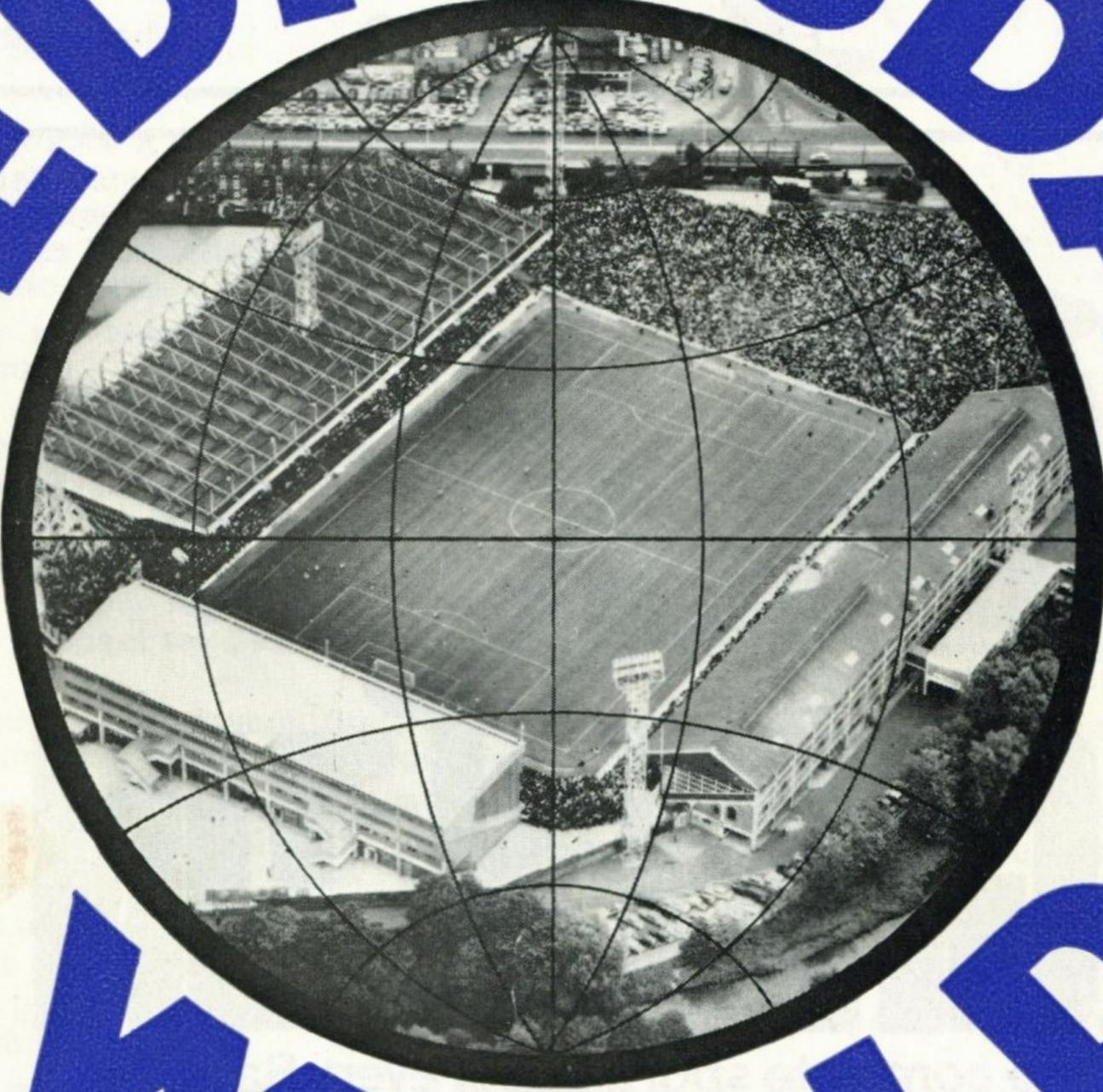


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# WILLIAMS' WORLD



NO-ONE likes to lose a local derby and we lost at Bramall Lane. But I hope that all you Wednesdayites who were there agree with me that our lads, after that bad start, put up a terrific scrap.

I don't think I am biased when I say we deserved a point.

Slack marking cost us two goals from big Eddie Colquhoun and Bill Dearden and we have only ourselves to blame for that. But the way we picked ourselves up off the floor was something that made me proud.

Football, spirit, working together . . . it was all there and I repeat we deserved a draw at least.

I don't like to single out players. but I must say how pleased I was with the way our youngsters came through the ordeal. They followed instructions well.

We contributed the best goal of the match—the one from Jackie Sinclair—and I maintain that we aren't far away from being the side I want, despite the fact that our table position isn't very flattering.

But with a 3—0 win over Carlisle and then that good show against United. I'm not despondent—and neither are the boys.

Our workrate is improving and if we can only get our fair share of the breaks, I'm convinced we shall climb the table.

I don't want to dwell on this question of breaks too much, except to say that I couldn't understand how we didn't get at least one pena'ty at Bramall Lane. It was at a time which might have changed the whole course of the match.

A lot was said and written in the papers before the game about United walking it 4—1 or something like that. Well, the "experts" got their answer and if we can cut out this irritating habit of giving goals away we shall go places.

There has also been a lot of publicity about our search for players. All I can say here is that the work to improve and strengthen our team is a non-stop process. My scouts and I are out in midweek all the time. Sometimes we are just looking. Sometimes we have a specific target.

I know it must be frustrating for you to read about our activities and have no action to show. But rest assured that we are making the most careful and thorough inquiries for players. And we shall get them.

Finally, may I add my appeal for you to support John Fantham's testimonial match here at Hillsborough on Tuesday night.

John has been a great servant to Wednesday and is now doing well at Rotherham. Come along and support him.

DANNY WILLIAMS

IT WILL seem like old times at Hillsborough on Tuesday night. For this is the night Wednesday have set aside to honour another of their loyal players . . . **JOHN FANTHAM**.

Now with Rotherham where he is making more friends with the quality of his play, Fantham (right) returns to the club with which he reached greatness on Tuesday for his Testimonial match.

Wednesday had already agreed to recognise his long service before he was transferred and, in Hillsborough tradition, they are delighted to honour that undertaking.

So, on Tuesday night, we hope you will forget the disappointments of the past 12 months and join us in recognising Fantham's place in the Hillsborough Hall of Fame.

The match (kick-off 7.30 p.m.) is between a joint Wednesday-United side and a team of former Hillsborough players. At the moment, the respective managers, Danny Williams and John Harris, naturally can't finalise their teams because of what bumps and bruises might occur in this afternoon's games.

