

Alan Herritty may return

Sacked



AFTER 11 years and 523 appearances, Alan Herritty's fine career at Huish has ended—or has it? When they announced their retained list on Monday, Herritty was one of four players informed that their services would not be needed by Yeovil Town next season.

But the situation will change if Yeovil are successful in their bid for a place in the Football League. Said the club's P.R.O., Bryan Moore, 'If we get into the League we would restart a reserve side—and Alan is the man we would like to see running it.'

Herritty's axing, although sad, was inevitable. He fully deserved the player-of-the-year trophy he received last season, but the 31-year-old full-back had been plagued by injury this term and his appearances have been few and far between.

Also going are Chris Weller, Dave Spencer and John Piekalniets.

For Weller, the sack is not a new experience. Yeovil released him three years ago, but Mike Hughes re-signed him at the end of the summer. It

arm in plaster.

To replace him, Irwin signed 21-year-old Keith Brierley on loan from Halifax, and Brierley was pitchforked straight into the side for Wednesday's tough away match with Telford United.

In three seasons with Halifax Brierley has made 45 appearances and scored 11 goals.

He is almost certain to be in action again over Easter when Yeovil have three games—home to Dartford (Saturday) and Guildford (Tuesday), and away to Waterlooville (Monday).

Five more clubs seen

Five more First and Second Division clubs have been visited by Yeovil Town this week in their vote-seeking quest as their campaign for a place in the Fourth Division of the Football League heats up.

Original plans to blitz the Midlands had to be changed at the last minute, but Yeovil did see the chairmen of Crystal Palace, Southampton, Bristol City, Ipswich and Newcastle.

Said spokesman Bryan Moore: 'In every case the reaction was favourable. No-one was asking about the slope; and no-one seemed bothered whether we won the Southern League or not. They all knew about us and had seen our brochure, and we were quite encouraged by the reception.'

One of the 'by products' of the contact with Ipswich is that, unless circumstances

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change, they will send their full First Division side to Huish on Monday, 14th May, for a benefit match for Chris Weller, Ken Thompson, Alan Herritty and Paul Smith.

Their Chairman, John Cobbold, has been invited to Huish or that match, and is hoping to accept.

Mr. Moore added: 'Reaction of clubs to our request to see them is quite interesting. Some all over themselves to offer hospitality, others have to be worked on a great deal. Crystal Palace came into this latter

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was a move the Town have never regretted.

Weller joined Yeovil from Bournemouth six years ago as a 27-year-old.

When he signed him, the then manager Ron Saunders told me: 'Yeovil will get five good years out of Weller.' In fact, the club have had six good years from one of the most under-rated men ever to have worn a Yeovil shirt.

In 218 appearances Weller has scored 102 goals, a total bettered only by Dave Taylor and Terry Foley.

Although sections of the Huish crowd have not appreciated his ability, rival managers and teams have certainly done so.

In addition to two victims of 'old age', Yeovil also release youngsters Dave Spencer and John Piekalniets after just one year.

Piekalniets, from Southend, was Cecil Irwin's first signing for the club. He has played only 14 times, whereas utility man Dave Spencer, signed from Hull City, has had 28 outings.

Said Mr. Moore: 'It was generally felt that Piekalniets is a little unlucky. When he has come into the side he has never let us down.'

Players retained are: Tony Clark, Tony Cottle, Paul Smith, Terry Bertram, Cliff Myers, Terry Cotton, Stuart Housley, John Brown, John Clancy and Ken Thompson.

Alan Impey, who was injured after a promising start to his

Title-race latest

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kettering	38	18	16	4	67	41	52
Yeovil	33	13	12	7	62	29	50
Chelmsford	38	22	6	10	67	36	50
Dover	39	21	8	10	54	36	50
Weymouth	37	19	11	7	67	40	49

These positions do not include the result of Yeovil's match at Telford on Wednesday.

Easter games for the leaders are: Friday—Chelmsford v. Ramsgate; Weymouth v. Dover.

Saturday—Cambs. City v. Weymouth; Dover v. Wimbledon; Kettering v. Chelmsford; Yeovil v. Dartford.

Monday—Burton v. Kettering; Dover v. Folkestone; Poole v. Weymouth; Romford v. Chelmsford; Waterlooville v. Yeovil.

Tuesday—Kettering v. Barnet; Yeovil v. Guildford.



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SPE

MATCH SPOT

Folkestone 0, Yeovil Town 0

On a day when the top clubs found points difficult to get, Yeovil kept themselves in the Southern League championship hunt thanks to a wonder-display in goal by Tony Clark. He was in absolutely unbeatable form as he earned a valuable point at Folkestone.

Three saves in a two-minute spell 15 minutes into the second half astounded the Folkestone crowd... and even his own colleagues.

Yeovil could hardly have expected the seashiders to put up such stout resistance after thrashing them by six goals at Huish just over two weeks ago.

defender. The second came almost on the interval when Chris Weller, playing in Trebilcock's place, burst clear, only to have the ball smothered at his feet by keeper Keith Bowley.

Weller headed a Housley centre into goal in the 73rd minute, but the whistle had already gone for offside.

Yeovil's only other real chance came a moment later when John Brown at last eluded centre-half Ken Pearce to head a free kick from Ken Thompson over the bar.

There was little good football in the game, but it will always be remembered at Folkestone for Clark's incredible string of saves.