

Morris dancers join forces

The two teams of Bampton Morris Dancers which are led by Mr Francis Shergold and Mr Robin Connaughton, combined on Saturday in a tour during which they visited Oxford, Chipping Norton and Bourton-on-the-Water, before finishing at the Sherborne Arms, Aldsworth.

Air chief visits

Bampton

The RAF Communication Control Centre detachment at Bampton has been visited by the Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Support Command, Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland.

The centre, one of the most important of its kind in the country, is a high frequency receiving station dealing with messages from all Services from all over the world. It also receives weather information from all parts which it passes to the Met Office headquarters at Bracknell.

Incoming information from weather ships and land stations about storms, hurricanes, and the weather generally are all part of its daily routine.

Sir Reginald, who was accompanied by Lady Harland was welcomed by the commander of the Bampton detachment, Flight Lt. E. Daszkiewicz and shown over the centre which has a strength of about 60 officers, men and civilians.

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Mid-Oxon chasing Hobbs Cup

The long awaited clash between the Under 15 teams of Mid-Oxon and Oxford City schoolboys takes place on Tuesday, April 22, at Witney Town's ground when the two teams meet in the semi-final of the Hobbs Cup, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

It will be the first opportunity for followers of local schoolboy football to see Mid-Oxon's two England internationals in action. Both Jason Seacole (Henry Box) and Steven Lymer (Fitzharrys, Abingdon) should be playing for Mid-Oxon.

Jason has been a member of the England team that has won all their three games so far this season. They defeated Wales 4-1 at Ninian Park, Cardiff, the Netherlands 4-0 at Wembley when Jason scored two of England's goals, and on Saturday defeated Northern Ireland 1-0 at Stranraer, Scot-

land. Unfortunately Steven has not yet been called upon to show his skills in the England goalkeeper's jersey.

Just 24 hours before the Hobbs Cup match Jason and Steven will be in Sheffield with the England team in an Under 15 Schools International match against Scotland, and provided they come through this tough encounter, will be in the Mid-Oxon team.

Oxford Boys are not without their good players either, with Trevor Evans and John Doyle who both made the final England trial. In fact, this match will contain almost all the county team. Both sides have had a good season and to win the Hobbs Cup would be a fitting climax for either team. The winners of Tuesday's game will meet Slough in the final.

Oxford Boys will be defending the cup which they have won for the last

two seasons. On the way to the semi-final Mid-Oxon defeated Milton Keynes and Mid-Warwickshire and Oxford defeated Northampton and Amersham. In the past the two teams have always had good games but Oxford have won four of the last five meetings. They last met in the Hobbs Cup 1973 final when Oxford won 3-2.

Sixteen teams from Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Northamptonshire took part in the competition.

The Mid-Oxon team will be chosen from the following players: S. Wilson, capt., S. Rushton (Burford); J. Seacole (Henry Box); P. Dyce (Wood Green, Witney); N. Price (Bicester); R. Kepple, D. Jones, D. Jeannes (Gosford Hill); S. Lymer (Fitzharrys); D. Williams, S. Craddock, R. King, T. Johnson (Larkmead, Abingdon).



JASON SEACOLE



WITH his first prize-winning pumpkin at the Bampton Pumpkin weigh-in last Saturday is Mr. Archie Fooks. Holding up the other side of the monster (left) is Bill Govier, secretary of Bampton Pumpkin Club, watched by the Countess of Munster and "Massouna El Said".



EXHAUSTION on the face of Barry Bowles after competing in the Bampton Shirt Race on Saturday.

Roman invasion

Bampton was again invaded by the Roman hordes on Saturday evening with the result that both first and second places in the annual Great Chariot Race were gained by toga-clad "foreigners."

The challenge trophy and £5 was won by members of the Norton Motorcycle Owners Club of Oxford, with the Thameside Motorcycle Club from Reading as runners-up. Bampton Youth Club was third.

The result might have been a jolt to the pride of the Bampton teams, but any disappointment was soon forgotten in the rain of water bombs when all the runners reached the finishing post in the square.

In any case two teams of women charioteers were a talking point. They were members of the Bampton Royal British Legion Women's Section and the Bampton Wives Club (left), who came in fourth and sixth respectively.

Their smart turnout resulted in each team being presented with a bottle of wine.

