

Up There Cazaly!

A historical look at Tonbridge Angels through the eyes of their supporters with original text by the late Brian Cheal. Part 6: Season's 1953-55, featuring the legend that was Jimmy Constantine



1953/54

Four of the next five seasons were a struggle for the Southern League side. After a promising if erratic first half to the 1953-54 season the Angels finished 18th. A year later it was 19th and 55-56 another place down to 20th. 56-57 saw the club jump to 15th which, but for a terrible run of injuries might have been much better, but in 1957-58 it was back to 18th. During this time the Southern League Cup Final was reached twice, the Kent Senior Cup Final once and the Kent Senior Shield was won twice. The Reserves although unable to retain their championship continued to be a force in the Metropolitan League.

Gate receipts for the 1952-53 had been £9,393, down by £1,372 from the previous season but for the first time the club had not run at a loss. This was due to the Supporters Club and their successful tote scheme. Whilst addressing the Tonbridge Rotarians our manager admitted that the tote had saved the club and mused that one day supporters clubs could eventually take over football clubs like Tonbridge. He thought that this would be a bad thing for the game.

Doug Hunt was something of a football philosopher. He felt that the future of Tonbridge lay in having a younger side with more players living in or nearer the town. In future he was to question the wisdom of trying to run two successful sides. Supporters had grown used to watching a strong reserve team, in those days fewer supporters were able to travel to away games, but it was a valid point. If less money was spent on the reserves maybe a few more local youngsters would be given the chance and maybe some of the money saved could have been spent on strengthening the first team.

In practice things do not always work out that simply but perhaps Doug Hunt was more prophetic than most people realised at the time.

Maybe it was a result of Hunt's declared youth policy but it was still a shock when Johnny Jordan was placed on the open to transfer list. Probably the greatest all round inside forward the club ever had and the best in the Southern League at the time, a creator and scorer of goals, he joined Bedford.

Outstanding, attacking wing half Alex Ross declined terms and joined Hastings so the



JOHNNY JORDAN

This obituary was written for the Tottenham Hotspur website following his death in 2016.

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of our 1940s inside-forward Johnny Jordan who died in Cambridge on January 9. He was 94.

Born in Bromley, Johnny established a fine reputation as an amateur with Bromley and Grays Athletic and was also on West Ham United's books. He looked set to play for England at amateur level when he underwent trials with Spurs and so impressed that we immediately offered him a professional contract.

That was in August, 1947, and he went straight into the first team, scoring twice on his debut against Sheffield Wednesday at White Hart Lane.

Skilled in possession and with a good passing range, he went on to score 10 goals in 24 Division Two games for us that season and also played in three FA Cup ties as we reached the semi-finals.



Back Row: Ian Taylor, Horace Woodward, Ted Hankey, Chick Muir, Norman Jones, Ken Linstrem. Front Row: Ralph Prouton, Brian Collins, Ron Anderson, Peter Sheldon, Jimmie Irvine.

Johnny Jordan continued

However, that would be his only season at Tottenham because in August, 1948, we received such an excellent offer from Juventus for his signature that we decided to let him go. Unfortunately, it did not go too well for Jordan in Italy and by March, 1949, he was a Birmingham City player.

He then had a year with Sheffield Wednesday before finishing his playing career with Tonbridge in 1951.

We extend our sincere condolences to Johnny's daughter Margaret and grand-daughter Melanie, and to all their family and friends, at this sad time.

The Courier reported the signing of Jordan, on 4th October 1951:

Tonbridge made another big capture yesterday (Thursday) when they signed Johnny Jordan, an inside forward, who is on Sheffield Wednesday's transfer list at a fee of £8,000. The signing was made at the club office.

Apparently a clause in his contract with the Sheffield club relating to his place of residence led to a disagreement and, as a result, he was placed on the club's transfer list.

Jordan joined Spurs as an amateur. He turned professional and was subsequently transferred to Birmingham at a fee of £12,000.

He spent two seasons with Birmingham before joining Sheffield Wednesday last season.

Jordan came to Tonbridge yesterday morning to discuss matters with Mr. Harry Curtis and he signed on for the club within half-an-hour.

JIMMY CONSTANTINE



From the Tonbridge. Football Supporters Club Annual, 1957-58 written by K. Whelan

Few players have been as popular with Tonbridge supporters as Jimmy Constantine – or as he is perhaps more frequently called, “Connie”. Although, unfortunately, we rarely have the pleasure of seeing him play now, he is still a firm favourite with all supporters, young and old, and even on away grounds he usually gets a cheer when he dashes on the field to tend an injured player. During his playing days he was always brilliant in the air, 70 of his goals were obtained with his head.

He was born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire and his early football – both at school and in Sunday junior football – was played as an inside-right.

In 1939 prior to the outbreak of war, he volunteered for the Army and was posted to the Grenadier Guards, for whom he played as an outside-left. During

season 1944, while playing for Ashton National, he sustained concussion and when in hospital was approached by Mr. Ted Goodier, manager of Rochdale and he signed professional forms for them. After only three months with Rochdale he was signed by Manchester City and, in his first season at Maine Road made 30 first team appearances and scored 26 goals.

In 1946-47 Manchester City gained promotion to the First Division. After he had scored 16 goals, Jimmy had the misfortune to break an ankle and did not play for them again. He was, of course, awarded a League Championship medal for his part in the promotion battle.

In 1947 he was signed by Mr. Norman Bulloch, manager of Bury FC. He stayed for only one season, during which he scored 17 goals, some of which were obtained from the inside-right position. During the summer of 1948, Jimmy was signed by Millwall FC and played for that club for four seasons.

The followers of the Millwall club soon made Jimmy their idol, and when Mr. Charles Hewitt, who was manager at the time, decided to place him on the open transfer list, he lost the club thousands of supporters. Their loss was, however, our gain and his record while he was a regular player for Tonbridge – 105 goals in 131 games – speaks for itself.

In the humble opinion of the writer, Jimmy's approach to the game was one which every young player might well copy; the word of encouragement to a team mate, the pat on the back for a good but unsuccessful shot, first to tend an injured player, be he friend or foe, all add up to his great popularity.

During his Army days he was a keen boxer and has won cups and medals at the noble art. Indeed, in 1940-41, he was welter-weight champion of the Grenadier Guards.

I am sure all our supporters wish him the best of luck and trust he will serve Tonbridge Football Club for many years to come



Saturday, 2nd January 1954 – Southern League

Tonbridge (3) 7 (Peters, Constantine 4, Hamilton, Mullen) Weymouth (2) 2 (Easton, Gaillard)

Attendance: 3,006



This was Tonbridge's highest score in the Southern League but it was not brought about by luck. Tonbridge deserved every goal. Only the first was a gift – the others were well planned and well executed. The Tonbridge forward line reached tip-top form with Constantine the star.

Tonbridge dazzled Weymouth with their speed and passing, yet for the first 42 minutes the visitors looked a good side. After that there was only one team in it.

