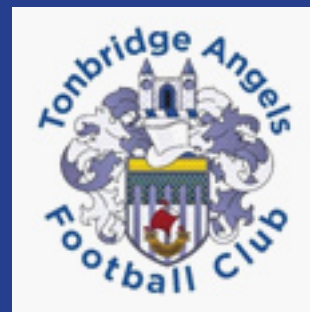


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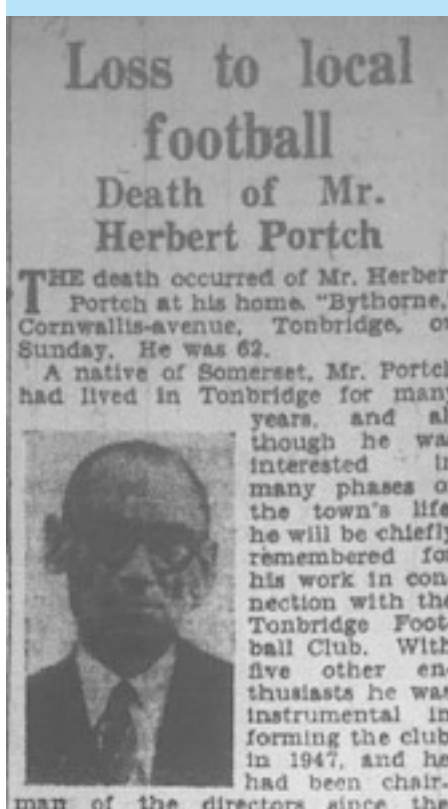
A historical look at Tonbridge Angels through the eyes of their supporters. Part 3: Season 1950-51, featuring the FA Cup First Round tie against Chelmsford City



During the close season of 1950, goalkeeper Ted Hankey and full back Tommy Linton were both signed from Southend. Hankey having made 104 post-war Football League appearances. Centre half Walter McMillen was signed from Millwall. Now 36 years-old he had gained seven full caps for Northern Ireland and had also played for Manchester United and Chesterfield. Inside forward Peter Mulheron was signed from Crystal Palace as was Belgian Marcel Gaillard who had previously been with Olympic de Charleroi. Two wingers Jack Dryden and Alan Smith were signed from Leyton Orient. Dryden had previously been with Swindon and Charlton whilst Smith had served Arsenal and Brentford. Lawson and Lynds were two young amateur forwards from Charlton.

A crowd of 2,000 watched the pre-season public trial and this was doubled when Guildford visited for the first Southern League match. The team was: Purdie; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, McMillen, Anderson; Dryden, Mulheron, Mills, Gaillard and Smith. The Angels took the lead after just four minutes when Fleming drew the defence before swinging it out to Smith who scored with a deliberate shot from a narrow angle. McMillen impressed as Guildford hit back, whilst Swinfen and Bell were as sound as ever and a fine effort from Mills made it 2-0 by half-time. Unfortunately the second half belonged to Guildford who scored twice to earn a point.

Herbert Portch was at the ground to watch but was very poorly and had to stay in



Crescent. In his earlier life, Mr. Portch also figured in the town's political activity and once stood, unsuccessfully, for the Tonbridge Urban Council.

Some years before the war Mr. Portch left his employment at the Whitefriars Press, Tonbridge and formed his own company, The Knole Park Press Ltd., at Sevenoaks.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The death occurred of Mr. Herbert Portch at his home in Cornwallis Avenue, Tonbridge on Sunday. He was 62.

A native of Somerset, Mr. Portch had lived in Tonbridge for many years, and although he was interested in many phases of the town's life, he will be chiefly remembered for his work in connection with Tonbridge Football Club. With five other enthusiasts he was instrumental in forming the club in 1947, and he had been chairman of the directors since the formation of the club.

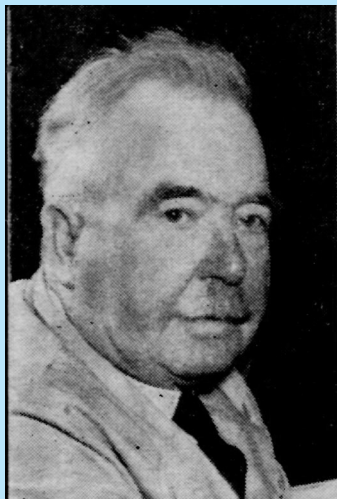
As chairman of the club, he was responsible for the early and difficult ground and league negotiations and the success of the club was largely due to his energy and interest. Throughout his illness Mr. Portch maintained his enthusiasm for the club, attending matches whenever possible.

All his life he has taken a great interest in many sporting activities. In pre-war years he helped to found the indoor bowling rink, now non-existent in Lyons



his car. On September 3rd he died aged 62. Originally from Frome, he had been a machine minder at Whitefriars Press and an active Trade Unionist before starting Knole Park Press. Always a keen sportsman he had served the community on a number of local committees. An outspoken man he could be argumentative and probably enjoyed a good row on occasions, but there can be no doubt that the drive and enthusiasm of Herbert Portch had done much to establish professional football in Tonbridge.

