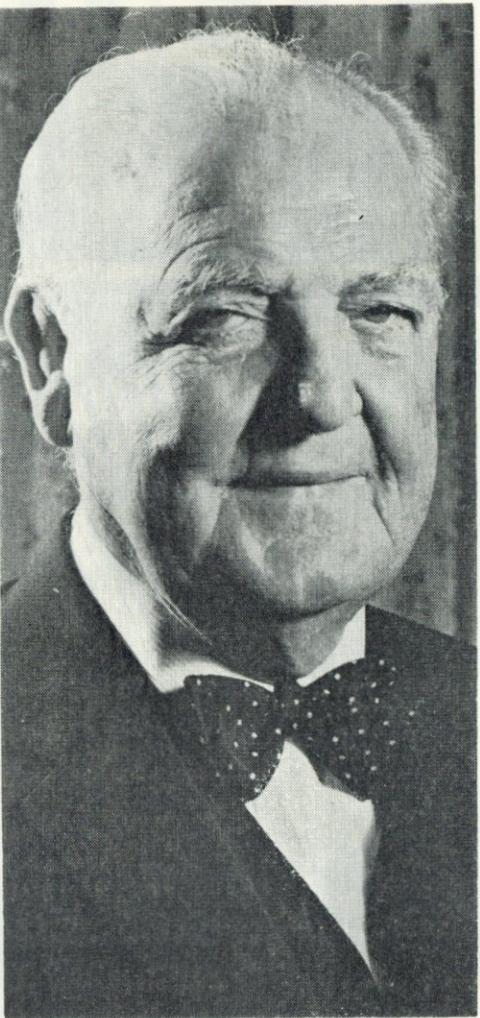


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OBE honour for Blues' Vice-Chairman

We are sure that everyone will join us in offering sincere congratulations to Mr David F. Wiseman (pictured left), who has received the O.B.E. for his long and valuable work for football to which he has given so much of his time and efforts over the last 42 years.

Football supporters the length and breadth of the country have come to know Mr Wiseman's voice for, in his capacity as Chairman of the FA Cup Committee, a position he held for 14 years until his recent retirement, he has broadcast the FA Cup draw for many years.

Though he still serves on the Committee, as well as sitting on the Football League Management Committee which he has assisted for 22 years, Mr Wiseman no longer occupies the Chair. "I thought the time had come to give a younger man the opportunity to come forward," he said recently.

Mr Wiseman first became a director of Birmingham City in 1928 and for the past 25 years has been Vice-Chairman of the club. A man who loves the game and his club, Mr Wiseman was 85 years young on 15th August but his interest in football stays as keen as ever.

So we offer double congratulations to you, Mr Wiseman, both on receiving your thoroughly deserved Honour and for your recent birthday.

Retirement of Dr. Gregory

As you may have noticed, Dr D. H. Ellis has been appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the club in succession to Dr E. Gregory. We would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to Dr Gregory for all he has done for the club since he first became associated with us some 35 years ago.

Dr Gregory began his duties at St Andrew's in September 1935 and became the club's official medical officer in 1940. A shareholder in the company, Dr Gregory still comes regularly to matches and rates the Blues v Sunderland Cup Semi-Final of 1956 the best match he has ever seen. Hundreds of players have felt the power of 'Doc's' needle as he dispensed his duties with a quiet efficiency and a warm humour. From all of us at St Andrew's, Doctor, many thanks and best wishes in your retirement.

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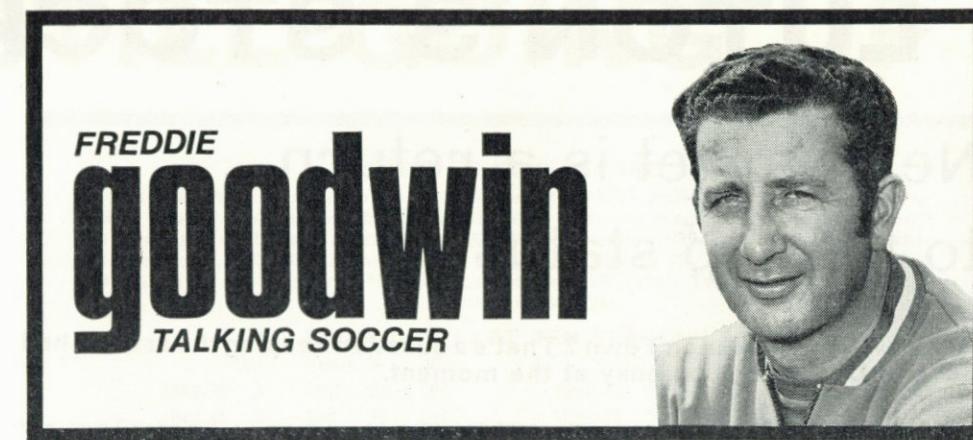
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I was pleased to see that my former club, Leeds United, have made a good start to the season, thus silencing those who were only too ready to write them off. For me, there is no logic whatsoever in denigrating a fine side like Leeds for anyone who knows anything about the game has every respect for them.

They are just a very good side with great competitive spirit who are capable of reproducing their form game after game. Obviously, they are great professionals with quite the healthiest attitude to matches I have come across.

This consistency is by far the most difficult thing for a team to acquire. When a club has tasted success, there is a danger for players to relax a bit, especially when they have been involved in a lot of tension. But not Leeds—they play every match as it comes and are only concerned with winning.