When a side gives away a "gift" goal in the first two minutes it is often shaken and rarely recovers. But the reason for this rout was not that first goal, it was because Tonbridge weaved and threaded a way to goal that Weymouth did not comprehend and could not block.

That first goal was a "shocker". Peters sent in a shot which Hayhurst appeared to have covered all the way. The 'keeper stopped it, it bounced slightly out of his hands, he attempted to pull it back towards him and the next thing he knew it was a foot over the line.

Weymouth's equaliser after 11 minutes should never have happened either. The Angels' defence was far too slow in covering and when McGowan transferred the ball to Easton there was no-one on him to stop him putting the ball into the net off a post.

But from the kick-off Tonbridge took the lead again when Peters centred for Constantine to smash the ball into the net.

Hayhurst then had something else to remember this match – and Constantine – when he gathered the ball and was shoulder charged against a post. He had to receive attention and the referee awarded a bounce-up right by the goal-post. But a defender kicked out for a corner. If Hayhurst had not been by the post it would have been a certain goal.

Three minutes later Weymouth were level again when Gaillard swept the ball from 20 yards past Jones following a right wing movement.

After Hayhurst had made a good save from Constantine, Weymouth were unlucky when Easton headed against the bar.

Hayhurst was again fortunate when Constantine received from Peters and shot against the keeper twice from close in. But he stood no chance after 42 minutes though when Constantine scored following good work by Mulheron and Hamilton.

Almost immediately on the resumption, Peters went off for attention to his leg and things did not look good for the Angels as in the first half, Weymouth although having a shaky defence, had always looked like scoring.

But while Peters was off, McGuire made ground down the left wing and turned the ball inside where Constantine just managed to reach the ball before Hayhurst and deflect it into the net.

Just before Peters came back, Hayhurst made a wonderful save from a full-blooded drive from Mullen who had been given his chance by Mulheron.

Then after 62 minutes, Tonbridge went further ahead. Hamilton made ground and passed to Constantine who beat two men and then slammed the ball in with his left foot.

Ten minutes later came Tonbridge's sixth when Constantine returned the compliment and Hamilton scored.

Stevenson, the former Tonbridge player, had his name taken by the referee, but this did not hold up Tonbridge for long and in one attack, Hayhurst made a brilliant save from Peters.

It was all Tonbridge now and Hamilton had the miss of the match when from five yards with only Hayhurst to beat, he turned the ball past the post.

But Tonbridge got their seventh when, in the last minute, Constantine passed for Mullen to shoot home.

Angels' forwards can never have played so well but they owe much to the brilliance of Constantine, who besides scoring four goals himself in succession led his line with intelligence and vigour.

Certainly Tonbridge saved up their whirlwind display for a side containing two former Angels, Stevenson and Gaillard, the former Portsmouth and Belgian international. Or perhaps, Tonbridge were remembering their 4-0 defeat at Weymouth earlier in the season when Weymouth hit top form.

Angels included Don Boxall, a 21-year-old right back signed on Friday from Brighton and Hove Albion, in place of Muir, who was advised by the doctor not to play. He did extremely well, especially as he was up against Gaillard.

The attendance was 3,006, higher than for some time and if Tonbridge keep up this form there is every reason to think the crowds will swell to even greater proportions.

Tonbridge: Jones, N., Boxall, Bell; Prouton, Ashworth, Mulheron; Peters, Hamilton, Constantine, McGuire, Mullen.

Weymouth: Hayhurst; Stevenson, Yewell; Presley, Holt, Brennan; McGowan, Easton, Massart, Fagan, Gaillard.



members of that legendary half back line, Ross, Woodward and Fleming had all now departed. Monty Stevenson also rejected terms and joined Weymouth who had just signed Marcel Gaillard from Portsmouth. Other departures were Tommy Dougall, Alan Smith, Ron Gawler and Charlie Rundle, who was appointed player-coach to Kent League

side Betteshanger Colliery.

New signings included centre half Fred Ashworth from Shrewsbury, where he was listed at £2,500 and inside forwards Les Maguire from Gillingham, Mike Gallacher from West Bromwich Albion and Ken Linstrem, who could play left back or left

half, from Bournemouth. Alex Hamilton, a wing half or inside forward was signed from St. Johnstone and two wingers, Peter Peters and Andy Mullen were signed from Dartford and Workington respectively. Mullen was the brother of England international Jimmy Mullen.

Saturday, 13th February 1954 – Kent Senior Cup First Round

Tunbridge Wells United (2) 3 (Haywood, Jennings, Farrington) Tonbridge (1) 3 (Mullen, Butler 2 (1 pen))

Attendance: 4,000

Thrills, excitement, good football, plenty of goals, some not so good football, a bit of panic at times from both sides and some good refereeing. This about sums up the match between Tunbridge Wells United and Tonbridge in the Kent Senior Cup match at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. The game had everything that a good cup tie should have, and the 4,000-odd spectators had good value for their money.

Tonbridge always appeared to have a slight edge on the Kent Leaguers, despite being two goals down after 32 minutes, but they had to fight every inch of the way against a team whose energy and enthusiasm knew no bounds.

Alderman Crabtree, Deputy Mayor of Tunbridge Wells and Cllr Mrs N. Salmon opened the proceedings with short speeches and Butler kicked off for Tonbridge.

Tonbridge went straight into the attack and Clarke brought down McGuire, but the free kick was cleared and the home side immediately forced a corner.

A brilliant run by Peters, who had the beating of Nainby, gave a chance to Butler, but his shot went high over the bar. Tonbridge at this period were most dangerous and Francis made a brilliant save from Mullen, while Walker headed out a dangerous centre from Peters.

Then Tunbridge Wells took up the running and Jennings had an excellent opportunity, but shot wide when he only had Jones to beat.

At this point Hamilton was injured, but recovered after treatment, and then a bad spell set in for Tonbridge. Jennings, always a danger, almost beat Jones, but the latter recovered to clear a threatening position.

Within a minute of this, Tunbridge Wells were in front. A breakaway on the United's left wing and Jennings was away; his centre was met by Haywood and although Jones parried his first shot Haywood followed up and put the ball into the net. This was after 30 minutes play and within two minutes, Tunbridge Wells were two goals up. Hooper beat the Tonbridge defence and Jennings met his centre to beat Jones.

Tonbridge seemed to panic at this stage but gradually they again came into their own, although the defence were guilty of too much back-passing.

Tonbridge gained their reward when Mullen met a centre from Peters and completely deceived Francis with his header.

Tonbridge started the second half with a series of attacks in which Butler was prominent. On one occasion he put Hamilton through, but his shot was saved. The Angels were not long in gaining the equaliser, when a header from Hamilton was beautifully saved by Tunbridge Wells' right back Walker. From the resultant penalty, Butler put the teams level. This was after seven minutes' play and it was now the turn of United to show a bit of panic, but like Tonbridge, they recovered.

