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Man of the Moment

versus

LUTON TOWN

on

SATURDAY

1st March, 1969

at

Boundary Park

Kick-off—3-15 p.m.

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ALL SEASON long we have been naming personalities at Boundary Park who have been catching the few headlines we have made and been turning out Men of the Moment for Latics.

But now it's YOUR turn to dish out the bouquets . . . to name the player you feel deserves the largest slice of praise for a valued contribution in this very difficult season. We want to know who is the **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** in the eyes of the club followers.

This is the third year we have asked the public for nominations. Both winners from the past have since moved on to new clubs—utility player Bob Ledger, the first holder of the trophy, now being with Mansfield Town; last year's winner, goalkeeper David Best, being sold to Ipswich Town earlier this season.

The competition has had predictable outcomes. Ledger's popularity in 1966-67 season was outstanding, and when the votes were counted it was found he had polled 36% of the total with Keith Bebbington in runners-up place (20%) and Ian Towers next in the list with 11%. So it was a run-away success for Ledger, the club's play-anywhere servant, and he was duly presented with the trophy.

It was the success of this opening year of the competition that prompted Latics to ask fans for their next choice. And this resulted in an even more overwhelming success . . . for David Best, whose form between the sticks endeared him to all followers. Form which, I might add, eventually prompted First Division Ipswich to pay a substantial fee for his talents.

David received 38% support in 1967-68, and the minor placings went to Jim Bowie (19%) and Reg Blore (17%).

So who is the fans "blue-eyed boy" this season. This time it isn't such a clear-cut issue—at least, it doesn't appear to be. A season of low interest and very few satisfying results has not brought the publicity which throws names into the lime-light.

The trophy is back in the safe-keeping of secretary Bernard Halford, and the next presentation will be made at a special social evening in the Boundary Club later this season. Your chance to nominate a candidate starts today, and voting slips will appear in the next two home programmes after today's match.

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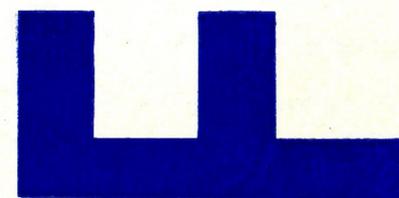
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THE BOUNDARY BULLETIN

by Paul Doherty

TELL ME, said my young correspondent, is the life of a sportswriter as glamorous as it looks? My first temptation was to blow a raspberry—I'd never considered that pounding out the keys of a typewriter for hours on end and deciphering some very unsteady shorthand notes. (I constantly forget that I've got to read the damned stuff back into English) would ever rate a glamour tag.

I felt sure I would be able to get within two adjectives of the replies some of my colleagues would deliver. For instance, Jim Williams, of the "Oldham Evening Chronicle", merits eternal sympathy from a fellow-writer for having the unenviable task of filling numerous column inches about Latics in a season when the club might prefer to be left out of the spotlight's glare rather than be reminded of the misfortunes.

Jim dutifully taps out his reports and then, no doubt, racks his imagination seeking lively angles and fresh information to keep the public informed and give some talking points to consume with their suppers.

That's never easy. There's the chance that you offend somebody forever more by saying a little more than the subject wants said; and there's just as much chance that somebody else will be upset because he never rated a mention. Is it a glamorous life, Jim?

Matt D'Arcy, who covers Oldham events for the rival "Manchester Evening News", has a more varied diet since he can spread his attentions to other clubs, like Stockport, Rochdale or Bury. Life can get quite hectic keeping a finger on the pulse in this parish, and I should imagine he can't see the glamour through the smoke from his typewriter machine.

Should my inquisitive letter-writer persist with his investigation, I can think of no better fate than to lock him in the sports office of a national Sunday newspaper at the height of the football freeze-off and let him pick up some choice comments. I was locked in one last Saturday, and the conversation could have thawed even the most stubborn pitch.

After all, something had got to fill all that back-page space. And it's got to be interesting as well as factual. There's not much glamour attached to beating-the-clock and finding the type of red-hot news that will satisfy the Sports Editor as well as the readers. They don't accept excuses in place of news.

Of course, like any job, it has its moments. I suppose Jim Williams will confess to this when Latics reach the F.A. Cup Final or win their next League championship. Well, there may not be all that long to wait, Jim.

Certainly, the form displayed by Latics in the last few weeks is something like the old revival days. Six points from four games isn't the kind of form normally associated with a team flat-out on its back and its luck, yet the Latics have shown this fighting form in taking the bonus from Hartlepool last Monday, sharing the spoils at Northampton, accounting for Crewe in a home game one month ago, and then getting a stalemate result when entertaining Reading.

While it may not be apparent at this stage, it does start to make an impression on the huge points gulf which has existed between Latics, in bottom spot in the table, and clubs like Shrewsbury Town, Gillingham and Hartlepool, immediately above them.

Events are starting to look-up on every front. The Floodlit League team showed a goal-scoring flair—something which has been absent from Boundary this season—when they defeated Crewe earlier this week.

