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Although it is only a few hours since my appointment as Chairman by the Directors in meeting last evening I have received many messages of congratulations, some of sympathy and even one or two from my closer friends wondering if I was in need of psy-

chiatric treatment in accepting the Chair at such a critical time in the career of the Club.

I can assure all that I have accepted the post with my eyes fully open and being well aware of the heavy responsibilities which accompany it. Having been a Blackburn Rovers' supporter for the majority of my life, I am honoured by the confidence placed in me by the Board and can assure you that I will carry out the duties to the best of my ability.

I know that some of the decisions which I will have to make will not be acceptable by all, but I can assure you that these decisions will be based on my opinion of what is in the best interest of Blackburn Rovers, and I would like to be judged on this basis. My first aim is, of course, to make sure that Blackburn Rovers regain their glory of the past and to this end I insist that all members of the Club be Blackburn Rovers minded. If they are not of this mind then as far as I am concerned they can leave and make room for someone who is. Loyalty to the Club must be foremost in the minds of all.

I have today spoken to the members of the Managerial, Secretarial and Training Staff and I am sure that I have their backing in what I am trying to achieve. I will be speaking to the Captain and players along similar lines as soon as possible, but definitely before you read this.

As a new man in the Chair, I request you, the supporters, not to be too impatient and to assist by giving the Club your fullest support in these trying times.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