The same thing, naturally, applies to Fantham's team, but the players who have agreed to play, subject to fitness, make an intriguing side.

Sadly **Ron Springett** can't make it, so in goal will be either brother **Peter** or the England World Cup ace, **Gordon Banks**. His "back four" should be made up of **Wilf Smith**, now with Coventry, **Vic Mobley**, of Queen's Park Rangers; **John Hickton**, now curiously enough, the Second Division's top scorer with Middlesbrough; and **Don Megson**, player-coach at Bristol Rovers.

Fantham has gone for a 4-3-3 approach to the game and in midfield he himself will share the duties with **Jim McCalliog**, of Wolves, and **Peter Eustace**, transferred last season to West Ham.

That leaves the three strikers to account for and Fantham has plumped for **David Ford**, now with Newcastle United, **John Ritchie**, hitting the headlines again with Stoke, and **Jack Whitham**, sold by the Owls to Liverpool.

This is the side John hopes to field and the players have all said they will be glad to turn out, fitness permitting. John has **Colin Dobson**, of Huddersfield, standing by and it is likely that one or two of his new team-mates at Rotherham may be called on.

Wednesdayites hardly need reminding of the tremendous part Fantham has played in the club's history since his debut in 1958 until his transfer last year.

His England cap, his Under-23 honours, his Football League selections speak for themselves. And, of course, he was an integral part of the Wednesday side that reached Wembley in 1966.

So, roll up on Tuesday for the John Fantham Show . . . and, if you're in town, pop in and see his soccer exhibition of caps, medals, etc., in the Aldine Court Centre, adjoining the Telegraph and Star building.

# Fantham

## 'show' next

# Tuesday



# TALK OF HILLSBOROUGH

by **TONY PRITCHETT**

(The Star)

PLEASE take note of a change of fixture for the Owls over Easter. The away match with Queen's Park Rangers is to be played in London on Tuesday, April 6, instead of Good Friday as it appears on your fixture card.

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● Coming up soon . . . the wedding of **TOMMY CRAIG**, Wednesday's popular Scot. He is to be married to an Aberdeen girl, in his home town, on November 5.

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● We mustn't let the first hat-trick of the season by a Wednesdayite go unrecorded. **EDDIE PRUDHAM** did it in the Central League against Huddersfield. Sad for Eddie was the final result . . . the Owls lost 7-4.

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● Happy birthday to the club's popular skipper, **GERRY YOUNG**. Born in South Shields, Gerry was 34 on October 1 — 48 hours before the derby match at Bramall Lane. And what a milestone for Gerry. According to our records, it was his 300th League game for the Owls. His debut came back in 1956.

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● A shirt worn by the world's greatest player **PELE** . . . that's one of the exhibits at the John Fantham soccer show in the Aldine Court Centre. Pele swapped shirts with a Wednesday player when Santos played at Hillsborough almost a decade ago.

● Lots of Wednesday material lands on my desk at "The Star". There was a bulky parcel the other day containing the newsletter of the **KENNY BURTON** Fan Club. The Owls young full-back, unlucky with injury this term, has his admirers and they print a newsletter, with Kenny's approval and assistance.

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● Quite a thing, these fan clubs. **STEVE DOWNES** has one and now there's a move to start one for centre-half **COLIN PROPHETT**. John Ritchie is the newest member of Kenny's club and, if you want to join, the address is 26 Hartley Brook Road, Shiregreen.

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● From a youngster of today to a famous old player of the thirties, **JACK BALL**. Now retired and living in the Luton area, Jack and his grandson will be at today's game—in the Director's Box. Ball scored 90 goals in three and a half seasons with the Owls.

★

● Owls Reserves lost at home to Derby after beating Blackpool. But that was some side that Derby sent. It included **FRANK WIGNALL** and **TERRY HENNESSEY**, two players who'd walk into most teams. Hennessey was testing his fitness and went off after half-an-hour.

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# STOCK WAITS TO CELEBRATE

THE Soccer Who's Who describes Luton Town team boss, **ALEC STOCK**, as a manager. A simple definition for a straight-forward idealist . . . and a popular idealist, who last week celebrated 21 years as a Football League manager.

Stock first attracted national attention in 1949 when, as manager of Southern League Yeovil Town, his team reached the fifth round of the F.A. Cup.

The following season he was appointed manager of Leyton Orient, then a struggling Third Division side, and though he left them for a brief spell to become assistant manager at Arsenal in 1956, he returned and remained long enough at Leyton to build a Division Two side.

He also laid the foundations of a combination that was to take them up to the First Division only three years later. He finally resigned in March, 1959, and three months later was appointed as manager of Third Division Queen's Park Rangers.

In his first season Rangers finished third. But promotion wasn't going to come easily, for the following five years produced these positions: 4th, 13th, 15th, 14th, and 3rd. Then, in 1966-67, they got the success they had worked so hard for.

They achieved a unique League Cup double . . . promotion was won from the Third Division and in the League Cup Final, held at Wembley for the first time, they snatched the trophy from First Division West Bromwich Albion after trailing by two goals.

The following year was another super season of success. Promotion was gained to the First Division — the first time Rangers had entered the top sphere — and they equalled Charlton's long-standing record of gaining promotion from third to the first in successive seasons.

Despite this remarkable record, Alec Stock moved on the following season. The team were floundering at the bottom of the division and Tommy Docherty was appointed.

