rated Luton as the best team Rangers have met, claimed his side had been "murdered in mid-field."

True as that was, it didn't make a lot of sense to pull Roeder off after 55 minutes, when Rangers were two goals up.

"I could have brought off Tony Currie," said Docherty. "But there is always the chance that he might do something."

Young Paul Goddard had struck two good goals for Rangers. But with Ricky Hill and Tony Greashish so commanding in Luton's midfield, Rangers were never safe. Brian Stein scored after 73 minutes and Hill's equaliser was no more than Luton deserved.



Rangers' boss Tommy Docherty angrily calls for more punch. He'd already got it from Paul Goddard, whose second goal won a hug from an excited steward. Pictures: MONTE FRESCO



Chelsea claws are out

By JACK STEGGLES

Chelsea 1, Orient 0

CHELSEA boss Geoff Hurst has set his team a promotion target of a point a game.

He believes that will be enough to carry them back to the First Division — and frankly admits he does not care how they go about getting them.

Hurst apologised to the fans after Chelsea, paralysed with nerves, stumbled through against cautious Orient.

"I know we are in the entertainment business," he said. "But we have to win any way we can."

"We've got to scratch, claw and fight our way back to the First Division—for that is the most important thing for this club."

But this performance suggests Chelsea will struggle desperately if they do go up.

Ian Britton rapped their golden goal.

A GAYLE FORCE STIRS FULHAM

By KEVIN MOSELEY: West Ham 2, Fulham 3

HOWARD GAYLE, 21-year-old black winger on loan from Liverpool, revived Fulham's hopes of avoiding relegation and dented the promotion ambitions of West Ham.

Gayle worked tirelessly in this upset, but he has no intentions of staying with the London club.

He said: "My ambitions are still at Liverpool and I'll be going back at the

end of the season. But I want to help Fulham out of trouble and this result could mean we've turned the corner."

Ray Lewington, Fulham's recent signing from America, and defender Geoff Banton were the other heroes alongside Gayle.

Lewington curbed the skills of Trevor Brooking and Banton scored twice, his first goals in the League.

Terry Maybank got Fulham's other goal and the Hammers scored through Alan Devonshire and Ray Stewart (penalty).

For West Ham it was a severe jolt in their campaign to return to the First Division — especially as seven of their last eleven matches are away.

West Ham manager John Lyall said: "We just cannot afford another slip up like this. But we've been playing well away and I don't think the promotion race will be decided until the final game."

CAMBRIDGE IN THE PINK...

Cambridge 2, Birmingham 1

CAMBRIDGE had only 12 fit men to pick from, but they stretched an unbeaten home run to 11 games against promotion contenders Birmingham.

Cambridge went ahead through Tom Finney and added a second just before the interval through George Reilly.

Frank Worthington got Birmingham's goal

Elton's band out of tune

Watford 0, Shrewsbury 1

WATFORD, playing like one of Elton John's pianos with half the keys missing, never came close to making the sort of music their fans wanted to hear.

Their only response to John Dugworth's 12th minute goal was to keep pumping hopeful high balls to the head of Ross Jenkins.

SCHOOLS WEEKEND SPORTS SUMMARY

Brilliant Wayne bends things England's way

England 2, Switzerland 0
WAYNE BRAY'S educated right foot earned England a comfortable victory in this schools international before 45,000 fans at Wembley.

The Bristol 15-year-old left the Swiss goalkeeper flatfooted with a swerving 25-yarder and later crossed for Swindon's Paul Rideout to head the second.

England manager Jim Morrow said: "Wayne can really hit the ball and bend it. He had eleven shots from outside the area—nine on target."

BADMINTON

JOHN PLAYER ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPS (Wembley). — Finals: Women's singles: L. Koppen (Den) bt. W. Verawaty (Indonesia) 11-2, 11-6. Men's doubles: Tjun Tjun, J. Wahjudi (Indonesia) bt. R. Stevens, M. Tredgett (GB) 10-15, 15-0, 15-0. Women's doubles: Mrs. G. Gilks, Mrs. N. Perry (GB) bt. Y. Yonekura, A. Torikida (Jap) 11-15, 15-7, 15-6. Men's singles: P. Prakash (India) bt. M. Liem Swie King (Indonesia) 15-3, 15-10. Mixed doubles: Mrs. Perry, Tredgett bt. A. Christian, I. Wigono (Indonesia) 18-13, 15-10.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL TROPHY, Men's Semi-Final: Ellesmere Port 90, Nottingham 85. NATIONAL LEAGUE, Women's second division: Final. First leg, play off: Nottingham 71, Brinnington 78.