If you approach each game in this manner, then clearly you are going to be involved in whatever competition you have entered. The results will look after themselves and suddenly you find yourself in with a chance for one or more honours. This is all very well if you have the resources and Leeds, with their fine youth policy, clearly do have these players.

BUT I MUST SAY THAT I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE YOUNGSTERS WE HAVE HERE AT ST. ANDREW'S. I THINK THIS PART OF THE CLUB IS IN AN EXCELLENT STATE—AND THIS IS ALWAYS A SIGN THAT A CLUB IS IN A HEALTHY CONDITION.

I am not saying that we have a load of young players ready to step into the first team, for, in all truth, there is a bit of a gulf between the most promising youngsters and League football as yet. But it is our job now to see that these lads get every assistance and encouragement to come through to knock on the first-team door.

★ You may have noticed that our first-team players now have their initials on their shorts. This step—a popular one with the lads, I might add—was taken purely to give the side more individuality. Our shirts now bear the initials of the club so we thought it logical—and unusual—for the first-team members to have theirs on their shorts. As far as I know, no other club in the country has done this, but I reckon quite a few might start in the near future.

My path crossed with that of Luton twice last season and I am sure that our visitors this afternoon will give us a hard game. But a side must expect to win its home games and any other result this afternoon will be a disappointment to us all.

LUTON'S STOCK STILL GOING UP

Next target is a return to the top status

Just how good are Luton Town? That's a question keeping the established Second Division clubs busy at the moment.

Will The Hatters follow the example of the 1969 Third Division runners-up, Swindon Town, and go for promotion to the top section at the first attempt? Or will they struggle to consolidate like Swindon's promotion partners, Watford?

The link between Watford and Swindon is very important in any investigation on Luton's prospects. For the Bedfordshire club were Division III pacemakers with the elevated pair two seasons ago and finished third, only three points away from the leaders' handsome 64-point return.

After that disappointment, ambitious Luton sold their top-rated player—£100,000 Bruce Rioch—to Villa but still revealed a promotion 'hand' last season when they led the way early on but had to be content to go up as runners-up to Jimmy Bloomfield's Orient. The gamble of selling a bright, young forward like Rioch was not one lightly taken by a club thriving on the business acumen of millionaire chairman Mr Tony Hunt and ever-aware manager Alec Stock. It was a calculated risk, and not a generally popular one with Kenilworth Road patrons.

But the wisdom of the deal was clear for all to congratulate when Mr Stock produced former Fulham striker Malcolm Macdonald to top last season's goal-charts with 25. No bad for a young man who was only 20 at the start of the promotion season. But perhaps not surprising for the more keen-eyed St. Andrew's observers who may remember young Macdonald scoring in that 5-4 frolic against Fulham in 1968. That was in the midst of a scoring sequence of five goals in six games for the Londoners.

Manager Stock has been full of transfer surprises in his two years at Luton. Backed by the urgent desire for success from his young Chairman, Mr Stock has been a regular dealer—pulling two major coups this summer in capturing no fewer than four Manchester United players in a £35,000 package deal and paying a similar fee for Arsenal midfield man David Court.



LUTON TOWN F.C. 1970/71 . . . Back Row (L-R): Bannister, Court, Ryan, Nicholl, Starling, Read, Branston, Moore, Jardine, Slough. Front Row (L-R): Hoy, Collins, Tees, Givens, Macdonald, Phillips, Busby, French, Keen (on ball)

LUTON TOWN'S RECORD
Founded: 1885. Elected to League Division II, 1897. Failed to gain re-election, 1900. Re-entered League Division III, 1920. Ground: Kenilworth Road, Luton, Bedfordshire. Record attendance: 30,000, v Arsenal, 1952. Division III (South) Champions, 1936-37; Runners-up, 1935-36. Division III Runners-up 1969-70. Division IV Champions, 1967-68. Runners-up Division Two, 1954-55. FA Cup runners-up, 1958-59.

RECORD IN LAST TEN SEASONS

Div	Posn	W	Pts	Div	Posn	W	Pts		
1969-70	3	2nd	23	60	1964-65	3	21st	11	33
1968-69	3	3rd	25	61	1963-64	3	18th	16	42
1967-68	4	1st	27	66	1962-63	2	22nd	11	29
1966-67	4	17th	16	41	1961-62	2	13th	17	39
1965-66	4	6th	24	56	1960-61	2	13th	15	39

Mr Stock set a unique record when Town were promoted last year. He is said to be the only manager to have steered three different clubs to promotion—starting with Orient in 1956, following up with QPR (going up from Division III in 1967 and from Division II a year later), and completing the hat-trick with Luton.

But it was a heart-stopping period for Mr Stock after Christmas last season. Luton looked runaway certainties at the half-way mark, but a string of nervy performances, generally costing points in the last few minutes, almost wrecked the club's dreams.

A week before Christmas they led the table by three points, but by 8th March they had slipped back to fourth, trailing Freddie Goodwin's Brighton by three points, although still holding three 'spare' games. Then Mr Stock steadied the ship and Luton came pounding through to rob Mr Goodwin of a promotion prize, clinching their ticket with a goal-less draw at Mansfield.

It was also a highly satisfying personal moment for Alec Stock, one of soccer's most-travelled managers who early in the 1968-69 season lost his QPR job only months after leading them to their highest position ever. On taking Luton up, he said "I AM MORE HAPPY THAN I'VE BEEN. LUTON DESERVE PROMOTION. THEY ARE AMBITIOUS AND EVERYONE IN THE TOWN HAS BECOME FOOTBALL DAFT."