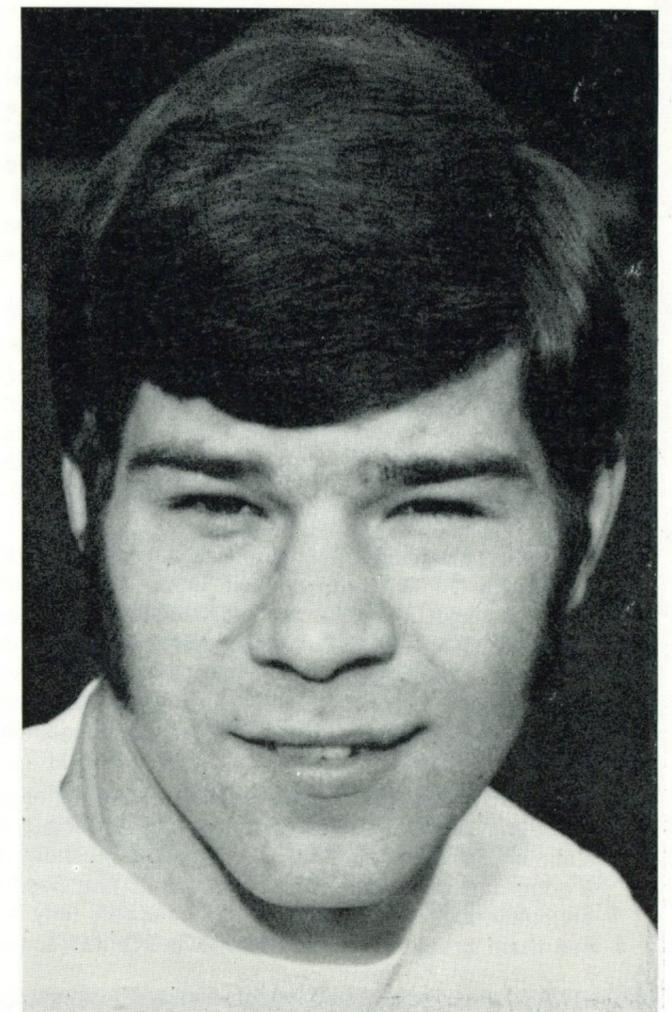
Strangely, Docherty didn't last very long at Loftus Road. He resigned only 28 days after taking over.

Meantime, Alec Stock has found the success trail again, with Luton Town. Last year thanks to wise buying, Luton earned promotion. This year? They are already up with the pacemakers and young players like Malcolm Macdonald, Chris Nicholl and Don Givens are grabbing the headlines.

Will he be able to look back on happy returns in his 21st season as football manager?



● Meet the 'kings' of Kenilworth Road . . . on both sides of the soccer fence. Above: Manager **ALEC STOCK**. Below **MALCOLM MacDONALD**, one of the most wanted strikers in the League.



# THE PRIDE OF LUTON

**ALAN STARLING (goalkeeper):** Former youth star who fought his way into the first team late last season at the age of 18. But in his sixth match he went down awkwardly and was carried off with a knee injury that necessitated a cartilage operation. Has now fully recovered. A six-footer, he was born in Dagenham, but all his footballing career has been with Luton.

**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's first club was Sheffield Wednesday and he joined Luton from Peterborough United.

**JOHN RYAN (right-back):** Bargain for Luton 12 months ago when they picked up this talented player free from Fulham, despite the fact that he had had considerable first team experience at Craven Cottage. He began this season in the 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 before joining Fulham.

**JACK BANNISTER (left-back):** Cost £8,000 from Crystal Palace about two years ago and was signed as a mid-field player. However, he showed an aptitude for a place 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 of value as a defender and has given the club fine service. Last season, he was unfortunate with injuries which kept the number of League appearances he made down to nine.

**MIKE KEEN (wing-half):** The club captain who had 10 years with Q.P.R., some of them under the present Luton Manager, Alec Stock, before moving to Kenilworth Road for £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 where he still lives and he joined Q.P.R. as junior.

**DAVID COURT (wing-half):** Most expensive ever signing by Luton, he cost £35,000 from Arsenal during the summer. In securing him, Manager Stock showed a good deal of determination because he first began negotiations before last season's deadline, only to see them break down. Court, who is 26, has spent



● LUTON TOWN on parade — Back (left to right): Roger Hoy, Jack Bannister, David Court, John Ryan, Chris Nicholl, Alan Starling, Tony Read, Terry Branston (now Lincoln City), John Moore, Freddie Jardine, Alan Slough, Front: John Collins, Matt Tees, Don Givens, Malcolm MacDonald, Mike Keen (captain), Peter Phillips, Viv Busby, Graham French. Pictures: "The Luton News".

all his playing career at Highbury and made 55 First Division appearances in the last two seasons.

**ROGER HOY (wing-half):** Another costly close season signing — £20,000 from Crystal Palace. The details of the move were ironed out when both clubs were on tour in Southern Spain during May. Hoy, strong and forceful, began his career with Tottenham before moving to Selhurst Park and though his role for the Palace has been mostly in midfield, Luton may use him in the back four.

**ALAN SLOUGH (wing-half):** Probably Luton's most valuable, young asset because he has long been wanted by several First Division clubs. However, Slough has made it very clear that he wants to continue to play for his home town club and, to that end, 12 months ago, asked for a long term contract. This he was given, one of three years with the option of a further three. Missed only one match in the promotion drive last season and has the added value of being able to play equally well in mid-field as a sweeper at the back.

**CHRIS NICHOLL (centre-half):** After this 22-years-old six-foot 2 inches tall player had been instrumental in Halifax Town gaining a completely unexpected draw at Kenilworth Road last season, Luton went in with a big bid and, next day, the deal was completed at £30,000 which was then a record fee for the club. Yet, Nicholl had had barely a season in

League football, having gone to the Shay from the Cheshire County League football club, Witton Albion. At one time, he had a trial with Burnley, but was turned down.

**JOHN MOORE (wing-half):** 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. A strong defensive player, he excels as a member of the back four.

**JIMMY RYAN (outside-right):** Almost certainly cost the greater part of the £35,000 which Luton paid Manchester United with whom he could not secure a regular place because of competition for both wing positions. As a result, he became known as one of the best players in the Central League and he was most impressive when he played in all four matches for his new club during their tour of Spain. A Scot from Sterling, he is two-footed and can take a turn on either wing.

**VIVIAN 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. Well built, he plays

with poise and experience that belie his comparatively short spell as a professional and could well reach the top flight. Had a short spell with Q.P.R. as an amateur.

**JOHN COLLINS (inside-right):** Was used mostly in mid-field 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 Q.P.R. and was then transferred to Oldham Athletic for a five figure fee. After a spell there, Reading bought him and Luton paid £10,000 to secure his services 12 months ago.

**MALCOLM MACDONALD (centre-forward):** Wore a variety of numbers during last season, but was always to be found taking the shortest route to goal as his 25 successes in 47 League matches show. When Luton paid £17,500 for a 19 years-old who had been alternating between full-back and inside-forward for Fulham, there was some eye-raising. Original intention was to use him in defence, but this thinking was changed during the pre-season matches when he showed his powers of opportunism. Was with Tonbridge before he went to Fulham.