W. H. BANCROFT, Chairman.

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	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	Apps.	Sub.	Goals	Apps.	Sub.	Goals
Wilson, W. ... (a)	8	33	32	42	40	42	23			220		
Mulvaney, R. ... (a)	7	23	7	6	23	41	23		1	130		4
Sharples, G. F. V.	5	28	25	22	18					98		4
*Rogers, E. ... (a)		2	5	34	41	35	20		3	137		24
Barton, J. B.			42	13	3	9				67		
Martin, D.				15	38	42	3		1	98		29
Metcalfe, S. ... (a)				3	38	39	17	1		97	1	2
Kopel, F.					4	5	2	1		11	1	
Knighton, K.						41	23		3	64		11
*Hunter, A.						37	22			59		
Hill, B.						22	10	1		32	1	4
Eccles T.							4	4		8	4	1
Jones, R						5	17			22		
Wood, M.						6	8	1		14	1	
Goodwin, F						11	21		1	32		3
Charter, R.						9	1	5		10	5	
Whalley, J.						1				1		
Russell, A.							15	1	2	15	1	2
Conlon, B.							23		4	23		4
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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Table up-to and including January 9th, 1971)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	23	12	8	3	38	16	32
Leicester City	24	13	6	5	38	21	32
Hull City	24	13	6	5	38	24	32
Cardiff City	24	11	8	5	39	22	30
Sheffield United	24	10	9	5	40	32	29
Carlisle United	24	9	10	5	35	26	28
Middlesbrough	24	11	6	7	35	29	28
Norwich City	23	9	10	4	27	21	28
Oxford United	23	10	6	7	28	28	26
Swindon Town	24	9	7	8	33	23	25
Sheffield Wednesday	25	9	7	9	33	39	25
Sunderland	24	9	6	9	32	31	24
Millwall	23	9	5	9	29	26	23
Birmingham City	24	8	6	10	26	30	22
Portsmouth	23	7	6	10	31	36	20
Queen's Park Rangers	23	6	7	10	31	36	19
Orient	23	4	11	8	18	32	19
Bolton Wanderers	25	6	5	14	25	37	17
Watford	23	4	9	10	23	36	17
Bristol City	23	5	6	12	26	41	16
Charlton Athletic	23	3	8	12	23	43	14
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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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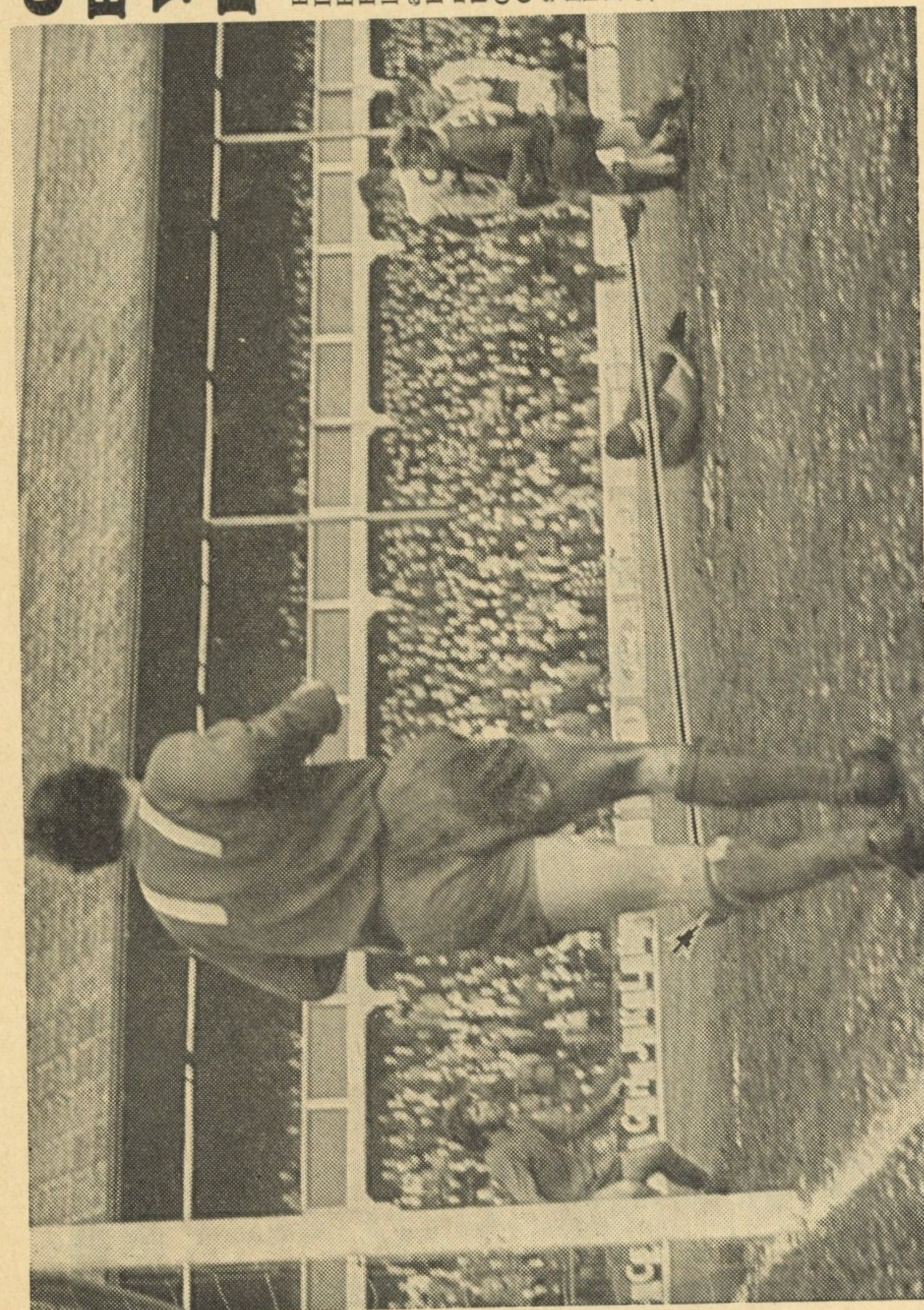
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GET BACK SOON, JIMMY . . .



IT IS EASY to make excuses, but surely no-one will deny that we have been unusually unlucky this season over injuries to key players. Jimmy Kerr (above) is just out of hospital where he had an operation to remove a cartilage. He has started remedial treatment and he hopes and so do we that he will make a record recovery and be back in action in quick time.

DON STARTS COME-BACK BID

A BLACK weekend from the playing point of view was lightened last Saturday when Don Martin started his come-back bid with a game in the reserve side. It was the first time Don had played in a competitive match since that sad Saturday at Hillsborough on August 29th when he broke his ankle in only the third game of the season. Don and Jimmy Kerr have yet to play in the same team.





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- 7 STUART METCALFE
- * 8 ALEX RUSSELL
- 9 ~~BRYAN CONLON~~ ECCLES
- 10 EAMONN ROGERS
- 11 BRIAN HILL
- 12 CONLON

LUTON TOWN (0)
(Red shirts)

- 1 TONY READ
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 JACK BANNISTER
- 4 ROGER HOY
- 5 CHRIS NICHOLL
- 6 ALAN SLOUGH
- 7 JIM RYAN
- 8 DAVID COURT
- 9 MALCOLM MACDONALD
- 10 MIKE KEEN
- 11 DON GIVENS
- 12 BUSBY

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ABOUT OUR VISITORS

TONY READ (goalkeeper): Born at Haydock. His first League club was Sheffield Wednesday, and he joined Luton from Peterborough United.

