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BELLE VUE  
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Official Programme

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**FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE  
DIV. III**

**SATURDAY  
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## LAWRIE McMENEMY WRITES...

At the moment of writing we are second in the League and its a great feeling. Possibly after all the other midweek games we will kick off against Luton in about fourth or fifth position with Luton, of course, top of the table. So the scene is set for a real top of the table match which is virtually worth four points to the winners.

Spirits in the Belle Vue Dressing room are as high as ever and Supporters can rest assured that every player will be giving every ounce of effort to achieve the win that could well put us into second position.

Our message to all other Clubs will then be — we are in the top two and we intend to stay there.

Once again our Supporters gave us terrific encouragement at Fulham and Mansfield and the lads and I are very grateful. However, if ever we wanted to hear the "choir" and shouts of "C'mon the Rovers" it's today — so let's hear you — it's amazing how important it is to the team to hear their own crowd urging them on — especially when they have a hard fight on their hands.

Remember your vocal encouragement can lift the team's performance and also on this occasion their position in the League. I'm sure you will not let the lads down and that they will give you plenty to shout about.

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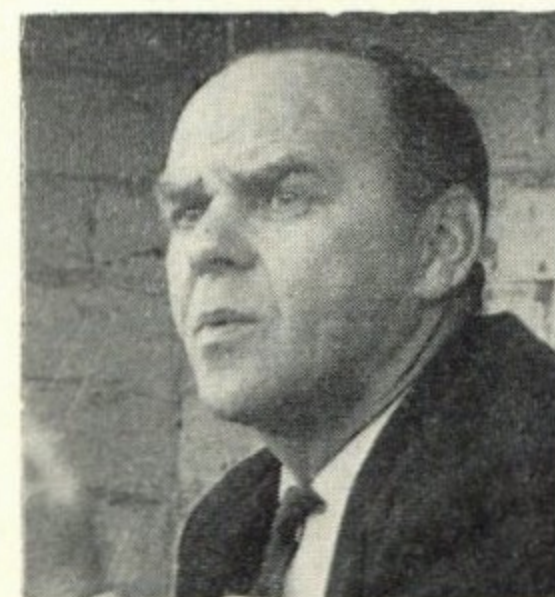
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The Rovers physiotherapist is perhaps better known to our supporters as Trainer of the Reserve side, but now he is devoting most of his time to the job of getting injured players fit again as quickly as possible. Bill is a Goldthorpe-born man and not only did he play for his school but for three years played for



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the Dearne Valley Boys, as well as a final trialist with Yorkshire Boys. On leaving school he worked at a colliery and joined Frickley Colliery Athletic, then in the Midland League, when 17. He later played for South Kirkby Colliery (Yorkshire League) and then went on to Oakwell, where he played in their Central League team. About to join Grimsby Town on the outbreak of war, he was called up for the K.O.Y.L.I., and was soon in France, where he played for the British Army v. French Army. Taken prisoner in Italy, he was a prisoner of war for five years but was selected from several large camps to play for England v. The Rest of the World. After his return home he played for Barnborough Main and then joined Rotherham United in charge of their juniors. Later again he was appointed Manager of Denaby United and six years ago joined the Rovers staff. A schoolboy boxing champion of Yorkshire, Bill has little recreation time but is a "Do it yourself" expert, with emphasis on woodworking.

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	Home					Away					Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A	
Luton Town	13	4	3	0	15	5	—	5	1	0	13	3	22
Barnsley	13	6	0	1	13	6	—	3	2	1	9	6	20
<b>DONCASTER ROVERS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	—	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>
Orient	13	4	2	0	9	4	—	2	4	1	10	7	18
Bradford City	12	5	1	0	12	2	—	2	2	2	7	7	17
Torquay United	13	5	1	1	17	6	—	2	2	2	6	6	17
Rochdale	13	4	1	2	14	10	—	3	2	1	13	8	17
Bristol Rovers	13	4	2	0	17	9	—	2	2	3	9	9	16
Brighton and Hove Albion	13	4	2	1	11	6	—	2	1	3	4	6	15
Fulham	12	4	2	0	13	8	—	2	0	4	16	11	14
Halifax Town	13	3	3	1	6	10	—	1	2	3	2	5	13
Plymouth Argyle	13	3	1	2	6	5	—	2	1	4	9	13	12
Mansfield Town	13	3	2	2	7	6	—	1	2	3	3	6	12
Tranmere Rovers	13	4	1	2	16	10	—	1	1	4	6	12	12
Southport	12	2	3	1	5	4	—	2	0	4	8	12	11
Reading	12	3	1	2	9	10	—	1	2	3	9	13	11
Shrewsbury Town	13	2	3	1	3	2	—	1	2	4	9	16	11
Bury	12	4	0	2	7	5	—	0	2	4	9	16	10
Walsall	12	2	1	3	7	9	—	1	3	2	4	8	10
Rotherham United	12	1	2	4	9	12	—	2	0	3	6	7	8
Bournemouth & Boscombe Ath.	12	1	2	3	5	9	—	1	2	4	6	9	8
Gillingham	12	1	1	4	7	14	—	1	0	5	5	10	5
Stockport County	13	1	1	3	4	8	—	0	1	7	1	15	4
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## OUR VISITORS