Above anyone, the man responsible for this infectious enthusiasm is Mr Hunt, the chairman who is the head of one of the country's giant insurance companies. He is a devoted sports-lover—a member of the MCC, having sponsored a cricket competition in Australia, a boxing lover who donated £500 to the Bedfordshire Sporting Club to promote a heavyweight competition.

Mr Hunt's desire is to get Luton back to the First Division status they lost only a year after appearing in the 1959 Cup Final. He was one of the first administrators to realise the value of off-the-field income. Luton have a Hatters' Club which is available for dinners and dances, hoping it will earn them at least £15,000 a year.

Typical of the Chairman's generosity, and enterprise, was his purchase of a Town Centre shopping site which was given to the club rent-free for ten years. It is used as a Sports and Souvenirs Shop with all the profits devoted to the Town's soccer team.

But Luton would be the last club to put the 'gloss' before the football and, in the practical art of finding young talent, they are unearthing some great prospects. Goalkeeper Alan Starling and forward Viv Busby were 'unknowns' until last Spring, but they're now established and looking great assets for the future. YES THE SECOND DIVISION LOOKS WITH INTEREST AT LUTON TOWN—AND ARE NOT KIDDED BY THE OPENING DAY DEFEAT AT BOLTON!



JOHN COLLINS

Close-up on the Luton squad

ALAN STARLING (Goalkeeper): Former youth star who fought his way into the first team late last season at the age of 18, and showed brilliant form. In his sixth match, he was carried off with a knee injury that necessitated a cartilage operation. A six-footer he was born in Dagenham.

TONY READ (Goalkeeper): At one time last season, he found it difficult to get a game in his correct position and had some outings in the Reserves at inside-forward. When Starling was injured, Read was preferred to the former Scottish Under-23 International Sandy Davie, now with Southampton. Born at Haydock, Read was previously with Sheffield Wednesday and Peterborough United.

JOHN RYAN (Right Back): A bargain twelve months ago when allowed to go free by Fulham. He began last season in the Luton side, lost his place temporarily, but fought his way back to make 36 League appearances. Was born at Maidstone and had spells with Tonbridge and Arsenal.

JACK BANNISTER (Left Back): Cost a fee of £8,000 from Crystal Palace about two years ago. Settled in the back four where he is neat and effective and missed only six games last season. Born at Chesterfield, he had spells with Scunthorpe United and West Bromwich before going to the Palace.

FREDDIE JARDINE (Left Back): Luton's longest serving player who joined the club on a free transfer as an outside left from Dundee. It was by accident during a private trial, that he showed that he could be valuable as a defender.

PETER WOODS (Left Back): Went to Kenilworth Road along with three other Manchester United players in a package deal of £35,000. A regular member of United's Central League side. Is still in his teens.

DAVID COURT (pictured right), was Luton's most expensive signing when he cost £35,000 from Arsenal during the summer. Manager Stock first began negotiations before last season's deadline, only to see them break down. Court, who is 26, has spent all his playing career at Highbury and made 55 First Division appearances in the last two seasons. Luton see in him the strong midfield player to complete their side for the Second Division.



MIKE KEEN (Wing Half): The club captain who had 10 years with QPR, some of them under the present Luton manager, Alec Stock. Cost Luton a fee of £18,500. During his spell with the Rangers he led them into the First Division and was skipper when they won the League Cup. Was born at High Wycombe.

ROGER HOY (Wing Half): Signed this summer for £20,000 from Crystal Palace and the details of the transfer were ironed out when both clubs were on tour in Southern Spain during May. Began career with Tottenham.

ALAN SLOUGH (Wing Half): Is probably Luton's most valuable young asset. Missed only one match in the promotion drive last season. Can play equally well in midfield or as sweeper.

CHRIS NICHOLL (Centre Half): After this 22-year-old 6 ft. 2 ins. tall player had been instrumental in Halifax gaining a draw at Kenilworth Road last season, Luton went in with a big bid and, next day, the deal was completed at £30,000. Nicholl had had barely a season in League football, having gone to The Shay from the Cheshire League side, Witton Albion. At one time, he had a trial with Burnley, but was turned down.

TERRY BRANSTON (Centre Half): Beginning his fourth season with Luton whom he has helped to two promotion successes in three years. Before that, during nine years with Northampton Town he had a part in their promotion from Division IV to Division I. Was born in Rugby.

KEN GOODEVE (Centre-half): Second of the quartet of players secured from Manchester United, he stands nearly six feet and comes with a big reputation built up in Central League football. Manchester born, he went to Old Trafford as a youth.

JOHN MOORE (Defender): Has had five years with Luton whom he joined when Motherwell unexpectedly gave him a free transfer. Is nearing the 200 mark in League appearances for Luton, 22 of them last season.

JIMMY RYAN (Outside Right): Cost the greater part of the £35,000 which Luton paid for the Manchester United signings. Was most impressive when he played in all four matches for his new club during their tour of Spain. A Scot from Stirling.

VIV BUSBY (Inside Right): Made a quite remarkable impact when he was brought into the team towards the end of last season, only weeks after having left the amateur ranks with Wycombe Wanderers. Rising 21, he developed a fine understanding as a striker with top marksman, Malcolm Macdonald, and scored some vital goals. Had a short spell with QPR as an amateur.

