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FROM THE MANAGER ...

Six points from four games is a very encouraging start to the season and we all know the value of getting off to a good start. Like many clubs at this time our form during these early games has been inconsistent. This is not unusual when Managers and Coaches are trying to blend players into a winning combination. Injuries and some players inability to find their true form early add to the difficulties.

Our play at times has been of a high standard and last week's win at Rochdale showed that the team has the character and the will to come from behind at a vital stage of the match, go on to take

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the lead and hold it till the end. Occasional lapses in defence have cost us goals which keeps us out of the top four places on goal average and we are working to correct these faults during our training sessions.

I appeal to all our supporters to really support the team even when at times during games things don't quite click. You make the atmosphere and the more you shout in support the better the lads respond. You help to bring results as much as the team, so let's hear you roar them on today.

Congratulations to Skipper John Benson and Mrs. Benson on the birth of their daughter last week.



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BY THE TRAVELLER

Six points out of a possible eight—that adds up to a pretty fair start to the League programme. Good enough, surely, to still the early murmurings from the doom and gloom brigade which followed the away defeat in the unwelcome away League Cup draw at Shrewsbury.

Incidentally, spies tell me that Torquay were out of luck but were by no means disgraced in the Cup tie with Shrewsbury whose Third Division record this term (six points from eight) indicates a formidable outfit.

There were a few changes for the Saturday tussle at Rochdale which saw Torquay claim both points with a 3-2 win. Tom Northcott switched from the left wing to lead the attack in place of Robin Stubbs. Gerry King, aged 18, from Cardiff City, had his first game for Torquay at outside left and John Brewster stepped into the team at left back.

Torquay's goals were scored by Tommy Spratt, in the 29th minute, Tom Northcott, at 60 minutes and Alan Kirkham (64

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minutes). Torquay's defence received blame for the second Rochdale goal, scored by former Torquay forward Reg Jenkins in the 54th minute but on the whole looked much more convincing.

QUOTE

In fact, a commentator in one National newspaper wrote "Torquay looked real promotion prospects at Rochdale . . . not many defences could have withstood the pressure which Rochdale exerted in the last 25 minutes . . . Torquay's forwards looked real sharpshooters and goalkeeper Terry Adlington ended a splendid game with a couple of wonder saves." The piece was headlined "Torquay look a real tip," which should be encouraging.

Of course, these are very early days but good progress has already been made and supporters can be sure there will be no easing off in the promotion campaign. Training continues at high pressure at Clennon Valley. The men who took part in the Shrewsbury—Rochdale trip were there with their club mates and Manager O'Farrell on Monday morning. No five day week for United.

The Shrewsbury defeat has given United an early opportunity to re-arrange one of the May-time matches. The game with Southport, to have taken place at Plainmoor on May 18th, will now

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be played here on Wednesday, September 22nd. The club hopes to bring forward the other three matches programmed for May.

Farewell to Cliff Balsom. The young fullback who began his career as a Torquay Utd. apprentice and was transferred to Swindon at a £4,000 fee was not retained by the Wiltshire club at the end of last season. Mr. O'Farrell gave him a two months trial but did not feel he could invite Balsom to re-join his old club.

OUR VISITORS TODAY

Luton Town, still feeling their way in their first ever descent to the Fourth Division, claimed a good win against Newport last weekend and will no doubt hope to retain the side that operated then. Pressure of fixtures and injuries could mean changes before today's game but here are pen portraits of the eleven men who featured in the Newport match.

Goalkeeper Colin Tinsley, born Middlesborough, was recruited to Grimsby and had a spell with Exeter City before joining Luton in August, 1963. Was a first team regular last season.

Fullbacks:—Bobby Thompson, a Scot, was first prominent with Partick Thistle and later transferred to Liverpool for a big fee. Joined Luton in August this year. Also a Scot, Freddy Jardine had

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two seasons with Dundee before joining Luton in 1960-61, as an outside left.

Halfbacks: Richard Edwards joined as an amateur in October, 1963, and at once won a place in the Combination side. He became a professional in June, 1964. Alan Rivers became an amateur with Luton in 1961, progressing through the junior teams to sign as a full professional in January, 1964. John Moore was recruited from Motherwell in May, 1965.

Forwards:—Alan Slough is a local boy who signed as a professional in May this year after serving as an amateur and an apprentice. Jimmy Gibson was born in Belfast and his first English club was Newcastle United. After a spell with Cambridge United he moved to Luton in February this year. Tony Read is a centre forward or a goalkeeper. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday and in 1964 he moved to Peterborough. Luton officials do not seem sure which is Read's better position but he led the attack against Newport. John Reid previously played for Bradford and Northampton to whom Luton paid a substantial fee in November, 1963. Tommy McKechnie was transferred from Scottish club Rob Roy in 1961.

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PEN PORTRAIT ...

ALAN KIRKMAN

Alan, married with two boys, refused a stream of offers—from Oxford, Doncaster, Rochdale, Darlington and Chesterfield—to come to Torquay “for the sake of the children.” He has a big reputation in the North.