Then Farrington tested Jones and Hooper forced Bainbridge to concede a corner. A defensive error cost Tonbridge the next goal, Ashworth failed to tackle Haywood when he first gained possession and the result centre found Hooper unmarked; his shot was partially cleared by Jones but Farrington, following up, put the ball in the net.

A free-kick to Tunbridge Wells spelled danger, but the ball was cleared upfield and Butler, gaining possession, coolly beat three men and appeared to score the best goal of the match.

The referee appeared to award the goal, but, to the surprise of most people present, a linesman intervened and the goal was disallowed, it being alleged that a Tonbridge player was offside.

Within a minute of this decision Tonbridge had netted again; this time there was no doubt. A lob upfield and Butler gained possession; he made progress and beat Francis with his shot.

Tonbridge were now definitely on top and in one attack Mullen made a brilliant run, beat two defenders and was going in for a shot when he was brought down and injured. Butler waited patiently to take the spot kick while Mullen was being treated, but when he took it he shot hard and straight at Francis. The goalkeeper parried the shot and the ball appeared to enter the net, but Francis recovered and cleared. Despite the protests of the Tonbridge players the referee waved play on.

Tunbridge Wells: Francis, Walker, Nainby, Viles, Clarke, Simpson, Hooper, Jennings, Brodie, Farrington, Haywood.

Tonbridge: Jones, Bell, Bainbridge, Mulheron, Ashworth, Prouton, Mullen, McGuire, Butler, Hamilton, Peters.



These old-agers probably have memories of many exciting football matches. Now they have another to add to those memories

Wednesday, 17th February 1954 – Kent Senior Cup First Round Replay

Tonbridge (0) 1 (Hamilton)

Tunbridge Wells United (0) 3 (Hooper 2, Viles)

After Extra Time. Attendance: 3,316

Spectators were leaving the ground convinced that Tonbridge had won this Kent Senior Cup replay on Wednesday, when Hooper converted a free kick and put his side on equal terms.

This was the turning point in the game and, inspired by this goal and many let-offs, Tunbridge Wells scored two quick goals in extra time and earned the right to meet Snowdown in the next round.

Tonbridge literally threw this match away. Although the match was not up to the standard of the previous one, it always held promise, with Tonbridge showing the better football. Tunbridge Wells, however, wasted no time in finesse and with first-time kicking always looked dangerous.

The first half was fairly even, with most danger coming from the wingers on each side. There were several near misses from both sides. Tonbridge had the ball in the net, but Hamilton was ruled offside.

One of the many chances that came Tonbridge's way was when Peters shot, the ball passed through Francis' legs and two Tonbridge forwards failed to place the ball into the empty net.

The second half opened in sensational manner. Mulheron made ground and passed the ball to Butler, who had wandered to the left wing. His centre was met by Hamilton, who rushed the ball past Francis.

This appeared to be the beginning of the end for United and Tonbridge got right on top. Tonbridge forced many corners and saw several good chances go astray.

One minute to go and spectators leaving the ground confident that Tonbridge had won, but then came tragedy for the Angels. Prouton unfairly tackled Farrington and Clarke placed the ball for Hooper to score the equalising goal.

The extra time proved fatal for Tonbridge. Inspired by their goal, United immediately attacked and Brodie missed a glorious chance when he only had Jones to beat, but within three minutes the visitors were in front. Hooper took a throw-in which was met by Viles to score with a really good shot.

Tonbridge then had a chance but Butler put the ball well over the bar, and celebrating the let-off, Tunbridge Wells set up another attack and Hooper put the finishing touches to a good move by scoring an excellent goal.

The Kent League "hoodoo" which follows Tonbridge around is still very much alive.

In September wing half Ralph Prouton, a Hampshire county cricketer, was signed from Swindon and a month later, Alex "Chic" Muir, a tough, big hearted full back, was signed after many years splendid service to Albion Rovers.

There were over 4,000 at the Angel for the first match against Merthyr who had only been denied their fourth successive title by goal average the previous May. This time the Martyrs would comfortably regain their crown but they might have had their doubts after this game. Tonbridge turned on a tremendous display, Constantine scored twice and there were debut goals for Maguire and Peters. 4-1 was Merthyr's biggest defeat of the season. The Tonbridge team was: Jones, Bainbridge, Linstrem, Hamilton, Ashworth, Mulheron, Peters, Gallacher, Constantine, Maguire, Mullen.

Two days later Hankey replaced Jones for the trip to Barry. Gallacher was injured after 15 minutes and was no more than a passenger for the rest of the match. In those circumstances Tonbridge had been doing well to be level after 78 minutes play but then four goals in the last 12 minutes saw the Welshmen home by 6-2.

The two matches were indeed portentous. Injuries and illness continued to disrupt the side and the contrast between home and away form was marked. The only home defeats were by Kent League sides Dover and Tunbridge Wells in cup competitions. Away only two games were won with 18 out of 21 league games ending in defeat. All four cup competitions saw elimination in the first round.

After a 1-1 draw at the Angel, Gravesend thrashed us 6-1 at Stonebridge Road in the Southern League Cup. Derek Dimmer had joined the Fleet and had a brilliant game. Dover knocked us out of the Kent Senior Shield by the odd goal in three, whilst in the FA Cup, 1,350 Tonbridge supporters travelled to Guildford where they had to endure a 4-0 defeat.

The Kent Senior Cup took us on the short journey to Tunbridge Wells where over 4,000 spectators saw an excellent cup tie. After early Tonbridge pressure with Peters particularly dangerous, Hayward put the home side ahead on the half hour and two minutes later, Jennings made it two from Hooper's centre. Mullen's header from a Peters centre reduced the arrears just before half time. After 52 minutes, Hamilton's header was pushed over the bar by right back Walker and Butler equalised from the spot. Farnington restored the home team's advantage then Butler beat three men and then the goalkeeper but the linesman's flag signalled an offside offence. The big hearted centre forward would not be denied however and soon equalised again.

Roy Butler had a storming game but luck was not on his side. Mullen made a brilliant run beating two defenders before being brought down. Butler blasted the penalty with his usual power but a little too close to the goalkeeper Francis who parried the ball which appeared to bounce over the line before Francis recovered and cleared. Despite Tonbridge protests the referee waved play on. There was just time for another Butler effort, this time just wide.

The Tonbridge team was: Jones, Bell, Bainbridge, Mulheron, Ashworth, Prouton, Peters, Hamilton, Butler, Maguire, Mullen.

The replay at the Angel was not such a good game but Hamilton's second half goal appeared to have won the game as many spectators began to leave the ground, missing Norman Hooper's late equaliser which took the game into extra time. The goal really lifted the Wells who in the first period of extra time took the lead through Viles and then Hooper scored again.

Jimmy Constantine had his most magical season setting a new record of 39 first team goals and being chosen to represent the Southern League against the champions Headington.

