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WEBSTER GETS ENGLAND CALL FOR BIG TEST

From NIGEL CLARKE

ENGLAND'S Soccer babes face Czechoslovakia in Leipzig tomorrow evening in a game that should give a clear line on their chances of winning the Junior World Cup

Fresh from their 6-0 win over Malta, England know that the Czechs, who hold this European Youth tournament championship, will be in a different class.

It is a match that will judge the depth of our football, for the Czechs, beaten 1-0 by East Germany in their opening match, are keen to climb right back into the title race.

Said German official Burkland Starke: "England impressed everybody with their skill and organisation against Malta."

"If they beat the Czechs and then the East Germans on Thursday there is not a team left in the competition who could challenge them for the title."

Watch

England watched the East Germans on television in their win over the Czechs and know their task is a tough one.

Said England team manager Wilf McGuinness: "This will be a test of just how good we are."

And for this test, McGuinness drops Orient goalkeeper Steve Bowtell who had scarcely a shot to save in the 6-0 thrashing of Malta on Sunday.

In comes Malcolm Webster, of Arsenal, and McGuinness says:

"Bowtell has had his chance, now we must see what Webster can do."

Junior World Cup drama

ENGLAND'S CRAZY GOAL VICTORY

From NIGEL CLARKE: Leipzig, Tuesday
England 3, Czechoslovakia 1

ENGLAND scored an incredible third goal in the cold and rainswept Bruno Plache Stadium today to beat off the challenge of Czechoslovakia and move a step nearer the finals of the Junior World Cup competition.

Leading 2-0 with ten minutes to go they let the Czechs get back into the game by conceding a goal that will for ever haunt "keeper Malcolm Webster, of Arsenal.

Careless

After racing out to the edge of the penalty area to pick up a back-pass, he carelessly threw the ball across his own goal. Czech forward Herda had only to bring it under control to score easily.

Then, with five minutes to go, Orient's Tommy Taylor hit a towering free kick from sixty yards.

Realising too late that it was going to beat him, goalkeeper Kekety backpedalled in alarm and tumbled over into the net as the ball struck his crossbar.

It bounced out and Tony Towers (Manchester City) ran unopposed from just inside the Czech half to blast home.

Taylor turned a cartwheel in delight and lifted Towers high into the air as the crowd whistled and murmured in surprise.

England had taken the lead after twenty-four minutes with a shot by Chico Hamilton (South-end) from the edge of the box.

Power

Struggling to put their passes together, England were way below their best, but in the fortieth minute went further ahead with a goal that underlined the heading power of Birmingham's Bobby Latchford.

As Hamilton lifted over a fine centre, Latchford rose high above the massive Czech defence and hit his header so hard that Kekety could only help the ball into the net.

Team manager Wilf McGuinness said later: "Apart from that spell near the end we did very well in difficult conditions. I am very satisfied."

England, bidding for their third international youth title, face East Germany at Magdeburg on Thursday in a game that will decide which country goes into the semi-finals.

East Germany, who tonight beat Malta 10-0, only need a draw to go through on goal average.

SOUTH AFRICA'S booming National Football League will boost the number of British players spread among sixteen First Division clubs to nearly 150 before the transfer deadline on August 15 shuts down signings here for another season.

Apartheid has meant suspension from FIFA and ostracised South Africa from the world of international soccer. But it has not stopped the growth of the professional game or the mushrooming import of British players.

Some signings come in for heavy criticism, but they still say soccer players provide Britain's only expanding export to this country.

Johnny Byrne — crowned King Soccer in the two months he has been with Durban City — arrived back here this week from a scouting trip to England that produced Chelsea's Joe Fashole, Bournemouth half back Ronnie Bolton and Charlton and former Arsenal goalkeeper Tony Burns for the Natal Coast club.

City, who also have Bobby Keetch, George Luke (Chelsea), Alan Willey (Millwall), Jimmy Scott and Dave Forsyth (Orient) and Gary Brown (Brighton) on their staff, are chasing a top three spot.

Johannesburg Rangers, coached by ex-Arsenal star Alex Forbes, are fighting to stay in the First Division.

Former Birmingham forward Bryan Orritt is among their players, and it is rather like finding Tottenham at the bottom of the League. They are urgently scouring Britain for three forwards.

The latter who cost £4,500, has made 16 Second Division appearances and was joined at Lincoln this week by the third signing, Billy Taylor, the Nottingham Forest utility player.

The latter can be expected to take over the Lincoln midfield role held previously by Jim Smith.

Orient must wait for ground sale decision

ORIENT Football Club claimed this week it was being kept in the dark over the future of its ground.

Club secretary Mr George Hicks said "We have asked to purchase the ground at current market value. A month ago we were told the request was going to the Council's Planning Committee and since then have heard nothing officially."

In fact a decision to open negotiations on the sale of the ground has been deferred for at least another month.

Policy and Finance Committee chairman Councillor Tom Brandon said "We see no objections at the moment to the Orient's request to buy the ground at market value."

"But we have to make sure there are no proposals for the area which could make us regret our decision later."

Early this month the Planning Committee agreed there were no substantial planning grounds to prevent

the sale of the ground to the club, but warned the area might be seriously affected by major road proposals in the future.

Since then another issue has arisen involving some open space in the area which needs the attention of the Planning Committee.

Mr Brandon said "One or two points have cropped up which need clarifying. We must be quite sure and have deferred a decision until next month."

The current market value has yet to be arrived at but the ground's value today is probably treble the amount paid by the council years ago.

Two earlier proposals from the club—for a rent reduction or buying the ground at the price the council paid for it—were turned down.



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League Appearances		
Allen, Peter, 43; Archell, Graham, 2; Bowtell, Steve, 2; Bloomfield, Jimmy, 29; Brabrook, Peter, 7; Bullock, Mike, 33; Cross, Roger, 4; Dyson, Barry, 25; Goddard, Ray, 44; Halom, Vic, 14; Harper, Dave, 40; Howe Bert, 28; Jones, Mike, 31; Key, Johnny, 1; Mancini, Terry, 46; Massey, Roy, 17; Pamenter, Terry, 18; Rofe, Dennis, 38; Slater, Malcolm, 45; Taylor, Tommy, 39.		
Substitutes		
Massey 4, Jones 3, Archell 2, Cross 2, Bloomfield 1, Harper 1, Key 1, Taylor 1.		
Goalscorers		
League: Dyson 10, Mancini 7, Bullock 6, Halom 5, Allen 3, Bloomfield 3, Harper 3, Jones 3, Brabrook 2, Cross 2, Rofe 2, Taylor 2, Massey 1, Pamenter 1, Slater 1 F.A. Cup: Bloomfield 1, Slater 1 League Cup: Halom 4, Massey 1 Opponents 1		