Mr. Portch would certainly have enjoyed this season as Tonbridge finished eleventh, their highest position in the old single division Southern League, and reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time



Chairman of the Tonbridge directors, Mr. W. H. Cripps, is a man who has followed both amateur and professional football with great enthusiasm ever since he was a small boy.

His interest in local soccer has, however, always predominated. A supporter of the old Tunbridge Wells Rangers, Mr Cripps followed them everywhere for many years, and later was elected a vice-president of the club.

But his ambition was to see professional football established locally. This was fulfilled in August 1948, when shortly after the Tonbridge F.C. had been formed with Mr. H. Portch as chairman of the Board, he was invited to become a director.

Mr. Portch was then a very ill man, however, and Mr. Cripps was soon appointed vice-chairman, often deputising at meetings. In 1950, after the chairman's death, he was elected to succeed him, and has remained in the position ever since.

At 72, Mr Cripps can claim to be a "youthful old-un" so far as football is concerned. He still attends innumerable meetings on behalf of the club, and this year, had the honour to be elected a vice-president of the Metropolitan League.

His eldest daughter, Miss Barbara Cripps, is well-known for her quite fantastic records, compiled ever since the club came into existence.

She has every press cutting about all Tonbridge matches, and can tell you within a matter of minutes how many times players have appeared, their backgrounds, anything in fact that you would want to know.

Sitting at his desk looking through the windows on to his beautifully kept two and a half acres of garden, Mr Cripps recalled the hard struggles Tonbridge had experienced. "But," he said, "I never worry. We can only hope that our luck will change and we shall have a more prosperous time."

in their history. Mr. W. H. Cripps, a founder member of the board who had been vice-chairman took over at the helm.

A long-standing friendship between Harry Curtis and the Charlton manager Jimmy Seed produced a gentlemen's agreement between the two clubs whereby players surplus to the Valiants' requirements could be loaned to the Angels. It was a timely deal as Tonbridge had incurred a four figure loss on each of their first two seasons and were finding it difficult to buy players. Goalkeeper Eric Gill and forwards Alan Parkes and Albert Pounder were early season arrivals from the Valley and they were joined by inside forward Peter Blount from Gainsborough Trinity. Meanwhile Alf Smirk left to join Ashford and Jim Purdie returned to the Football League with Aldershot.

Accounts for 1949-50 season showed total gate receipts of £10,346. Player's wages and expenses alone had cost £9,556. The Supporter's Club donated £1,353 but the total loss for the first two seasons was £2,630.

Back to the 1950-51 season and Tonbridge withdrew from the Southern League Cup after administrative chaos caused a re-draw for the first round after some matches had been played. The first round of the FA Cup

took the Angels to Aylesford Paper Mills where two goals from Marcel Gaillard and a Swinfen penalty saw the Angels through comfortably. A Peter Mulheron goal was enough to see off Gravesend and a crowd of 5,317 came to the Angel to see Sittingbourne beaten 3-1.

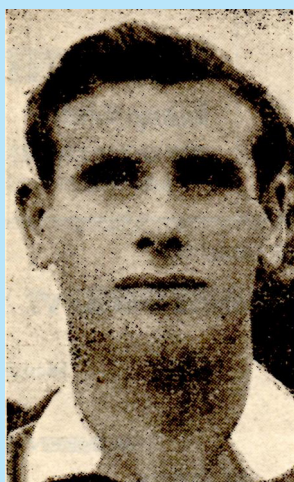
There were 6,572 present when Hendon

arrived for the final qualifying round. They saw two goals from Mills and another from Gaillard give Tonbridge a convincing lead but the visitors struck three times in the last 15 minutes to earn a replay. Tonbridge had to play nearly all of the replay with 10 men as McMillen was injured but Ron Higgins had already given them a third minute lead from Mulheron's pass. Fleming took over at centre half and Swinfen headed clear one dangerous attack from the under the crossbar but Dryden, Gaillard and Higgins always looked dangerous and by half-time Dryden had doubled the lead. Hendon had to wait until the closing minutes to gain a consolation goal.

Ron Higgins had joined Tonbridge in September from Leyton Orient. He had no great finesse but his tremendous pace was a great asset. He won many awards in the Essex county championships as a sprinter.

