

THE DAY GEORGE BEST SCORED AT PLAINMOOR



■ GEORGE BEST: At Plainmoor in 1983

WHO remembers when George Best played at Plainmoor? Biographer, Paul Collier, would like to hear recollections of the lesser-known football matches the former Manchester United star played in.

Best played at Plainmoor for the Star Rider XI against Foxhole United on Sunday April 24, 1983. He scored one goal and created another. But the Foxhole side, managed by Colin Bowden, won the match 5-3.

The game was a fundraiser in memory of Foxhole player Graham Brooking, who had died aged 29, and was played out in front of 800 supporters.

Paul Collier would love to hear from anyone with memories of the day. Email him at: colliermedia@talk-talk.net

MIDWEEK RESULTS

TUESDAY NIGHT SOCCER RESULTS

DCFA FIREWATCH SENIOR CUP

Final: Loddiswell Athletic 3, Barnstaple Town Res 2.

WBW SOLICITORS SOUTH DEVON LEAGUE

Premier Division: Abbotswell 1 Upton Athletic 1; Staverton & Landscope 4 Ashburton 2.

Division One: Dartmouth Res 1 Stoke Gabriel Res 0; Kingsteignton Ath 2 Kingskerswell & Chelston Res 2; Paignton Villa 3 Brixham Villa Res 2.

Division Three: Broadhempston 3 Meadowbrook 2.

Division Six: Teign Village Res 3 Salcombe Town 2.

HOW THEY STAND

PITCH INVASION 5-A-SIDE LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UPPER CRUST	8	7	1	0	48	14	22
Inter M/Gran	8	5	1	2	30	23	16
Space Raiders	8	4	2	2	27	21	14
Bad Company	8	2	1	5	20	30	7
Shake 'n' Bake	8	2	0	6	19	34	6
Barn Howlers	8	1	1	6	17	39	4

Results: M/Gran 6 Bad Company 3; Raiders 3 UPPER CRUST 4; Howlers 4 Shake 'n' Bake 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alibi	8	7	0	1	45	22	21
Robinsons FC	8	5	2	1	34	22	17
Parcelona	8	3	2	3	34	36	11
LSD Eindhoven	8	2	1	5	20	27	7

Midnight Express	8	2	1	5	26	35	7
Apollo Allstars	8	1	2	5	21	38	5

Results: Eindhoven 4 Midnight Express 3; Robinsons 3 Parcelona 5; Apollo 2 Alibi 3.

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denis Athletic	8	8	0	0	43	7	24
Athletic Toy	8	6	0	2	24	12	18
Teignmouth BB	8	3	1	4	28	28	10
NASQ	8	2	2	4	24	32	8
Melting Pot	8	1	2	5	11	27	5
David's Seaman	8	1	1	6	19	43	4

Results: Teignmouth BB 1 Denis 3; David's 2 Athletic Torquay 1; NASQ 1 Melting Pot 1.

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Werder Barmen	8	7	0	1	44	11	21
Nrlik-in-Chance	8	7	0	1	34	22	21
Dyslexia United	8	3	1	4	33	28	10
The Tor Abbey	8	2	1	5	18	21	7
Moutinho DAL	8	2	1	5	17	34	7
Sidewinder's	8	1	1	6	16	46	4

Results: Moutinho 3 Dyslexia 2; Sidewinder's 0 Werder 9; Tor Abbey 0 Norfolk 3.

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RS B-Grade	8	5	2	1	36	29	17
Torq of the Town	8	4	1	3	28	22	13
Sloppy Seconds	8	3	2	3	24	25	11
Command/Cnqr	8	2	3	3	29	29	9
Hardly Athletic	8	2	2	4	18	20	8
Reef Rangers	8	2	2	4	16	26	8

Results: Hardly 1 Command 4; Reef 2 Torq 7; Sloppy 9 B-Grade 3.

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kay FC	8	7	1	0	37	13	22
Blue Moon Boys	8	6	1	1	37	13	19
The Spooners	8	4	0	4	32	24	12
Boca Seniors	8	2	1	5	16	28	7
Southern Lgnds	8	2	1	5	23	47	7
UG Athletic	8	1	0	7	9	29	3

Results: Southern 5 UG Ath 3; Spooners 2 Kay 4; Boca 1 Blue Moon 4.

