



NOT ANOTHER

Wrong medal —but Brian's a winner

By HARRY MILLER
WHO FORECAST IN
SATURDAY'S MIRROR

a 2-1 win for United.

BRIAN GREENHOFF couldn't believe he was a Wembley winner when the final whistle went on Saturday.

The United defender I rated man of the match was even less sure after looking at his medal.

It was one that should have gone to a loser. Young full back Arthur Albiston also had the wrong medal.

A check by United physiotherapist Laurie Brown in the Liverpool dressing room found an equally puzzled Emyln Hughes and Steve Heighway.

They had the medals that should have gone to Greenhoff and Albiston.

After the swap had been made, Greenhoff said: "Following the disappointment of being beaten by Southampton last year I'm still having trouble convincing myself I'm a winner. I do know I'm as delighted for my brother Jimmy as I am for myself. I thought he was great."

"All along I'd been saying we wouldn't freeze up the way we did against Southampton. We've got the Cup . . . and we deserve it. But I'm not sure about looking at my medal for confirmation."

The winner was a Lou Macari shot that went in off Jimmy Greenhoff's chest, and Macari said: "Jimmy and I have agreed to share that goal."



NO STOPPING UNITED . . . Phil Neal can't keep out the winner, and Gordon Hill can't conceal his delight.

LIVERPOOL, the team who have built their reputation around a belief that one mistake a month is too many, committed a whole cluster of ghastly errors in just five minutes at Wembley.

That is why they lost Saturday's F.A. Cup Final. And we'll have to wait until Wednesday to find out whether their European Cup dream will become another of Rome's ruins.

Picking themselves up and starting all over again has, however, also been a considerable cornerstone in Liverpool's playing philosophy.

They don't lie down and die easily—something else they proved at Wembley in the Final, which turned out to be very different from the game everyone expected. In every way.

The theory of all the thinkers was that pride and passion would drive United into win-or-bust early assaults with Liverpool setting out to stifle them.

It wasn't like that at all—and although United's manager, Tommy Docherty, was quick to claim afterwards that his team had displayed an uncharacteristic patience, I didn't think it was much like that, either.

For me, Liverpool put their power game together so early, established their drum-beat rhythm so confidently that United were shoved on to the receiving end with little they could do about it.

Doubt

Inside the first minute Martin Buchan, the man who means so much to United's defence, had to make a wrenching, lunging tackle on Jimmy Case to prevent a breakthrough, the first of several might-have-beens.

But for all Liverpool's tactical, territorial and total superiority throughout the whole first half, a nagging doubt about them persisted.

They have been finding goals uncomfortably hard to get in the last few frustrating weeks, and even the inspiration of the Wembley occasion made no difference.

It is hard to recall a worthwhile shot from either of their most famous forwards, Kevin Keegan and Steve Heighway.

They had their moments, of course. United's teenage left back, Arthur Albiston—who ruined another of the pre-match theories that he would be



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a weak link—had to make the tackle of his young life to shut out Keegan.

Ray Kennedy, always Liverpool's outstanding individual performer, hit the foot of the post with a header just before half-time.

But David Johnson failed dismally to respond to the challenge—so much so that manager Bob Paisley must have been bitterly regretting that he didn't have David Fairclough available, to send on when Johnson was inevitably hauled off.

I am not seeking to detract from United's victory. They always stuck to the job with admirable persistence. They never allowed the threat of being overrun to break their nerves. Nicest of all, they played a full part in ensuring that this will be remembered as one of the cleanest, most sporting, Cup Finals ever.

Unfortunately for Liverpool, I will probably remember longest the series of boos which contributed directly to giving away the first goal.

Keegan, who worked hard but achieved little, gave the ball away in midfield for a start.

Emyln Hughes missed a chance to tackle when Stuart Pearson was sent through by Jimmy Greenhoff. And, most culpable of all, Ray Clemence was slow to see the danger, late with his despairing, amateurish plunge at the shot which beat him.

The Liverpool keeper has earned the

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THE PLAYBOY BUYS DRINKS

From NIGEL CLARKE in Rome

VITAS GERULAITIS, America's tennis playboy, is the new Italian champion. He won the title here yesterday with a 6-2, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 victory over Tomino Zugarelli of Italy.

Gerulaitis earned himself £12,500 and said: "I'll be celebrating tonight—and the drinks will be on me."

Gerulaitis, 22, from the tough Queens district of New York, has lost four of the five championship finals he has played this year.