The most incredible aspect of this feat was that he missed two months of the season after an emergency stomach operation. He scored a hat-trick in the 4-1 win over Hereford and twice each in wins against Gloucester (4-2) and Llanelly (4-1). In each of those games he was involved in all of the goals scored. In his first game back after the operation he scored a late equaliser against Lovells Athletic.

In January, Marcel Gaillard and Monty Stevenson returned to the Angel in Weymouth colours. They met the following side: Jones, Boxall, Bell, Prouton, Ashworth, Mulheron, Peters, Hamilton, Constantine, Maguire and Mullen. Tonbridge and Connie were in top form and for the first half

Weymouth were also impressive at least in attack.

The visitors gave Tonbridge a goal start when their goalkeeper failed to hold a Peters shot. The home defence was slack when Easton equalised but straight from the kick off Peters raced down the wing and crossed for Constantine to smash in the second. Gaillard quickly equalised from 20 yards then there were chances at both ends before Mulheron and Hamilton set up Connie just before half time. In the second half Weymouth were simply destroyed by a display of fast, accurate and dynamic football as the Angels scored another four times without reply. Only three teams scored more than Tonbridge's 85 goals in 42 games but 91 conceded was the worst defensive record in the League.

The Reserves began with a 2-0 win at Dartford for the following side: Bowness, Bell, Fletcher, Lunn, Anderson, Rosier, Bruce, Sheldon, Butler, Taylor, Irvine. Bruce and Butler scored the goals. Four consecutive defeats in October, when the injury list was at its longest, sent them tumbling down the table and effectively put paid to any hopes of retaining the championship. Among the highlights were a 4-1 win over Chelsea watched by 2,500 and a 6-0 win at Headington. They rounded their season off with a 7-2 win at Newbury where Roy Butler scored three.

Syd Bell had now completed over 250 games for Tonbridge and enjoyed a well-earned benefit. In February Ted Hankey, just three months short of his 40th birthday had been allowed to join Ashford. Such a popular man, Ted is still remembered as one of the best goalkeepers to have played for Tonbridge. At the end of the season Norman Jones, Ron Anderson, Chic Muir and Roy Butler were the most senior players released. Butler was a fine centre forward, tough, big hearted and a consistent goalscorer but the brilliance of Constantine had restricted his first team opportunities.

Pen Picture: Syd Bell who earned a benefit after 250 games.



Born in London, Syd was representing the East London Schoolboys at quite an early age. From school he gained valuable experience while playing in the South Essex League up until the outbreak of war. As a Territorial, he was called up on 1st September 1939 and early in 1940 saw him on his way to North Africa. In April 1941, Syd was taken prisoner and sent to a camp in Italy. After the Italian capitulation, he managed to enjoy a few days freedom, but was again recaptured and sent to Germany where he spent one-and-a-half years in a Prisoner-of-War Camp. In April 1945 he was released by the British Eighth Army. On returning home, he was recommended to Southend United by Alf Smith, with whom he signed professional forms in 1946. Two seasons later he was placed on the transfer list at a four-figure fee. He then joined Chelmsford for one season before coming to Tonbridge.

Tonbridge career appearances: 256

Southern League 1953-54

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Merthyr Tydfil	42	27	8	7	97	55	1.76	62
2	Headington United	42	22	9	11	68	43	1.58	53
3	Yeovil Town	42	20	8	14	87	76	1.14	48
4	Bath City	42	17	12	13	73	67	1.09	46
5	Kidderminster Harriers	42	18	9	15	62	59	1.05	45
6	Weymouth	42	18	8	16	83	72	1.15	44
7	Barry Town	42	17	9	16	108	91	1.19	43
8	Bedford Town	42	19	5	18	80	84	0.95	43
9	Gloucester City	42	16	11	15	69	77	0.9	43
10	Hastings United	42	16	10	16	73	67	1.09	42
11	Kettering Town	42	15	12	15	65	63	1.03	42
12	Hereford United	42	16	9	17	66	62	1.06	41
13	Llanelli	42	16	9	17	80	85	0.94	41
14	Guildford City	42	15	11	16	56	60	0.93	41
15	Gravesend & Northfleet	42	16	8	18	76	77	0.99	40
16	Worcester City	42	17	6	19	66	71	0.93	40
17	Lovells Athletic	42	14	11	17	62	60	1.03	39
18	Tonbridge	42	15	9	18	85	91	0.93	39
19	Chelmsford City	42	14	10	18	67	71	0.94	38
20	Exeter City Reserves	42	11	13	18	61	72	0.85	35
21	Cheltenham Town	42	11	12	19	56	83	0.67	34
22	Dartford	42	6	13	23	42	89	0.47	25