**DON 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.

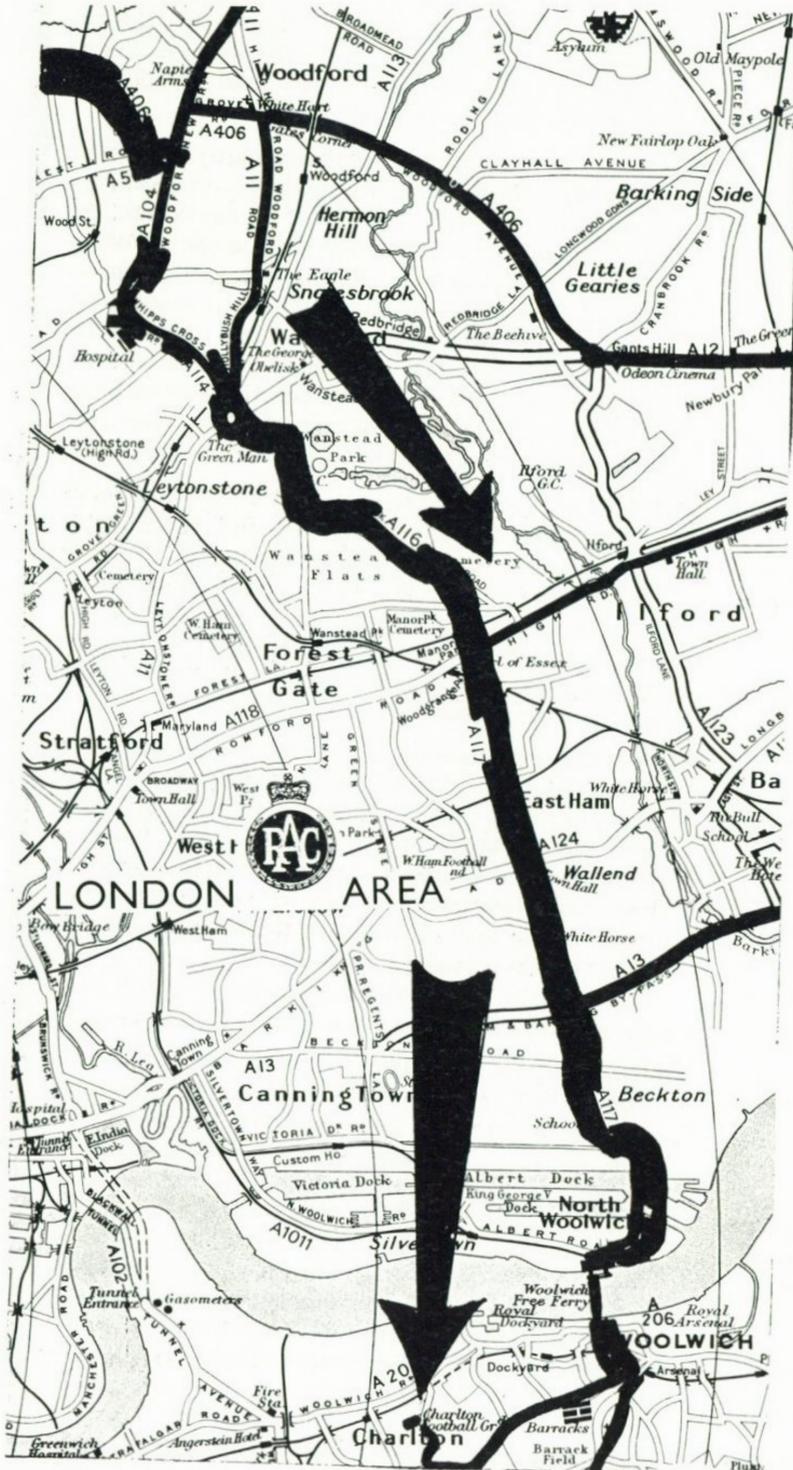
**MATT TEES (centre-forward):** Another big-money buy because Luton paid £25,000 to Charlton for him the day after they signed Nicholl from Halifax Town last August. Made 30 appearances, plus three as substitute and scored 11 goals, so could be said to have played a significant part in the promotion bid. However, he lost his place to Busby in the closing weeks of the season. A Scot, he came south to join Grimsby Town who collected a big fee when he moved to Charlton.

**GRAHAM FRENCH (outside-left):** Two-footed, he can play on either wing, but it was almost exclusively on the left that he was used last season. Clever and capable of sustained brilliance, French has sometimes suffered on the score of inconsistency, but he was in great form last season. Gained England youth caps while with Shrewsbury Town and then moved on to Swindon Town, then Watford, before going into non-League football with Wellington Town. Luton watched him closely before making up their minds and it cost them £5,000 to bring him back on to the League scene.



# WEDNESDAways !

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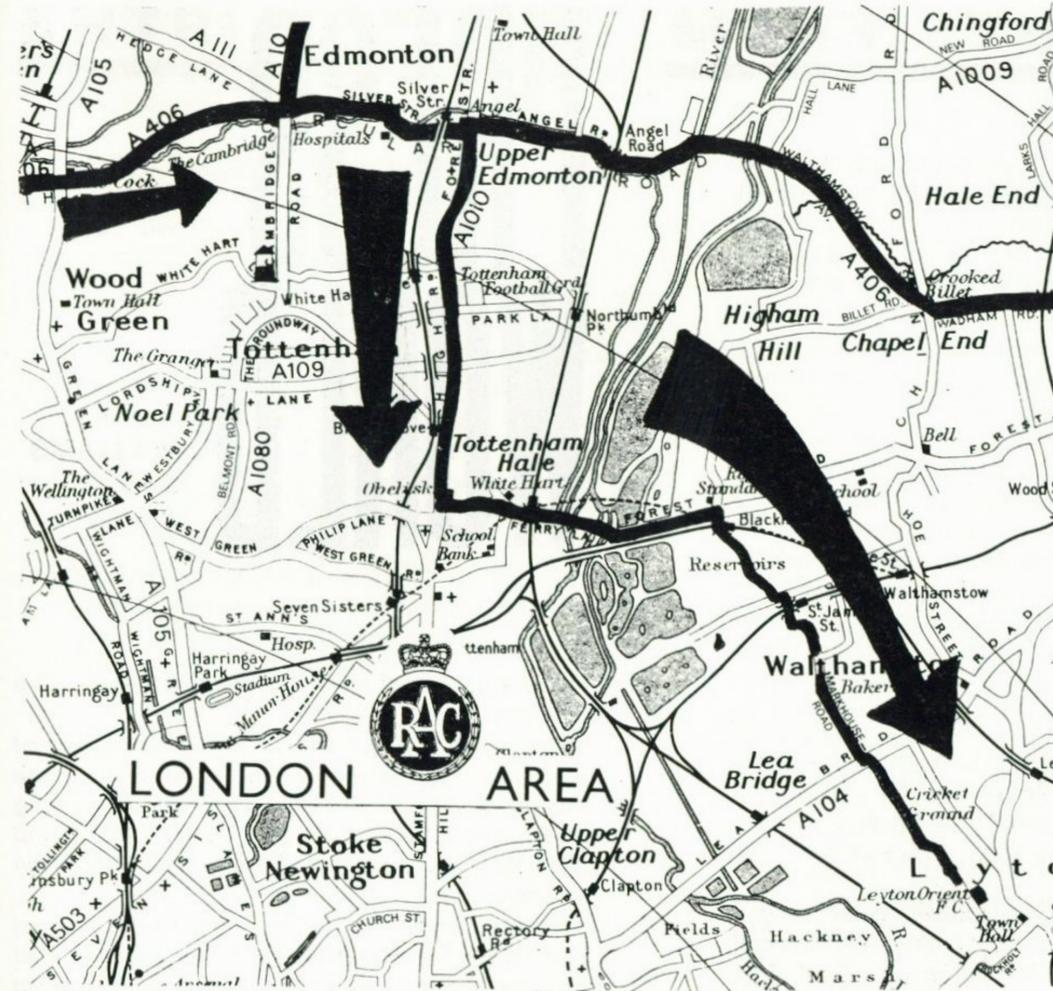
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● It is proposed to organise a trip to the World Cup in West Germany, 1974. Anyone interested should contact: Mr. F. Stones—S. Stand, Miss R. Hewitt—N. Stand, Mrs. S. Bellamy—W. Stand or the Supporters Club office, Hillsborough, regarding booking and saving, and any other information.