He went on: "What with the fines I've paid out, the money I've spent enjoying myself this week and the clothes I have bought in Rome, I'm out of pocket and almost broke."

Boss backing England to tame Greece

From JACK STEGGLES
in Antwerp

ENGLAND'S Youth team face a test of character in their last Little World Cup group match, against Greece here tonight.

For Saturday's dismal 0-0 draw with Iceland means England have to win to make sure of topping their group and reaching the semi-finals.

England have three points from two games. "This is when we will see what they are made of," says manager Ken Burton.

Target

"But this victory proves I can win finals. It could be the big breakthrough for me. My next target is Wimbledon, and I shall start my preparations next week."

The women's singles title went to America's Janet Newberry with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Renata Tomanova of Czechoslovakia.

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ROMAN RUIN!

Hamburg waiting on Keegan

By CHRIS JAMES

KEVIN KEEGAN will make his two wishes come true if he can inspire Liverpool to win the European Cup against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Rome on Wednesday.

European Cup-winners' cup-holders SV Hamburg, favourites to sign the England star, will watch him again in the Olympic Stadium after seeing him at Wembley on Saturday.

And a Keegan-inspired Liverpool victory would go a long way towards setting-up a deal.

That would satisfy Keegan's twin ambitions—a fresh start in Europe and victory for Liverpool in the European Cup.

Secret

Then there would be the intriguing prospect of Keegan playing against his old side next season in the European Super Cup.

Negotiations for Keegan's transfer started in secret in London on FA Cup Final eve and are due to resume in Germany this weekend.

A "buy back" clause, which would give Liverpool the chance to re-sign Keegan in two years might allow Liverpool to consider lowering their £750,000 asking price to around £400,000.

Welsh international striker John Toshack, who has been out for two months with Achilles tendon trouble, seems certain to be in Liverpool's Rome squad.

TONIGHT'S SOCCER

(Kick-off 7.30)

FIRST DIVISION

Aston V. v. West Brom.

QPR v. Birmingham.

Liverpool will refuse to lie down and die

right to be judged on the highest standards, and that goal will haunt him. It didn't seem to matter much, however, when within a minute, a much better goal from Jimmy Case, another of the few Liverpool players who couldn't be faulted, put them level.

But three minutes later Liverpool boomed again. Tommy Smith, of all people, allowed himself to be jostled out of position by Jimmy Greenhoff—a bit like a bulldog being elbowed aside by a butterfly—and the ball ran free.

The shot by Lou Macari, for once having a thoroughly undistinguished match, seemed to be going nowhere in particular when it struck Jimmy Greenhoff and was deflected past Clemence—blameless this time.

Theory

There were still 35 minutes remaining, plenty of time for United to be punished for their own major mistake—attempting to play a containing game that was foreign to their style.

But maybe there is something to the theory of the fatalists that if the Cup hasn't got your name on it, you aren't going to win it.

Liverpool went on trying manfully hard, content to create the chances which forced Alex Stepney in the United goal to really earn his medal.

They also unfortunately created the impression that something vital had gone out of their game—something they will have to restore to succeed in Rome.

I suggest they start by remembering that on the day, they, the losers, were quite clearly the superior side.



DEJECTION . . . Ray Clemence trudges off past United's fans.



BROTHERLY LOVE . . . Jimmy Greenhoff (left), who scored United's winner, gets a kiss from brother Brian. Pictures: MONTE FRESCO.

Huggett in line to lead the Ryder squad

By RON WILLS

BRIAN HUGGETT, even at the age of 40, proved at Stoke Poges that he is still good enough to earn a place in Britain's Ryder Cup team. But he is unlikely to play.

Instead, I understand, the gutsy little Welshman is likely to be named non-playing skipper of the squad to face the United States at Lytham in September.

It's a role he would relish. After losing 6 and 5 to South African Hugh Baiocchi in Saturday's final of the £20,000 Sun Alliance match play championship, Huggett told me:

"I'm not the player I was five years ago.

"I think I've got something to offer in motivating other players.

"I'm not asking for the job—but I'd be very flattered if it was offered."

But he is not so happy about British performances this year.

"I don't know what has happened to some of our younger players," he said.

LET-OFF FOR SHAKY LIONS

From CHRIS LANDER in New Zealand

BRITAIN'S Rugby Lions were made to look a weary, disorganised outfit in an embarrassing, nail-biting finish against Hawkes Bay.

