

Where local footballers go in the summer

THEY'RE STILL WORKING AS A TEAM

WITH the 1963/64 season now just a memory, the professional footballers of the two Cambridge Southern League clubs, United and City, have turned to everyday jobs, all to earn extra cash and keep minds active and most to keep football muscles in trim during the summer months.

part-time member, works full-time at Marshall's anyway. In the summer he has been joined by Billy Welsh, who also works in a part-time capacity during the football season.

At the brewery

Three of the players with possibly enviable and often arduous employment are forwards Matt McVittie, Graham Atkinson and Jimmy Gibson. All three are working at a local brewery. They are loading crates and barrels from the stores on to vans and lorries and then delivering them to public houses throughout the county.

Working in the summer heat with the heavy barrels and crates is thirsty work and thirst is made

more acute by the fact that they are offered a pint at every public house at which they call! But this is a temptation that must be resisted as Graham Atkinson explained: "A little beer does not do any harm but we must not accept too much drink or our aim to keep fit in the summer will be defeated."

He adds: "In the brewery we get plenty of exercise and when we are shifting crates many of the movements we go through are the same as we would do in training."

Brian Boggis has been more concerned in decorating the club house he has just taken over following his wedding earlier this month.

For a week before his marriage he spent long hours at the house in Quinton Close, wall-papering, painting and cleaning. Dai Jones, the other full-back, was also married this month. He works at a subsidiary company of the Pye group at Sawston.

Jackie Scurr, the United footballer of the year, is working at a garage and the captain, Bill Kelly, the only member of the playing staff who does not live in Cambridge, is also working with cars and lorries in Luton. He is employed as a driver for a firm who deliver the new vehicles. Graham Lawrence is helping Dudley Arliss with the club pools. He delivers tickets to agents throughout the county.

Works for chairman

John Haasz, has found an energetic job that is likely to keep him fit through the close season. He is employed by the chairman of the directors at Mr. Woolley's Abbey Tyre Company in Newmarket Road.

Rodney Slack, who is determined to reach peak fitness after his leg injury, is working for a firm of decorators.

While all his players have turned their attentions away from football for a short break, the United manager, Roy Kirk, travels the country looking for new players to strengthen his staff. Already he has signed David Finch, a full-back from Rugby, Ray Wiggin, a centre-forward from Walsall and now Billy Day, an outside-right from Peterborough.

The Milton Road players are lucky in that the chairman of the City board of directors, Mr. Harold Ridgeon, can give them a chance to earn extra cash which often makes the difference between a player signing for City or another club.

So, while a building firm looks after no fewer than five of the team, there is still a variety of jobs filled by these men. Working from the back to the front, we have the only amateur in the side, Roy Jones, a regular airman. In goal, he plays with professionals, but otherwise



Still working, as a team, this time on duty for a local brewery, are (left to right) Matt McVittie, Jimmy Gibson and Graham Atkinson, three Cambridge United forwards.



Another satisfied customer? Bill Heath, Cambridge City goalkeeper, looks along the line of coats instead of a line of forwards.

he is working on planes on one of the big R.A.F. stations in East Anglia. He is expected to go overseas in the near future and so Bill Heath will be called upon unless the team manager, Tommy Dawson, signs another 'keeper.

Tailor, tiler . . .

Meanwhile, Heath works for a Cambridge firm of tailors, a job he has had almost ever since he was signed from Lincoln.

Right-back Tommy Carroll is a tiler, who works for himself on a sub-contracting basis, while his partner, Brendan McNally, is living in Luton.

The whole of the City's half-back line work for the chairman, Alec Moyses is a driver, Alf Craig has a trade and Alan Gregory wields a painbrush. Alan Spears and Peter Bircumshaw, two forwards, work in the building trade, and Brian Moore is an agent.

One thing we can be certain of is that they all look forward to next month when they go back into training for the season that starts in August.



Newly-wed Brian Boggis (Cambridge United) puts the finishing touches to decorations in his new home.

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Bradford moves to City

CAMBRIDGE CITY F.C. team manager, Tommy Dawson, has signed David Bradford, Cambridge United's utility defender, Bradford, who is 18, and a United youth player, was regarded highly by the United manager, Roy Kirk, who had planned to retain him. Bradford is keen to hold down a regular position. His best performances have been at full-back, and Tommy Dawson said he intended to play him in the reserve side at the beginning of next season, and if he continued to show the promise he displayed at the Abbey Stadium, then he would be considered for the Southern League side. "He looks a very useful lad and should fit in well at Milton Road," added the City manager.

CAMBRIDGE United F.C.'s newest acquisition is Peterborough United's ball-playing right winger Billy Day, who has been signed for an undisclosed fee.

Day joined Peterborough in April 1963 as part of a late effort by the team manager, Jack Fairbrother, to boost "Posh's" hopes of promotion.

He played six Division III games before the end of that extended season and proved himself a brilliant ball player with a great ability to capitalise on the long pass inside the full back.

Injury kept him out of the side for the last two matches of the season and it was not until the last week in September, the sixth week of the following season, that he regained his first team place.

Last season he played 11 League games for Peterborough, five of them at inside right, where his ability to use the ball was probably seen at its best.

£15,000 FEE

It was with Middlesbrough and Newcastle United that Day made a name for himself. Indeed, Middlesbrough, the club he joined as a boy, thought so much of their outside right in those days that while he was on national service in Germany, the club had him flown to England each weekend so that he could play.

Neighbouring Newcastle United were quick to realise the ability of this speedy, ball-playing right winger, and in 1960, £15,000 changed hands when he made the short move.

Although he was chosen to play for the Football Association representative eleven while at St. James' Park, injury robbed him of really hitting the heights.

And so, when Fairbrother went in search of players to get Peterborough out of a bad spell following the long lay-off due to the Arctic conditions in season 1962-63, he went to Newcastle, his former club, where manager Joe Harvey agreed to do a deal with "Posh"

'Posh's' ball-playing Billy Day signs for United



and Day moved south for a fee estimated at £5,000. He was placed on Peterborough's transfer list at the end of the past

season with a fee of £2,000 on his head. The figure which Cambridge United have had to pay has not been disclosed, but the Peterborough manager, Gordon Clark, has always insisted that if any reasonable offer were made for a player he had put on the "list" he would never refuse it.

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