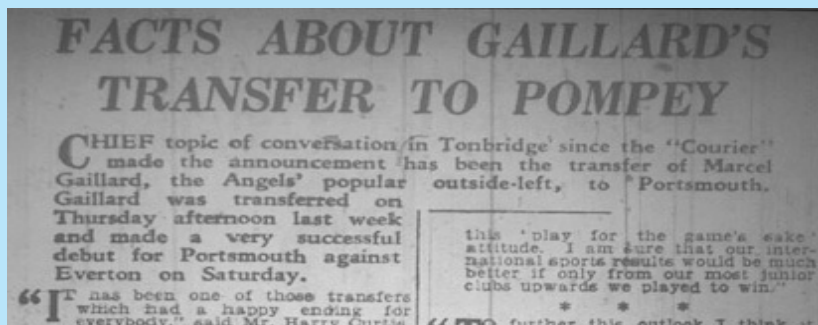
Now Tonbridge had cup fever. They had been draw away to fellow Southern Leaguers Chelmsford City. Twenty-five coaches were booked for the trip and there was a special train to ensure that Tonbridge supporters were well represented in a crowd of 7,000. Unfortunately they saw very little as a dense fog descended, nearly causing the game to be abandoned.

The team was: Hankey; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, Anderson, Lunn; Dryden, Mills, Higgins, Mulheron, Gaillard. Tonbridge went straight on the attack and forced an early corner but after 10 minutes Bell was judged to have brought down a home forward and Plunkett converted the penalty. Five minutes later Mulheron and Dryden combined to set up Mills for the equaliser but the dangerous Plunkett restored Chelmsford's advantage. Mulheron restored parity three minutes into the second half and Tonbridge finished strongly without being able to force the winner. The supporter's train had a coach



Ron Higgins was born and bred in West Ham, and as a schoolboy was playing for West Ham Boys. On leaving school he played for West Ham Juniors, with whom he stayed until the outbreak of the war. Ron then had a short period with two amateur clubs, Leyton and Clapton, before joining the RAF as an Air Gunner, with whom he served four years. Ron has the enviable, or otherwise, experience of having completed a tour of 32 operations over Europe. On obtaining his demobilisation, his football was confined to his employer's works team, but in December 1949, he signed amateur forms for Leyton Orient, with whom he played until the end of the season. During the following summer he signed for Tonbridge. Unfortunately, our patrons have not seen much of Ron in action this season, owing to so many of the London League home games having to be cancelled, but we are hoping that he will prove a very warm favourite and we wish him the very best of luck.

Tonbridge programme: Pen Portrait



Marcel Gaillard

Facts about Gaillard's transfer to Pompey

Chief topic of conversation in Tonbridge since the Courier made the announcement has been the transfer of Marcel Gaillard, the Angels' popular outside left, to Portsmouth. Gaillard was transferred on Thursday afternoon last week and made a very successful debut for Portsmouth against Everton on Sunday.

"It has been one of those transfers which had a happy ending for everybody," said Mr. Harry Curtis, secretary-manager of Tonbridge, this week. "Marcel had his chance to return to the Football League and we had a chance to make good our understanding to him that we would not stand in his way. Marcel is happy, we are happy and Portsmouth are happy."

"We are happy that our financial position has been considerably relieved and Portsmouth are happy with the ability of the player."

Many rumours have been around the town as to the amount obtained for Gaillard. Mr. Curtis says that the fees arranged between clubs for the transfer of players are always treated as confidential matters, but admitted that the sum received for Gaillard was in the region of £4,000. As Gaillard was on Crystal Palace's books for £1,800 it means that Tonbridge obtained about £2,000 from the deal.

"I have had many enquiries as to why many of the London papers say Gaillard was transferred by Crystal Palace," Mr. Curtis said. "The real fact is that the player was under contract at Tonbridge and we carried out all the negotiations. In actual fact, Crystal Palace had no say in the matter beyond the fact of the £1,800 they placed on Gaillard's head. They could not refuse his transfer and they did not have to agree it."

derailed at Chelmsford and were two hours late arriving home whilst the fog meant that those who had travelled by road were also delayed.

There was no fog for the replay but plenty of wind and rain and only one goal scored, unfortunately, by the visitors. The FA Cup run had ended in an anti-climax but new ground had been broken.

Peter Mulheron claimed a hat-trick in five second-half minutes to help Tonbridge to an exciting 4-3 win over Bedford despite being twice in arrears and Barry were thrashed 5-1. Dryden scored twice and goalkeeper Gill was outstanding in the 3-2 win at Kidderminster. In December ex-Brentford forward Peter Sheldon was signed from Chingford and made his debut on Christmas Day.

It was a very happy Christmas indeed for the Angels with maximum points from three

Southern League games. On Saturday, 23rd December Tonbridge found themselves a goal down after 25 minutes against a lively Worcester side. They could have been further behind but for some excellent goalkeeping by Ted Hankey. Mulheron equalised after 65 minutes and Gaillard scored a winner 10 minutes later. Just before the end after a goal was disallowed a spectator went onto the field but was escorted off by a policeman.