They squeezed a 13-11 victory on the strength of Steve Penwick's unflappable goal-kicking, but could have had no complaints if they had lost.

Hawkes Bay full back Murray Tocker had eight shots at goal—seven of them from thirty-five yards or less—but landed only one.

The Lions have little time to sort out an embarrassing number of problems before Saturday's clash with Taranaki, a provincial side with a great reputation for upsetting tourists.

Some of the forwards claimed they were disturbed by a collision between Gareth Evans and Roger Bremner which led to the Hawkes Bay player being rushed to hospital.

It was stated later that he was only suffering from concussion, but hooker Bobby Windsor said: "He stopped breathing and I thought he was going to die."

Having beaten the American, a late stand-in for Britain's John Conteh, Cuello has been ordered to defend the title against Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia, within ninety days. Burnett will probably be matched with the winner.

Speedway Test is given KO

By GRAHAM BAKER

ENGLAND'S sixth and final speedway Test against the Rest of the World at Bristol on Friday is off.

The Promoters' Association decided to investigate the state of the new Eastville track, following my disclosure last week that British champion Malcolm Simmons (Poole) and Dave Jessup (Reading) would refuse to ride there.

Decided

The association issued a statement that Rest of the World stars Ole Olsen and Anders Michanek would have been unavailable because of continental engagements at the weekend.

It said: "Owing to these and other difficulties we have decided to make this a five-match series."

But the meeting will be run, probably as a challenge match, on July 22, once Bristol have overcome the problems

SPORTS SUMMARY

MOTOR RACING

MONACO GRAND PRIX (Monte Carlo).—78 laps (156.4 miles): 1. J. Schekter (S.A.) Wolf-Ford (80-004 rpm) 1 h. 57 m. 52.77 s.; 2. N. Lauda (Austria) Ferrari; 3. C. Reutemann (Arg) Ferrari; 4. J. Mass (W. Ger) McLaren; 5. M. Andretti (U.S.) Lotus; 6. A. Jones (Australia) Shadow; 7. J. Lafite (France) Ligier; 8. V. Brambilla (Italy) Surtees; 9. R. Patresse (Italy) Shadow; 10. J. Ickx (Bel) Ensign; 11. J.-P. Jarier (France) Penske; 12. R. Keegan (G.B.) Hesketh. World Drivers' Championship 81 pts: 1. Schekter 32pts; 2. Lauda 25; 3. Reutemann 23; 4. Andretti 22; 5. J. Hunt (G.B.) McLaren 9.

SHELL SPORT INTER-NATIONAL (Malory Park).—Shell sport championship, fifth round (40 laps): 1. T. Trimmer (G.B.) Surtees, 115.69 mph; 2. V. Musetti (Italy) March; 3. B. Allison (Australia) Chevron. Fastest lap: Trimmer 119.7 mph. Lord's Taverners Formula Ford 2000 championship (20): 1. K. Gray (Royal) 100.7. Soda Stream Sports 2,000 championship (15): 1. Davina Galica (Lola) 97.75. Forward Trust 1,000-plus special saloon championship (12): 1. N. Whiting (Escort) 96.52. Production saloon championship (12): 1. J. Robertson (Opel) 81.80. Formula Ford 1600 (10): 1. G. Lloyd (Dulon) 90.70.

WBC WORLD LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (Monte Carlo).—15 Rnds: Miguel Cuello (Arg) ko'd Jesse Burnett (U.S) in 9th.

SOCCER

TOUR MATCH (Hong Kong).—Hong Kong Rangers 0, Middlesbrough 2 (Hickton, Mills).

DARTS

DAILY MIRROR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Leicester).—Leics play-off: 1. N. Burton (Burton Overy); 2. D. Hamilton (South Wigston).

MOTOCROSS

FINNISH GRAND PRIX (Turku).—500 cc: 1. H. Mikkola (Fin); 2. B. Lackey (U.S.); 3. G. Wolinski (Hol). World standings: 1. Mikkola 103pts; 2. R. De Coster (Bel) 79; 3. Wolinski 74; 4. Lackey 61; 5. G. Noyes (G.B.) 32.

POWERBOATS

WORLD FORMULA ONE CHAMPIONSHIP (Hanover, W. Ger.).—1. W. Seibold (U.S.); 2. G. Van Der Velden (Hol); 3. T. Percival (G.B.).

