

'We're all set for the league'

Yeovil Town director and lifelong supporter Bryan Moore thinks his club will soon be playing in the Barclays League.

Although he doesn't believe they are quite good enough just yet, he said: 'We are not far short.'

'This season, we finished the highest ever and another win would have put us in third or fourth position.'

'There are chances next year. And nobody gave us a hiding this season except Welling at home.'

VIDEO

Saturday's final game at Huish against Telford United was an emotional day for Mr Moore, who videoed some of the presentations after the final whistle.

'I'm glad it's all over,' he said.

Mr Moore's first Yeovil game was as a baby, but the first Huish match he can remember being at was against Devonport Torpedo just after the war.

And since then, he has hardly missed a match, except when he was in the army.

But there isn't one particular memory of Huish that sticks in his mind, as he explained.

'It's just the number of people who turn up there every week, whether we're doing well or badly,' he said.

There is, however, one game that Mr Moore remembers more than most.

DEFEAT

That was when a Dave Taylor goal gave Yeovil a 1-0 success at Walsall in an FA Cup tie in the 1960-61 season.

It was Walsall's only home defeat of the campaign.

Danny Patten, who played for Yeovil in the early 60s, is one of Mr Moore's favourites.

But one period that holds great memories was more recent.

'The era that sticks out most is the early 70s era when we played the Arsenal, won the league and league cup and got the semi finals of the Trophy twice,' he said.

Interview by Richard Briggs



● ADULATION... Yeovil Town fans celebrate the end of an era at Huish on Saturday. Photo Richard Austin.

Huish story

THE FIRST competitive game at Huish was played on Saturday, August 28, 1920.

A Dorset League match between Yeovil Reserves and Christchurch attracted a crowd of 1,500. The Huish site had been bought from Brutton's Brewery for £1,725.

In the early days, the terraces were flat and the only covered accommodation was the 300 seat grandstand which had been moved from the club's old ground at Pen Mill.

This stand served the club until 1963 when the current structure was built. In July 1922, the club accepted a quote from Bird and Perry for £733 to build dressing rooms with two sunken baths.

SUMMER

The dressing rooms were opened in September 1922. During the summer of 1923, 750 loads of earth were brought to the ground to form a terrace at the Queen Street end of the ground.

The pitch was lengthened by four yards at a cost of £15 and a telephone was installed.

In 1954, a wall was built in front of the North Terrace and floodlights were installed, and these were opened by Tottenham Hotspur on Tuesday, March 8, 1955. Work on the North Terrace was completed in 1956 when the back of the stand was closed in.

The next major development at Huish came in the summer of 1963 when the new stand was built.

Plans were drawn up by James E Fox and in March, work started when a first tea hut and then the stand were demolished.

By the first week of May, building work was under way, and at the start of the 1963-64 season, dressing rooms had been completed and the stand was open.

The social club was opened on December 7, 1963. The stand was officially opened on March 22, 1965, with a game against an International XI.

On March 4, 1985, Yeovil opened negotiations with Barlett Construction Ltd with a view to selling Huish and moving to a new stadium at Houndstone.

That was
then and
this is now

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