

PRDHT (Support Group) Journal No. 7 (2007) enlightened us with a resume of 'Portsmouth Dockyard apprentices and employees generally' achieving excellence in a particular sport undertaken whilst in the Dockyard. This was in conjunction with Alan Keel's publication of all the sporting activities pursued by employees. Memories of any who were not mentioned were requested by Alan Keel to ensure the records are updated. I remember clearly that the following three Shipfitter Apprentices of the 1951/52 entries era were not mentioned, but are worthy of mention. I wonder where they are today? Did they ever return to their trade or pursue completely different careers? Does anyone know - if so drop a line to the Journal Editorial Committee.

Keith Sullivan was a skilled roller skater. He partook in Roller Skating Hockey matches all over the country and was a member of UK International team. He played regularly at Southsea Skatepark opposite Southsea Castle. A cheerful and likeable personality playing in an unusual sport.

John Phillips, a Dockyard team regular footballer who was eventually recruited into the Professional ranks of Portsmouth Football Club. I am uncertain whether he completed his apprenticeship whilst also playing for Pompey or not.

Ron Newman, who could forget Ron, was a witty, tousled blonde-haired Dockyard team footballer who was also spotted and recruited as Professional by Portsmouth Football Club and played in their first team. Sometimes a bit erratic he was a prominent personality and entertainer in his own right. He was transferred to Gillingham Town (Kent) Football Club and I think he eventually transferred to USA in a manager's role still with his football career. Again I am uncertain whether he completed his apprenticeship, but he certainly left us all with memories of his performances on the pitch!