At Hastings, Tonbridge were two down after 17 minutes but on the 20 minute mark Higgins raced through to score. Just before half-time Tonbridge were reduced to 10 men when Swinfen was injured but two second half goals from Gaillard secured the points. The following day the Blues gave their supporters a Boxing Day treat with a seven goal victory in the return. There were three goals for Higgins, Gaillard scored twice whilst Dryden, direct from a corner, and Fleming with a 30 yard drive completed the rout.

Future manager Harry Haslam played right back for Hastings in both games.

In January 1951 the visit of league leaders Merthyr Tydfil drew a crowd of 3,253. They witnessed what many described as the best match yet seen at the Angel. Mulheron's injury meant a reshuffle but Walter McMillen was able to return and had an outstanding match against Merthyr's formidable Bill Hullett.

A fierce shot from Powell gave the Welshmen a third minute lead but the Angels were undaunted with Parkes twice and Lunn going close. Hankey made a brilliant save from Lloyd but then Jarman's shot was deflected off Swinfen to give Merthyr a fortunate second. This only served to renew Tonbridge's determination. Parkes cleverly drew the defence before slipping the ball to Higgins to ram past the goalkeeper and just before the interval Parkes converted from a Swinfen free kick to equalise. In the second half Tonbridge again attacked with skill and spirit. Dryden raced down the right wing and hit a long cross which Gaillard ran onto and headed in to give Tonbridge the lead. Tonbridge pressed even harder and several times went close to adding a fourth, before Higgins' powerful drive found the back of the net. Jarman pulled one back for the visitors to ensure an exciting finish but the following side hung on to clinch a great victory: Hankey; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, McMillen, Anderson; Dryden, Parkes, Higgins, Lunn, Gaillard.

League scouts had been watching Marcel Gaillard for a while and in February he was sold to Portsmouth for a four figure fee believed to be £4,000. A welcome boost to the club's finances but the dashing Belgian had become a great favourite and would be missed. His pace, verve and opportunism had made him the number one danger man in the attack and he is still remembered as one of Tonbridge's greatest ever forwards.

Dartford ended our interest in this season's Kent Senior Cup after a replay. Back in the League, wins were gained at Guildford and Chelmsford but a home defeat by Hereford and a 5-3 reverse at Bath kept us in mid-table. Alan Smith, back in the side after Gaillard's departure, scored twice as revenge was gained against Bath by 4-1 at the Angel and Higgins hit four as Kettering were beaten 5-3.

Before Easter Tonbridge were ninth with 39 points from 34 games but the cup run had caused a backlog of fixtures and the injury list began to lengthen. Only five points were taken from the last 10 games only one of which was won, on Easter Saturday, when Gravesend were beaten 4-1 at the Angel with Peter Sheldon scoring twice and one apiece from Mills and Mulheron. The return with Merthyr brought another thriller. Higgins scored twice but this time the champions

elect came out on top 3-2. Charlton brought a strong side, including the great goalkeeper Sam Bartram, for a friendly which they won with D'Arcy's first half goal.

Although it had ended a little disappointing the season as a whole had been encouraging. The whole-hearted Harry Mills had scored 21 goals but had asked to be allowed to return to the north country and in April was transferred to Rochdale. A month later Len Richley joined Hartlepool. This tough competitor had made 126 appearances in his three seasons having played in every position except goalkeeper and centre half. A natural wing half, a great tackler and a sound professional, he always gave a hundred per cent wherever he played and for a time he had combined his playing with the job of secretary. This was to stand him in good stead in later years when after several seasons as the manager of King's Lynn he had spells as secretary with both Bury and Rochdale eventually managing the latter club. He certainly was a great servant to Tonbridge Football Club.



It was almost inevitable from birth that Ted Hankey, our goalkeeper, should take up football as a career, as he was born at Hanley, Stoke, within a stone's throw of the Port Vale football ground. At an early age he was representing his school in the Stoke and District Schools' football and played with and against the great Stanley Matthews. At the age of 17, he joined the Army and had the very unusual experience of keeping goal for the Army and on "off-duty" days playing centre forward for Camberley and Yorktown in the Surrey Senior League. During his service in the Army he represented them for three years against France, Belgium and all the leading counties of this country. Ted was a member of the 10th Field Brigade who were the winners of the Army Cup in 1935-36. On leaving the Army in 1937, he was signed by Southend United, with whom he stayed until coming to Tonbridge last August. I have heard it debated as to the number of sweaters that Ted wears during a game. The exact number is one, all the rest is him! We wish him him the best of luck and a very happy stay at Tonbridge.