# And here's your guide to Orient

# PRESS WORLD

THE

by  
**ALAN WILLIAMS**  
Daily  
Express

Some television football discussions can be pretty dreary, but life is never dull when Malcolm Allison is around. There really must have been a few sparks flying when the Manchester City assistant manager was on ITV's Big Match a week ago.

Allison and Alan Mullery were interviewed by Jimmy Hill and Peter Batt revealed in the Sun that Mullery told Allison:

"You couldn't lick Alf Ramsey's boots! You wanted the job, but you couldn't do it because none of the players would work for you like they worked for Alf. You don't think we'd stand for you yelling and shouting on the line do you?"

They were brought together, presumably, to give Mullery the chance of publicly replying to Allison's criticism of his play during the World Cup when Allison was a member of the TV soccer panel which regularly discussed the games.

On the Saturday, Mullery's Spurs had beaten Allison's City 2-0, but Allison had continued his carping by declaring afterwards: "If you want a good, slow, steady player then Mullery will do, but no-one can put him in the class of our Colin Bell".

The astonishingly outspoken clash began when Hill said to Allison: "I gave you several opportunities to change your mind about Alan during the World Cup but you didn't".

Mullery broke in: "He couldn't change his mind. He would have made himself a laughing stock. He's a big man, or he thinks he is".

He then turned to Allison and said: "You say I'm not a good player, I'm saying that I'm a better player than you ever were".

Allison, stern-faced throughout the confrontation, said: "I talked about players but it was not a personal thing. That's what I was on television for, to talk about players."

"But if you're going to compare yourself with Overath, Beckenbauer, Ball, Bell and players like that you can't count yourself in the same class".

● Everton gained a very easy European Cup win over Iceland champions Keflavik. After winning 6-2 at Goodison Park they cruised through the return leg. Should there be a qualifying tournament? John Pearson thought so in the Sunday Mercury:

I think it is now time for U.E.F.A. to consider the qualifications for the Champions' Cup—much as F.I.F.A. are now looking at the World Cup. I accept that you cannot deny entry to a member country's teams just because someone decides that they are not good enough at any particular time.

Holland is a good example of this. Ten years ago they were classed little above the minnows,

yet they have now produced two Champions' Cup Finalists.

But what I would like to see is some kind of qualifying tournament which would reduce the number of pitifully weak teams at present coming from Iceland, Luxembourg, Albania, Finland and Norway. There must also be a stricter control on facilities.

It is when one meets the unintentional blunderings of amateur clubs like Keflavik that one realises the vast advance of professionalism in the top soccer countries.

They are now so far ahead that it is an embarrassment to expose them to such fixtures. Neither players, spectators nor officials get any satisfaction from one-sided bores.

I recognise that there must always be some minor games in Europe, but my plea is: Let's cut them down to a minimum.

● In a similar vein in the Sunday Times, Brian Glanville spoke to Sir Alf Ramsey and I agree with the England team manager on the matter of encouraging the smaller countries:

GLANVILLE: But isn't it sad that we should be involved in a tournament like the European Nations' Cup, in which we have to play Malta twice, and in which the way the final stages are organised — played off in a week — virtually ensures ill-feeling?

RAMSEY: I think you're wrong here. I think it's right that all countries should be involved in competitions and that the countries that aren't particularly strong should be given an opportunity of playing against the cream of world football. It enables not only the players to play against a higher standard of football, it gives insight to the supporters of that country into what's happening elsewhere.

● Many thousands of words have been written and broadcast over the recent refereeing squabbles, but I thought Don Revie had a most balanced view in his weekly syndicated column:

I refuse to hop on the bandwagon and decry the standard of British refereeing following that astonishing incident during the recent League game between Chelsea and Ipswich.

Soccer is still buzzing over the "goal that never was" — the shot from Alan Hudson which everyone believed had gone wide of the goal. Everyone, except for referee Roy Capey (Crewe) and his two linesmen.

Even Chelsea, who won 2-1, admitted afterwards that the ball had struck the side stanchion and Ipswich boss Bobby Robson appealed for the match to be replayed.

He had no chance, as League laws state that the referee's decision is final. And that's what really worries me about this business.

One recognises that referees have the most difficult job of all, and are bound to make mistakes from time to time. As a manager, I have learned to accept these because the good and bad refereeing decisions tend to even up during the course of a season.

I can also be argued that the odd refereeing boob is preferable to a situation whereby his right to have the last word was denied. But I am still perturbed about the situation.

If Mr. Capey was wrong—and all the evidence seems to indicate this—it could destroy the confidence of the Ipswich players and cause the club to be relegated.

Surely, clubs like Ipswich should have some right of appeal if beaten by a referee's decision which is clearly unjust.

● The first awards in the Ford Sporting League have been made. But is it serving any useful purpose? The Sunday Times "Inside Track" seems to have found plenty of criticism of the "competition":

Ford, you may know, sponsors a Sporting League in which the league clubs are awarded one point for each home goal, two points for each away goal; they lose five and ten points, respectively, for each player booking or send-off. The top club each month gets £2,500 and, at season's end, the leader wins £50,000, the runner-up £30,000. The scheme is meant to encourage clean and attacking football but, according to managers and players, it doesn't at all. As Chelsea's Dave Sexton says: "Nobody thinks about it. We're not playing football for Fords".

