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Summary transcript of interview

David Brisland was 13 years old on 5th February 1972 the day Hereford United beat Newcastle United in the FA cup round. He talks about what it was like for him to be a ball boy and experience the atmosphere and the celebrations of the day.

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David was 13 years old and one of the ball boys at Hereford United on the day they played Newcastle United in the FA cup. He describes how the atmosphere was electric, the ground was buzzing with excitement. The ball boys were all congregated waiting to go out on the pitch and with every cheer they popped out to see what was going on, first it was the swede worshiping then the parachutists.

There were 4 parachutists 2 representing Hereford and 2 Newcastle the idea was that whoever got nearest the $\frac{1}{2}$ way line would represent the final score, as it happened the 2 Hereford parachutists were almost on the line, 1 of the Newcastle ones was within the ground but the other ended up in the car park across the road so the prediction was a 2-1 win to Hereford.

The swede worshiping is a ritual, being a country team they had to worship something representing the country, besides the bull it had always been a swede, 3 or 4 people would dribble the swede down to the goal with everyone cheering.

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The pitch on that day was like a quad mire, the ball boys were not allowed to run on the pitch, they lead the teams out then ran back to their positions, for David this was the Blackfriars end for a 12/13 year old the pitch was hallowed ground, it was hard to take it all in there was a crowd of between 15 and 16,000 people and the ball boys felt everyone was looking at them but they were really looking and cheering on the team. The

boys had to sit on the bench until the bell rang for them to leap into action and retrieve the ball but with so many people in the ground there was no need and they felt they were surplus to requirements.

He was directly behind the Ronnie Radford when he scored the famous goal and had a perfect view, everyone ran on to the pitch but it didn't take long for everything to get back to normal and for the game to carry on.

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At the final whistle David couldn't get back to hand in the flags , there were press and police everywhere, it was like a party everyone was a singing and enjoying themselves and David couldn't wait to get home to watch match of the day that evening on the telly.

During the game there had been a lot of singing and chanting, the usual 'you'll never walk alone' and other football associated songs, but David recalls how the fans chanted 'McDonald is a fairy' trying to wind him up, he'd bragged before the game about scoring 10 goals against united but only managed one in the end.

The 5th February 1972 is engraved on many people's minds, there were such a lot of people who came in to Hereford that day to see the underdog win and every one of a certain generation remembers where they were that day and what they were doing. It still gives David goose bumps to remember that day, at the end of the game autographed plastic footballs were kicked into the crowd, as a ball boy David automatically received a ball, unfortunately his perished a while back and ended up at the tip a few years ago but he thinks anyone who still has one is probably sitting on a small fortune.