CRICKET

THIRD TEST (Lahore)—Australia 407-7 dec (Border 150 not) and 391-8 (Border 153) drew with Pakistan 420-9 dec. Pakistan win series 1-0.

GOLF

MUFULIRA OPEN (Zambia)—Final leaders: British unless stated: 279—B. Waites 69, 280—J. M. Canizares (SP) 68, 282—T. Horton 72, 285—T. Jacklin 73, 286—P. Tupling 68, 287—B.

Barnes 71, E. Murray 73, 288—P. Cowen 71, M. Foster 73, E. Pollard 76, 289—M. Benbridge 75, J. Fowler 69, S. Ginn (Australia) 72, J. Hall 75, 290—E. Darcy 78, G. Harvey 71, M. Inglis 72, C. O'Connor 74.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM (Las Vegas)—3rd rnd leaders: 215—J. Rankin 70, 216—D. Young 71, H. Stacy 74, 217—J. Stephenson (Australia) 73, N. Lopez 72.

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (Jacksonville, Fla.)—3rd rnd leaders: 208—L. Trevino 68, 209—H. Green 66, 210—C. Player (SA) 69, C. Strange 71, 211—S. Ballesteros (Sp) 69, J. Nicklaus 69, P. Jacobsen 69, D. Pooley 69, 212—J. Haas 67, T. Watson 72, H. Irwin 73, B. Bryant 69, 213—B. Crenshaw 69, J. Mahaffey 72, C. Coody 69.

HOT ROD RACING

LONDON CHAMP (Wimbledon). —First heat: 1. S. Crew; 2. C. Gautrey; 3. R. Wager; 4. C. Facey. Second heat: 1. Wager; 2. L. Smith; 3. B. Lee; 4. J. Wilson. Third heat: 1. T. Tebbott; 2. Lee; 3. Gautrey; 4. L. Lyons. Final: 1. Gautrey; 2. Lee; 3. Lyons; 4. Facey; 5. N. Murphy; 6. Smith.

MOTOR-CYCLING

MARLBORO YAMAHA CLUBMANS RACES (Brands Hatch). —Winners: 125 cc: Bussan (Rev-ets Honda) 7 mins, 51.8 sec.;

73-47 m.p.h. 250 cc: Clementson (Yamaha) 7-27.3, 77-49, 350 cc: R. Storey (Yamaha) 7-18.4, 79-43, 500 cc: G. Padgett (Yamaha) 7-23.8, 78-10, 1,000 cc: B. Capps (AEP Yamaha) 7-26.7, 77-59. Production (175 cc to 250 cc): P. Hodson (Huxhams Suzuki) 8-02.7, 71-80. Production (251 cc to 500 cc): K. Phillips (Yamaha) 7-51.5, 13-51. Production (501 cc to 1,000 cc): D. Ralston (Ducati) 7-44.3, 74-65. Three Wheelers: C. Createx, R. Ford (Yamaha) 7-32.0, 76-69.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Newton Abbot 3, Penryn 14; Henley 10, Blackheath 10.

MIDDLESEX CUP - FINAL:

Waspas 0, Saracens 13.

FOUR MATCHES: Northampton XV 31, Metropolitan New York 16; Nottingham 62, The Hague (Hol) 0; L. Welsh 19, Atletico Del Rosario (Arg) 6.

TENNIS

WCT TOURNAMENT (Frankfurt). — Men's singles final: S. Smith (US) bt. J. Krick (SA) 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

SOCCER

LEAGUE OF IRELAND.—Cork 2, Galway Rovers 0; Bohemians 0, Waterford 3; Sligo 1, Shelbourne 0; UCD 2, Finn CWE WOMEN'S CUP.—Semi-finals: St. Helens 2 Southampton 1; Preston 1, Cleveland 0. Final at Enfield on May 4.

SHOW-JUMPING

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.—1. N. Skelton (GB, Wallaby) 36, 34.3 sec.; 2. H. Simon (Austria, Landgraben) 36, 34.5; 3. L. Collard-Bovy (Belg, Loocky) 36, 4.7; Combination event: 1. E. Wauters (Bel, Highland Mist) no faults 32.7 sec.; 2. Broome (Manhattan) 0 33.2; 3. Skelton (Jet Lag) 0 33.4; 4. H-W. Johannsmann (W. Ger, Sarto) 0 34.7; 5. B. Seclari (It, Eole XI) 0, 36.9.