Welcome to Luton Town and their supporters this afternoon. It is just over two years ago since the teams met at Belle Vue—on October 3rd, 1967—and then the Rovers won 2-0, our scorers being Bobby Gilfillan and Graham Watson. At present the Town is going all out for a return to Division II and have a fine record to date. In fact, their away games have yielded two points each at Bournemouth, Gillingham, Plymouth, Southport, and Walsall, and one at Valley Parade, Bradford. Recent acquisitions to the team are Chris Nichol, the former Halifax Town pivot, and Matt Tees, the former Grimsby Town and Charlton Athletic leader. Laurie Sheffield, the former Rover, is also a member of the Town staff.

Formed in 1885, it was a fusion of Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior. Known as "The Hatters" in those days, it is possibly as the result of straw 'boaters' being then manufactured in the town. They were the first professional club in the South of England. Here is a potted history from then on:-

- 1895-96 Members of the Southern League; runners-up in their first season.
- 1897-98 Elected to the Second Division, Football League, in place of Burton Wanderers.
- 1899-1900 Lost place in Second Division to Stockport County. Re-joined Southern League.
- 1920-21 Members of the newly-formed Third Division (South).
- 1935-36 Runners-up in Third Division (Southern Section) to Coventry City.
- 1936-37 Champions of the Third Division (South) with 58 points. Promoted to Second Division.
- 1954-55 Runners-up to Birmingham City in Division II, City winning championship on goal average. Promoted to First Division.
- 1958-59 Losing Finalist in F.A. Cup Final to Nottingham Forest.
- 1959-60 Relegated to Division II
- 1962-63 Relegated to Division III
- 1964-65 Relegated to Fourth Division.
- 1967 Champions of the Fourth Division with 66 points. Promoted to Division III.

Their Kenilworth Road Ground is a fine one, the record attendance there being in March, 1959, when Blackpool were F.A.Cup visitors and 30,069 witnessed the tie. **The following are pen pictures of their players:**

**DAVIE, Sandy (Goal).** Signed last season from Dundee United and made 27 consecutive appearances for Luton. Former Scottish Under-23 International.

**SLOUGH, Alan (Left Half)** This 21 year old is Luton's most valuable asset. Worried by rumours that he might be transferred he asked for a long term contract and has now signed for six years.

**JARDINE, Freddie (Right Back).** Luton's longest serving player now in his ninth season.

**COLLINS, John (Outside Right).** Previously with Reading.

**BANNISTER, Jack (Left Back).** Signed last October from Crystal Palace. Vastly experienced, he played over 100 League games for Palace and saw service with West Bromwich Albion and Scunthorpe United.

**ALLEN, Keith (Inside Right).** Has filled a variety of positions for Luton, and is equally at home either as a midfield link or a striker. Previously with Portsmouth, Stockport County and Grimsby Town.

**KEEN, Mike (Right Half).** An £18,000 signing from Q.P.R. where he spent ten seasons. More than that, he captained them in their rise from Division Three to Division One and did not miss a match in the process.

**TEES, Matt (Centre Forward).** Signed during the current season from Charlton Athletic, previously with Grimsby Town.

**NICHOL, Chris (Centre Half).** Signed from Halifax Town during the current season. Large fee involved. Previously with Witton Albion and Burnley.

**MACDONALD, Malcolm (Inside Left).** A former Fulham player.

**FRENCH, Graham (Outside Left).** Signed from Wellington Town for £5,000. Previously with Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town and Watford.



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	BRIGGS* 9	USHER 11
	REGAN 8	JOHNSON 10

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LEFT	TEES 9	RIGHT
	NICHOL 5	
	ALLEN 8	MACDONALD 8
FRENCH 11	DAVIE 1	COLLINS 7
	SLOUGH 6	KEEN 4
	BANNISTER 3	JARDINE 2
	ALLEN 10	