Southern League 1953-54

Date	Opponents		Comp	Res		Att	Pos	Goalscorers
Sat 22/08/1953	Merthyr Tydfil	H	SL	W	4 1	4000	2	Constantine 2, McGuire, Peters
Mon 24/08/1953	Barry Town	a	SL	L	2 6		12	Peters, McGuire
Sat 29/08/1953	Weymouth	a	SL	L	0 4			
Wed 02/09/1953	Gravesend & Northfleet	H	SLC	Pre i D	1 1	3010		Mullen
Sat 05/09/1953	Bath City	a	SL	L	1 2		19	Gallagher
Wed 09/09/1953	Gravesend & Northfleet	a	SLC	Pre ii L	1 6	2554		Constantine
Sat 12/09/1953	Hereford United	H	SL	W	4 1	3038	14	Gallagher, Constantine 3
Wed 16/09/1953	Barry Town	H	SL	D	3 3	2476		Constantine 2, Mulheron
Sat 19/09/1953	Worcester City	a	SL	L	1 4		19	Constantine pen
Wed 23/09/1953	Dover	H	KSS	1 L	1 2	2376		Mulheron
Wed 30/09/1953	Gloucester City	H	SL	W	4 2	2054		Constantine 2 (1 pen), Mulheron, Gallagher
Sat 03/10/1953	Cheltenham Town	a	SL	L	1 4		16	Constantine pen
Sat 10/10/1953	Llanelly	H	SL	W	4 1	2841	12	Gallagher, Mullen, Evans og, Constantine
Sat 17/10/1953	Chelmsford City	a	SL	L	0 2	3300	16	
Sat 24/10/1953	Gravesend & Northfleet	H	SL	W	2 1	2368	13	Gallagher, Constantine
Sat 31/10/1953	Lovells Athletic	a	SL	L	0 2		16	
Sat 07/11/1953	Guildford City	a	FAC	4Q L	0 4	6007	15	
Wed 11/11/1953	Exeter City Res	H	SL	W	2 0	1100		Constantine, Gallagher
Sat 14/11/1953	Bedford Town	a	SL	L	2 4	4315	16	Constantine, Peters
Sat 21/11/1953	Dartford	H	SL	W	5 2	2568	12	Hamilton 3, Constantine 2
Sat 28/11/1953	Kidderminster Harriers	a	SL	L	0 1		15	
Sat 05/12/1953	Guildford City	H	SL	W	3 1	2774	14	Constantine 2, Hamilton
Sat 12/12/1953	Dartford	a	SL	W	2 1		12	Constantine, Hamilton
Sat 19/12/1953	Merthyr Tydfil	a	SL	L	1 5	1670	13	Hamilton
Fri 25/12/1953	Hastings United	H	SL	W	3 1	2152		Constantine 2, Hamilton
Sat 26/12/1953	Hastings United	a	SL	L	2 6		11	McGuire, Constantine
Mon 28/12/1953	Yeovil Town	H	SL	D	2 2	2497	10	Mulheron, Constantine
Sat 02/01/1954	Weymouth	H	SL	W	7 2	3006	8	Peters, Constantine 4, Hamilton, Mullen
Sat 09/01/1954	Kettering Town	H	SL	W	2 1	2700	6	Hamilton 2
Sat 16/01/1954	Bath City	H	SL	W	2 0	3101	6	Prouton, Gallagher
Sat 23/01/1954	Hereford United	a	SL	L	1 2	3295	8	Peters
Sat 30/01/1954	Kettering Town	a	SL	D	2 2	850	7	Mullen, Mulheron
Sat 06/02/1954	Worcester City	H	SL	D	2 2		6	Butler 2
Sat 13/02/1954	Tunbridge Wells United	a	KSC	1 D	3 3	4000	8	Mullen, Butler 2
Wed 17/02/1954	Tunbridge Wells United	H	KSC	1r L	1 3	3316		Hamilton
Sat 20/02/1954	Cheltenham Town	H	SL	D	1 1	2600	8	Gallagher
Thu 04/03/1954	Gloucester City	a	SL	L	1 2			Muir
Sat 06/03/1954	Chelmsford City	H	SL	D	1 1	3000	7	Jefferies
Sat 13/03/1954	Gravesend & Northfleet	a	SL	L	1 2		11	Hamilton
Sat 20/03/1954	Lovells Athletic	H	SL	D	3 3		13	Muir, Collins, Constantine
Sat 27/03/1954	Exeter City Res	a	SL	W	3 1		9	Peters, Constantine 2
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Fri 16/04/1954	Headington United	a	SL	L	0 3			
Sat 17/04/1954	Kidderminster Harriers	H	SL	D	1 1			Constantine
Mon 19/04/1954	Headington United	H	SL	W	3 0	3320		Parver og, Constantine 2
Sat 24/04/1954	Guildford City	a	SL	L	0 1			
Sat 01/05/1954	Yeovil Town	a	SL	L	2 4		18	Constantine 2

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Name	SL	FAC	SLC	KSC	KSS	Total	Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals
Anderson, Ron	1		1			2		160	7
Ashworth, Fred	36	1	1	2	1	41		41	
Bainbridge, John	30	1	2	1		34		34	
Battell, Peter	1					1		1	
Bell, Sid	29	1	1	2	1	34		256	
Bowness, Brian	1					1		2	
Boxall, Don	3					3		3	
Butler, Roy	3		1	2		6	4	28	11
Collins, Brian	4					4	1	4	1
Constantine, Jimmy	34	1	2		1	38	39	65	49
Gallagher, Mike	22	1	1		1	25	8	25	8
Hamilton, Alec	37	1	2	2	1	43	12	43	12
Hankey, Ted	2					2		112	
Jefferies, Ron	9					9	1	9	1
Jones, Norman	39	1	2	2	1	45	(3)	84	
Linstrem, Ken	16	1	1		1	19		19	
Lunn, Fergie	1					1		121	4
McGuire, Les	22		2	2		26	3	26	3
Muir, Chick	10			1		11	2	11	2
Mulheron, Peter	40	1	1	2	1	45	5	200	57
Mullen, Andy	42	1	2	2	1	48	6	48	6
Peters, Peter	41	1	2	2	1	47	7	48	7
Prouton, Ralph	22		1	2	1	26	2	26	2
Rosier, Cecil	12					12		16	
Taylor, Ian	3					3		3	
Taylor, John	1					1		12	2

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John Bainbridge, who had played as an amateur whilst on National Service, signed professional terms on demob in June. Although on the small side for a full back, John's skill and determination had earned him a regular first team place. Dennis Relf also signed professional as did Brian Collins, an inside forward who had joined from Windsor during the previous season.

There was again a lengthy list of new signings including two goalkeepers, the experienced Trevor Churchill from Swindon and a 22-year-old Scot Jimmy Watson, who stood 6'2" and weighed in at 14 stone from Clyde. Centre half Tim McCoy was signed from Brighton, full backs Bob Hailstones from Dunfermline and Len Gibbons who had made 25 First Division appearances for Wolves and remained on their transfer list valued at £6,000. Right half Harry Robshaw was signed from Reading and there were four new forwards, Ken Bennett from Crystal Palace, Ron Bennett from Brighton, Vince Wright from Mansfield and Lionel Phillips from Portsmouth.

Doug Hunt expressed his gratitude to the thriving supporters club which had donated £8,000 to the club. He was happy with his signings. The club now had 21 professionals of whom 16 lived and worked in the area. None of them lived further away than London. He expressed optimism for the season ahead, was hoping to eradicate

weaknesses in defence and make a bid for the championship.

In the event exactly the same number of goals were conceded as the previous season although this time other sides had even worse records. Although Jimmy Constantine continued to shine with 37 first team goals, there was less support for him this time and only 68 goals were scored. Peter Peters had a bad injury early in the season whilst for the second season running Mike Gallacher had more than his share of injuries. Of the new forwards only Ron Bennett, a fast, direct, left winger made a real impact. He scored 16 first team goals and his hard hit centres led to many of Constantine's headed goals. Ken Bennett suffered an early injury, never found form and was transferred to Headington in December. Vince Wright and the obviously talented Lionel Phillips were both transferred to Margate in mid season.

At times Jimmy Watson looked an outstanding goalkeeper but both he and Churchill struggled to find consistency. Even Harry Robshaw, who would become one of Tonbridge's best wing halves took a time to settle with his new club. In January two players, left half Phil Bould and bustling forward Eddie Brown were signed from Aldershot and certainly improved the team. At Easter John Bainbridge suffered a broken leg at Dartford.

Incidentally, the club had been given permission by the council to use the town

coat of arms in its badge. A new idea at this time was the playing of records over the tannoy before the game and at half time. "Happy Wanderer" a popular song of the day was chosen as the club's signature tune and was duly played as the following team took the field for the first match against Exeter City Reserves: Churchill, Bainbridge, Gibbons, Robshaw, McCoy, Mulheron, Peters, Gallacher, Constantine, Ken Bennett and Mullen. Before a crowd of just over 4,000, Connie headed the Blues into the lead just before half-time and the visitors immediately equalised. The Angels played some good football in a promising performance being denied by Bell, the visiting goalkeeper until Mullen beat him from 30 yards in the dying seconds.