Liverton bid to make it a double

LIVERTON UNITED can put the seal on a great season tonight when they travel to Coach Road, Newton Abbot to take on Budleigh Salterton in the final of the Graddon Vending Devon Premier Cup, writes Mike Sampson.

This should be a keen contest as Liverton finished as East Division champions while Budleigh took the runners-up spot.

The winners will be able to defend the trophy next season, too, as neither club took promotion to the Premier Division.

Budleigh had a comfortable passage through the rounds, being drawn at home on each occasion starting with an 8-2 victory over Lee Moor in the second round.

A 5-1 defeat of Axminster Town saw them then thrash Ottery St Mary 6-0 in

TONIGHT: GRADDON VENDING DEVON PREMIER CUP FINAL - LIVERTON v BUDLEIGH (7pm) COACH ROAD

the fourth round before North Devon Premier outfit BOCA Seniors went down 3-1 at Greenway Lane.

The semi-final, which was staged at Crediton's Lords Meadow ground was a different affair as they drew 2-2 in normal time before scoring the only goal of extra time to beat Galmpton United 3-2.

Liverton's games, with the exception of their 4-0 second round victory at home to North Molton, were generally closer affairs.

Halford was the venue for 3-2 victories in the third and fourth rounds, over Watts Blake Bearne and Exeter Civil Service respectively, before a tough trip to Sidmouth Town required extra time to see

them through.

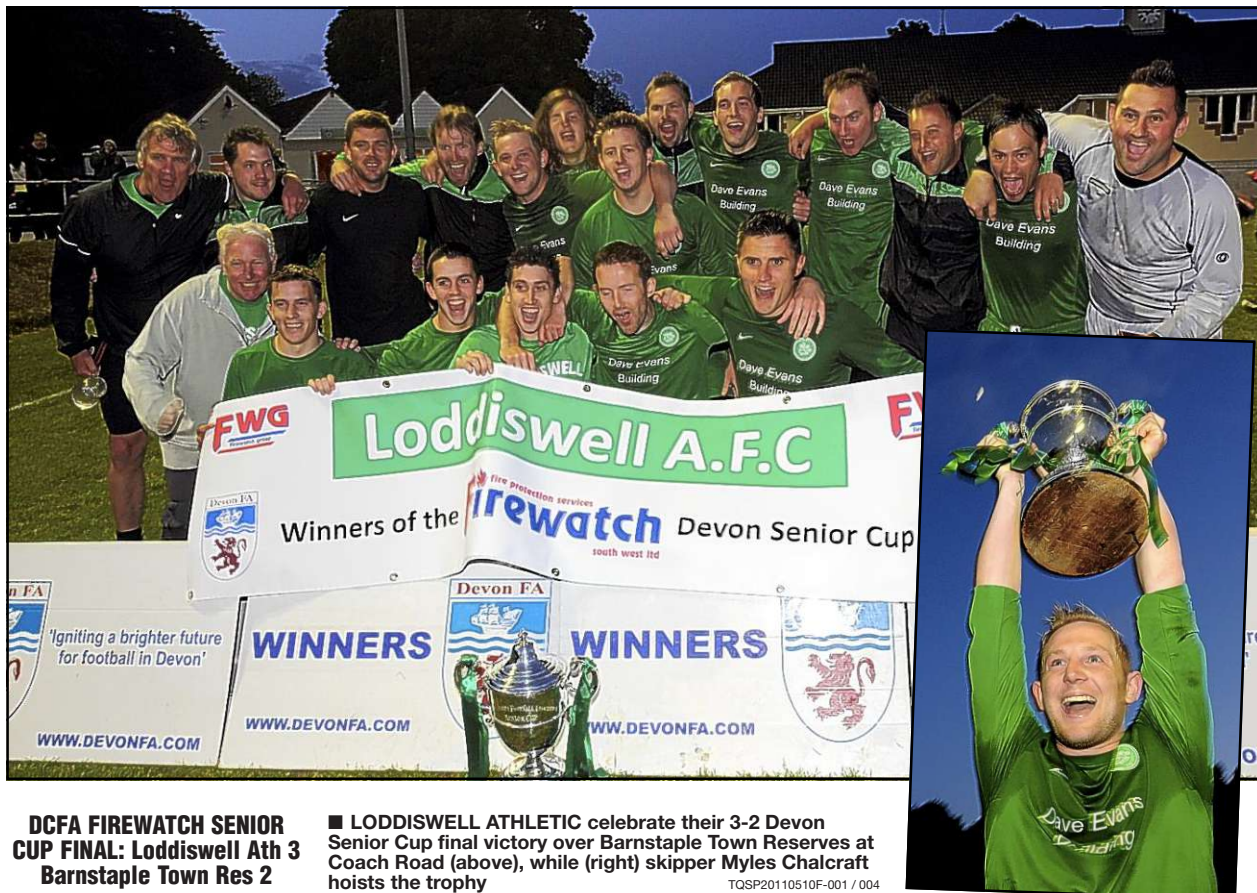
Their hosts, from the Devon and Exeter Premier League pushed them to the wire before finally losing 2-1 which earned Liverton a semi-final against Bickleigh which was staged at Exmouth Town's, King George V Playing Field with Liverton triumphing 2-0.