JOHN COLLINS (Inside Right): Was used mostly in midfield during last season, but can act as a striker, as his 10 goals in 44 matches, five of them as substitute, show. A Londoner, he first came to the fore with QPR and was then transferred to Oldham for a five figure fee. Reading bought him next and Luton paid £10,000 for him twelve months ago.



ALAN STARLING

DAN GIVENS (Centre Forward): Last of the four newcomers from Manchester United and he probably figured in the deal at a five-figure fee. Born in Dublin, he followed the well-trodden path to Old Trafford and, at 21, is regarded as a very promising prospect. Indeed, he has already been recognised by the Eire selectors and went with the National team on their summer tour.

MATT TEES (Centre Forward): Luton paid £25,000 to Charlton Athletic for him last August. Made 30 appearances, plus three as substitute, and scored 11 goals. A Scot, he came south to join Grimsby Town, who collected a big fee when he moved to Charlton.

PETER PHILLIPS (Inside Forward): A former England amateur International and Cambridge Blue, he was playing for Bishop's Stortford in the Athenian League when Luton offered him professional terms a year ago. Became leading scorer in the Reserves and had two first team outings, plus four as substitute. Has a University degree.



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT MALCOLM MACDONALD

★ It's only some three years ago that **MALCOLM MACDONALD** was kicking around in Southern League football with Tonbridge. He was a full-back then and Fulham signed him as a defender, giving him his League debut in this position.

★ But when the Cottagers were fighting one of their annual relegation battles they pushed him into attack, almost in desperation. By such methods are latent talents discovered! Malcolm hit five goals in six League games and has remained a striker ever since.

★ Luton manager Alec Stock smartly signed him during the 1969 close-season when it appeared Fulham had lost faith in him. Fulham were soon gnashing their teeth, for Malcolm finished the season on top of the Third Division's scorers' chart with 28 League and Cup goals!

★ He cracked hat-tricks against Bradford City and Reading last season and opened this season in fine form, netting in their opening two matches.

MALCOLM MACDONALD'S LEAGUE CAREER:

	Apps	G/s
Fulham	1968/69	10(3) 5
Luton	1969/70	46 25
		56(3) 30

PERSONAL PORTRAIT

No. 3 Johnny Vincent

FULL NAME: John Victor Vincent.

BORN: West Bromwich.

FIRST POSITION EVER PLAYED IN: Inside left at school and for Brierley Hill Schoolboys.

FIRST CLUB: Blues.

SIGNED: Professional forms, February 11, 1964 (debut v Blackburn, March 13, 1964).

HONOURS: Five England Youth caps.

SCHOOLBOY HERO: Billy Wright. After all, Wolves were the first team I supported and Billy Wright WAS Wolves as far as I was concerned.

CLUB YOU FIRST SUPPORTED: Wolves were my first real pride and joy. I lived at Coseley, about four miles away from Molineux until I was married, and I used to watch them as often as I could.

YOUR IDEA OF THE PERFECT PRO: Dave Mackay or Jimmy Armfield—both of whom have never given a fraction less than 100 per cent.

BEST PLAYER IN YOUR POSITION: Johnny Giles of Leeds, or Alan Ball; both are master craftsmen who get through a tremendous amount of work.

FAVOURITE GROUND: Boothferry Park, Hull. It has a tremendous playing surface, there always seems to be plenty of grass on it and, besides, we generally seem to play well there as a side. I also like Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The Final of the 'Little World Cup' when England were beaten by East Germany and I missed a penalty. The ball hit both posts and still came out. I wanted to die at that moment.

COUNTRIES PLAYED IN: Holland, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain.

WIFE'S NAME: Pauline.

FAMILY: A little girl, Natalie Jayne (15 months).

CAREER WHEN FINISHED PLAYING: I would like to have a sports outfitters' shop.

HOBBIES: Golf, snooker, table tennis. Actually I was ranked sixth in Worcestershire at table tennis and two years ago I won the Halesowen Open tournament.

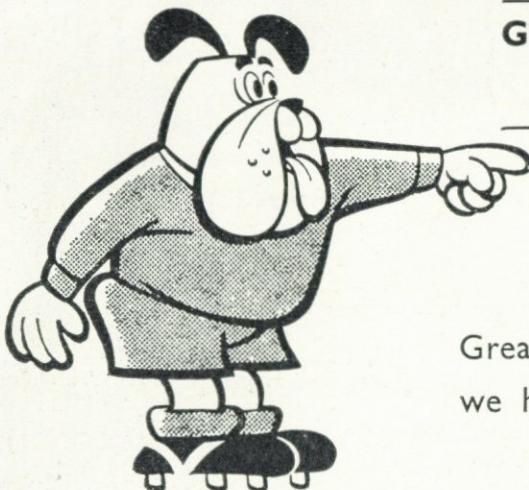
PET HATE: Gardening, washing up—I also hate it when I'm kept waiting.

MUSICAL TASTES: General pop—Johnny Cash in particular.

SUMMER SPORTS: Golf.



