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# BCG SPORT

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## Sir Rat - the sequel

Hi sports fans, time to hear the news and views that really matter from your man on the penalty spot once again. So what's new in the hustle bustle world of professional iguana tweeking this month I hear you ask. Well ... not a fat lot really. Transfer news has been a bit slow. Perhaps all you canny lads are holding on for the big spending spree of the new season, who knows.

News too late for my last missif is that Jane Mee is now at Oldham Athletic alongside fellow newcomer Simon Hayhow. What is it with these youngsters, they don't seem to be able to last the full 90 minutes any more. It hardly seems like yesterday since she joined Chester and got their name included in the prestigious 'B---r off' tournament. News reaching us here at BCHQ suggests that inclusion could have been a bit premature with what looks like being at least an 18 month stay with the non-leaguers on the cards due to management apathy (will it never cease?) Not an enviable position with the World Cup just round the corner. This probably being the only cup that Oldham aren't in the running for this season!

More great news for the women's game comes with two new signings in the south west where Clare Valentine fills Simon's boots at Plymouth (so to speak), and the long awaited 1st Division debut of Kate 'take it to the max' Hebditch at Dorset. Talking of Boots it seems that Sir Rat really scored with his recent forecasts at Exeter. It can now be confirmed that they have lost their captain to the competitive world of solo match commentaries.

Hopefully by the time you read this there may be more info on the Kirklees front, but as we always used to say in the Murmansk mixed synchronised breakstroke team - 'A frozen position is a vulnerable position'. Talking of vulnerable it seems that Colin 'can I describe a species before I've even found it' Plant has managed to retain his place at Passmore Edwards Academicals despite the recent Pools tax shake up.

A mysterious note stating 'Knox for Bucks' has me a little curious. Has anyone (D)NA information on that one? The two new 'centre' halves at Liverpool in the shape of Steve Cross and Jo Sax and drugs and Rock'n'roll recently showed their faces at a secret training camp somewhere in Yorkshire. Talent scouts

were impressed not so much by the tight ball control on show during the week as the enthusiasm and drinking habits displayed by all concerned. Now we know why they burn out so young!

Over to the veterans now and it would seem that after 30 years with Ludlow, John Norton is hanging up his boots for a well earned move to the role of spectator. Likewise, testimonial time in 1991 for Maurice Johnson at Lincoln. It's good to know that some of us can last the distance well into extra time.

So what's in store for us in the 1990's? Well, after last year where we couldn't see the goal for the strikers perhaps we'll be seeing more in the way of real ... achievement - and I don't mean all seater galleries! Let's hope this 'Blancheflower' campaign really hits the mark when those swilling drinks in the Director's box realise that the rest of the stand is crumbling before their very eyes. Perhaps then they'll spend less time concerned with the pre-match entertainments and more on the backbone of the game - the reserves!

Has anyone out there copped (pun) a load of the reborn GCG newsletter by any chance? Nice try, but ... where's the sports page? 'Musical curators' just isn't going to cut it is it? I expected a bit more humour from a team that once issued leaflets boasting the most vulgar finger gesture this side of show jumping. Let's try to live up to the witty title shall we chaps? 'Graptolite' would have been more appropriate and 'Dinosnore' has been suggested!

While we're on the subject of time wasting (sorry GCG this is what's known as a 'joke' - look it up) have any of you coaches out there suffered the full affects of the WOSHH (Waste of Staff Hours, Honestly) regulations? Apparently match injuries can now only be dealt with where the player can be removed to an adjacent fume-cupboard and if linament is required should only be handled with appropriate protective clothing. Even if you're able to strictly comply with these measures you can still be in trouble. Our own coach was caught using a pain killer spray in the cup tie against Bolton and was promptly beaten to death by the home team for encouraging the greenhouse effect. How anyone who even contemplated curry-lures in his stores can claim to be environmentally friendly is beyond me. Perhaps it's because naphthalene promotes hair loss ....

That's enough waffle for now fans. Just remember if you want the facts turn to Sir Rat on the back page. After all the front page invariably turns out to be a figment of the Editor's imagination ...

Sir Rat Buzzbee

