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ATTACK

DJURGARDENS IF A LEGENDARY SWEDISH CLUB

by Frank Sjoman,
"Attack" Correspondent in Stockholm

Djurgardens IF from Stockholm are one of Sweden's most famous clubs and also one of the biggest, harbouring some twenty different sports. The ice-hockey team, e.g. have ten times become champions of Sweden. However, football being the national sport in Sweden it's here where Djurgarden (or DIF) as the club are affectionately called) has made the greatest impact on the Swedish sports scene.

The club was formed in 1891, Djurgarden being a part of Stockholm. Before the Swedish national league started in 1924 the championship was played for in a knock-out competition. Djurgarden won it four times and reached the final on eight other occasions, but when the league was formed Djurgarden were not considered good enough to enter.

DIF were promoted to Division 1 in 1927 but could not hold their place for more than a season and the story repeated itself in 1936. In 1945 Djurgarden enjoyed a three year spell in the higher class but it wasn't until 1949 that the team finally established itself as one of Sweden's First Division teams.

FIRST LEAGUE TITLE

Djurgarden were third in 1953 and in 1955 the club won its first national

league championship. They won their second title in 1959 when Djurgarden won a thrilling three-horse-race with Norrkoping and IFK Gothenburg, taking the title with a 1-1 draw in the final game with Gothenburg. DIF only lost one game during the season.

There was a great shock when the club were relegated in the following season, but DIF only spent a year in Division 2 before returning to the top fight, finishing second in their come back year.

PENALTY DECIDER

With one game left to play in 1964, Djurgarden were two points behind Malmo FF. However, Malmo lost the final game, in Norrkoping, 0-3, and DIF beat Gothenburg 4-1. Hence, Djurgarden took the championship with a better goal-difference although DIF's fourth goal was a penalty in the closing stages, and TV film later showed that the "penalty" incident took place well outside the penalty area!

Malmo got their revenge in 1967 when Djurgarden led the table at one stage with six points advantage, only to lose the lead and finish five points after MFF.

Djurgarden are always competing with AIK and Hammarby for the title of "Best Club in Town" and a very strong rivalry exists between AIK and DIF. Up to 1st September 1975, they had played 56 games against each other. AIK had won 23, DIF 17 and 16 were drawn.

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Bjorn Alkeby: An agile and reliable 'keeper who has been an ever-present since he made his First Division debut in 1971, a run of some 110 games on the trot. A local product who has played several times for the U-23 team. Age 23.

Roland Andersson: An adventurous right-back who likes to join the attack, Roland joined DIF from Malmo FF earlier this year. With Malmo he won three League Championship medals. In the current Swedish international squad, he has 8 caps. Age 25.

Tommy Berggren: Another local product who has played around 120 league games for DIF, he was a central defender until he was converted to full-back at the start of the season. A very strong player and a good header of the ball. Age 25.

Tommy Davidsson: Whereas Berggren has been converted to full-back from centre-half, Tommy was a left-back but has now been converted into a central defender. The new defensive partnership between Birger and Davidsson is one of the reasons that Djurgarden has done so well this year. Capped at U-23 level. Age 23.

Kjell Karlsson: A very useful player who can play in midfield and up front, Kjell joined DIF from Star, a Third Division side last year and scored 6 goals in 20 games. Very unpredictable and very difficult to mark, he is often used as a substitute to vary the play. Has played for the U-23 team. 22 years old.

Sven Krantz: A member of last year's successful youth team, Sven scored a match-winning goal in his first full game for the club — a local derby with Hammarby!

Sven Lindman: 33 years old, Lindman is the only player left from the team who last won the League title in 1966. Lindman is the "conductor" of the team and is adept at speeding brilliant passes around. He is also very good at creating space for himself and was used as a libero last year.

Per Lovfors: Joined DIF from Spanga and is the utility-player of the side. He can play almost everywhere.

Curt Olsberg: A hardworking and clever midfield player who joined DIF from Malmo FF in 1974, having won three league-titles with them. Olsberg has given a new dimension to DIF's play this season, and his fine form has resulted in his recent call up for the national team.

Djurgardens IF

Kjell Samuelsson: 24 years old, and another local product. Kjell is heavy, hardworking and a frequent scorer of goals. He too has played for the U-23 team.

Harry Svensson: Joined DIF from IFK Gothenburg in 1972. Harry won a league title with IFK in 1969. A fast player with a very good technique, he can regularly beat his man and go for goal. Is the most consistent scorer in the team with about 40 goals in his three years with DIF. 2 full caps. Age 30.

Hakan Stenback: Hakan is a tricky, very fast ball-playing winger who sometimes tends to drift out of the game if the ball is not fed to him. Age 24.

Djurgarden's Roland Andersson, Kjell Samuelsson and Harry Svensson pictured after a recent home game.