JOHN RYAN (right-back): Luton got him on a free from Fulham. Born at Maidstone and had spells with Tonbridge and Arsenal before going to Fulham.

JACK BANNISTER (left-back): Signed as a midfield player from Crystal Palace two years ago. Born at Chesterfield, he had spells with Scunthorpe and West Brom before going to Palace.

ROGER HOY (right-half): Luton paid Crystal Palace £20,000 for him in the close season. Began his career with Spurs before being transferred to Palace.

CHRIS NICHOLL (centre-half): Signed by Luton from Halifax Town last year for £30,000. Burnley turned him down after a trial and he went to Halifax from Cheshire League side Witton Albion.

ALAN SLOUGH (left-half): Born at Luton and is one of Luton's biggest assets. Several First Division clubs have asked about this fine young player.

JIM RYAN (outside-right): One of Luton's three close-season signings from Manchester United at a package deal of about £35,000. A Scot from Stirling.

DAVID COURT (inside-right): Formerly with Arsenal, and Luton had to pay £35,000 for him last summer. Aged 26, Court made more than 50 First Division appearances for Arsenal in two seasons.

MALCOLM MACDONALD (centre-forward): Target for many big city clubs is this young striker who is the top scorer in the league. At Fulham he played either at back or midfield, but Luton have turned him into one of the most efficient finishers in the game.

MIKE KEEN (inside-left): The club captain. Had ten years with Queen's Park Rangers before his transfer to Luton for a fee of £18,500. He has rejoined his former Rangers' boss, Alex Stock.

DON GIVENS (outside-left): Another of the ex-Manchester United players. Born in Dublin and joined the United staff from school. Already honoured by the Republic of Ireland.

VIVIAN BUSBY (inside-right): Luton blooded him late last season after he had left the amateur ranks with Wycombe Wanderers. Had a short spell with Queen's Park Rangers as an amateur.

