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Summary: The day Hereford United beat Newcastle in the FA cup is one of football history, the conditions were awful and Hereford were a southern league club trying to make giant killing history against a team of international players. Nick Nenadich was nearly 16 and remembers the match well, although he actually missed seeing the famous equalising goal from Ronnie Radford, he recalls the atmosphere of the day and some things that just wouldn't be allowed today.

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In February 1972 Nick was nearly 16, his Birthday was the following week, he had tickets for the Len Weston stand to see the big FA cup match between Hereford and Newcastle. Nick attended Lucton school at the time which was known as a rugby school but their Chaplain Derek Lunt was a mad Everton fan and because games had been cancelled for a few weeks due to the very wet weather Derek drove Nick and three other boys into Hereford to queue for tickets. His car would only hold four boys so when they arrived Nick remembers the Chaplain in his dog collar walking through the crowds saying he had a funeral to attend, the boys followed and the idea was that each boy would slip into the queuing crowd at some point. This didn't go down to well with the crowd who had been stood for hours and wasn't a good role model for a Chaplain.

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Nick remembers buying an army great coat from Jessons, anyone from Hereford will remember Jessons it was at the bottom of Eign gate and sold army surplus and outdoor clothes alongside camping equipment. At the time parka coats were popular but Nick had been given some money by his Aunt for his Birthday and he bought the coat which he was very proud of, it had bright shiny brass buttons and he thought he was fresh off Carnaby street. He remembers going home and his Uncle who was sitting having his tea, jumping up shouting "get it off, get it off", he thought he'd got confused as the latest Mark Bolan song was get it on. He ripped the buttons off saying he had no right to wear the coat as men had died in that coat fighting for their country, it just goes to show the clash of cultures at the time and that the memories of the war were still very powerful.

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He wasn't actually watching when Ronnie Radford scored his goal, he thinks he was looking around at people in the or on the roof of the stand, he suddenly heard an explosion of noise, people were hugging each other and screaming and running on the pitch. He was wearing boots with Cuban heels which were difficult to run in on the muddy pitch but it didn't stop him joining in. There were no replays so no second chance to see it at the time and he wishes he'd paid more attention but he's seen it many times since. He did see the Ricky George goal though, although it didn't get the same reaction from the crowd, the Ronnie Radford goal was the equaliser and a stunning goal given the conditions of the pitch, it's the sort of goal you remember all your life. Ian McFall, the Newcastle goal keeper played at international level and he couldn't get anywhere near it.

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Roy Short was the local bobby at the time, Nick had a couple of cousins who were friendly with his daughters so he knew how much he loved football, his hat had been knocked off and it was being kicked around the pitch but he didn't care. The next day national newspapers showed a photo of him drinking beer with the players in the dressing room and helping to pull their boots off, just goes to illustrate the culture of those days, it wouldn't be done now.

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Nick remembers fans chanting and singing but one chant in particular. At the time Malcolm McDonald, the Newcastle centre forward often appeared on a television programme called sporting superstars, there was no denying he was a phenomenal athlete but had the sort of ego that wrote massive cheques and he'd been quoted as saying to the national media that he'd score 10 goals against Hereford and make it a FA cup record. Hereford fans chanted at him "Superstar how many goals have you scored so far".

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The final whistle blew after extra time and the players on both sides were dead on their feet. The roar from the crowd was like a nuclear explosion, massive excitement knowing that they would be meeting West Ham in the next round and some fans saying they do it again to West Ham. It really was a special moment in time. Everyone can remember where they were on that day, to many fans it ranks alongside other special moments in the lifetime.

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It was the sort of match that so infrequently happens in football, everything came together for Hereford United, a lowly southern league side against a team full of international players. Suddenly everyone was talking about Hereford in a special way, people now knew where it was on the map, it was the match that started the career of John Motson and he continued to talk about it for over 40 years. It's a match that will always be remembered and nobody can take it away from Football history, it left a massive legacy for the club which unfortunately no longer exists.

The downside is that people expected to get massive results every time they played and Nick thinks they now expect the new club Hereford FC to do the same.