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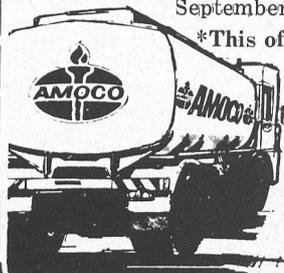
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FACE TO FACE

Talk to Wrexham midfielder player Mel Sutton about his European travels, and you begin to wonder how he has managed to cram so many visits into his seven, but eventful, year career (writes Anthony Jones).



Mel was 22 when he finally made the break into professional football with Cardiff City and has since visited Yugoslavia, Switzerland, East Germany, Cyprus, France, Spain, Norway, Turkey and Portugal with both City and ourselves.

Being such an experienced European traveler, he was the most obvious person to ask how players cope with the problems of trips abroad.

"Some of the travelling in this country tends to be a bit tedious, but visiting different countries is fairly interesting. One of the biggest problems is travel weariness so we always try to loosen up on the day we arrive. We usually go to our opponents ground to train and get the feel of the pitch beforehand and match day is more or less the same as in this country. During the afternoon most of the players have a lie down or sleep, then we have a light meal and go to the ground. European stadiums are usually better than ours because they incorporate large sports complexes and running tracks "set-off" the pitch.

"I think we can learn from the continental style of football, especially the better teams like the Dutch and Germans who seem equipped all round and are capable of interchanging their rules a lot.

"I would question the theory that soccer on the continent is better than in this country. We are prepared for more professionally, but their players tend to be that little bit more skillful. You normally find two or three teams in each country which win almost every honour and most of the other clubs tend to be there to make up the numbers".

When he moved to Wrexham in 1972, Cardiff had just completed their seventh season in Europe, and had been foiled of an eighth trip by ourselves. Did it influence his decision to move?

"Not really, it was just an offer and part and parcel of being a professional footballer, they were prepared to let me go and I had to accept that".

Mel has now settled down with wife Kay and children Gary (7) and Lisa (5) in a bungalow in Borrás and is making progress in the coaching side of the game. He attended an FA Coaching course during the summer and has begun to help Manager John Neal in training the junior players.

Hopes for the season?

"I hope we do well, and I think we can do well if we adapt a more professional outlook and take the right approach to the game. I've been pleased with things result wise, so far but not with the team performance".

ATTACK



We break away from the routine of featuring Wrexham action in this very special edition of the Match Magazine by showing some soccer action, Swedish style.

The picture on the left shows Djurgarden's Curt Olsberg attempt a spectacular overhead kick against GAIS last season, and right, DIF 'keeper Bjorn Alkeby saves in front of Malmo's Tommy Larsson while Per Lovfors (12) and Sven Lindman looks on.



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TRACK RECORD

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT DIF

Founded: 1891.

Ground: Stockholm's Stadion (built for the 1912 Olympic games) with a capacity of 23,000. For big games, such as the local derby's DIF play at "Fotbollstadion" (capacity 52,000), which is owned by the Swedish FA.

Attendance Record: For Stockholm's Stadion: 23,200 (in 1946). For Fotbollstadion: 48,894 (in 1959) when Djurgarden played IFK Gothenburg in the championship decider.

League Champions: 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966 – twice runner-up.

Swedish Cup Winners: No victory, but twice runner-up.

Coach: Bengt Persson.

Captain: Sven Lindman:

Colours: Light and dark blue striped shirts, dark blue shorts, light blue stockings with dark blue hoops on top.

Change Colours: Red and dark blue striped shirts, dark blue shorts, white stockings with red hoops on top.

Coach: Bengt Persson is one of the up and coming coaches in Sweden. He was an official Swedish FA observer during the 1974 World Cup Finals and has previously coached the Swedish Youth team. Persson joined Djurgarden earlier this year from IFK Eskilstuna, Division 2 side.

SWEDISH LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RESULTS

MALMO FF	0-0	3,339
Atvidaberg	1-0	
ELFSBORG	2-0	3,725
Halmstad	1-0	
Norrköping	0-1	
GAIS	4-0	4,560
Oster	2-2	
LANDSKRONA	0-2	5,417
AIK	2-1	
ORGRYTE	3-1	4,163
Hammarby	2-1	
SUNDSVALL	2-1	3,849
Orebro	0-0	
OREBRO	1-0	5,174
OSTER	3-2	8,383
Landskrona	1-1	
NORRKOPING	1-2	7,873
GAIS	2-1	
HAMMARBY	3-2	24,145

LEAGUE SCORERS: Svensson 8;
Stenback 4; Karlsson 3; Olsberg 3;
Samuelsson; Andersson 2; Lovfors 2;
Rubsamen 2; Jacobsson 1; Lindman 1;
Krantz.

ALL TIME RECORD OF SWEDISH CLUBS IN DIVISION 1 (INCLUDING 1974)

	Seasons	Points
AIK (Stockholm)	48	1,175
IFK Goteborg (Gothenburg)	44	1,130
IFK Norrkoping	42	1,116
Malmö FF	40	1,107
Helsingborgs IF	42	1,019
IF Elfsborg (Boras)	41	948
GAIS (Gothenburg)	40	923
DJURGARDEN IF	29	719

In all, 48 teams have played in the Swedish First Division during its 50 year existence.

