

this department. Yorath spent a number of years with me when I was manager of Leeds.

He is a footballer who thinks deeply about the game and can quickly pinpoint strengths and weaknesses in a team. His expertise as a tactician came through strongly in the comments he made when he was Leeds' substitute and we watched matches together.

Appointing Yorath captain of the Wales team was one of the best moves their manager Mike Smith has made.

Two other Welsh players

worthy of special mention are centre forward John Toshack (Liverpool) and outside left Leighton James (Derby County).

Toshack, whose understanding with Kevin Keegan has been one of the main reasons for Liverpool's success in the championship and E.U.F.A. Cup this season, has made remarkable progress this season.

At one time, he was regarded as being little more than a good header of the ball but now he regularly proves his value on the ground. This is a sign of extra confidence.

Like many Continental teams, Yugoslavia's defence do not like dealing with high balls. In the home second leg on May 22 Wales should get more scope to exploit the ability of Toshack in the air than in Zagreb because Yugoslavia will be more prepared to sit back and defend.

A victory over England would be just the tonic Wales need!

An equally tough match for England will inevitably be against Scotland at Hampden Park on Saturday week. This is the oldest international in the world and whenever Scotland are beaten by England, it is looked upon as almost a national disaster in that country.

England beat Scotland 5-1 at Wembley last season and I was told that, as Scotland's team coach drew away from the ground afterwards, some of their players were crying.

In the last 25 years, Scotland have suffered only two similar humiliating experiences at Wembley — in 1955 and 1961 when they were beaten 7-2 and 9-3.

The current Scotland team is a lot better than their indifferent results since the 1974 World Cup might indicate. During this period Scotland, like England, Wales and Northern Ireland, have not had a really settled team due to the withdrawals of players through injury or club calls.

All Scotland's British international Championship matches this year are at Hampden Park. If they can field their strongest team, they must have an excellent chance of winning the competition.



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Jimmy Saville at Clontarf

JIMMY SAVILE, who leads the Herald-C.R.C. Charity Walk on Sunday next, will perform the opening ceremony of the Holly and Ivy club, pitch and putt course at Clontarf Castle, on Saturday next, 11 a.m. The nine hole course will be open to the public from Monday next.