Tonbridge programme: Pen Portrait

Southern League 1950-51

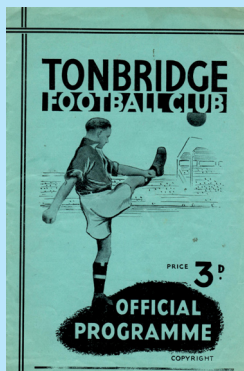
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Hereford United	44	27	7	10	110	69	1.59	61
Guildford City	44	23	8	13	88	60	1.47	54
Chelmsford City	44	21	12	11	84	58	1.45	54
Llanelly	44	19	13	12	89	73	1.22	51
Cheltenham Town	44	21	8	15	91	61	1.49	50
Headington United	44	18	11	15	84	83	1.01	47
Torquay United Reserves	44	20	6	18	93	79	1.18	46
Exeter City Reserves	44	16	12	16	90	94	0.96	44
Weymouth	44	16	12	16	82	88	0.93	44
Tonbridge	44	16	12	16	79	87	0.91	44
Gloucester City	44	16	11	17	81	76	1.07	43
Yeovil Town	44	13	15	16	72	72	1	41
Worcester City	44	15	11	18	69	78	0.88	41
Bath City	44	15	10	19	66	73	0.9	40
Dartford	44	14	11	19	61	70	0.87	39
Bedford Town	44	15	9	20	64	94	0.68	39
Gravesend & Northfleet	44	12	14	18	65	83	0.78	38
Kettering Town	44	13	11	20	87	87	1	37
Lovells Athletic	44	12	13	19	81	93	0.87	37
Kidderminster Harriers	44	13	9	22	58	103	0.56	35
Barry Town	44	13	7	24	54	104	0.52	33
Hastings United	44	11	6	27	91	143	0.64	28



11th November 1950 – FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round

Tonbridge (2) 3 (Gaillard, Mills 2) Hendon (0) 3 (Stroud, Adams (pen), Avis)

Attendance: 6,572



Like a boxer losing on points all the way and then winning by a surprise knock-out, Hendon got up from the floor in Saturday's FA Cup game and produced three goals in under 15 minutes to equalise.

Playing good football, Tonbridge worked hard for their three goal advantage – two of them from Mills' head and foot in old familiar style. Then came a swift reply, a fortuitous penalty and a spirited last minute equaliser by Hendon. Hendon's wingers, both amateur, kept Swinfen and Bell moving but the pair, with McMillen, usually broke up the visitors moves with sharp interception. Hendon's 'keeper Ivey was first to be tested when he jumped high to punch out a centre from Higgins who had taken the ball wing-wards. He leapt again when Lunn sent in one of his long-range surprise drives which scrapped the outside of the post.

Dryden put Higgins away during a counter attack but the centre forward shot wide. Hendon came back and right winger Stroud switched into the centre forward position took two shots in succession at goal. The first Hankey anticipated but for the second he had to move quickly. Hendon kept up the pressure and Swinfen, in particular, worked hard heading and kicking clear before the forwards could get a chance at goal.

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From a Hendon clearance kick, Mills worked the ball through and passed to an unmarked Gaillard. His drive into the top of the net had Ivey beaten all the way. Five minutes later, Gaillard whipped a pass across for Mills to head in Tonbridge's second goal.

In the second half it was Hendon who came out aggressively, but to no avail. Weak finishing spoiled a Tonbridge counter attack but there was no mistake the second time. Dryden drew the defence, then passed backwards to a waiting Mills. His steady well-placed drive whizzed past Ivey to make the Angels three up.

Hendon's reaction was energetic enough and Hankey was knocked out in a mid-air duel for the ball with Stroud. Hendon defenders were in grim mood and Higgins once found himself opposed by both backs. All the same, he tested Ivey with a snap shot.

With about 15 minutes to go, Stroud cut in to surprise Hankey with a shot into the corner of his net. Another Hendon raid had Hankey helpless on the ground as he punched clear one shot. In stopping a second, Swinfen conceded a penalty and centre half Adams crashed a sizzler under the bar which no keeper could have saved.

Inspired, the amateurs brought out a reserve of energy and played as though the game had just begun. With Stroud again prominent, they swept goalwards, Joining in a mix-up of Tonbridge and Hendon men, outside left Avis got his foot to the equaliser with a sudden shot.

Right to the whistle Tonbridge strove, but Mulheron missed the Angels' last chance in front of goal.

Tonbridge: Hankey; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, McMillen, Lunn; Dryden, Mulheron, Higgins, Mills, Gaillard.

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ANGELS EARN REPLAY IN SATURDAY'S FOG

CHELMSFORD 2 - TONBRIDGE 2

FIGHTING second-half rally, in which they were much the better side, earned for Tonbridge a replay when they held Chelmsford City to an away 2-2 draw on Saturday. Whatever their occasional lapses, there is no doubt that on this season's F.A. Cup record to date the Angels have proved themselves a cup-fighting

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25th November 1950 – FA Cup First Round

Chelmsford City (2) 2 (Plunkett 2 (1 pen), Tonbridge (1) 2 (Mills, Mulheron)

Attendance: 6,285

Fighting second-half rally, in which they were much the better side, earned for Tonbridge a replay when they held Chelmsford City to an away 2-2 draw on Saturday. Whatever their occasional lapses, there is no doubt that on this season's FA Cup record to date the Angels have proved themselves a cup-fighting combination.