Kirkman was born in Bolton, and got his grounding with Bacup Borough. He joined Manchester City at 17, stayed three years at Maine Road and made about 30 appearances in the League team—usually at inside-right.



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Alan then moved on to Rotherham United for four years, and continued to do well in League football.

Finally, Scunthorpe United for another three years. “There I played all over the forward-line,” says Alan. He has a record for hat-tricks—two for Rotherham.

Alan had the distinction of scoring United's first League goal of the season, at Bradford last week. He fancies the role of a striker.

NEXT ATTRACTIONS AT PLAINMOOR

Wednesday, 15th September, 1965—Torquay United “A” v. Newton Abbot Spurs. K.O. 7.30 p.m. (F.A. Youth Cup, First Qualifying Round). Season Tickets can not be used. Reserve Team Prices.

Saturday, 18th September, 1965—Weymouth. K.O. 3.00 p.m. (Western League.)

Wednesday, 22nd September, 1965—SOUTHPORT. K.O. 7.30 p.m. (Football League Division 4.)

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4 John BENSON	5 Alan SMITH	6 Geoff COX
8 Tom SPRATT	10 Alan KIRKMAN	
7 Doug CLARKE	7 Tommy NORTHCOTT	11 Gerald KING

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9 READ

5 RIVERS

TINSLEY

STARK *RIDDICK*
7 SLOUGH
8 GIBSON

4 EDWARDS

2 THOMPSON

LUTON TOWN

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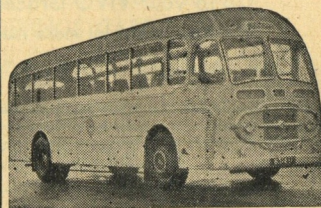
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	4	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	7
Tranmere	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	4	3	7	4
Doncaster	4	2	0	0	10	0	1	1	1	2	6	6
Chester	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	1	1	1	1	6
Barrow	4	2	0	0	6	4	1	1	0	4	3	6
Torquay	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	4	6	6
Notts Co.	4	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	5	2	5	5
Colchester	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	2	5
Rochdale	4	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	3	4
Southport	4	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	3	4
Aldershot	4	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	3	4	4
Port Vale	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	1	3	4
Newport	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
Grew	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	4	3	3
Wrexham	4	1	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Hartlepool	4	1	0	1	5	4	0	1	1	1	5	3
Bradford City	4	1	0	2	1	5	4	0	1	1	2	4
Lincoln	4	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Bradford	4	0	0	2	1	3	5	1	0	1	4	5
Stockport	4	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	2	0	4	2
Halifax	4	1	0	2	0	4	4	0	0	2	0	4
Chesterfield	4	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2
Darlington	4	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION IV

1965	Date	Opponents	K.O. Gd.	Result
Sat.	21 Aug.	Bradford City	3.00 a	1-4
Wed.	25	Newport County	7.30 h	1-0
Sat.	28	Chesterfield	3.00 h	2-0
Wed.	1 Sept.	Shrewsbury (F.L.C.)	7.30 a	0-3
Sat.	24	Rochdale	3.00 h	3-2
Sat.	1	Luton Town	3.00 h	3-0
Mon.	13	Newport County	7.15 a	—
Sat.	18	Barrow	3.00 a	—
Wed.	22	Southport	7.30 h	—
Sat.	25	Hartlepool United	3.00 h	—
Sat.	2 Oct.	Doncaster Rovers	3.00 a	—
Mon.	4	Bradford (Park A.)	7.30 a	—

WESTERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Welton Rovers	4	3	1	0	10	4	7
Portland United	3	3	0	0	10	2	7
Bideford	3	2	1	0	12	4	6
Torquay United	3	2	1	0	10	7	5
Salisbury	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Bridgewater Town	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Frome Town	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Barnstaple Town	4	1	1	2	7	8	3
Barnstaple	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Glastonbury	3	1	0	2	6	4	2
Taunton	3	1	0	2	6	6	2
Andover	2	1	0	1	3	5	1
Weston-super-Mare	3	0	1	2	6	10	1
Exeter City	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
Bridport	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
Weymouth	3	0	1	2	2	8	1
Bristol City	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

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Sat.	21 Aug.	Bideford	3.00 h	3-3
Sat.	28	Taunton	3.00 a	2-1
Sat.	4 Sept.	Exeter City	3.00 h	5-3
Sat.	11	Salisbury	3.00 a	—
Wed.	15	Barnstaple Town	5.30 a	—
Sat.	18	Weymouth	3.00 h	—
Sat.	25	Minehead	3.00 h	—
Sat.	2 Oct.	Bridport	3.00 h	—
Sat.	9	Andover	3.00 h	—
Sat.	16	Bristol City	3.00 a	—
Sat.	23	Dorchester Town	3.00 a	—
Sat.	30	Barnstaple Town	3.00 h	—
Sat.	6 Nov.	Frome Town	2.45	—
Sat.	13			—