CRICKET

HAIK VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP.—Cornwall group, second round: Beacon 144-9 (R. Hocking 22 not), Landulph 111 (K. Short 4-27, R. Hocking 3-7).

CYCLING

ONE-DAY MARATHON (Bordeaux-Paris).—370 miles: 1. H. Van Springel (Bel); 2. W. Goddefroot (Bel); 3. A. Chalmel (Fr).

LONDON HOLYHEAD ROAD RACE (265 miles).—1. S. Barras (Bant) 11h. 32m. 15s.; 2. K. Lambert (Holdsworth); 3. P. Corley (Holdsworth); 4. S. Heffernan (Middle B.S.A.); 5. D. Horton (Chessington Cycles).

ORIENTEERING

WILLIAM YOUNGER BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP (Cannock Chase, Staffs).—Men's Open: 1. G. Peck (Interlopers, holder), 1h. 20m. 47s.; 2. B. Bullen (Combined Harvesters); 3. P. Haines (S. London). Women's Open: 1. S. Banner (West Cumbria), 1h. 5m. 03s.; 2. C. Machel (Interlopers, holder); 3. H. Smith (Interlopers).

ATHLETICS

INTERNATIONAL MEETING (Göteborg, Austria).—Decathlon: D. Thompson (G.B.) 7,921 (world junior record).

AVON POLYTRAK MEETING (Southampton).—1. London All Stars 111; 2. Southern Counties 100; 3. Hants 63.

WARWICK POOLS

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY.—£4,292-87. Pool One: £2,575-63.—Two winners, each receive £1,287-82; numbers 31, 44, with any one from 05, 18; with any one from 10, 11, 37, 57. Pool Two: £214-63.—One winner: 18, 39, 42, 47. Pool Three: £214-63.—One winner: 27, 40, 50, 58. Pool Four: £214-63.—One winner: 17, 39, 42, 50. Pool Five: £214-63.—Twelve winners, each receive £17-89; any three from 11, 26, 29, 33; with any one from 01, 07, 23, 25, 35, 46, 52, 55. Pool Six: £214-63.—One winner: 11, 25, 35, 57. Pool Seven: £214-63.—Two winners, each receive £107-32; 01, 41, 58; with any one from 06, 40, 46. Pool Eight: £214-63.—Two winners, each receive £107-32; 07, 11, 25; with any one from 06, 14, 17, 32, 36 or 37, 58, with any one from 11, 25, with any one from 26, 40, 41, 57. Pool Nine: £214-63.—Two winners, each receive £107-32; any four from 16, 19, 24, 49, 55.

GOLF

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (Dublin, Ohio).—Third Round leaders (U.S. unless stated): 209 —R. Wadkins 69, 210—J. Nicklaus 70, 211—M. Lye 70, 212—D. Graham (Aust) 68, 214—G. Player (S.A.) 76; 1. Watson 73; H. Green 72, 215—T. Weiskopf 73; J. Inman 71. British score: 220—P. Oosterhuis 75.

AER LINGUS SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (5 & 11's Surrey).—Boys: 1. Millfield (Eng) 495; 2. Bishop Gore (Wales) 508; 3. Tramore Christian Brothers (Ire) 512; 4. Bell-Baxter High (Scot) 531. Girls: 1. Midhurst Grammar (Eng) 382; 2. Menzies Hill High (Scot) 191; 3. Loreto Convent (Ire) 190; 4. Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan (Wales) 203.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Eastbourne 35 pts (C. Richardson 12, D. Kennett 12), Oxford 25 (M. Yeates 11, B. Leonard 8). Rye House 50 (B. Garrad 14, E. Mul-larkey 11), Teesside 28 (A. Emerson 13, P. Smith 7).

NATIONAL LEAGUE KO CUP.

—First Round. Second Leg: Milderhill 36, J. Gibbons 13, B. Coles 10. Peterborough 40 (A. Hines 12). Agg.: Peterborough win 84-72. First Round, First Leg: Boston 43 (R. Hollingworth 11, C. Cook 10, P. Gilbert 9), Weymouth 34 (M. Corraigne 10, D. Kennedy 6, G. Swindells 6, V. Harding 6).

TONIGHT'S SPEEDWAY

(7.30 unless stated)

TEST MATCH.—England v Rest of World (Reading).

BRITISH LEAGUE.—Exeter v Sheffield; Birmingham v Crawley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Newcastle v Grayford.