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GM Vauxhall Conference

28th April

RUNCORN (1) 1 **YEOVIL TOWN (0) 1**
(Spencer — 77 mins)

Goal: 591
Yeovil — Bond, Cordice, Lowe, Shail, Rutter, Dawkins, Carroll, Sherwood, Wilson, Spencer, Conning. Subs: Wallace (for Carroll, 65 mins) and Gill (not used)

Weather: Glorious. Pitch: Beachlike
Entertainment value (out of 5) — 2
Team rating (out of 10) — 7. Verdict: Second-half display almost brought victory
Merit marks: 3 — Cordice, 2 — Bond, Lowe, Shail, Rutter, Wilson, Spencer, Conning. 1 — Dawkins, Sherwood, Wallace
League position (40 games) — 10th
Booking: Yeovil — Cordice (ungentlemanly conduct)

MATCH FACTS 53

GM Vauxhall Conference

30th April

YEovil TOWN (2) 3 **ENFIELD (0) 1**
(Rutter, og — 61 mins)

Goal: 1,816
Yeovil — Bond, Sherwood, Lowe, Shail, Rutter, Cordice, Carroll, Wallace, Wilson, Spencer, Conning. Subs: Dent (for Wilson, 68 mins) and Dawkins (for Spencer, 86 mins)

Weather: Warm. Pitch: Good, well watered.
Entertainment value (out of 5) — 3
Team rating (out of 10) — 7. Verdict: Pity "Quinn" hit the blue touch-paper!
Merit marks: 3 — Wallace, 2 — Bond, Sherwood, Shail, 1 — Lowe, Rutter, Cordice, Carroll, Wilson, Spencer, Conning
League position (41 games) — 8th
Sendings-off: Yeovil — Cordice (fighting, 89 mins), Enfield — Quinn (abusive language and dissent, 79 mins), Coles (fighting, 89 mins)
Bookings: Donnellan, Furlong (dissent), Warrington, Turner (fouls)

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"It's probably because we have been so desperate to do well. We have gone out at Huish and been too tense. That's obviously why we have played our best football away from home."

Shail's comments come in the wake of some outspoken notes by Brian Hall in the club programme on Monday. He says "the slow handclapping on the terraces, and the slow foot-stomping in the stand (when the team played Fisher a fortnight ago) was nothing less than disgraceful."

"Perhaps it is thought that such behaviour motivates the team. I am sure that all that happens is that they become frightened to attempt anything of an improvised nature for fear of making a mistake and merely pass responsibility over to another team member. Thus team work disintegrates and confidence drains."

Hall isn't the only one whose pen has made scorch marks on the Basildon Bond this week. Two and a quarter angry fans wrote to me on the same day...

Steve Braddick of 6, Ivy Walk, Rowan Way, Yeovil, says that for the past three years it has been his misfortune to witness "what can only be described as the worst display of skill and temperament ever seen at Huish by a

himself".

It is perhaps generous to label K J Blackmore of Norton-sub-Hamdon a "quarter of a supporter" because he has watched only one match. And that was a freebie as he was guest of the sponsors against Fisher.

He obviously saw enough in 90 minutes to write of "unentertaining, unimaginative football" and suggests Mr Hall picks up some ideas from the Farm-rough treatment. One of the best was supposedly on the injured list for two months, but the truth was never told. He was driven to a nervous breakdown by the boo boys.

Hall, like Saunders, is a thorough pro and knows how to win. If it comes to a choice between pretty football in the Vauxhall-Opel League, or Route One on the way to the cement relationships. To GM Vauxhall Conference high-spots then I am "self-opinated" enough to want

BYE, BYE, JIMMY!

JIMMY Quinn, sent off four times in his Yeovil Town career, was ordered off again at Huish on Tuesday when he returned in Enfield's colours for a GM Vauxhall Conference match.

And Quinn's 79th minute dismissal sparked a bad-tempered finale in which two more players were sent packing after a free-for-all, Yeovil's Neil Cordice and the Enfield substitute Frank Coles.

Although four Enfield players had been booked earlier, including the ex-Yeovil pair Gary Donnellan and Curtis Warrington, the game had apparently been heading for a happier conclusion, with Yeovil playing competently and building up a 3-1 lead.

And Quinn, apart from two fouls which the referee saw, and one "foot up" which he didn't, had behaved himself. Then Micky Spencer, trying an overhead kick, clipped Quinn's chin. The referee gave no foul and this infuriated Quinn.

Sixty seconds later, probably after learning several new Scottish swearwords, referee Barry Priest sent him off.

heads.

"It's all about results", he says. And, following this week's Bob Lord Trophy triumph, it may be the time to remember, as Hall points out in his programme piece, that Yeovil's motto is "Achieve by Unity".

As he says, it is "never too late to remedy faults or cement relationships. To Achieve by Unity is a total joint effort."