STOCK CARS

LONG EATON.—First heat: 1. N. Whorton (Lichfield); 2. M. Noden (Rugby); 3. P. Pursey (Bedford). Second heat: 1. J. Jebson (Denbigh Dale); 2. B. Powles (Nottingham); 3. D.

CLARKE (Kettering). Third heat:

1. P. Wainman (Keighley); 2. G. Butts (Loughborough); 3. B. Whorton (Lichfield). Consolation: 1. L. Wolfenden (Nelson); 2. S. Smith (Rochdale); 3. D. Fox (Derby). Final: 1. Smith; 2. Wolfenden; 3. Wainman; 4. Powles; 5. Pursey; 6. J. Sanders (Rugby). Grand National: 1. Wainman; 2. A. Pinnikin (Leek); 3. Powles.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHALLENGE: Boston 47, C. Turner 10, D. Gagen 9, R. Hollingworth 8, Hildenhall 31 (R. Bales 12).

TOP DOGS BEST

CRAYFORD: 9.07 Colium's Corner; 9.42 Cordway (Nap). HARRINGAY: 8.17 Blarney Gift; 8.45 Astrogyn. WEMBLEY: 7.45 All Talk; 8.38 Royston Money. WIMBLEDON: 8.00 Deal Me Out; 8.45 Two Portions.

TONY STENSON

THIRD FOURTH SCENE



COLCHESTER manager Bobby Roberts was quick to play down Saturday's 6-1 win over BRENTFORD.

With the Third Division promotion race hotting up, Roberts warned his players last night: "Don't go overboard after this win."

Roberts added: "After going three games without scoring it was nice for the fans to see some goals. But frankly we caught Brentford on a bad day."

"It was noticeable to me, though, that as soon as a dry pitch came along we played much better. Let's hope they stay that way."

Brentford, who were second in the table in October, are now facing relegation problems. Manager Bill Dodgin said: "We were bad in the first half and appalling in the second half."

Godfrey Ingram, 20-year-old striker on loan from Luton, continued his dramatic impact at NORTHAMPTON.

After only four senior appearances in four years at Luton, Ingram is lapping up his chance of regular first team soccer.

After scoring on his debut last Tuesday, he netted the 89th minute goal that clinched the 2-0 home win over Darlington.

Northampton manager Clive Walker has now seen his young side — nine of them 22 or under — stretch the club's unbeaten home run to 17 matches with 14 of them wins.

Fourth Division ALDERSHOT beat Rochdale 3-0 to record their first win in ten matches. But that didn't please coach Len Walker. "Three goals? We should have had six," he said later.

GILLINGHAM striker Danny Westwood gave his confidence a badly needed boost with two goals in the 3-0 home win over Sheffield United.

Westwood underwent a serious knee operation in January and after two games of near misses finally broke through. "I felt I was showing signs of getting back to form and was really looking forward to this game," he said.

READING boss Maurice Evans hopes that 20-year-old midfielder Wayne Wanklyn will save him a fat transfer fee.

Wanklyn, whose first League goal brought a 1-0 away win at his home-town club Hull, has been given the chance to make the left-side midfield his own.

Evans admitted: "I've spent months looking for a player in that position. But I couldn't sign anyone better before the deadline. Now I've told Wayne it's up to him."

WARWICK POOLS

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY £4,910-6
Pool 1: £3,688-50. Two winners each receive £1,844-25, 38, 49, 50, with one from 31, 32, 34.
Pool 2: £230-53. Four winners each receive £57-53, 49, 50 with one from 34, 38, with one from 09, 21, 22, 24, 31, 39. Pool 3: £230-53. Six winners each receive £38-42. Any three from 24, 32, 38, 50, with one from 08, 25, 31, 61. Pool 4: £230-53. Three winners each receive £76-84, 24, 25 with two from 01, 28, 33, 36, 47, 48. Pool 5: £230-53. Ten winners each receive £23-05. Any four from 02, 06, 07, 40, 55, 60. Pool 6: £200, 150 winners.

SOCCER JUDGE

ANSWERS to Saturday's Soccer Judge questions: 1—No. The player must obtain permission to leave the field for treatment. 2—Yes. The goalkeeper is allowed a maximum of four paces when bounding the ball. An indirect free-kick is the correct award.

3—A direct free-kick is awarded against the goalkeeper for handling the ball outside the penalty-area. 4—Play must be stopped, the defender cautioned and play is restarted with a drop ball because the offence occurred off the field of play.