Liverton will be without influential central defender Robbie Farkins, who is working, but he is the only absentee from the squad.

"Robbie's replacement, Danny Harry, has been absolutely brilliant and he and the boys had a great training session last Saturday and are looking forward to the game," said Liverton joint manager Alan Hext.

Tonight's final kicks-off at 7pm with extra-time and penalties available to ensure a result on the night.

DCFA Senior Cup stays in South Devon



DCFA FIREWATCH SENIOR CUP FINAL: Loddiswell Ath 3 Barnstaple Town Res 2

■ LODDISWELL ATHLETIC celebrate their 3-2 Devon Senior Cup final victory over Barnstaple Town Reserves at Coach Road (above), while (right) skipper Myles Chalcraft hoists the trophy

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LODDISWELL Athletic won the DCFA Firewatch Devon Senior Cup for the first time after a 3-2 win over Barnstaple Town Reserves at Coach Road on Tuesday night, writes Jim Percy.

Barum scored late on but left it too late to get an equaliser.

As early as the fifth minute a chance fell to Loddiswell's Gary Burman but his shot was well saved by Barnstaple keeper Darren Rose.

A minute later at the other end Barnstaple's Ed Yeo saw his shot rebound off Loddiswell keeper Gary Turner but Craig Sandle's follow-up effort struck the post.

On 13 minutes Loddiswell took the lead when a cross-come-shot from the left by man of the match Alan Maher, sailed over Rose's head as the Barnstaple keeper seemed distracted by the strength of the evening sun.

Five minutes later a cross by Loddiswell's overlapping full-back Rob Tapper found striker Chris Smallridge but his header went fractionally wide.

Back came Barnstaple and a cross by Josh Pearce saw a

Loddiswell hold off late Barnum rally to win cup

header by Sam Box brilliantly saved by the outstretched arms of Turner.

Four minutes later Loddiswell's Maher accelerated on the left flank and put over a cross but both Matt Price and Smallridge had shots blocked in succession.

Loddiswell continued on the attack and on 38 minutes netted a second when Price set up Lee Hammett to fire home from 18 yards.

The 40th minute then produced two goals.

Firstly, Barnstaple's Yeo leapt high and scored with a header from a corner.

But, straight from the kick-off, Loddiswell restored their two-goal lead when Myles Chalcraft scored a cracker of a goal. He hit a waist-high volley from all of 25 yards, which entered the top left hand corner of the Barnstaple net like a rocket.

Either side of the interval Barnstaple's Sandle and Pearce both had efforts plucked from under the bar by Turner.

Four minutes after the break both sides received two cautions, mainly for over-active tackles and on 62 minutes Loddiswell lost a player for a

second bookable offence.

Barnstaple then upped the pressure. Josh Heathfield, with a shot on the turn, was just wide and had a cross evade a host of players. Tim Watson, when well-placed, headed into keeper Turner's arms. Turner then had to dive at the feet of Yeo to save and did well to cut out a Sandle free kick in a crowded goal area.

In the 89th minute Barnstaple's pressure was rewarded when Watson headed home from 12 yards.

But it proved to be too little, too late as Loddiswell held on to win.