Four days later Lovells were the visitors but the same eleven Tonbridge players were very poor going down 2-0. This was to be the familiar pattern. There were flashes of sparkling football mixed up with some dreadful performances. Weymouth were beaten 6-3 after they had led 2-0 on the half-hour. Marcel Gaillard had given them the lead but Constantine scored twice before half-time and second half goals from Gallacher (2), Maguire and Wright crowned a superb second half exhibition.

After excellent home wins against Gloucester (4-1) and Cheltenham (2-1) a poor run saw the Angels fall rapidly down the table. Gravesend were always well behind everyone else but for some time second from bottom

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The President, Mr A. Hull, was re-elected, as were the vice-presidents. Mr W. May was re-elected hon. secretary with Mr W. Warren as assistant secretary and Mr J. B. Warren as hon. treasurer. Committee members elected were Messrs R. Cant, H. Sparrowhawk, R. Parsons, J. Noakes, A. Munsey, C. Large and S. Wilson.

Replying to a question Mr May said it was unlikely that further covered accommodation would be provided, at least for the beginning of the season. Plans were prepared for an additional stand, but the lowest estimate for the erection was £5,250 and the committee did not feel justified in that spending money on it.



Back Row: S. Edwards, Andy Mullen, Robson, Unknown, Jimmy Watson, Bob Pont, Bill Higgins, Dennis Relf, Joe Osbourne. Front Row: John Walsh, Vince Wright, Ray Ashworth, Syd Bell, Fergie Lunn.

looked a likely finishing position. Eventually re-election was just avoided.

On Easter Saturday, Martin Valentine, a lively, young Scottish forward on National Service, made an impressive debut against Gravesend, scoring twice and providing the centre for a Constantine header, in the 4-2 win. He was stationed at Aldershot and Doug Hunt shrewdly signed him up for the following season.

Four goals from Connie took the Angels safely through the first FA Cup hurdle as Sheppey were beaten 6-0. Gallacher and

Constantine again against a lone reply saw them through the next round at Gravesend. There were 5,721 at the Angel for the visit of Margate when four goals were shared. Maguire and Wright were on the spot for Tonbridge. In the replay Tonbridge were on top for the first half but were unable to turn their advantage into goals. After the break it was the home side's turn to dominate but Watson performed well and Bainbridge and Hailstones were brilliant in defence. Ron Bennett scored the only goal of the game in the first period of extra time. A rugged Dover side were beaten 3-2 in a scrappy game at the Angel and in the final

qualifying round Tonbridge were drawn to travel to Headington. It was a tough task and proved a little too tough as the Angels were down by the only goal of the game but they put up a good fight.

In the Kent Senior Cup, Ted Hankey returned to the Angel only for Jimmy Constantine to put a couple of goals past him. This brought a return to Margate but there was no need for extra time on this occasion. Constantine and Maguire scored three each as the Angels gave their most complete performance of the season. This meant a visit to the Angel for Tunbridge Wells who had been building a formidable side under player-manager Jim Taylor and had Roy Butler at centre forward.

Peters gave Tonbridge an 11th minute lead with a very well taken goal but within less than a minute it was all square when a cross shot from Reid seemed to go through Watson's arms. Hurrell put the Wells ahead 10 minutes later but Constantine equalised. Then Connie fed Peters who ran through and shot but Francis made a fine save. After 35 minutes Hurrell scored the winner as Watson was knocked out in a collision with Butler. In the second half Tonbridge never looked like getting back on terms.

Butler got some stick from Tonbridge supporters but in those days a shoulder charge on a goalkeeper was commonplace and Watson was a big, strong, young man. The Tonbridge goalkeeper had been in excellent form in recent matches and looked as if he could really make his mark in the game, but in this match he had looked like a bundle of nerves from the start. There were rumours of pre-match drinking with opposing supporters. Whatever the truth of this he was suspended for a breach of discipline. Doug Hunt refused to make any comment but Jimmy Watson had played his last game for Tonbridge.

Two goals from Jimmy Constantine and one from Les Maguire gave Tonbridge a comfortable cushion to take to Dartford for the second leg of the first round of the Southern League Cup. It was only just enough as the Darts scored twice without reply. Llanelly made the long journey east for the second round and shared two goals which meant a long midweek trip for Tonbridge but the journey back was made a lot less arduous by a stunning 5-1 victory. It was Kent v Wales again in the third round and once more two matches were needed. Eddie Brown scored in the 1-1 draw at Barry and was on the mark again in the replay when Peter Peters scored twice.

The semi-final took the Angels to Guildford. In a closely fought match, Bob Hailstones was outstanding at left back. Constantine, as usual, led the attack brilliantly whilst Peters and Bennett were constantly dangerous on the wings. It was Bennett who broken the deadlock with a great drive from 20 yards, 10

HARRY ROBshaw



Harry Robshaw was born on 10th May 1927 in Edmonton, North London. He was developed through the youth set up that served Tottenham Hotspur so well between the wars, playing for Tottenham Juniors before being farmed out to Golders Green after signing amateur forms. He had to wait until November 1948 before signing professional and then another three years before playing his only league game for Spurs against Liverpool when Bill Nicholson was unavailable through injury. Ron Burgess and Nicholson were Spurs' first choice wing halves and with both still at their peak, Robshaw never got another chance. He eventually moved to Reading in February 1953 as part of a deal that saw Johnny Brooks join Spurs.

At Reading he made 20 appearances, scoring just the once before joining Tonbridge in July 1954. In two seasons at the Angel Ground he made 87 appearances, scoring three times before joining Yeovil Town in 1956. Here he was converted to a right back and stayed with the Somerset club for four seasons. Harry died in 1990.

Wednesday, 15th September 1954 – Southern League
Tonbridge (2) 6 (Constantine 38, 44 Gallagher 53, 89 Wright 56, McGuire 59) Weymouth (2) 3 (Gaillard 17, Massart 31, Boyd 63)
Attendance: 2,478



Tonbridge made a remarkable recovery in their Southern League game with Weymouth on Wednesday. After being two goals down in the first half hour, they hit back to such purpose that the scores were level at the interval.

By the final whistle Weymouth were a well-beaten team and their goalkeeper had picked the ball out of the net six times.

The second half saw Tonbridge with a different spirit, a spirit which produced accurate and delightful football to such an extent that the Weymouth players themselves marvelled at the difference.

Bennett and Wright on the wings, with Constantine in the centre and McGuire and Gallagher, moulded themselves into an attacking force that were a joy to watch and behind them was Mulheron and Hamilton feeding them with the right type of pass while McCoy, Hailstones and Bainbridge maintained an extremely tight hold on the visiting attackers.

The Angels were actually the first to score when Constantine headed in from a free kick by Hamilton but the goal was disallowed through McGuire being offside.

That was shortly after Simmonds had had a shot deflected over the top of the net by Watson after the Tonbridge defence had been split wide open.