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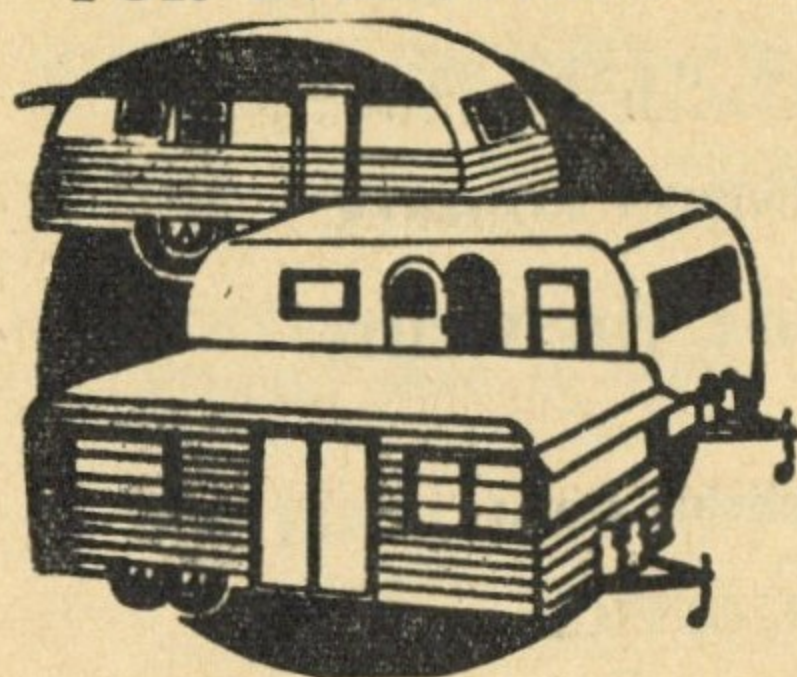
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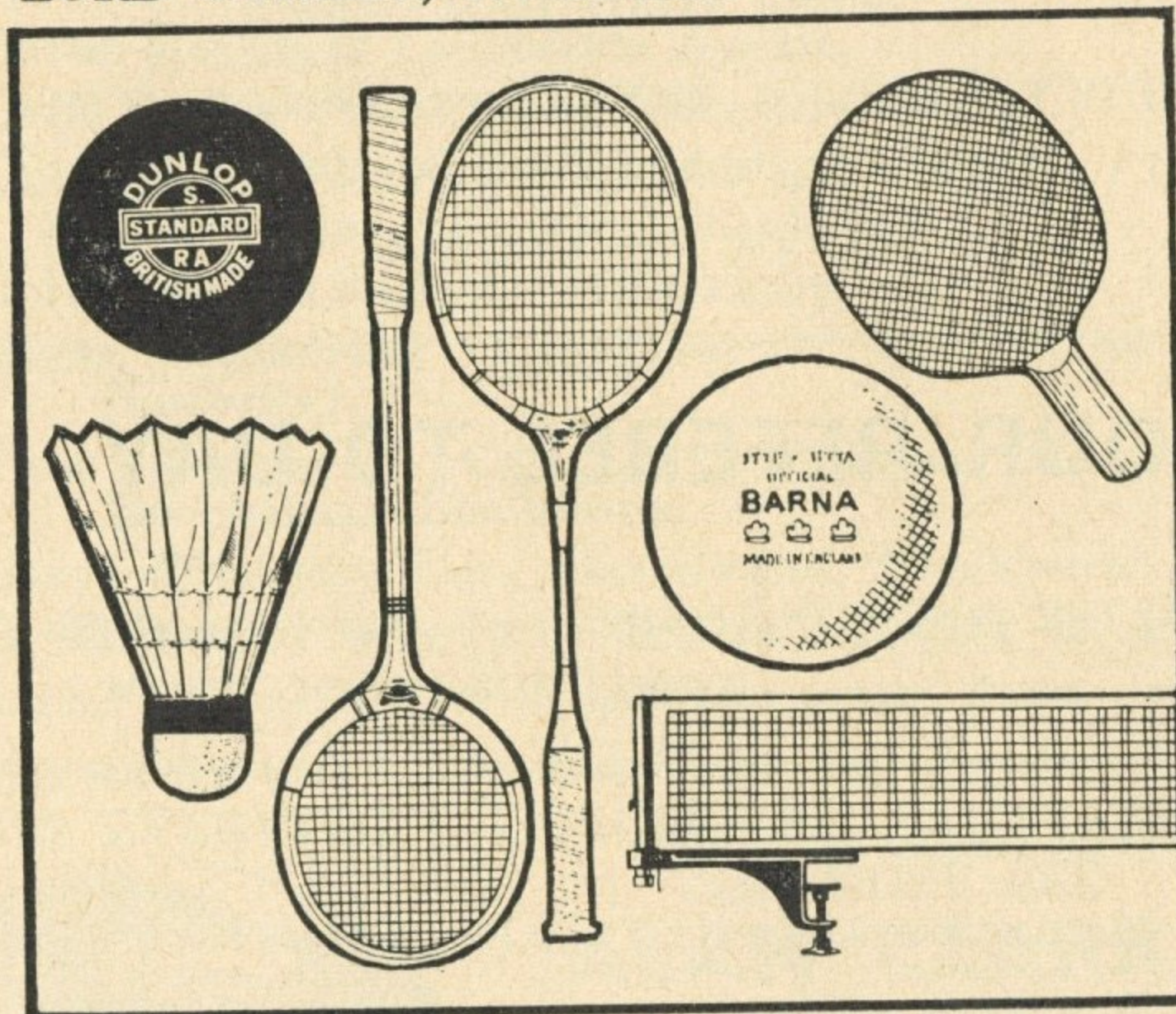
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1970

Aug.	15—Watford	A1—2
"	19—League Cup (1)	
"	22—Orient	H0—0
"	29—Sheffield Wed.	A1—1
Sept.	2—Queens Park R.	H0—2
"	5—Swindon Town	H1—0
"	9—LC. (2) Bolton	A0—1
"	12—Middlesbrough	A1—1
"	19—Bolton Wanderers ..	H0—2
"	21—Oxford United	H0—0
"	26—Bristol City	A1—1
Oct.	3—Leicester City	H2—2
"	7—League Cup (3)	
"	10—Millwall	A0—2
"	17—Watford	H2—3
"	20—Luton Town	A0—2
"	24—Norwich City	H2—1
"	28—League Cup (4)	
"	31—Portsmouth	A1—4
Nov.	7—Sheffield United ...	H1—3
"	14—Cardiff City	A1—4
"	18—League Cup (5)	
"	21—Carlisle United (1)	A0—1
"	28—Sunderland	H0—1
Dec.	5—Charlton Athletic ...	A4—2
"	9—League Cup (SF)	
"	12—Hull City	H0—1