Sat.	9	Port Vale	3.00 h	—
Sat.	16	Halifax Town	3.00 a	—
Sat.	23	Chester	3.00 h	—
Sat.	30	Notts. County	3.00 h	—
Sat.	13	Lincoln City	3.00 h	—
Sat.	20	(F.A.C., 1st round)	—	—
Sat.	27	Stockport County	3.00 h	—
Tue.	23	Bradford (Park A.)	7.30 h	—
Fri.	26	Tranmere Rovers	7.30 a	—
Sat.	3 Dec.	(F.A.C., 2nd round)	—	—
Sat.	11	Barnsley	3.15 a	—
Sat.	18	Halifax Town	3.00 h	—
Mon.	27	Aldershot	10.30 h	—
Tue.	28	Aldershot	7.15 a	—
1966				
Sat.	1 Jan.	Port Vale	3.15 a	—
Sat.	8	Darlington	3.00 h	—
Sat.	15	Chester	3.15 a	—
Sat.	22	(F.A.C., 3rd round)	—	—
Sat.	29	Bradford City	3.00 h	—
Sat.	5 Feb.	Chesterfield	3.15 a	—
Sat.	12	Wrexham	3.00 h	—
Sat.	19	Rochdale	3.00 h	—
Sat.	26	Luton Town	3.00 h	—
Sat.	5 Mar.	Wrexham	3.15 a	—
Sat.	12	Barrow	3.00 h	—
Sat.	19	Hartlepool United	3.00 a	—
Sat.	26	Doncaster Rovers	3.00 h	—
Sat.	2 Apr.	Lincoln City	3.00 a	—
Fri.	8	Crewe Alexandra	3.00 h	—
Sat.	9	Colchester United	3.00 h	—
Mon.	11	Crewe Alexandra	3.00 h	—
Fri.	15	Stockport County	10.30 a	—
Sat.	23	Tranmere Rovers	3.00 h	—
Mon.	25	Southport	7.30 a	—
Sat.	30	Colchester United	3.00 h	—
Sat.	7 May	Barnsley	3.00 a	—
Sat.	14	(F.A.C., Cup Final)	—	—
Sat.	21	Darlington	3.15 a	—
Sat.	28	Notts. County	3.00 h	—

Sat.	20	Weymouth	3.00 a	—
Sat.	27	Welton Rovers	3.00 h	—
Sat.	4 Dec.	Exeter City	3.00 a	—
Sat.	11	Salisbury	3.00 h	—
Sat.	18	Bideford	2.30 a	—
Mon.	27			—
Tues.	28			—
1966				
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Sat.	8	Bristol City	2.30 a	—
Sat.	15	Portland United	3.00 h	—
Sat.	22	Weston-s-Mare	3.00 h	—
Sat.	29	Bridport	2.45 a	—
Sat.	5 Feb.	Glastonbury	3.00 h	—
Sat.	12	Weston-s-Mare	3.00 a	—
Sat.	19	Bridgewater Town	3.00 a	—
Sat.	26	Andover	3.00 h	—
Sat.	5 Mar.	Frome Town	3.00 h	—
Sat.	12	Glastonbury	3.00 h	—
Sat.	19	Dorchester Town	3.00 h	—
Sat.	26	Portland United	3.00 a	—
Sat.	2 Apr.	Minehead	3.00 h	—
Fri.	8	Welton Rovers	3.00 a	—
Sat.	9			—
Mon.	11			—
Sat.	16	Bridgewater Town	3.00 h	—
Sat.	23			—
Sat.	30			—

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Good afternoon Supporters—Once again we all meet at Plainmoor. Whatever the result of the match might be, rest assured, that your vocal support will be most appreciated by the lads out on the field, so give them of your utmost again today. The TOR-QUAY chant was heard very well coming from the Ellacombe end, but I would rather like to hear it from all parts of the ground, but if in case you find yourselves a little breathless, I propose to alter it a little, starting from today. So please, all of you, when I get it started take it up all around, it goes like this: the usual TOR-QUAY, then clap your hands three times. Try it out, its really catchy.

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and is always at Plainmoor for 1st and 2nd home matches. On September 18th he embarks on a different trip, this time to Canada, for a brief spell. May I, through these notes, wish him and his good lady a very good trip and an enjoyable holiday. H. N. GEGG.

JACK-POT COMPETITION

The winning numbers and prizes for the Newport County match were as follows:—1st, No 1160, prize £12 0 0d.; 2nd, No. 1480, prize £5 0 0d. The Chesterfield match winners were: 1st, No. 0940, prize £11 0 0d.; 2nd, No 12679, prize £4 14 6d. Tickets for to-day's Competition are now on sale around the ground at 6d. per ticket.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with much regret that, prior to our match at Rochdale, we heard of the death of Mr. Charles Henry Tattersall, a Director and former Chairman of that Club.

We wish to send to Rochdale Football Club Torquay United's sincere sympathy on the loss of a great and competent official, and to Mr. Tattersall's family our sincere condolences on their very sad bereavement.

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