It was encouraging to see newcomers like Colin Penrose and Jimmy Kerray, both trialist inside forwards, on the score-sheet in the 4-2 win. Both acquitted themselves in promising style and Kerray displayed a lot of the experience which he gained during his earlier playing days with Newcastle and Huddersfield.

If the next few weeks are as productive for both players, then they look to have a future assured at Latics. The next time they are put through their paces is on Monday night when

Latics have a double engagement with Stockport next week. Not only the Floodlit clash on Monday night, but the Third Division match against County on the following night at Boundary. The feature about this game, apart from the fact that it's a "derby" duel, is that it should provide one of the largest home attendances of the season. And finance is very welcome at hard-pressed times like these.

Stockport never view their Oldham fixtures with much relish. Last season, when the Cheshire club were attempting to consolidate in the Third Division following their promotion, Latics succeeded in doing the "double". And when Stockport might have considered revenge was due this term, especially after the succession of Latic's failures earlier in the season, they were forced into a goalless draw. It was the fourth away point of the season for Latics. That was in January—and next Tuesday is the Latics opportunity to keep up the hoodoo.

One final piece of news from the football front . . . arrangements are going ahead to organise a testimonial match for Billy Johnston, the inside forward who had to quit the game through injury after an ill-fated time in English football.

Billy, a popular player with Latics who won everybody's admiration for the brave way he tried to come-back from a nasty ankle injury, is hoping to have his testimonial match at the end of April. The plan is to turn out the current Latics side against a Billy Johnston Select which will include several Irish internationals. Dates and other details will be given later.

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All entry slips should be sent to : 356 Corn Exchange, Manchester 4. On the voting form there is a chance to express, in no more than 25 words, the reason why you have made your choice. To the fan who states the best reasons there will be an invitation to attend the presentation as guest of the club.

The result will be announced in April. Now the rest is up to you. And here is your first voting slip :

My choice	My reasons
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HALF-TIME SCORES

Leicester City v. Liverpool	Preston v. Middlesbrough
Chelsea v. West Bromwich Albion	Barrow v. Barnsley
Manchester City v. Tottenham H.	Bournemouth v. Hartlepool
Manchester United v. Everton	Crewe Alex. v. Plymouth Argyle
Burnley v. Notts Forest	Gillingham v. Tranmere Rov.
Leeds United v. Southampton	Rotherham Utd. v. Orient
Sheffield Wednesday v. Arsenal	Swindon Town v. Northampton
Sunderland v. Stoke City	Walsall v. Shrewsbury Town
West Ham Utd. v. Newcastle Utd.	Watford v. Bristol Rov
Wolves v. Ipswich Town	Bradford City v. Doncaster Rov.
Aston Villa v. Sheffield United	Darlington v. Workington
Bolton W. v. Oxford United	Exeter City v. Peterborough Utd.
Bristol City v. Fulham	Halifax Town v. Southend Utd.
Carlisle United v. Bury	Notts County v. Lincoln City
Crystal Palace v. Cardiff City	Port Vale v. Chesterfield
Derby County v. Blackburn Rov.	Scunthorpe Utd. v. Rochdale
Hull City v. Blackpool	Swansea Town v. Bradford
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Black and White

- 1 Sandy Davie
- 2 Max Dougan
- 3 Jack Bannister
- 4 Alan Slough
- 5 Terry Branston
- 6 John Moore
- 7 Graham French
- 8 Mike Keen
- 9 ~~Keith Allen~~ SHEFFIELD
- 10 ~~Brian Lewis~~ ALLEN
- 11 Freddie Jardine
- 12 ~~Lawrie Sheffield~~ LEWIS

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Tues. 4th March **ATHLETIC v STOCKPORT** Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Sat. 15th March **ATHLETIC v BRIGHTON** kick-off 3-15p.m.

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PEN PICTURES—LUTON TOWN A.F.C.

SANDY DAVEY (Goalkeeper)—Was born at Broughty Ferry in Dundee and whilst with United gained an under-23 International Cap. He joined Luton Town in October 1968 and has been playing in the first team ever since.

MAX DOUGAN (Right Back)—First signing made by Allan Brown shortly after he re-joined the club. The fee of about £7,000 changed hands with this ex-Scottish Amateur International when he signed for Luton from Leicester City. His caps having been obtained with Queens Park. With the arrival of Terry Branston, the idea was to convert Dougan into a right half, but he finally strolled in at right back, where he was a regular for the greater part of last season.

JACK BANNISTER—Born at Chesterfield. Transferred from Crystal Palace in October 1968 for a fee of £9,000. Position Left Back.

ALAN SLOUGH (Right Half)—Is a true local product, because he was an amateur and apprentice with the Town before signing as a full time player. In his early days he was a full back and could conceivably still be required for this position. Plays extremely well in either wing half berth.

TERRY BRANSTON (Centre Half)—For him last season was a personal triumph because not only was he a member of the promotion team for the fourth time during his career, but he fulfilled his ambition of making a full quota of League appearances. Born at Rugby where he still lives. Branston spent nine seasons with Northampton Town, accompanying them in their rise from the Fourth Division to the First Division.

