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Saturday, 18th February

1967

**New Chairman's long association  
with the Club**

By MAURICE GOLESWORTHY

Not since Mr. Sid Thomas gave up the chairmanship of Exeter City have we had anyone in the chair who has been so closely connected with the club for as long as our new chairman, Mr. Leslie Kerslake.

This is not to say that the four gentlemen who followed Mr. Thomas were not equally enthusiastic, for, of course, they must have been to have undertaken such a difficult and worrying responsibility, and with this in mind we must take this opportunity of thanking the retiring chairman, Mr. Reg

Rose, for the tremendous amount of work and wholehearted effort he put into the task since taking over nearly six years ago. We wish him a full and speedy recovery to good health.

But, as we were saying, Mr. Kerslake takes over after more than 20 years of working behind the scenes, work which has been of untold value both in connection with the Grecians Association and the "Red and White" Club. More recently, of course, he has made a further contribution as a director of the club, and over all these years he has

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shown an earnest desire to help Exeter City improve its standing in the football world.

Even with such a man in charge of the club's affairs we do not expect miracles, but with his past record we can rest assured that any decisions he makes will be for the good of the club, being based on a very full knowledge of local conditions.

#### IMPROVED LUTON

When Luton Town visited St. James's Park just 12 weeks ago they were next to bottom in the Fourth Division and we were only one point ahead of them. Even so we felt confident of eliminating them from the F.A. Cup in that tie, if only because they had been able to secure no more than one away point in the previous three months. But, of course, they held us to a draw and put paid to our Cup hopes in the replay.

Since then both Luton and Exeter have pulled away from the re-election area, the City more so than Luton, but with all their improvement our visitors have still not managed to secure a win away from home.

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The last time Luton took two points on an opponent's ground was during last April when a solitary goal by outside-right, Graham French, earned them victory at Barrow. Since then the Town have played 22 League and Cup games away from home, drawing five and losing 17.

It is rather significant that since Mr. Alan Brown, the former Scottish International inside-forward, took over the management of Luton early in November they have not been beaten at home, and it is this improvement which has helped them to pull away from the bottom of the table. At the same time it is rather puzzling that they have not been able to show quite the same improvement in away games, although I haven't forgotten their grand display at Eastville in the second round of the Cup when they were leading Bristol Rovers 2-1 with only six minutes to play, only for the Third Division side to make a dramatic come-back and win with another two goals in the closing minutes.

Since Luton were last here their new manager has made some judicious sign-

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ings. First of all he strengthened the defence by securing the transfer of Max Dougan from Leicester City. Next he improved the goalscoring potential with the signing of Derek Kevan from Peterborough United, and more recently he obtained another goalkeeper, Ronald Swan, from Oldham Athletic.

Derek Kevan is, of course, the big name in this trio for he has made 14 appearances in the England team, and is among the small number of experienced goalscorers now playing who have passed their second century of Football League goals.

Derek made his name with West Bromwich Albion after coming into League football with Bradford, and in his best season with the Midland club he netted 34 League and Cup goals.

In March, 1963, Derek moved to Chelsea, but only five months later he was transferred to Manchester City. Since then he has had a spell with Crystal Palace before joining Peterborough last March.

Derek has now played in all four divisions of the League during 16

seasons as a professional, but he still hasn't lost his scoring touch and we shall have to keep a special eye on him this afternoon. Last Saturday he scored two goals in as many minutes to notch his side two points at Wrexham's expense.

#### FIVE SCOTS

Max Dougan is a former Scottish Amateur International whom Leicester City secured from Third Lanark, and goalkeeper, Ronald Swan, is also a Scot, having moved into the Football League from East Stirling.

Apart from Dougan and Swan Luton are likely to have at least three other Scots in their side—full-backs Bobby Thomson (ex-Liverpool) and Fred Jardine (ex-Dundee), and left-half, John Moore (ex-Motherwell).

Leading goalscorer for Luton is inside-left, Bruce Rioch. Although born at Aldershot he is a local discovery, having been brought up in Luton, and among other local lads who may be lining up against the City are wing-half, Alan Slough, and centre-forward, Gordon Riddick.

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The two wingers will probably be Graham French, for whom Swindon paid Shrewsbury a five-figure fee about three years ago, and Ray Whittaker, who first turned professional with Arsenal. Both are former England Youth Internationals.

## HERE AND THERE

Keith Harvey's bad luck in suffering another fracture, this time in his collar bone, has prompted some supporters to query when it was that he last suffered a serious injury.

The fact is that Keith has twice broken his right leg during his professional career with the City. The first occasion was in a League game at Northampton in October, 1958, a break which put him out of the team for the rest of the season.

The second occasion, when he actually broke his ankle, was not in a League game at all but in a pre-season public practice match. This was in August, 1962, and Keith did not return to the side until the Christmas of that year.

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD

Saturday, 4th February, 1967.

Football League :

Hartlepools United (Home) : Won 1—0.

Hartlepools obviously came here with the intention of holding on for a goalless draw, for they contented themselves with playing a defensive game in the first half. Even so their defence made too many mistakes and we should have profited by more than the single goal headed by Jim Ryan.

As it was the City owed their slender victory to a brilliant goalkeeping display by John Smout, for in the second half Hartlepools threw everything into the attack and kept the City penned in their own half for at least three-quarters of the time.

Team : Smout; Embery, Ley; Wilkinson, Harford, Thompson; Keeley, Elliott, Ryan, Blain, Godfrey.

Attendance : 3,702.

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Western League :  
Portland United (Away) : Lost 0—4.

In the heavy going at Portland the City's lightweight side never got to grips. The powerfully built home team revelled in the mud and scored two goals in each half.

Team : A. Trump; Smyth, Nash; Goad, Balson, Buckingham; Stuckey, Kennedy, J. Wingate, Baglow, Richardson.

Saturday, February 11th, 1967.

Football League :  
Halifax Town (Away) : Draw 0—0.

No side enjoys having a point taken away from them on their own ground and certain members of the Halifax club let it be known that they did not relish City's defensive style of play in this game. We, however, are not the only side to try and put up the shutters when playing away from home, and, of course, we were very pleased with the result,

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Team: Smout; Embrey, Ley; Wilkinson, Harford, Thompson; Stuckey, Blain, Ryan, Elliott, Smith.

Attendance: 6,175.

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Feb. 4th (16 goals; 1 winner receives £5): Mrs. M. Sharp (Cullompton).

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Southend	29	15	5	9	48	33	35
Crewe	27	13	7	7	41	34	33
Wrexham	27	9	13	5	48	32	31
Hartlepools	30	14	5	11	43	41	33
Aldershot	30	11	8	11	50	42	30
Chesterfield	28	13	5	10	39	32	31
Bradford	29	12	6	11	42	38	30
Port Vale	27	10	9	8	28	27	29
Newport	26	9	8	9	34	35	26
Halifax	28	10	7	11	38	43	27
Brentford	28	10	8	10	36	41	28
Exeter City	29	7	12	10	33	39	26
Barnsley	29	7	10	12	37	42	24
Notts County	28	8	8	12	37	47	24
Chester	29	7	9	13	34	55	23
Luton	29	9	5	15	36	52	23
Rochdale	27	7	8	12	31	42	22
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