The scheme's ill-conceptions are legion. First, with the prizes earmarked for "spectator amenities", there is no incentive on the crucial player-level. Alan Mullery and Bobby Charlton, spot-checking, don't know the scheme's details and Billy Bremner adds: "I've heard of such a thing. Tell me about it".

Next, no manager we spoke with, including Sexton, Don Revie, Brian Clough, Bert Head, Bill Shankly and even Jimmy Frizzell, whose Oldham Athletic club last week won the first £2,500 prize, felt the scheme had any influence on goal scoring or good behaviour. "Whoever wins the prize", says Head, "will win it by accident".

FINALLY, if the scheme DID have influence it could back-fire. Conceivably, any of the four current leaders, all in the Fourth Division, could play defensive home football in the springtime to guard its £50,000 prize from a rival.

We're not shareholders, so we don't care how Ford spends its money, but we think the defence of the scheme in the Football League Review is misleading. "THIS FORD LEAGUE TABLE FOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND GOALSCORING," Bill Shankly is quoted as saying, "IS ONE NOBODY WANTS TO BE LAST IN". The capitals are theirs; Shankly's true feelings are found elsewhere. "The Ford League"? The crusty Liverpool manager tells us, "I've never seen such trash in my life. I can't see any purpose in it".

● In law courts youngsters and first offenders generally get lenient treatment, but Alex Montgomery's story in last week's Daily Mail suggests the reverse is going to be the case in soccer:

Soccer's juvenile delinquents will suffer under new get-tough measures when they appear before the Football Association's disciplinary committee.

This was made clear when Chelsea apprentice Gary Stanley was suspended for 21 days, fined £5 and ordered to appear at a later meeting following an incident in a South-East Counties League match against Brentford on August 29.

The FA are alarmed that while there has been a sharp drop in offences committed by senior players there has been a noticeable rise in offences among League clubs' junior players.

An FA spokesman said: "Our idea is to nip any possible trouble on the field in the bud. And that means hitting at the young player before he gets seriously involved."

"These youngsters have to be warned that any record they build up with junior teams will be carried forward to their senior career. This means that persistent young offenders will be marked men".

# Statistics World . . . Facts

## SECOND DIVISION

1970	Aug. 15—CHARLTON ATHLETIC (3.0)	Home	(17,152)	1—0
..	19—Bolton Wanderers (7.30)	Away	(13,130)	1—2
..	22—Oxford United	Away	(11,090)	1—1
..	26—CARDIFF CITY (7.30)	Home	(17,186)	1—2
..	29—BLACKBURN ROVERS (3.0)	Home	(15,188)	1—1
Sept.	2—BOLTON WANDERERS (7.30)	Home	(12,920)	1—1
..	5—Portsmouth	Away	(18,712)	0—2
..	9—CHIFFSEA League Cup Round 2	Home	(15,869)	1—1
..	12—QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS (3.0)	Home	(14,920)	1—0
..	19—Sunderland	Away	(15,328)	1—3
..	22—Chelsea League Cup Rd. 2 Replay	Away	(26,646)	1—2
..	26—CARLISLE UNITED (3.0)	Home	(13,181)	3—0
Oct.	3—Sheffield United	Away	(39,983)	2—3
..	10—LUTON TOWN (3.0)	Home		
..	17—Charlton Athletic	Away		
..	19—Orient (7.30)	Away		
..	24—LEICESTER CITY (3.0)	Home		
..	31—Bristol City	Away		
Nov.	7—MILLWALL (3.0)	Home		
..	14—Norwich City	Away		
..	21—MIDDLESBROUGH (1) (3.0)	Home		
..	28—Swindon Town	Away		
Dec.	5—WATFORD (3.0)	Home		
..	12—Birmingham City (2)	Away		
..	19—OXFORD UNITED (3.0)	Home		
..	26—Hull City	Away		
1971	Jan. 2—F.A. Cup 3			
..	9—Cardiff City	Away		
..	16—ORIENT (3.0)	Home		
..	23—F.A. Cup 4			
..	30—SWINDON TOWN (3.0)	Home		
Feb.	6—Watford	Away		
..	13—BIRMINGHAM CITY (5) (3.0)	Home		
..	20—Middlesbrough	Away		
..	27—BRISTOL CITY (L.F.C.) (3.0)	Home		
Mar.	6—Leicester City (6)	Away		
..	13—NORWICH CITY (3.0)	Home		
..	20—Millwall (3.0)	Away		
..	27—PORTSMOUTH (S.F.) (3.0)	Home		
Apr.	3—Blackburn Rovers	Away		
..	6—Queen's Park Rangers	Away		
..	10—HULL CITY (3.0)	Home		
..	12—SHEFFIELD UNITED (3.0)	Home		
..	17—Luton Town	Away		
..	24—SUNDERLAND (3.0)	Home		
May	1—Carlisle United (3.0)	Away		
..	8—F.A. Cup Final			

## CENTRAL LEAGUE

1970	Aug. 15—Liverpool	Away	1—3
..	19—BOLTON WANDERERS (7.30)	Home	1—2
..	22—MANCHESTER CITY (3.0)	Home	3—4
..	24—LEEDS UNITED (7.0)	Home	0—1
..	29—Blackburn Rovers	Away	0—3
Sept.	5—SHEFFIELD UNITED (3.0)	Home	2—1
..	12—Blackpool	Away	0—4
..	19—WOLVERHAMPTON WANDS. (3.0)	Home	3—2
..	22—HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (7.0)	Home	4—7
..	25—Coventry City (7.30)	Away	1—5
..	28—BLACKPOOL (3.0)	Home	2—1
Oct.	3—DERBY COUNTY (3.0)	Home	1—3
..	10—Aston Villa	Away	
..	17—LIVERPOOL (3.0)	Home	
..	19—COVENTRY CITY (7.30)	Home	
..	24—Stoke City (3.15)	Away	
..	31—NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3.0)	Home	
Nov.	7—Burnley (3.0)	Away	
..	14—PRESTON NORTH END (3.0)	Home	
..	21—Newcastle United	Away	
..	28—EVERTON (3.0)	Home	
Dec.	5—Manchester United	Away	
..	12—WEST BROM ALBION (3.0)	Home	
..	19—Manchester City	Away	
..	26—BURY (3.0)	Home	
1971	Jan. 9—Bolton Wanderers	Away	
..	16—Leeds United	Away	
..	30—Everton	Away	
Feb.	6—MANCHESTER UNITED (3.0)	Home	
..	13—West Bromwich Albion	Away	
..	20—NEWCASTLE UNITED (3.0)	Home	
..	27—Nottingham Forest	Away	
Mar.	6—STOKE CITY (3.0)	Home	
..	13—Preston North End	Away	
..	20—BURNLEY (3.0)	Home	
..	27—Sheffield United	Away	
Apr.	3—BLACKBURN ROVERS (3.0)	Home	
..	10—Bury	Away	
..	13—Derby County	Away	
..	17—ASTON VILLA (3.0)	Home	
..	24—Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away	
..	27—Huddersfield Town	Away	