NEXT LEAGUE DATE AT

The Racecourse
Saturday 27th September
PORT VALE : DIVISION 3
(Kick Off: 3.00 p.m.)

SWEDISH DIVISION 1 TABLE (UP TO 1st SEPTEMBER)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Malmö FF	19	12	6	1	37	11	30
DJURGARDEN	19	12	4	3	30	17	28
Osters IF	19	12	2	5	46	20	26
Orebro SK	19	8	6	5	26	17	22
Landskrona Bols	19	6	9	5	22	25	21
AIK	19	9	2	8	31	23	20
Atvidabergs FF	19	7	6	6	21	24	20
IFK Norrkoping	19	7	4	8	34	34	18
Hammarby IF	19	5	5	9	26	33	15
Halmstads BK	19	4	6	9	20	24	14
Orgryte IS	19	5	4	10	21	30	14
Elfsborgs	19	5	4	10	19	34	14
GAIS	19	5	4	10	17	32	14
GIF Sundsvall	19	3	4	12	14	40	10

PREVIOUS EUROPEAN RESULTS

This is the first time that Djurgarden have played in the ECWC, but they have previously played in both the European and UEFA Cups. Here are all their previous results:

Champions Cup:

1955-56: Gwardia Warsaw 0-0, 4-1; Hibernian, Edinburgh 1-3, 0-1 (both in Scotland). 1965-66: Levski, Sofia 2-1, 0-6. 1967-6k: Gornik Zabrze 0-3, 0-1.

In the early 1960's Sweden were represented in the Champions Cup by the team leading the table at the halfway mark. When Djurgarden won the Swedish League in 1959 they were not top after and never got the chance to play in the Champions Cup in the following season!

EUFA (Fairs) Cup:

1964-65: Manchester United 1-1, 1-6.
1966-67: Lokomotiv Leipzig 1-3, 1-2.
1971-72: OFK Belgrade 2-2, 1-4.
1974-75: Start Kristiansand 5-1, 2-1;
Dukla Prague 0-2, 1-3.

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RACECOURSE NEWSREEL

Of the British clubs involved in tonight's first round games it appears, that Coleraine face the stiffest tie of the round when they turn out against Eintracht Frankfurt, who include several West German internationals, in Germany.

Home Farm, the all amateur Eire representatives, had trouble before the start of the season when Dermot Kelly and Joe Smith signed professional forms for St. Patricks Athletic. Then Skipper Jack Dempsey retired and Manager Dave Bacuzzi (formerly with Manchester City and Reading), who many Eire sportswriters consider has performed a miracle to get his side into Europe, seems to think that their French opponents Racing Club of Lens — beaten by St. Etienne in last seasons Final — will have an easy passage into round 2!

West Ham face a 100 mile, but easy, trip south from Reipas Lahl to Helsinki because the Norwegian side agreed to have the game televised but could find difficulty in beating home 'Keeper Harri Houi, a Finnish International, while 30 year old Timo Kautomen, capped 48 times by Finland, should hold things together in midfield. Of the present Finnish Senior Squad, 24 years old Markko Repo and Hanno Hanalainen look like playing against the Hammers.

Britains other Cup Winners' Cup representative, Celtic, face Valur Reykjavik, an Icelandic team with a Russian Manager and 22 years old "Cat like "Keeper" who apparently performed heroics of the highest degree to earn Iceland a memorable 2 - 1 win and East Germany recently.

AND WORLD WIDE...

According to the September Issue of "Football News" the River Plat Stadium in Buenos Aires (already penciled in for the 1978 World Cup Final will be accomodated with 1,200 writing desks (300 of which will be with 'phones), 70 telephones (which will be available in the press lounge), 40 Radio and 40 TV cabins plus 20 Texle Cabins and 12 processing, laboratories for the photographers. Like the other five stadiums being prepared for the finals, further press facilities will be available in the Press Hotels, currently being built outside each stadium!

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Denotes: : After extra time
* After 1-1 draw
i After 3-3 draw

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2 ALAN HILL
3 DAVID FOGG
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6 GARETH DAVIS
7 BRIAN TINNION
8 MEL SUTTON
9 BILLY ASHCROFT
10 ALAN DWYER
11 ARFON GRIFFITHS
Geoff Davies (12); Bob Scott (13);
Tony Larkin (14); John Lyons (15)
Eddie Niedzwiecki (16)

DJURGARDENS IF

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2 BJORN ALEBY
3 ROLAND ANDERSSON
4 TOMMY DAVIDSSON
5 BIRGER JACOBSSON
6 TOMMY BERGGREN
7 SVEN LINDMAN
8 CURT OLSBERG
9 KJELL SAMUELSSON
10 HARRY SVENSSON
11 HAKAN STENBACK
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