The chariots — old washing machines or other contraptions on wheels — raced through the streets of the town with halts at eight inns for a drink to be downed by one of the crew and a slave to change places with the driver.

Mrs Jennifer Jenkin, handed the cup to the winners.

The race is organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing and the street collection was for the Bampton old age pensioners fund.





A record total of £320 was raised at Bampton Pumpkin Club great weigh-in of pumpkins and marrows at the Eagle Inn, Bampton, on Saturday.

The weighing was supervised by Hassouna El Saïd, a mystery guest, said to a member of OPEC — Oversize Pumpkin Exhibitors and Cultivators.

The pumpkin winner was Mr T. Fooks from Alvescot with an entry of 64lb 4oz. He was well ahead of Mr W. Carter from Hinton Waldrist

with 45lb 8oz and Mr W. Lane, of Black Bourton with 41lb.

In the marrow section Mr Lane was narrowly beaten into first place by his wife who clocked in a weight of 20lb 1oz. Mr Lane's entry weighed in at 19lb 9oz.

The long hot dry period at the beginning of the growing season meant that the size and number

of entries were considerably lower than last year.

After the weighing Mr Dave MacDonald, the auctioneer, sold groceries, flowers, plants, a pig's head and goldfish to an enthusiastic crowd. Proceeds from the evening will go to the pumpkin club's fund for local pensioners.

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Pumpkin champ



Great shirt race

Bampton's annual holiday frolic — The Original Great Shirt Race — again attracted the crowds in the town on Saturday night — and just a few are pictured watching one of the competitors in the senior section.

Winners of the race for the first time were two Bampton men, John Fox, 25, and Frank Piercy, 29.

Twenty-five pairs took part in the gallop through streets lined with spectators. The competitors, dressed in flowing shirts or other unlikely costumes, pushed each other in turn in old perambulators or other "vehicles." They had to stop at a number of pubs where one of them tossed back a glass of ale and then changed places with his colleague to continue the race.

The first prize was a challenge cup and a pint of ale. In second place were Ian Calcutt and John Williams.

The junior race earlier, with lemonade substituted for ale, was won by Anthony Collett and Bryn Wythes, both from Bampton and both aged 15. In second place were Stephen Raddband and John Barker, and third were Gary Barber and Tony Higgs.

Trophies were distributed by Mr John Quick, secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing, which organised the race to raise funds for Bampton's old age pensioners.

(Photo: Malcolm Rouse).



BAMPTON Morris Men taking part in the annual Whitsun Festivities at Bampton last Monday.

BAMPTON WAS IN REAL HOLIDAY MOOD

THERE WAS no doubt but that Bampton was on holiday on Monday, for from early morning crowds poured into the town from a wide area to enjoy seeing some of the old traditions kept alive.

Very early on, teams of Morris dancers, resplendent in sparkling white, complete with bells and flowers, danced in the gardens of the larger houses and in the streets.

At mid-day a pleasant ceremony was performed in the Market Square by Mr. L. Hughes-Owens, chairman of the Bampton parish council who on behalf of the Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers, presented a silver salver to Mr. Albert (Son) Townsend who this weekend celebrated his 50 years of Morris Dancing in Bampton. Mr. Hughes-Owens recalled that the Townsend family was amongst the oldest in Bampton, records showing that the family had lived in the district

for over 400 years. The salver was presented with the best wishes of Mr. Townsend's fellow dancers and the whole parish with the hope that many more years of Morris dancing will be enjoyed by Mr. Townsend. "Son" does not now dance quite so vigorously as in his early days, but prefers to play the team's clown, a part he plays with great enjoyment in his colourful outfit.

In the Market Square too during the morning another delightful custom was maintained when the children who had earlier made garlands of wild flowers which they had displayed to houses in the town, lined up for judging by Mr. and Mrs. Strange of Bampton House and Mrs. A. Chavases of Bristol. The winners were Adam Newman and Philip Thomas, Martin Landray and Louise Waller, and Richard & John Horne who were all presented with boxes of chocolates whilst all the other children were given bars of chocolate, donated by Mr. Reg Pratley.