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## LEICESTER TAKE OVER

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Leicester	10	4	1	1	12	5	2	1	1	6	4	14
Oxford	10	2	2	0	5	3	3	2	1	7	6	14
Luton	10	4	1	0	12	0	1	2	2	4	6	13
Hull City	9	3	0	1	4	1	2	2	1	8	7	12
Cardiff	10	1	3	1	9	8	3	1	1	5	2	12
Sheffield United	10	2	2	0	9	7	2	2	2	9	7	12
Portsmouth	10	4	1	1	14	6	0	2	2	2	5	11
Carlisle	10	4	0	1	9	4	0	3	2	4	8	11
Sunderland	9	4	1	0	15	6	0	1	3	3	7	10
Middlesbrough	10	2	1	1	9	6	2	1	3	8	9	10
Norwich	10	3	1	1	5	3	0	3	2	3	6	10
Bristol City	10	3	2	0	11	8	0	2	3	5	13	10
Orient	10	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	3	3	12	10
Swindon	10	3	3	0	9	3	0	0	4	3	7	9
Birmingham	10	1	3	1	5	5	2	0	3	5	5	9
<b>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
Watford	10	2	2	1	5	3	0	3	2	6	12	9
Q.P.R.	10	2	1	2	9	7	1	1	3	7	11	8
Blackburn	10	1	3	2	3	6	0	3	1	4	5	8
Bolton	11	2	1	3	8	10	1	1	3	4	10	8
Charlton	10	1	2	2	5	7	0	2	3	1	7	6
Millwall	10	0	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	5	12	5

(Up to and including October 3)

## LIVERPOOL AGAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	11	9	0	2	28	11	18
Everton	11	7	2	2	24	10	16
Coventry City	10	4	4	2	22	10	12
Sheffield United	10	5	2	3	19	13	12
Nottingham Forest	10	4	4	2	14	11	12
Bolton Wanderers	10	5	2	3	23	20	12
Newcastle United	10	4	4	2	10	9	12
West Bromwich Albion	10	4	4	2	13	14	12
Leeds United	9	3	5	1	18	10	11
Blackpool	11	4	3	4	13	11	11
Derby County	10	3	5	2	10	9	11
Bury	10	5	1	4	16	17	11
Manchester United	11	4	2	5	14	14	10
Preston North End	10	4	2	4	11	18	10
Stoke City	11	3	3	5	13	14	9
Manchester City	10	3	2	5	18	21	8
Huddersfield Town	10	3	1	6	22	26	7
Burnley	8	3	1	4	12	20	7
Blackburn Rovers	10	3	1	6	13	22	7
Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	2	2	6	14	17	6
<b>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>
Aston Villa	11	0	4	7	10	24	4

(Up to and including October 3)

# and figures

## Match digest

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### Central League v Coventry (A) 1-5

Springett; Worth, Dolby, Mullen, Garthwaite, Pugh, Potts, Ken Johnson, Sunley, Warboys, Lawson. Sub: Prudham.

SCORER: Potts.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

#### Second Division v Carlisle (H) 3-0

Grummitt; Prophet, Wilcockson, Thompson, Ellis, Todd, Sinclair, Prendergast, Downes, Craig, Sissons. Sub: Warboys.

SCORERS: Warboys, Prendergast, Sissons.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

#### Central League v Blackpool (H) 2-1

Springett; Wilcockson, Young, Mullen, Ellis, Pugh, Potts, Ken Johnson, Sunley, Prudham, Lawson. Sub: Kevin Johnson.

SCORERS: Potts, Prudham.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

#### Second Division v Sheffield United (A) 2-3

Grummitt; Thompson, Young, Todd, Ellis, Craig, Sinclair, Prendergast, Downes, Warboys, Sissons. Sub: Pugh.

SCORERS: Craig, Sissons.

#### Central League v Derby County (H) 1-3

Springett; Worth, Burton, Mullen, Latham, Lymer, Potts, Ken Johnson, Sunley, Prudham, Kevin Johnson. Sub: Garthwaite.

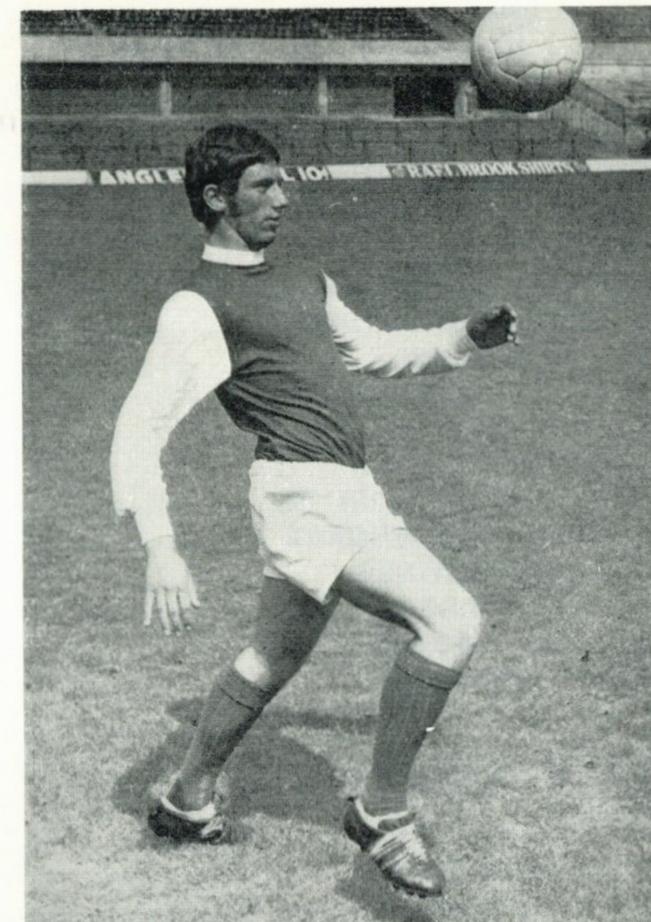
SCORER: Sunley.