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### NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	8	7	1	0	24	6	15
Leeds United	8	6	1	1	21	5	13
Barnsley	8	6	1	1	22	12	13
Chesterfield	8	4	3	1	15	6	11
Newcastle United	8	3	3	2	11	7	9
Sunderland	8	4	1	3	15	12	9
Hull City	8	4	1	3	13	14	9
Sheffield Wed.	8	4	1	3	11	13	9
Huddersfield Town	8	3	1	4	19	15	7
York City	8	3	1	4	15	16	7
Wolves	8	2	3	3	8	12	7
Bradford P.A.	8	3	1	4	12	18	7
Scunthorpe United	8	2	3	3	5	15	7
Rotherham United	8	1	3	4	8	13	5
Sheffield United	8	2	1	5	9	17	5
Bradford City	8	1	2	5	6	10	4
Doncaster Rovers	8	1	2	5	5	13	4
Grimsby Town	7	1	1	5	6	15	3

### NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League table up to and including  
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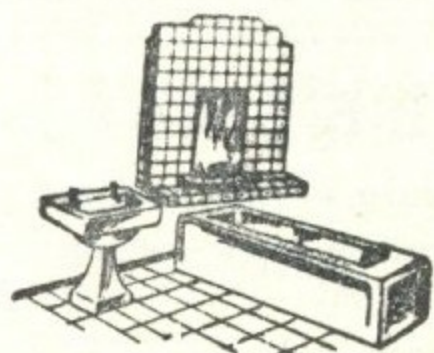
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln City	6	6	0	0	10	1	12
Notts County	6	4	1	1	15	8	9
Rotherham Utd.	7	4	1	2	13	8	9
Mansfield Tn.	5	4	0	1	15	1	8
Middlesbrough	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Doncaster R.	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Hull City	4	2	2	0	10	4	6
Barnsley	6	3	0	3	10	10	6
Chesterfield	6	3	0	3	9	10	6
York City	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
Scunthorpe U.	7	2	1	4	10	14	5
Bradford City	6	1	1	4	6	9	3
Grimsby Town	6	1	1	4	4	12	3
Bradford P.A.	7	1	1	5	5	19	3
Halifax Town	6	0	1	5	5	13	1

## PLAYERS APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
	League	Cup	League	Cup
	A	G	A	G
BARRATT, ROGER			7	2
*BATES, JOHN			1	
BIRD, JOHN	5		4	
BRIGGS, STEPHEN	7	1	2	1
*BROOKES, STAN			7	
*CHAMBERS, GARY			6	
CLARKE, DAVID	3		1	1
CLISH, COLIN	3			
*FINCH, RICHARD				
FLOWERS, JOHN	13		2	
GILFILLAN, ROBERT	2		6	
GRAY, STUART	10		2	
HASELDEN, JOHN	8		3	
JOHNSON, RODNEY	10	1	2	
*MACHIN, ALLEN			2	1
MARSDEN, ANTHONY	4	1	6	3
OGSTON, JOHN	10		2	
RABJOHN, CHRIS	5		4	1
REGAN, JOHN	13	6	2	
ROBERTSON, STUART	13		2	2
*SIMM, GEORGE			2	
*STRAW, WILLIE			6	
USHER, BRIAN	13	2	2	
WALSH, GARY			7	
WATSON, GRAHAM	11	3	2	1
WILCOCKSON, HAROLD	13	1	2	
AMATEURS			18	5
Opponents (Own Goals)				

### LEAGUE TEAM SUBSTITUTES:

Rabjohn 4, Watson 2, Marsden 1 (Cup), Gray 1, Briggs 1  
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Date	Opponents	Venue	F. A. Pts.	Date	Opponents	Venue	F. A. Pts.
<b>1969</b>							
<b>August —</b>							
9	Sheffield Wed.	H	1-2 0				
16	Sheffield Utd.	A	0-0 1				
23	Newcastle Utd.	H	0-4 0				
30	Hull City	A	0-1 0				
<b>September —</b>							
6	Huddersfield Town	H	0-2 0				
13	Rotherham Utd.	A	1-1 1				
18	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	1-2 0				
27	Sunderland	A	2-1 2				
<b>October —</b>							
4	Bradford	H	1-2 0				
11	Wolverhampton W.	A					
18	Chall. Cup (Rd. 1)						
	Scunthorpe Utd.	H					
25	Grimsby Town	A					
<b>November —</b>							
1	Bradford City	H					
8	Chall. Cup (Rd. 2)						
15	Chesterfield	H					
22	Leeds United	A					
29	Barnsley	H					
<b>December —</b>							
6	Sheffield Wed.	A					
13	Sheffield Utd.	H					
<b>1970</b>							
<b>January —</b>							
3	Middlesbrough	H					
10	Scunthorpe Utd.	A					
17	Sunderland	H					
24	Bradford	A					
31	Grimsby Town	H					
<b>February —</b>							
7	York City	A					
21	Leeds United	H					
28	Bradford City	A					
<b>March —</b>							
7	Wolverhampton W.	H					
14	Middlesbrough	A					
21	York City	H					
28	Chesterfield	A					
<b>April —</b>							
4	Barnsley	A					
18	Rotherham Utd.	H					