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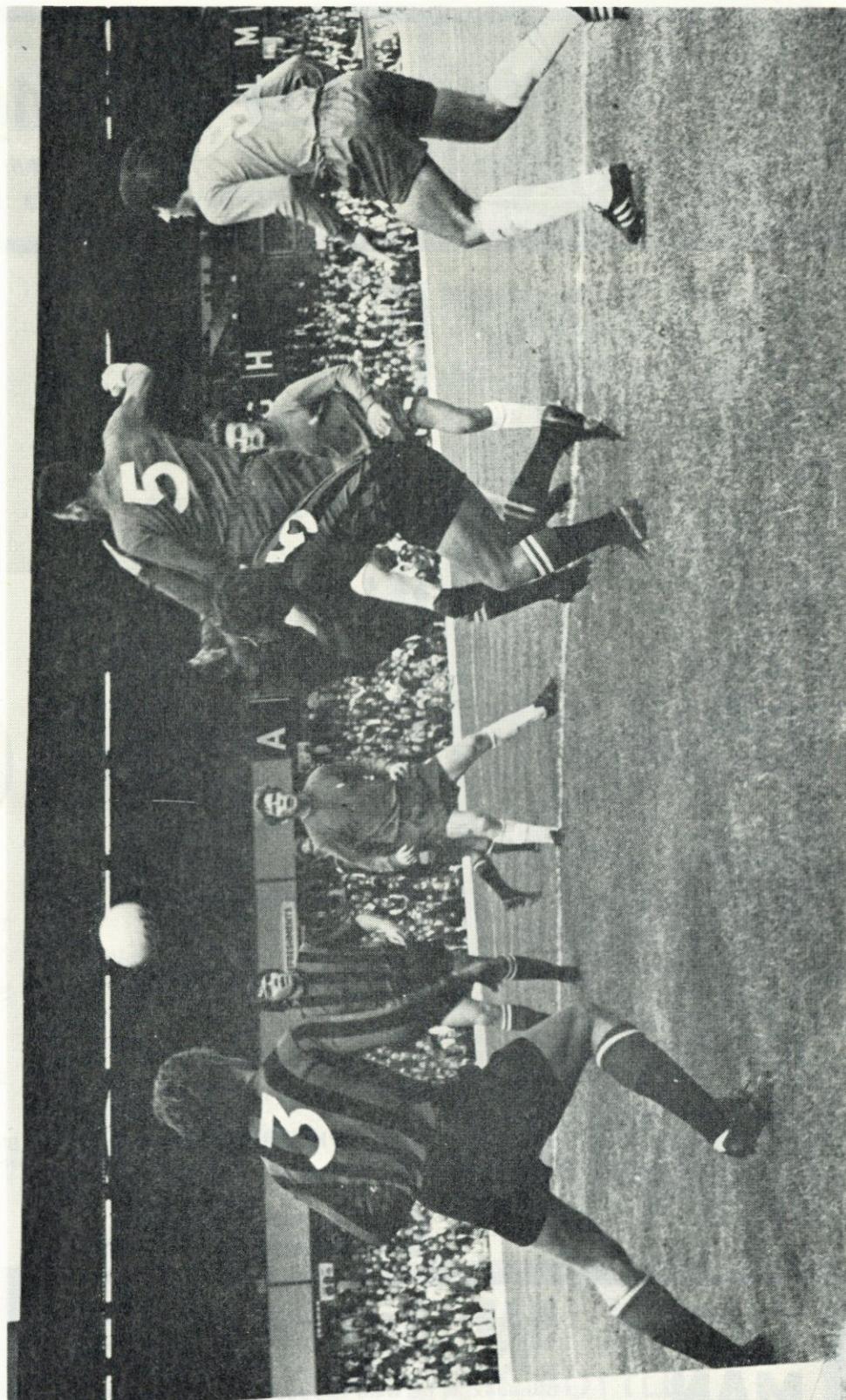
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U	MILLWALL
V	PORTSMOUTH
W	NORWICH
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Y	ORIENT
Z	CHARLTON
AA	SHEFFIELD WED
BB	BLACKBURN
CC	SWINDON
DD	SUNDERLAND
EE	WATFORD
FF	HULL
GG	SWANSEA
HH	ASTON VILLA
II	WALSALL
JJ	FULHAM

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Service in the RAF lead to RONALD CHALLIS taking up refereeing in Singapore, but his progress to the Football League list in 1968 later became more orthodox as he went through local leagues and the Southern League to reach the Football League line in 1962. A production officer for an industrial staff magazine, Mr Challis is married with two sons. Interested in photography, swimming and squash and is Chairman of the Tunbridge Wells branch of the Referees' Association.