On Saturday they had more than their share of ill-luck in the beginning. They sadly missed their captain, Wally McMillen; his height and experience would have been invaluable against the speed and craft of Plunkett, Chelmsford's goal-hungry centre forward. In addition they were playing in a dense fog on a strange ground and they were unlucky to have a penalty awarded against them in the first few minutes.

Tonbridge were losing by the odd goal in three at the interval but in the second half the covering of the defenders was vastly improved. Almost every time a pass went to a Chelmsford forward, a Tonbridge defender was right behind him.

The Angels started well and forced a corner on the right in the first three minutes. Then Chelmsford made a sudden dangerous move which ended in the ball going just wide of the Tonbridge goal following a free kick.

Hankey had to run out to clear after another concerted move by the City forwards. Then Bell was unlucky in tackling Foxhall to concede a penalty for a technical foul. From the resultant kick Plunkett gave Chelmsford the lead after 10 minutes.

Five minutes later Tonbridge equalised. Mulheron and Dryden took part in a swift raid and Mills, always an opportunist, fastened on to a pass, cut in and netted. Plunkett restored the lead a few minutes later. Dicker, the City inside left, crossed the ball to Morris, the former Southend player, and this started a move which ended in Foxhall racing down the wing and giving the City centre forward a perfect pass.

Anderson was weak in guarding the approach to goal and Plunkett, who has scored 19 goals this season for the City, had the better of his exchanges. Higgins was well held by Leslie Wicks, the City centre half, who only a short time ago was an amateur with a local works team.

Chelmsford forced two corners in quick succession, and Hankey had to kneel to clear one hefty shot. Dryden had a chance for Tonbridge, a high pass coming over to him when he was completely unmarked. He got the ball, but failed to hold it.

Tonbridge seemed inches faster on the ball right from the kick off in the second half and in three minutes Mulheron had equalised.

Showing that he is as effective at inside left as at inside right, Mulheron fastened on to a pass from Higgins and sent in a rising shot which seemed to spin past Crozier. Tonbridge were now on top. They combined better, covered superbly and Anderson began to get the upper hand of Plunkett. A whole-hearted player, he did much to make amends for his first half display. Tonbridge launched a series of raids, and their forwards especially the wingers, were always lively. Higgins burst through and seemed about to score when he was barged over. Foxhall shot wide for the City and just afterwards, Chelmsford almost netted. In the fog shouts of "Goal!" greeted a near miss by Dicker.

Bell took a free kick for a foul on Gaillard and placed the ball beautifully into the goalmouth. Tonbridge were playing just the right game – long, hefty punts down the middle which in the fog often rattled the home side's defence.

Chelmsford gradually deteriorated, their passes failed to clear accurately. Gaillard twice went near with clever moves on the left wing.

But the defences on both sides held out until the end, with the Angels decidedly the better team in this half.

Chelmsford City: Crozier; Bidewell, Beach; Brolly, Wicks, McKenna; Foxhall, Folkard, Plunkett, Dicker, Morris.

Tonbridge: Hankey; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, Anderson, Lunn; Dryden, Mills, Higgins, Mulheron, Gaillard.



29th November 1950 – FA Cup First Round Replay

Tonbridge (0) 0 Chelmsford City (0) 1 (Morris 117) After extra time

Attendance: 5,000

Three minutes from the end of extra time in Wednesday's replay at the Angel Ground an innocuous looking throw-in led to a goal for Chelmsford which decided the issue and meant the end of Angels' interest in the FA Cup this season.

The tie should have been won and lost before extra time was called, but over-eagerness on the part of both teams, which led to mistakes and inaccurate shooting, lost them opportunities.

Chelmsford will now be at home to Mansfield in the next round. If Tonbridge had only produced their ten-men Hendon form, Mansfield would be coming to the Angel Ground instead.

Up to the time Chelmsford scored, the Angels had had as much of the play as their opponents and, in fact, in the period of extra time, had shown a slight superiority. Once the goal had been obtained there was not time to make amends for a display of opportunism on the part of the visiting forwards.

There were times when Tonbridge should have had a goal in the normal period of play, but apart from over-eagerness and some fiddling forward play resulted in chances being lost. Gaillard was the most dangerous winger on the field and had some stinging shots himself – he hit the bottom of an upright with a terrific shot just before Chelmsford scored – and Mulheron did not support him as he should have done and was prone to be not in position at the critical moment.

As it was, it was the Tonbridge defence that was outstanding and Anderson, at centre half, had one of his best games to date. He completely controlled Plunkett, the visiting centre forward, in one of the hardest games of the season.