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Date	Opponents	Venue	F. A. Pts.	Att.
<b>1969</b>				
<b>August —</b>				
9	Torquay United	A	1-2 0	9,433
16	Mansfield Town	H	2-0 2	10,960
23	Rotherham Utd.	A	1-0 2	13,801
27	Shrewsbury T.	A	0-0 1	4,912
30	Barnsley	H	1-0 2	16,671
<b>September —</b>				
6	Reading	A	0-1 0	6,489
13	Tranmere Rovers	H	2-1 2	9,977
16	Bury	H	1-1 1	10,677
20	Halifax Town	A	1-1 1	5,875
27	Southport	H	1-0 2	10,042
30	Brighton & Hove	H	2-0 2	10,779
<b>October —</b>				
4	Fulham	A	1-1 1	13,535
6	Mansfield Town	A	2-1 2	9,454
11	Luton Town	H		
18	Orient	A		
24	Stockport County	H		
31	Walsall	A		
<b>November —</b>				
8	Bristol Rovers	H		
21	Plymouth Argyle	H		
26	Bournemouth & B.	A		
29	Gillingham	A		
<b>December —</b>				
13	Tranmere Rovers	A		
20	Reading	H		
26	Rotherham U (3.0)	H		
27	Barnsley	A		
<b>1970</b>				
<b>January —</b>				
3	Brighton & H.	A		
10	Halifax Town	H		
17	Southport	A		
23	Rochdale	H		
31	Fulham	H		
<b>February —</b>				
7	Luton Town	A		
14	Torquay Utd.	H		
21	Stockport County	A		
28	Walsall	H		
<b>March —</b>				
3	Bradford City	H		
7	Plymouth Argyle	A		
9	Barrow	A		
14	Gillingham	H		
16	Rochdale	A		
21	Bradford City	A		
28	Barrow (6-30)	H		
30	Orient (3-0)	H		
31	Bristol Rovers	A		
<b>April —</b>				
4	Shrewsbury Town	H		
7	Bournemouth & B.	H		
11	F.A. CUP FINAL			
14	Bury	A		

Kick-off Times: Saturdays - 3 p.m.  
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	F. A. Pts.	Att.
<b>First Round</b>				
<b>August —</b>				
13	Grimsby Town	A	2-0	6,243
<b>September —</b>				
3	Blackburn R.	A	2-4	10,024

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NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	F. A. Pts.	Att.
<b>1969</b>				
<b>August —</b>				
12	York City	H	4-2 2	380
20	Bradford City	A	3-0 2	
26	Rotherham Utd.	H	0-2 0	655
<b>September —</b>				
2	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	2-0 2	
20	Hull City	A	3-3 1	
24	Lincoln City	A	0-1 0	
<b>October —</b>				
1	Mansfield Town	A	0-4 0	
7	Bradford P.A.	H	2-2 1	415
14	Halifax Town	H		
21	Mansfield Town	H		
<b>(League Cup)</b>				
<b>November —</b>				
5	Grimsby Town	A		
11	Notts County	H		
18	Middlesbrough	A		
25	Barnsley	H		
<b>December —</b>				
3	Chesterfield	A		
10	Notts County	A		
16	Bradford City	H		
30	Middlesbrough	H		
<b>1970</b>				
<b>January —</b>				
7	York City	A		
13	Chesterfield	H		
21	Barnsley	A		
27	Hull City	H		
<b>February —</b>				
3	Scunthorpe Utd.	H		
10	Rotherham Utd.	A		
18	Halifax Town	A		
24	Grimsby Town	H		
<b>March —</b>				
10	Lincoln City	H		
17	Mansfield Town	H		
25	Bradford P.A.	A		

F.A. CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue
<b>November —</b>		
15		

SHEFFIELD COUNTY CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue
	Sheffield Utd. (F)	A

F.A. YOUTH CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue

FRIENDLIES

Date	Opponents	Venue
<b>October —</b>		
28	Dallas Tornados	H



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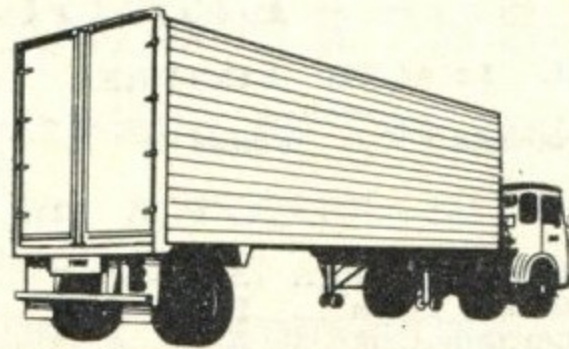
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- M—Orient v. Reading
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