ANNUAL FETE

The afternoon continued with the annual fete organised by the British Legion and the Bampton Football Club and in which all local organisations ran the stalls and attractions. Held on the Old School playing field, the crowds made their way to the site where food and entertainment provided a pleasant way of passing a holiday afternoon. The afternoon opened with the judging of the fancy dress worn by the smaller children

and prizes were awarded to Sharon Dent, Tracey Smart, Rebecca Warner, Helen Warner and Oliver Warner. The judge was Miss Rhoda Colville, headmistress of the Frances Holland School.

The stalls arranged around the field made a good show and entertainment was provided in the form of a cricket match between members of the Bampton Wives Club and some gallant Bampton Men which ended in a draw. A 5-a-side football competition between under 11 sides from Aston, Bampton, Clanfield and Minster Lovell provided some exciting moments and resulted in a victory for the Aston team with Clanfield the runners-up.

England hero Jas



Jason (left, light shirt) runs to put England into the lead after only three minutes.



Jason writhes in pain after being fouled by one of the Netherlands team.



son woos Wembley



Jason receives treatment for the England trainer

PAINFUL

Jason Seacole will never forget Saturday, March 22, 1975. For that was the day he took Wembley Stadium by storm, emerging as schoolboy-of-the-match, a two goal England hero, and another Bobby Charlton in the making.

Make no mistake. His performance cannot be overrated. The soccer Argonauts of England were inspired by this fair-haired Jason who strode majestically before 50,000 fanatical schoolboy supporters as England (or rather Jason) systematically destroyed the Netherland schoolboys 4-0 in this Schools International.

The Dutch may well recall the story of the boy who sat with his finger in a hole in the dyke to stop the sea rushing in. Now they can tell of the Bampton boy who knocked gaping holes in their soccer defences and led a tidal wave of goals to sink them without trace.

Many a full blown international and cup final footballer has admitted to nervousness as he has hopped from one foot to the other in the final moments before emerging from the Wembley dressing rooms. Then comes that ten minutes of pre-match formalities before the kick-off.

Imagine, therefore, what an ordeal it must have been for these young players appearing for the first time at football's innermost sanctum. Yet Jason looked the coolest of all as he calmly awaited his turn to be presented to Mr G. D. Jennett, chairman of the English Schools Football Association.

Then, at long last, came the moment when Jason kicked

off for England. Inevitably the first few hesitant moments brought some ragged play (it so often does at Wembley), but with four minutes gone the Mid-Oxon representative brought shrieks of delight from the stands and thousands of Union Jacks waved wildly as he shot England into the lead.

A long clearance was pumped into the Dutch half, splitting the orange shirted defenders and Jason sprinted forward along with England's winger Ingram who shaded the Bampton boy to the ball.

Moving left inside the penalty area and drawing the goalkeeper across his goal the deceptively fast Ingram squared the ball back across the penalty area to Jason who confidently smashed it home from 10 yards range.

For a split-second it seemed young Jason could scarcely believe his own eyes as the ball nestled in the back of the net. Then, with arms raised in salute, he acknowledged the thunderous applause that greeted his goal. What a start to a first appearance at Wembley in an England shirt! The stands erupted and there on the huge electric scoreboard it read:

England 1 — Seacole
Netherlands 0

That alone would have been enough to make all Jason's dreams come true. But, as if echoing the words of the immortal Al "You aint seen nuthin' yet" Jolson, more, much more was to come.

England had got the start

they wanted and they began to grow in stature as they pushed the Dutch boys back on defence. The speed of right winger Ingram — and the searching through passes of Seacole (remember he was playing in midfield) threatened more goals, and centre forward Hurley, put through by a peach of a pass from Jason, was only inches offside in the 21st minute.

A minute later there were a few anxious moments when the Henry Box lad was brought down and had to receive treatment to his right leg.

The slippery ground was proving an added problem for both sides and it appeared to foil Jason from getting in a shot after he had won a tackle, went past two defenders but slipped over the ball as he lost balance.

England's keeper Field had barely touched the ball in the first half hour as the Dutch lads were at full stretch to contain England's buzzing boys. When they did carry play into the England half a very sound white-shirted defence effectively barred their way.

Heeren, Ticks and van Essen had plenty of individual skills in the Netherland attacks but as a unit the Dutch were rather disjointed.

Five minutes before half-

time Jason, already a hero, set England roaring into a truly purple patch. He picked up a pass in midfield from full back Ranson, accelerated like a cheetah up the middle of the pitch before splitting the Netherlands defence wide open with as precise a pass as you could ever wish to see. Centre forward Hurley was left with nothing to do but smash a great angled shot into the net for England's second goal.