Dec.	16—League Cup (SF)	
"	19—Orient	A1—1
"	26—Birmingham City ...	H 2—2

1971

	F.A. Cup 3rd Round	
Jan.	2—Everton	A0—2
"	9—Oxford United	A1 2
"	16—Luton Town	H
"	23—F.A. Cup 4	
"	30—Sunderland	A
Feb.	6—Charlton Athletic ...	H
"	13—Hull City (5)	A
"	20—Carlisle United	H
"	27—Portsmouth (LCF) ...	H
Mar.	6—Norwich City (6) ...	A
"	13—Cardiff City	H
"	20—Sheffield United ...	A
"	27—Swindon Town (SF) ...	A
Apr.	3—Sheffield Wed.	H
"	9—Middlesbrough	H
"	10—Birmingham City ...	A
"	12—	
"	13—Leicester City	A
"	17—Millwall	H
"	24—Bolton Wanderers ...	A
"	27—Queens Park R. ...	A
May.	1—Bristol City	H
"	8—F.A. Cup Final	

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

1970

Aug.	15—Nottingham Forrest	H1—2
"	19—Manchester City ...	A1—2
"	22—Bolton Wanderers	A4—2
"	26—Liverpool	H0—4
"	29—Sheffield Wed.	H3—0
"	31—Blackpool	A1—0
Sept.	5—Huddersfield Town	A0—6
"	12—West Brom A.	H1—1
"	19—Stoke City	A1—3
"	26—Newcastle United ...	H1—2
Oct.	3—Everton	A1—2
"	10—Manchester United	H0—1
"	17—Notts Forest	A3—2
"	24—Burnley	A1—2
"	31—Bury	H2—4
Nov.	7—Leeds United	A2—0
"	14—Sheffield United ...	H0—1
"	21—Coventry City	H2—0
"	28—Wolverhampton W.	A1—0
Dec.	5—Aston Villa	H2—0
"	12—Derby County	A1—1
"	19—Bolton Wanderers	H0—2

Dec.	26—Preston North End	A1—1
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1971

Jan.	9—Manchester City ...	H1—4
"	16—Liverpool	A
"	30—Wolverhampton W.	H
Feb.	6—Aston Villa	A
"	13—Derby County	H
"	20—Coventry City	A
"	27—Bury	A
Mar.	6—Burnley	A
"	13—Sheffield United ...	A
"	20—Leeds United	H
"	27—Huddersfield Town	H
Apr.	3—Sheffield Wed.	A
"	9—	
"	10—Preston North End	H
"	13—West Brom A.	A
"	17—Manchester United	A
"	20—Everton	H
"	23—Stoke City	H
"	28—Blackpool	H
May.	1—Newcastle United	A

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(Table up-to and including January 9th, 1971)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	26	18	4	4	49	18	40
Everton	26	13	10	3	46	25	36
Derby County	25	13	9	3	44	24	35
Coventry City	26	9	10	7	43	30	28
Bolton Wanderers	24	11	5	8	46	43	27
Manchester United	23	11	4	8	35	26	26
Sheffield United	25	10	6	9	40	36	26
Newcastle United	24	8	10	6	25	24	26
Bury	24	10	5	9	36	34	25
West Brom	24	8	9	7	31	33	25
Huddersfield Town	24	9	6	9	49	43	24
Wolves	24	8	8	8	37	32	24
Burnley	22	8	8	6	35	39	24
Blackpool	25	8	7	10	40	37	23
Preston North End	24	9	4	11	30	46	22
Nottingham Forest	24	6	9	9	32	39	21
Leeds United	22	6	8	8	29	34	20
Blackburn Rovers	25	9	2	13	31	45	19
Sheffield Wednesday	25	7	5	13	30	48	19
Manchester City	22	7	3	12	37	47	17
Stoke City	25	4	9	12	23	34	17
Aston Villa	25	2	6	17	17	48	10

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