## Appearances

**SECOND DIVISION:** Peter Grummitt 11, Tommy Craig 11, Jackie Sinclair 11, Harold Wilcockson 10, Sammy Todd 10, Steve Downes 10, Mike Prendergast 9, Gerry Young 9, Colin Prophet 9, Alan Warboys 7, John Sissons 7, Sam Ellis 6, Alan Thompson 4, Ken Burton 3, Graham Pugh 2, Willie Lawson 1, Wilf Smith (now Coventry 1). **Substitutes:** Ellis 3, Pugh 2, Downes 1, Prendergast 1, Lawson 1, Prophet 1, Todd 1, Warboys.

**LEAGUE CUP:** Peter Grummitt 2, Harold Wilcockson 2, Gerry Young 2, Sammy Todd 2, Sam Ellis 2, Alan Thompson 2, Jackie Sinclair 2, Mike Prendergast 2, Steve Downes 2, Tommy Craig 2, John Sissons 1, Willie Lawson 1. **Substitute:** Graham Pugh 2.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE:** Eric Potts 12, David Sunley 12, David Garthwaite 10, Dennis Lymer 10, Ken Johnson 10, Eddie Prudham 9, Peter Springett 9, Paul Dolby 8, Alan Thompson 6, Graham Pugh 6, Jimmy Mullen 6, Kevin Johnson 6, Willie Lawson 5, Geoff Worth 5, Frank Shipley 3, Ken Burton 3, Stuart Latham 2, Colin Smith 2, Don Swales 2, Sam Ellis 2, Gerry Young 1, Harold Wilcockson 1, Alan Warboys 1, Ernie Moore 1. **Substitutes:** Kevin Johnson 4, Lawson 2, Ken Johnson 1, Moore 1, Smith 1, Dolby 1, Prudham 1, Garthwaite 1.



● KENNY BURTON . . . a well-known First Division centre-forward has joined his fan club. See "Talk of Hillsborough" on Page 5.

## Goalscorers

**SECOND DIVISION:** Mike Prendergast 4, Steve Downes 3, John Sissons 2, Colin Prophet 1, Harold Wilcockson 1, Tommy Craig 1, Alan Warboys 1.

**LEAGUE CUP:** Jackie Sinclair 1, Steve Downes 1.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE:** Eddie Prudham 8, David Sunley 5, Eric Potts 3, David Garthwaite 1, Ernie Moore 1.

## TOP LEAGUE MARKSMEN

**DIVISION I:** Ray Kennedy (Arsenal) 9, Hugh Curran (Wolves) 8, Jeff Astle (Albion) 8, Alun Evans (Liverpool) 8, Martin Chivers (Spurs) 7, John Ritchie (Stoke) 7, Tony Brown (Albion) 7, Ron Davies (Southampton) 7, Gerry Queen (Palace) 7.

**DIVISION II:** John Hickton (Middlesbrough) 10, Malcolm Macdonald (Luton) 10, Malcolm Partidge (Leicester) 8, Ron Wigg (Watford) 7, Arthur Horsfield (Swindon) 6, Joe Baker (Sunderland) 6, Derek Possee (Millwall) 6, Alan Woodward (Sheffield United) 6, Brian Clark (Cardiff) 6, Terry Venables (Q.P.R.) 6.

**DIVISION III:** Gerry Ingram (Preston) 12, Alf Wood (Shrewsbury) 8, John Stenson (Mansfield) 8, Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham) 7, Colin Taylor (Walsall) 7.

**DIVISION IV:** David Shaw (Oldham) 11, Ted MacDougall (Bournemouth) 11, Phil Boyer (York) 9, Jim Fryatt (Oldham) 9, Joe Gadston (Exeter) 9.

# TODAY'S TEAMS

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## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1)

Royal blue shirts, white sleeves, white shorts

Notes

- 1—PETER GRUMMITT .....
- 2—HAROLD WILCOCKSON .....
- 3—KEN BURTON .....
- 4—ALAN THOMPSON .....
- 5—SAM ELLIS .....
- 6—TOMMY CRAIG .....
- 7—JACKIE SINCLAIR \*
- 8—MIKE PRENDERGAST .....
- 9—STEVE DOWNES .....
- 10—ALAN WARBOYS .....
- 11—JOHN SISSONS .....
- Sub.: PUGH .....

## LUTON TOWN (5)

White shirts, black shorts

- 1—TONY READ .....
- 2—JOHN RYAN .....
- 3—ALAN SLOUGH .....
- 4—ROGER HOY .....
- 5—CHRIS NICHOLL .....
- 6—JOHN MOORE .....
- 7—JIMMY RYAN .....
- 8—DAVID COURT .....
- 9—MALCOLM MacDONALD \*\*\*
- 10—MIKE KEEN .....
- 11—DON GIVENS \*\*
- Sub.: VIV BUSBY .....

Referee: J. Finney (Hereford)

Linesmen—Red Flag: L. Birbeck (Langley Park, Co. Durham)

Yellow Flag: D. Richardson (Blackburn)

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General Manager and Secretary: Eric W. Taylor.

Team Manager: Danny Williams.

## Check your Half-Times

- A** BIRMINGHAM CITY .....
- SHEFFIELD UNITED .....
- B** BOLTON W. .....
- CHARLTON .....
- C** BRISTOL CITY .....
- OXFORD UNITED .....
- D** LEICESTER CITY .....
- SUNDERLAND .....
- E** MIDDLESBROUGH .....
- PORTSMOUTH .....
- F** MILLWALL .....
- BLACKBURN .....
- G** NORWICH CITY .....
- CARLISLE UNITED .....
- H** ORIENT .....
- HULL CITY .....
- J** SWINDON TOWN .....
- Q.P.RANGERS .....
- K** WATFORD .....
- CARDIFF CITY .....
- L** BURNLEY .....
- COVENTRY CITY .....
- M** CHELSEA .....
- MANCHESTER CITY .....
- N** EVERTON .....
- DERBY COUNTY .....
- O** HUDDERSFIELD .....
- IPSWICH TOWN .....
- P** MANCHESTER UNITED .....
- CRYSTAL PALACE .....
- Q** NEWCASTLE UNITED .....
- ARSENAL .....
- R** NOTT'M FOREST .....
- BLACKPOOL .....
- S** SOUTHAMPTON .....
- WOLVES .....
- T** W.B.ALBION .....
- LEEDS UNITED .....
- U** ASTON VILLA RES. .....
- SHEFFIELD WED. RES. ....