JOHN MOORE—In the opinion of many people was the most important player on the books as he fell neatly into the task of being a member of the back four. This is his fourth season with the Town, who stepped in immediately when they heard that Motherwell had given him a free transfer.

GRAHAM FRENCH (Outside Right)—Born at Wolverhampton, he has previously played for Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington. Before he joined Luton in October 1965. Has several Youth International Caps for England.

MIKE KEEN (Inside Right)—A native of High Wickham. He came into the game with Q.P.R. whom he served for ten years, accompanying them to Wembley in the Football League Cup Final in 1967. When Alex Stock became manager of Luton he made Mike his first signing.

KEITH ALLEN (Centre Forward)—Signed from Stockport County in exchange for Derek Kevan and has previously had spells with Portsmouth and Grimsby Town. He has been playing in the forward line for most of this season.

BRIAN LEWIS (Centre Forward)—Started this season at inside right, where he has considerable experience at Portsmouth and Coventry. Born at Woking. Signed from Coventry City in July 1968.

FREDDIE JARDINE (Outside Left)—Was given a free transfer by Dundee and it was after showing his paces in practice matches that he was finally converted into a highly useful defender. Now has true necessity, played a couple of matches on the left wing.

LAURIE SHEFFIELD—Joined Luton Town from Oldham Athletic in 1968. He plays in any forward position.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	HOME							AWAY					Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.		
Swindon Town	31	12	3	0	26	4	7	4	5	25	19	45	
Watford	29	9	4	2	21	6	8	3	3	26	11	41	
Plymouth Argyle	31	9	5	3	26	16	6	2	6	11	14	37	
Bournemouth	29	13	0	3	31	10	3	4	6	15	18	36	
Luton Town	28	12	1	0	33	8	3	3	9	9	18	34	
Stockport County	28	10	3	2	39	18	2	7	4	9	17	34	
Torquay United	31	10	2	4	25	10	4	4	7	14	20	34	
Tranmere Rovers	30	8	1	7	23	23	6	2	6	20	22	31	
Brighton	33	8	4	3	32	14	3	5	10	18	34	31	
Reading	29	10	0	3	26	10	1	8	7	19	23	30	
Northampton Town	30	6	7	4	25	21	4	3	6	10	13	30	
Bristol Rovers	28	8	3	3	27	18	3	3	8	17	27	28	
Barrow	29	7	4	4	22	20	4	2	8	18	30	28	
Barnsley	29	7	5	2	21	12	2	4	9	10	32	27	
Walsall	31	6	6	2	22	10	2	5	10	9	23	27	
Southport	27	9	3	1	32	13	2	1	11	13	30	26	
Rotherham United	30	7	3	4	19	12	2	5	9	13	21	26	
Orient	28	6	6	2	19	12	2	4	8	13	27	26	
Mansfield Town	27	7	4	2	20	9	1	4	9	13	24	24	
Crewe Alexandra	28	8	2	5	26	20	1	4	8	10	28	24	
Hartlepool United	31	3	8	5	17	27	3	4	8	11	20	24	
Gillingham	29	6	5	3	26	15	2	1	12	11	32	22	
Shrewsbury Town	27	6	4	3	13	9	1	2	11	10	31	20	
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Aitken	1	9		
Bowie	16	2	7	2
Bebbington	29	7	3	3
Blore	30	3	5	2
Blair	14		8	1
Best	13		1	2
Chapman	32	3	3	2
Cunliffe			6	
Cook			8	
Crumblehulme			6	
Doyle	21		9	1
Down	10	1	2	2
Frizzell	14		4	1
Fitton			7	2
Henry			6	2
Hoolickin			6	
Hunter	26		4	2
Johnston	4		1	
Joyce	23	2	7	2
Lawson	29		1	2
Makin			11	
Magee	8		10	5
Molyneux	7		8	2
McAuley			4	
Philpott	9	1	7	2
Robins			8	2
Smith			9	1
Wood	28		6	2
Duff			3	
Parry			1	
Sweeney			1	
Holt			1	
Crimes			1	
Spence	9	7		
Gordine	12			
Colquhoun	14			

Subs. League Games: Bowie 5, Blair 2, Doyle 1, Frizzell 5, Hunter 1, Joyce 6, Makin 1, Magee 5, Philpott 3, Smith 1.

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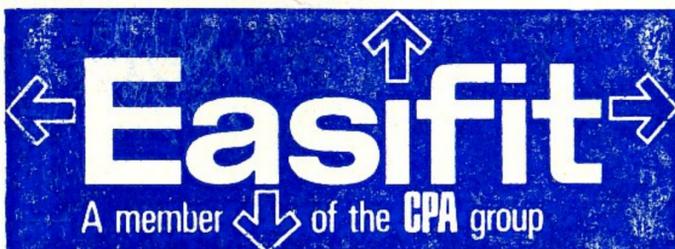
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