While Legg was his usual steady self, Fleming was not quite up to his standard although he got through a vast amount of work. Bell and Swinfen had a terrific struggle with two fast wingers in Farrell and Morris, but managed more or less to keep them out of shooting distance and Hankey, in goal, showed the understanding with them.

Chelmsford also have to thank their defenders for much good work. There were times when they were hard pressed and Higgins was a constant worry to them. Had he had better support from his inside forwards a different tale might have been told.

Tonbridge with the wind behind them – they won the toss – were the first to attack and a long shot by Gaillard hit the side of the net. Higgins slammed the crossbar with the ball after it had rebounded to him following Mulheron's failure to control a pass from the centre forward and at the other end point blank shots by Farrell and Felthard were blocked by defenders.

For a period it was all Tonbridge but their attacks were often turned into defence by the eagerness of the Chelmsford backs and Farrell's shot slammed the Angels' crossbar.

Taking the ball to the other end, Gaillard had another shot turned away for a corner by Wickes. A perfect centre from the left wing was missed by Mills and following beautiful football by most of the forwards Gaillard centred to Higgins only for the ball to be picked from his toe by Crozier.

Immediately after the interval Hankey pushed aside a shot from Morris and Mulheron lifted the ball high over the bar after Higgins shot had rebounded from Crozier. There was a lucky escape for the Tonbridge goal when Drake shot wide and a shot from Farrell was tipped over the bar by Hankey.

A breakaway by Higgins gave the visiting defence an anxious moment but Mills could only send the ball into the side of the net when he received the pass. Higgins missed a chance himself in the first period of extra time and in the second period Gaillard's brilliant work left two defender's standing before the winger sent in a shot which hit an upright and was cleared.

It was then that Chelmsford scored their goal, the beginning with an apparently innocuous throw-in and almost immediately afterwards Morris again put the ball into the net after Felthard had split the defence wide open but was given offside.

Tonbridge: Hankey; Swinfen, Bell; Fleming, Anderson, Legg; Dryden, Mills, Higgins, Mulheron, Gaillard