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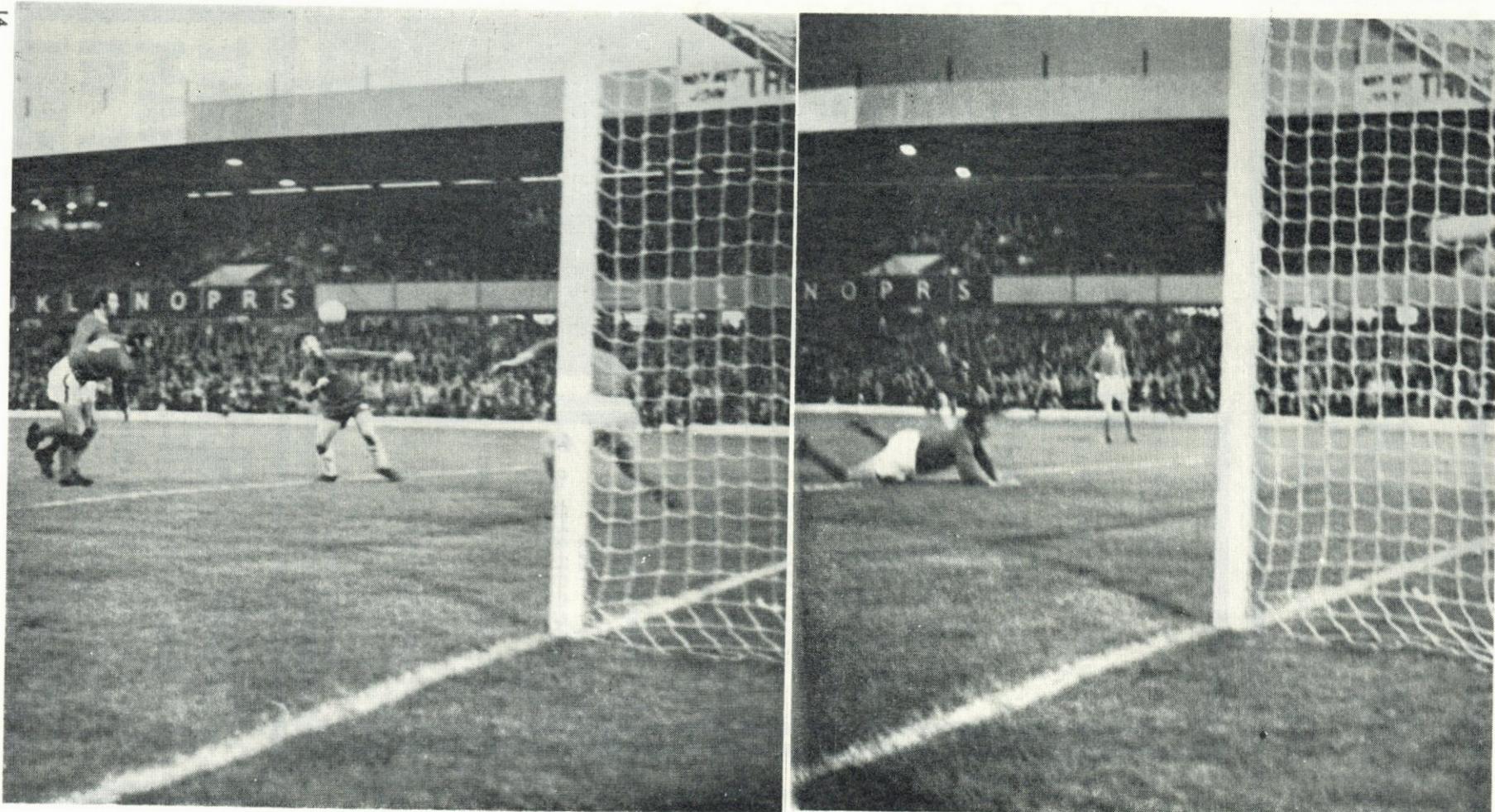
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LEAGUE CUP THRILLS

What a thriller! That was the general verdict on the 3-3 draw against Wrexham in last week's League Cup clash—and even if the result meant a difficult replay trip to North Wales, there could have been few supporters unhappy with the entertainment.

Bert Murray captured our first equaliser of a see-saw second half, forcing home his shot from six yards (above left). Wrexham went ahead again, Geoff Vowden equalising this time, and then it was our turn to hit the front with a great goal from Johnny Vincent. His shot thunders through the Wrexham defence (above right).

The battle was not without its near misses either and Tony Hateley, such an impressive second half substitute, had a fine header just wide (pictured left).

PICTURES: John Lines

Memory Match...

Blues-Villa meetings have always been top crowd-pullers, but the first post-war clash had an extra attraction. The teams hadn't met since 1939 and a 70,000 crowd attended Villa Park to see an emphatic 3-0 win for Blues. Re-live the match now with information from the Sports Argus files.

STEWART SUCH A 'JACK-IN-THE-BOX'

It was the Derby clash the City of Birmingham had waited nearly ten years for—the first battle between these old rivals since March, 1939, and there was little wonder that a capacity crowd attended Villa Park. But, as the Sports Argus banner headlines proclaimed it was "ST ANDREW'S DAY AT VILLA PARK".

Datedwise, the Argus were four days adrift, but that didn't bother Jackie Stewart, the sturdy Scottish winger who grabbed two of the Blues' goals—and from the strange position of inside forward at that. Harold Bodle snatched the other.

Only four players on view—two on each side—had survived from the last pre-war derby. For Villa, there was goalkeeper Joe Rutherford and left back vereran George Cummings. For Blues, there was Freddie Harris and Dennis Jennings. Back in '39 they had formed the right wing—now they were right half and left back respectively.

Harry Parkes, now a Villa director, had had to cry off with an abscess on the leg and his place at right half was taken by Amos Moss, playing his first game of the season, to team up with his brother, Frank, who was Number Five. In the Blues side, young Johnny Berry was playing his first game in the First Division, while Harold Roberts, secured from Chesterfield eight days previously, quickly had a taste of the big-time atmosphere as Blues set about avenging the 5-1 defeat inflicted upon them in the 1939 meeting.

Harry Storer's term as manager had ended in November but the defensive stability he had organised in the Blues side remained just as effective. Faced by a Villa attack led by the fiery Welsh international Trevor Ford, Blues needed it, too! Blues were also re-acquainting themselves with a former colleague on the Villa right wing—Ambrose Mulraney, who had travelled the four miles from St Andrew's to Birmingham 6 in September.