So there it was. One goal to his credit and a very big part in a second. But still there was more to come.

Two minutes later, with England on the crest of a wave, guess who was raising his arms again in salute? Powering forward on yet another run from midfield, Jason played a one-two with Hurley and as he took the return pass into the penalty area he hit a cracking left foot shot past the bewildered Heeke in the Netherlands goal.

England 3 — Seacole 2
Netherlands 0

When the second half began the distinct possibility of a Seacole hat-trick loomed large and when Jason thumped in a shot in the 63rd minute a defender got in the way of what seemed a certain goal. Jason had been denied, but the rebound fell favourable to Eng-

land's Hurley and he accepted the chance to thump in his second and England's fourth goal.

As full-time drew near both sides were beginning to feel the effect of the strength-sapping turf but Jason had not yet finished. Left winger Leahy curled a centre into the Dutch penalty area and Jason leaped high to flash a header inches wide of the upright.

So there it was. England's schoolboys had played superbly to defeat the Netherlands 4-0.

Well done, Jason.

England: Paul Field (Newcastle-under-Lyme Schools FA), Raymond Ranson (St. Helen's), Martin Rogers (Nottinghamshire County), William Gilbert (Kent county) captain, Steven Totty (Yorkshire), Jerry Murphy (Middlesex and London), Godfrey Ingram (Dunstable and South Beds), Tony Coles (Cambridgeshire), Billy Hurley (Essex and London), Jason Seacole (Mid-Oxon), Steven Leahy (Surrey and London), Sub.: Peter Staniforth (Sheffield), Paul Waddington (Manchester).

Netherlands: A. Heeke, H. Tuiten, S. Troost, C. Lahpor, J. van Essen, G. Hullegie, H. Heeren, A. Ticks, W. Janssen, M. Valke, J. Lorie. Subs: J. Gerritsen, J. Scheve. Referee: P. Walters (Somerset).

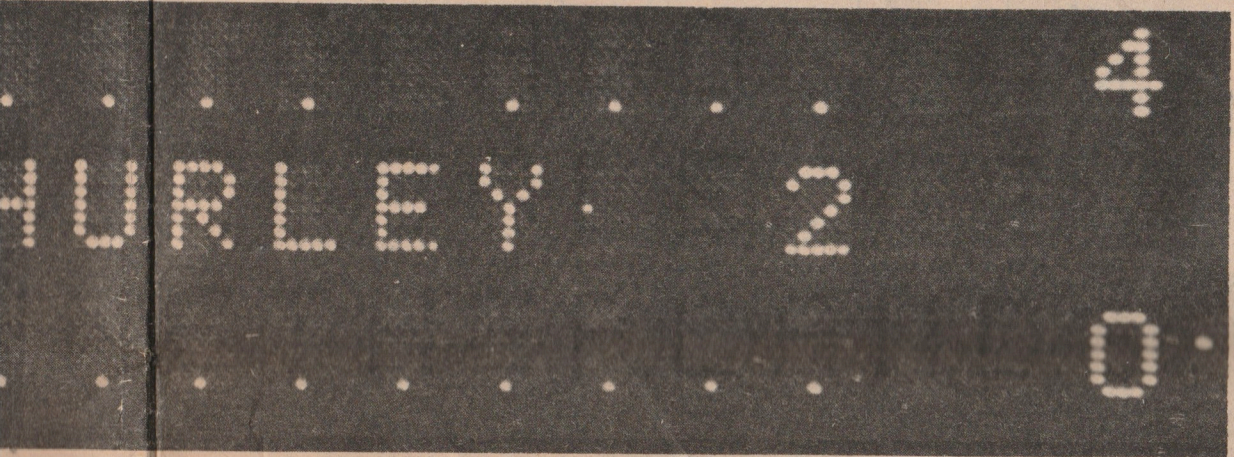
ROAD TO SUCCESS

A Wembley winners plaque at the end of the day



Then, at long last, came the moment when Jason kicked England had got the start

Jason sends a header over the crossbar.



Jason's triumphs on a ship by a Netherlands player to start another England attack.



Shaking hands with Sir Stanley Rous.



Jason in full action.

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NETHERLANDS .