Then after 17 minutes, Gaillard, former Tonbridge player, put the visitors in the lead. That lead was increased after 31 minutes when Massart broke through, but seven minutes later a Bennett corner enabled Constantine to reduce the arrears after Gallagher had missed it.

With but a minute to the interval, a perfect centre by Bennett allowed Constantine to equalise with a header.

Came the second half and with it a revitalised Tonbridge team. In the eighth minute Hailstones took the ball downfield before passing to Bennett; it went on to Constantine and then to Gallagher to put the Angels in the lead.

Three minutes passed and another Bennett centre was missed by Constantine but met by Wright and the ball was again in the net.

Weymouth thought it was time they had a go and a shot by Massart was well saved by Watson before the Bennett-Constantine combination came into action again and McGuire added the final touch to make it 5-2.

Receiving the ball from the centre-forward, he went on to draw Clegg, the visiting goalkeeper, well out of position before dribbling it by him into the net. That was after 14 minutes.

The third Weymouth goal came in the 18th minute when Boyd scored. Watson made his one mistake of the evening and came out too far.

From then on, however, it was all Tonbridge and Clegg saved two certain goals before, in the last minute, Bennett sent in one of his special shots. There was so much force behind it that the ball rolled out of the goalkeeper's arms to Gallagher who promptly netted.

The 2,478 spectators present must surely have been impressed with the Angels' second half display and pleased with their ability to score six goals in successive matches.

Tonbridge: Watson; Bainbridge, Hailstones; Hamilton, McCoy, Mulheron; Wright, Gallagher, Constantine, McGuire, Bennett.

Weymouth: Clegg; Stevenson, Drinkwater; Fagan, Dunn, Crepling; McGowan, Simmonds, Massart, Boyd, Gaillard.



minutes from time. Churchill made a great save in the last minute to put Tonbridge in the final against league leaders Yeovil Town.

Played over two legs, the first match was at the Angel in front of a crowd of 2,563. The Tonbridge team was: Churchill, Gibbons, Hailstones, Robshaw, McCoy, Bauld, Peters, Mulheron, Constantine, Valentine, Bennett. The visitors started impressively but gradually Tonbridge got on top. Yeovil goalkeeper Singleton made brilliant saves from Constantine and Mulheron whilst Valentine had a shot cleared off the line as the Angels piled on the pressure but the Glovers hung on and the game remained goalless.

Before the second game, Yeovil visited the Angel again, this time for a league match, and were beaten by the odd goal in five, Brown

(2) and Mulheron the scorers, but they were already league champions when Tonbridge travelled down to Somerset. The Angels started well with Constantine prominent as ever and the crowd of 6,000 were stunned when Harry Robshaw fired them ahead after 15 minutes with a tremendous shot from 30 yards. Peters had a header cleared off the line, then the home side began to press but Tonbridge defended well denying them any real chance. Five minutes after the interval, Fraser equalised and then Tonbridge seemed to run out of steam. Clarke put Yeovil ahead with 20 minutes to go and Ryan added a third in the closing minutes as only Churchill's fine performance, in his last game for the club, kept them at bay.

The Reserves had an extraordinary start to the season at Dunstable. Finding themselves

two down they drew level by half-time with a brace from Vince Wright, the second direct from a corner. Fifteen minutes after the break the home team led 5-2 but driven on by skipper Alex Hamilton the Angels stormed back and scored through Collins and Maguire. With five minutes to go Wright equalised but there was still time for Dunstable to score their sixth and winning goal. The team was: Manley, Bell, Hailstones, Lunn, Ashworth, Hamilton, Wright, Collins, Phillips, Maguire, Bennett.

The goals kept coming. Phillips scored four and Collins three in the 8-1 win at Haywards Heath, then West Ham's third team came to the Angel found a 2,500 crowd and a 6-1 beating, the goals coming from Wright (2), Mullen, Bennett, Sheldon and Collins.

This was followed by an excellent 3-2 win away to Chelsea. The young pensioners got their reward later in the season by 6-0 in the Professional Cup semi-final after Tonbridge had disposed of Luton and West Ham.

For the first half of the season they were in the top two but after Christmas injuries and first team calls proved disruptive and they eventually finished fifth.

Fergie Lunn was granted a benefit which raised £50, not such a bad sum in those days. An industrious wholehearted player he had been a regular first team player during his first two years at the club. Since then he had been a cornerstone of the successful Metropolitan League side. He had been released and joined Ashford together with another long-serving player, Peter Mulheron, one of the finest inside forwards to have played for Tonbridge. Syd Bell was also

released. The soundest of Southern League full backs for five seasons he was now 35 and had spent the season helping the reserves with his experience. Alex Hamilton went to Canterbury, Les Maguire to Margate and Mike Gallacher, so unlucky with injuries, was also released. Andy Mullen returned north and joined South Shields but he was soon back in the Football League playing for Scunthorpe. Trevor Churchill had become player-coach with Hitchin Town.

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Yeovil Town	42	23	9	10	105	66	1.59	55
2	Weymouth	42	24	7	11	105	84	1.25	55
3	Hastings United	42	21	9	12	94	60	1.57	51
4	Cheltenham Town	42	21	8	13	85	72	1.18	50
5	Guildford City	42	20	8	14	72	59	1.22	48
6	Worcester City	42	19	10	13	80	73	1.1	48
7	Barry Town	42	16	15	11	82	87	0.94	47
8	Gloucester City	42	16	13	13	66	54	1.22	45
9	Bath City	42	18	9	15	73	80	0.91	45
10	Headington United	42	18	7	17	82	62	1.32	43
11	Kidderminster Harriers	42	18	7	17	84	86	0.98	43
12	Merthyr Tydfil	42	17	8	17	97	94	1.03	42
13	Exeter City Reserves	42	19	4	19	67	78	0.86	42
14	Lovells Athletic	42	15	11	16	71	68	1.04	41
15	Kettering Town	42	15	11	16	70	69	1.01	41
16	Hereford United	42	17	5	20	91	72	1.26	39
17	Llanelly	42	16	7	19	78	81	0.96	39
18	Bedford Town	42	16	3	23	75	103	0.73	35
19	Tonbridge	42	11	8	23	68	91	0.75	30
20	Dartford	42	9	12	21	55	76	0.72	30
21	Chelmsford City	42	11	6	25	73	111	0.66	28
22	Gravesend & Northfleet	42	9	9	24	62	97	0.64	27