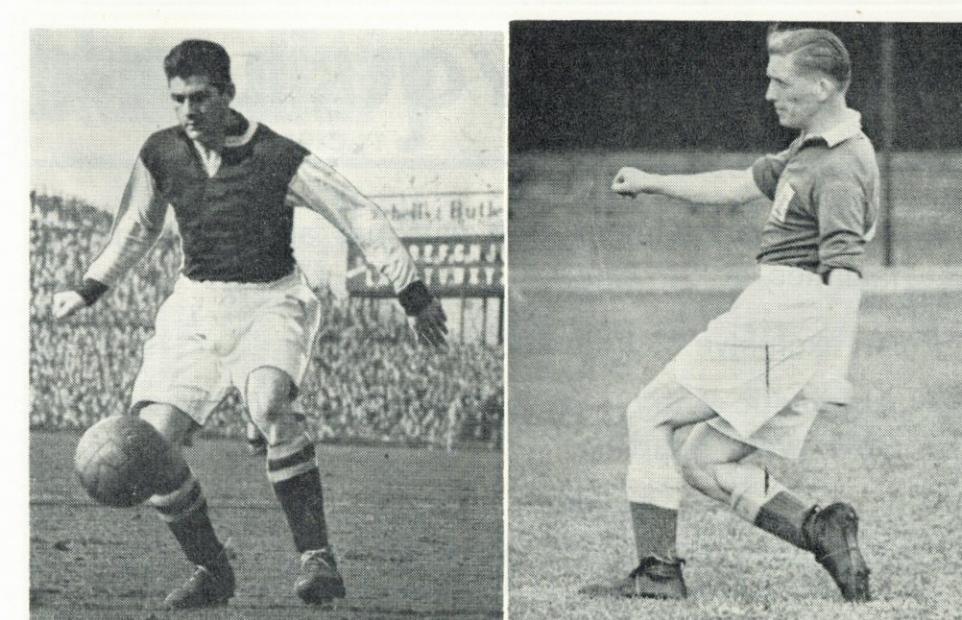
Jennings saw to it that Mulraney had no chance of a field day at his former colleagues' expense, but pride of place in the defence went to big Ted Duckhouse, who snuffed out the danger from Ford. Villa's short-passing tactics were not entirely suitable either, for Blues' wing halves, Harris and Mitchell, were both expert readers of the game.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY AT VILLA PARK

By Charles Matheson (Mac)

"Jack-in-the-box" Jackie Stewart was the match-winner for Blues in the eagerly-awaited derby at Villa Park watched by a 70,000 crowd. Playing in the unaccustomed position of inside right, he scored two goals—his first since the 8th of September—and another by Bodle made up a clear cut win for the more incisive, better organised side.

Sports Argus, December 4th, 1948.



Two important figures in the first post-war meeting between Blues and Villa . . . (left) Trevor Ford, Villa's star forward who was well held by Ted Duckhouse, and (right) Harold Roberts, Blues' new boy from Chesterfield.

Certainly, Blues' long-ball style caused Villa far more concern and Roberts came through his baptism of fire to be the best winger of the game, with Berry only slightly less menacing on the other flank. But the hero was, of course, Stewart. Manager Storer had beaten several other clubs to sign the stocky 24-year-old from Raith Rovers in January, 1948, and Jackie was to vindicate Storer's estimation of him during his years with Blues. City have never had a bigger hearted trier.

On September 8th, Jackie had electrified St. Andrew's by scoring four goals in a 4-1 triumph over Manchester City. But he had not scored since then. He brought the drought to an end after a mere 15 minutes at Villa Park, rounding off a move which originated with Duckhouse deep in Blues' territory.

The Argus said: "Stewart was the scorer, running into the inside left position to take a clever back-heeler by Dougall and go on to beat Rutherford with a well-placed shot which did not have a great deal of power behind it."

George Edwards was the most impressive Villa forward and he abandoned their tip-tap tactics for more direct stuff, testing Merrick as half time neared. A 25-yarder had Gil at full stretch and then he tipped over a header just on half-time. Rutherford was no slouch either and when Stewart sent Roberts away, it took a great save by the Villa keeper to prevent a score.

However, there was nothing he could do after 66 minutes when Stewart again popped up in the right place at the right time to collect his second. The chance arose from a free kick taken by Harris. Bodle headed forward to Stewart who hooked the ball, first time, on the turn past Rutherford for a goal which amply demonstrated Stewart's prowess as an opportunist.

Blues now had an iron grip on the game and nothing Villa produced could alter their domination. Just to round things off nicely, Harold Bodle weighed in with a third after 71 minutes. THIS TIME BERRY SUPPLIED THE PASS AND BODLE BEAT THE ADVANCING KEEPER WITH A CLEVER LOB—A SPLENDIDLY-TAKEN GOAL.