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 26th May, 1951

Balance Sheet as at 26th May, 1951

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Season 1950-51

Date	Opponents	@	Comp	Res	Att	Pos	Goalscorers
Sat 19/08/1950	Guildford City	H	SL	D 2 2	4512		Smith, Mills
Sat 26/08/1950	Chelmsford City	H	SL	W 1 0	4340		Dryden
Wed 30/08/1950	Dover	H	KSS	1 L 0 1			
Sat 02/09/1950	Chingford Town	a	SL	W 2 1			Smith, Mulheron
Sat 09/09/1950	Cheltenham Town	H	SL	L 1 2	3989		Higgins
Thu 14/09/1950	Worcester City	a	SL	D 1 1			Keasey og
Sat 16/09/1950	Aylesford Paper Mills	a	FAC	Pre W 3 0	1221	14	Swinfen pen, Gaillard 2
Wed 20/09/1950	Yeovil Town	H	SL	L 0 3			
Sat 23/09/1950	Bedford Town	H	SL	W 4 3	3224		Blount, Mulheron 3
Wed 27/09/1950	Weymouth	a	SL	D 1 1	2984		Dryden
Sat 30/09/1950	Gravesend & Northfleet	H	FAC	1Q W 1 0	5000	16	Mulheron
Sat 07/10/1950	Barry Town	H	SL	W 5 1			Gaillard 4, Dryden
Sat 14/10/1950	Sittingbourne	H	FAC	2Q W 3 1	5317	13	Dryden, Parkes, Lunn
Sat 21/10/1950	Gloucester City	H	SL	D 0 0	4093		
Sat 28/10/1950	Snowdown Colliery Welfare	H	FAC	3Q D 1 1	4490		Parkes
Wed 01/11/1950	Snowdown Colliery Welfare	a	FAC	3Qr W 6 3			Mulheron, Gaillard 2, Parkes, Dryden 2
Sat 04/11/1950	Torquay United Res	H	SL	L 2 3	3420		Pounder, Parkes
Sat 11/11/1950	Hendon	H	FAC	4Q D 3 3	6572		Gaillard, Mills 2
Thu 16/11/1950	Hendon	a	FAC	4Qr W 2 1			Higgins, Dryden
Sat 18/11/1950	Dartford	a	SL	L 0 2			
Sat 25/11/1950	Chelmsford City	a	FAC	1 D 2 2	6285		Mills, Mulheron
Wed 29/11/1950	Chelmsford City	H	FAC	1r L 0 1	5000		
Sat 02/12/1950	Kidderminster Harriers	a	SL	W 3 2			Dryden 2, Swinfen pen
Sat 09/12/1950	Llanelly	H	SL	L 1 5		21	Mulheron
Sat 16/12/1950	Hereford United	a	SL	L 0 4	2979	21	
Sat 23/12/1950	Worcester City	H	SL	W 2 1	2030	21	Mulheron, Gaillard
Mon 25/12/1950	Hastings United	a	SL	W 3 2			Higgins, Gaillard 2
Tue 26/12/1950	Hastings United	H	SL	W 7 0	3692		Gaillard 2, Fleming, Dryden, Higgins 3
Sat 30/12/1950	Yeovil Town	a	SL	L 0 5		17	
Sat 06/01/1951	Weymouth	H	SL	D 2 2	2800		Higgins 2
Sat 13/01/1951	Merthyr Tydfil	H	SL	W 4 3	3253	14	Higgins 2, Parkes, Gaillard
Sat 20/01/1951	Dartford	a	KSC	1 D 1 1	3100	14	Fleming
Wed 24/01/1951	Dartford	H	KSC	1r D 0 0	2469		
Sat 27/01/1951	Guildford City	a	SL	W 2 1	3386		Mulheron, Higgins
Wed 31/01/1951	Dartford	a	KSC	1rr L 2 4			Gaillard 2
Sat 03/02/1951	Chelmsford City	a	SL	W 3 1	3000	13	Higgins, Parkes, Dryden
Thu 08/02/1951	Bath City	a	SL	L 3 5			Mulheron, Parkes, Whitfield og
Wed 14/02/1951	Hereford United	H	SL	L 2 4	831		Mills, Dryden
Sat 17/02/1951	Cheltenham Town	a	SL	L 0 5			
Thu 22/02/1951	Lovells Athletic	a	SL	D 1 1			Mulheron
Sat 24/02/1951	Lovells Athletic	H	SL	W 3 0	2327		Higgins, Mulheron, Dryden
Sat 03/03/1951	Bedford Town	a	SL	D 1 1	4790	14	Dryden
Sat 10/03/1951	Bath City	H	SL	W 4 1	2008		Higgins, Lunn, Smith 2
Wed 14/03/1951	Kettering Town	H	SL	W 5 3	876		Higgins 4, Mulheron
Sat 17/03/1951	Barry Town	a	SL	W 2 0	1500	11	Mulheron, Richley
Fri 23/03/1951	Headington United	a	SL	D 0 0	2700		
Sat 24/03/1951	Gravesend & Northfleet	H	SL	W 4 1	2716		Mills, Sheldon 2, Mulheron
Mon 26/03/1951	Headington United	H	SL	D 1 1	3396	9	Dryden
Sat 31/03/1951	Gloucester City	a	SL	D 2 2	1800	7	McMillen, Smith
Tue 03/04/1951	Llanelly	a	SL	L 0 1	5000	9	
Sat 07/04/1951	Exeter City Res	H	SL	D 1 1	2231	9	Higgins
Wed 11/04/1951	Torquay United Res	a	SL	W 2 0	996		Mulheron, Swinfen
Sat 14/04/1951	Exeter City Res	a	SL	L 0 1		7	
Wed 18/04/1951	Gravesend & Northfleet	a	SL	L 0 4			
Sat 21/04/1951	Kidderminster Harriers	H	SL	D 1 1		7	Pounder
Sat 28/04/1951	Dartford	H	SL	L 0 2			
Sat 05/05/1951	Kettering Town	a	SL	L 1 6		11	Dryden pen
Sat 12/05/1951	Merthyr Tydfil	a	SL	L 2 3		11	Higgins 2

Player Statistics

Name	SL	FAC	KSC	KSS	Total	Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals
Anderson, Ron	25	2	2		29		116	6
Bell, Sid	45	9	3		57		115	
Blount, Peter	2	1			3	1	3	1
Dryden, Jack	37	8	3	1	49	16	49	16
Fleming, Eddie	40	9	3	1	53	2	148	5
Fletcher, Harold	3				3		4	
Gaillard, Marcel	23	9	3	1	36	17	36	17
Gill, Eric	15				15	(3)	15	
Hankey, Ted	28	8	3	1	40	(6)	40	
Higgins, Ron	24	4	3		31	21	31	21
Lawson T J	2				2		2	
Lievesley, Dennis	2				2		42	
Linton, Tommy	20	1		1	22		22	
Lunn, Fergie	42	9	3	1	55	2	112	4
McMillen, Walter	28	7	3	1	39	1	39	1
Mills, Harry	28	6		1	35	6	72	27
Mulheron, Peter	43	9	3	1	56	17	56	17
Parkes, Alan	13	4	1		18	7	18	7
Pounder, Albert	2				2	2	2	2
Purdie, James	2	1			3	(1)	57	
Richley, Len	8				8	1	75	2
Sheldon, Peter	9				9	2	9	2
Smith, Alan	30	4		1	35	5	35	5
Swinfen, Reg	22	8	3	1	34	3	115	19
Taylor, Jimmy Jr	2				2		2	
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