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Date	Opponents		Comp		Res		Att	Pos	Goalscorers
Sat 21/08/1954	Exeter City Res	H	SL		W	2 1			Mullen, Constantine
Wed 25/08/1954	Lovells Athletic	H	SL		L	0 2			
Sat 28/08/1954	Worcester City	a	SL		L	1 2	5000	16	Constantine
Wed 01/09/1954	Dartford	H	SLC	Pre i	W	3 0			Constantine 2, McGuire
Sat 04/09/1954	Chelmsford City	H	SL		W	3 0		10	McGuire, Constantine, Bennett R
Wed 08/09/1954	Dartford	a	SLC	Pre ii	L	0 2			
Sat 11/09/1954	Sheppey United	H	FAC	Pre	W	6 0	3500	14	Constantine 4, Bennett R, McGuire
Wed 15/09/1954	Weymouth	H	SL		W	6 3	2478		Constantine 2, Gallagher 2, Wright, McGuire
Sat 18/09/1954	Gloucester City	H	SL		W	4 1	3598	8	Wright, Constantine, Gallagher, McGuire
Sat 25/09/1954	Gravesend & Northfleet	a	FAC	1Q	W	2 1	4200		Gallagher, Constantine
Wed 29/09/1954	Weymouth	a	SL		L	2 3	2650		Stevenson og, Bennett R
Sat 02/10/1954	Cheltenham Town	H	SL		W	2 1	3717		Constantine, McGuire
Sat 09/10/1954	Margate	H	FAC	2Q	D	2 2	5721	11	McGuire, Wright
Thu 14/10/1954	Margate	a	FAC	2Qr	W	1 0			Bennett K
Sat 16/10/1954	Bedford Town	H	SL		L	2 3			Phillips, Wright
Sat 23/10/1954	Dover	H	FAC	3Q	W	3 2	5000		Wilkins og, Bennett R, Mulheron
Sat 30/10/1954	Barry Town	H	SL		L	2 4	3578	17	Bennett R, McGuire
Sat 06/11/1954	Headington United	a	FAC	4Q	L	0 1	8000		
Sat 13/11/1954	Kidderminster Harriers	H	SL		L	3 4	4000		Phillips, Bennett R, Hamilton
Wed 17/11/1954	Llanelly	H	SLC	1	D	1 1	1100		Phillips
Sat 20/11/1954	Yeovil Town	a	SL		L	1 2			Bennett R
Sat 27/11/1954	Llanelly	H	SL		W	3 1	2096		Bennett K, Phillips, McGuire
Tue 30/11/1954	Llanelly	a	SLC	1r	W	5 1			Bennett K, Muir, McGuire, Bennett R, Constantine
Sat 04/12/1954	Hereford United	a	SL		L	1 2	1884		Phillips
Sat 11/12/1954	Kettering Town	H	SL		L	1 3	2600	17	McGuire
Thu 16/12/1954	Lovells Athletic	a	SL		L	2 5			McGuire, Robshaw
Sat 18/12/1954	Exeter City Res	a	SL		L	0 1			
Sat 25/12/1954	Hastings United	a	SL		L	3 5			Constantine 3
Mon 27/12/1954	Hastings United	H	SL		D	0 0	4283		
Tue 28/12/1954	Headington United	a	SL		L	1 2			Collins
Sat 01/01/1955	Worcester City	H	SL		L	0 4	2000		
Sat 08/01/1955	Bath City	a	SL		L	0 1	1900	21	
Sat 15/01/1955	Chelmsford City	a	SL		D	1 1	2000		Constantine
Sat 22/01/1955	Bath City	H	SL		D	2 2	2000	21	Bennett R, Mulheron
Sat 29/01/1955	Ashford Town	H	KSC		1 W	2 0	3316	21	Constantine 2
Sat 05/02/1955	Gloucester City	a	SL		D	1 1		21	Bennett R
Wed 09/02/1955	Barry Town	a	SLC		2 D	1 1		21	Brown
Sat 12/02/1955	Guildford City	H	SL		D	1 1		21	Brown
Wed 16/02/1955	Barry Town	H	SLC	2r	W	3 0		21	Peters 2, Brown
Sat 19/02/1955	Cheltenham Town	a	SL		L	0 3		21	
Sat 26/02/1955	Margate	a	KSC	QF	W	6 1		21	McGuire 3, Constantine 3
Sat 05/03/1955	Bedford Town	a	SL		W	3 0	2600	20	Constantine 3
Sat 12/03/1955	Headington United	H	SL		W	2 1	2055	20	Constantine 2
Sat 19/03/1955	Tunbridge Wells United	H	KSC	SF	L	2 3	6169	20	Peters, Constantine
Mon 21/03/1955	Gravesend & Northfleet	a	SL		D	3 3	2700	20	McGuire, Robshaw, Bennett R
Sat 26/03/1955	Merthyr Tydfil	H	SL		L	2 4	1650	20	Bennett R, Constantine
Wed 30/03/1955	Guildford City	a	SLC	SF	W	1 0	2800	20	Bennett R
Sat 02/04/1955	Kidderminster Harriers	a	SL		L	0 2		20	
Fri 08/04/1955	Dartford	a	SL		W	2 1			Bennett R 2
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Wed 20/04/1955	Guildford City	a	SL		L	1 4			Brown
Thu 21/04/1955	Yeovil Town	H	SLC	FINAL i	D	0 0	2563		
Sat 23/04/1955	Hereford United	H	SL		L	1 4	1812		Brown
Mon 25/04/1955	Barry Town	a	SL		D	1 1			van Geersdaele
Wed 27/04/1955	Yeovil Town	H	SL		W	3 2	1643		Brown 2, Mulheron
Sat 30/04/1955	Kettering Town	a	SL		L	0 3			
Mon 02/05/1955	Merthyr Tydfil	a	SL		L	0 5			
Thu 05/05/1955	Yeovil Town	a	SLC	FINAL ii	L	1 3	6000		Robshaw

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Ashworth, Fred	5		1		6		47	
Bainbridge, John	26	5	7	3	41		75	
Bauld, Phil	21		5	3	29		29	
Bennett, Ken	7	1	1		9	3	9	3
Bennett, Ronald	35	5	9	3	52	15	52	15
Boyd, John	5				5		5	
Brown, Eddie	17		3	3	23	7	23	7
Churchill, Trevor	20	2	5		27	(4)	27	
Collins, Brian	4				4	1	8	2
Constantine, Jimmy	34	5	8	3	50	35	115	84
Dunne, Bill	1				1		1	
Gallagher, Mike	9	4	2		15	4	40	12
Gibbons, Len	18	1	3		22		22	
Hailstones, Bob	39	6	8	3	56		56	
Hamilton, Alec	11	4	2		17	1	60	13
Jeffrey, Tony	1				1			
Lunn, Fergie	1				1		122	4
McCoy, Tim	37	6	9	3	55		55	
McGuire, Les	29	6	7	2	44	16	70	19
Mulheron, Peter	31	6	7	1	45	3	245	60
Mullen, Andy	8		2		10	1	58	7
Peters, Peter	24		5	3	32	3	80	10
Phillips, Lionel	8	3	1		12	5	12	5
Robshaw, Harry	34	3	7	3	47	3	47	3
Rosier, Cecil	3	1			4		20	
Valentine, Martin	3		1		4	2	4	2
van Geersdaele, Peter	3				3	1	3	1
Watson, Jimmy	21	4	4	3	32	(6)	32	
Wright, Vince	6	4	2		12	4	12	4

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