HOW THEY LINED UP

ASTON VILLA 0, BIRMINGHAM CITY 3, (Stewart 2, Bodle 1).
ASTON VILLA: Rutherford; Martin (C), Cummings; Moss (A), Moss (F), Lowe (E); Mulraney, Dorsett, Ford, Edwards, Smith (L).
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MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE					
Date	Opponents	Res	Date	Opponents	Res
1970			1970		
Aug 15	QPR	A	Aug 15	Stoke	...
18	Wrexham (FLC)	H	Aug 15	Walsall	...
22	Carlisle	H	Aug 15	Albion	...
26	Wrexham (FLC)	H	Sept 5	Shrewsbury	A
29	Luton	H	Sept 5	Wolves	H
Sept 1	Middlesbrough	H	Sept 5	Stoke	H
5	Cardiff	H	Sept 5	Walsall	H
9	League Cup 2	H	Oct 3	Albion	A
12	Oxford	H	Oct 3	Shrewsbury	H
19	Portsmouth	H	Oct 3	Wolves	A
26	Charlton	H	Oct 10	Shrewsbury	H
29	Bristol City	H	Oct 10	Wolves	A
Oct 3	Hull	H	Oct 17	Wolves	H
7	League Cup 3	H	Oct 17	Wolves	A
10	Sheffield United	H	Oct 17	Wolves	H
17	QPR	H	Oct 17	Wolves	A
20	Leicester	H	Oct 17	Wolves	H
24	Watford	H	Oct 17	Wolves	A
28	League Cup 4	H	Oct 17	Wolves	H
31	Swindon	H	Oct 17	Wolves	A
Nov 7	Sunderland	H	Oct 17	Wolves	H
14	Orient	H	Oct 31	Aston Villa	H
18	League Cup 5	H	Oct 31	Wolves	H
21	Bolton (1)	H	Oct 31	Wolves	A
28	Norwich City	H	Nov 7	Coventry	H
Dec 5	Millwall	H	Nov 7	Derby	H
9	League Cup Semi-Final	H	Nov 7	Leicester	H
12	Sheffield Wed. (2)	H	Nov 7	Mansfield	H
16	League Cup Semi-Final	H	Nov 7	Nottingham Forest	H
19	Carlisle	H	Nov 7	Shrewsbury	H
26	Blackburn	H	Nov 7	Stoke	H
1971	FA Cup 3...	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
Jan 9	Bristol City	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	A
16	Leicester	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
23	Norwich	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
30	FA Cup 4...	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
Feb 6	Tottenham	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
6	Plymouth	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
Feb 6	Millwall	H	Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H
13	Sheffield Wed. (5)	H	Jan 2	Walsall	H
20	Bolton	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
27	Swindon (LCF)	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
Mar 6	Watford (6)	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
13	Watford	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
20	Sunderland	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
27	Cardiff (SF)	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
April 3	Luton	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
9	Oxford	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
10	Blackburn	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
13	Hull	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
17	Sheffield Utd	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
24	Plymouth	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
May 1	Fulham	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
27	Middlesbrough	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
May 1	Charlton	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
8	FA Cup Final	H	Jan 2	Albion	H
			Feb 6	Coventry	H
			13	Derby	H
			13	Leicester	H
			27	Mansfield	H
			Mar 6	Nottingham Forest	H
			13	Shrewsbury	H
			20	Stoke	H
			27	Walsall	H

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1	0	0	0	4	0	Arsenal	0	2	0	2	2	4	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	3	
0	1	0	0	2	0	Manchester City	1	1	0	2	1	4	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	
1	1	0	0	5	3	Derby	1	0	1	0	2	4	4	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	
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P	HOME				AWAY				P	HOME				AWAY					
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3	1	0	0	2	3	Sunderland	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	1	0	1	3	4
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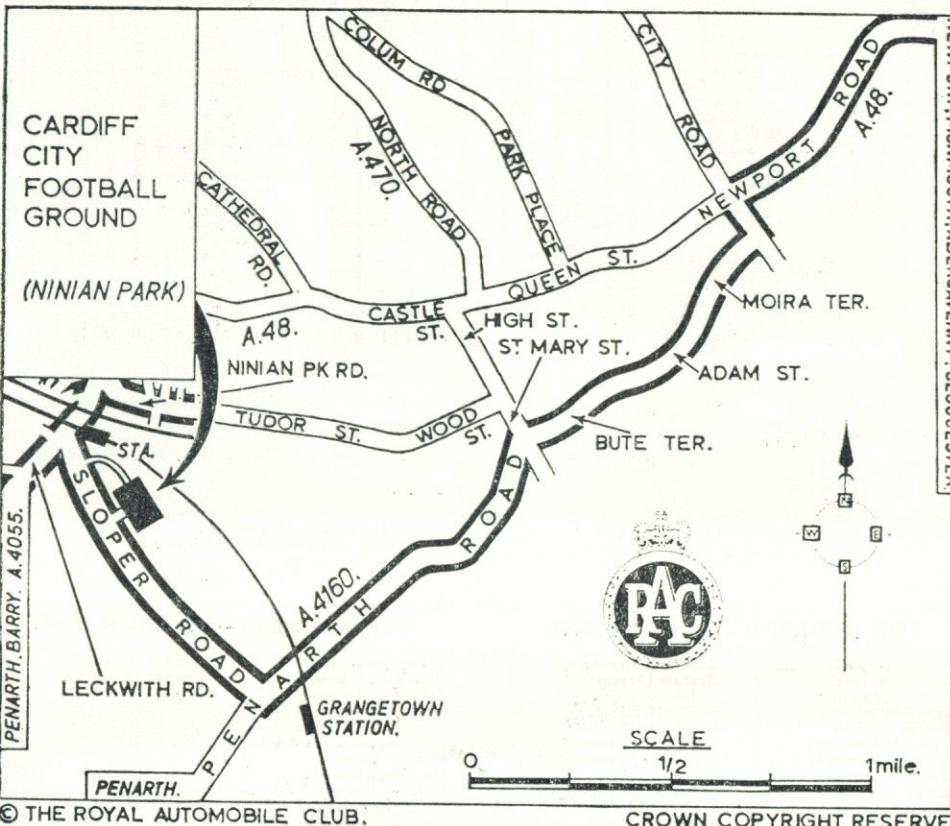
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