Champs, after 30 years

CREWKERNE are champions of the Perry Street League. They clinched the title on Monday with two games to spare when they drew 0-0 away to Ilminster Town.

It is the first time in 30 years that the title has gone to the town of Crewkerne. It was then won by the old Town club.

The new Crewkerne club was formed four years ago by the amalgamation of the Town and United clubs.

Division One is still a three-way battle between Perry Street, Axmouth and Drimpton, and Division Two is not yet won, although Norton are red-hot favourites.

Division Three has gone to Combe St Nicholas Res, and Division Four to Hawkchurch in their first season.

Norton, 3-0 up at one stage, held on to beat Crewkerne Res 4-3 in the final of the Tommy Taberner Cup at Lyme Regis on Thursday.

Dale Graham, Paul Hopkins, Steve White and Pete Purdy got the goals. Crewkerne hit back through Paul Gable, Alfie Hill and Darren James, who converted the second of two late penalties. Fred Charles had missed the first.

ing a 20-yard free-kick.

And almost immediately Yeovil lost their bright young centre-half Mark Shail. He received a nasty cut above the eye in a clash of heads and went off to have four stitches inserted.

His injury brought on Peter Conning for the second half and it was Conning who was ultimately to put the tie out of reach of the home side.

In the 83rd minute he picked up a ball from Paul Wilson around the halfway line and raced through the Kidderminster defence to give Paul Jones no chance with his final shot.

As away goals count double, that left Kidderminster needing four in seven minutes, and officials were confident enough in Yeovil's ability at that stage to start tying green and white ribbons to the cup.



SIMON GOWANS heads clear during a Kidderminster attack in the Bob Lord Trophy final.

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Bob Lord Trophy
Final, Second Leg

2nd May

KIDDERMINSTER (1) 1 **YEovil TOWN (0) 1**

(Forsyth, pen — 44 mins) (Conning — 83 mins)
Agg: Kidderminster 1 Yeovil 4
Gate: 1,009

Yeovil — Bond, Sherwood, Lowe, Shail, Rutter, Gowans, Carroll, Wallace, Wilson, Spencer, Cordice. Subs: Conning (for Shail, 45 mins) and Dawkins (for Spencer, 85 mins)

Weather: Warm. Pitch: A dust bowl
Entertainment value (out of 5) — 3
Team rating (out of 10) — 8. Verdict: Fully deserved their first trophy at this level
Merit marks: 3 — Sherwood, Lowe, Rutter. 2 — Shail, Gowans, Wallace, Wilson, Cordice, Conning. 1 — Bond, Carroll, Spencer
Booking: Yeovil — Gowans (dissent)

OSSIE ON 24

TWO goals by Chris Osmond and one from Darren Shephard gave Westland Sports a 3-3 draw at Wareham in the Dorset County Cup on Saturday, and they extended their run of unbeaten matches to four on Tuesday when they beat Gillingham 3-0.

Brian Ashton scored two of these goals, and Osmond took his season's tally to 24 with the other. But he fell one behind Flight Retallings Keith Newman in the league scoring lists as he had two the same night.

Westland Res fielded five of their under 16 team against new Yeovil League champions Henstridge and won 1-0. Dean Perrett got the goal and 15-year-old Nicky Flory was outstanding up front.

Highlights of the 10-wicket win over Gloucestershire in a four-day match included a five-wicket haul for new bowler, Dutchman Roland Lefebvre, and a career-best 166 from Neil Burns.

CANARIES collected their second Yeovil Sunday Morning League trophy when they won the Jon Russell Cup by beating Sunnisers 2-0 at Shepton Beauchamp.

Goals from Robbie James and Paul Cable gave the Crewkerne-based side victory to go alongside the Division Four Cup which they won earlier in the season.

In the league, goals from Brad Goodman and Chris Burgess gave Sun Inn a 2-0 win over leaders Saracens and they remain unbeaten in the league since September. It may not be enough however to give them the championship as Saracens' 2-1 win at Royal Oak Rangers in midweek seems certain to give them the title for the second season running.

Hounstone's point in the 1-1 draw at Horrocks is enough to keep them in the First Division next season andlegate Langport Dolphin with Hambridge Hammers.

The Third Division title is still far from clear with Barwick and Skford Sports, 9-0 winners over Yeovend, and Foresters Arms, 2-0 winners over Lanh, looking like having it between them, although Sunnisers still have an outside chance of second spot.

Barcelona won 6-2 at Melbury Reserves to almost wrap up the Fourth Division title. Chris Higgins scored twice to take his tally to 43 for the season and Martin Higgins, Gary Morice, Steve Judd and Simon Holden had the others.

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"WE'VE WON the cup", Yeovil Town players celebrate after their 4-1 aggregate win over Kidderminster in the final of the Bob Lord Trophy last night.

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