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● JIM MONTGOMERY

SUNDERLAND (o)

(Red and White striped shirts, White shorts)

- 1—JIM MONTGOMERY
- 2—DICK MALONE
- 3—MARTIN HARVEY
- 4—MIKE McGIVEN
- 5—RICHIE PITT
- 6—IAN PORTERFIELD
- 7—BOBBY PARK
- 8—BOBBY KERR
- 9—DAVE WATSON
- 10—GORDON HARRIS
- 11—DENNIS TUEART
- Sub.: BRIAN CHAMBERS

LUTON TOWN (o)

(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—DON GIVENS
- 9—MALCOLM McDONALD
- 10—MIKE KEEN
- 11—PETER ANDERSON
- Sub.: BANNISTER

Referee—M. A. Fussey (Retford, Notts.)

Linesmen—Red Flag: H. P. Hackney (Barnsley)
Yellow Flag: B. Baker (Sheffield)

MEET MONTY . . .

● Continuing this spotlight series on Roker personalities. Today the player under focus is goalkeeper Jim Montgomery.

Full name

James Montgomery.

Born

Sunderland..

First position ever played

Goalkeeper.

First Club

Sunderland.

Honours

Eight caps for the England Youth team; seven caps for the England under-23 side and I have also represented the English Football League XI.

Schoolboy hero

Bert Trautmann of Manchester City because he was the best 'keeper in the land at the time.

Favourite Ground

I pick Liverpool mainly because of the terrific atmosphere and the most appreciative crowd.

Countries played in

Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Rumania, Turkey and the United States.

Ambition

I want to play in the winning team in the Final of the F.A. Cup at Wembley.

Biggest single influence on career

Alan Brown.

How did you become a goalkeeper

I enjoyed playing in goal so much as a lad of seven at school that I decided it was the only thing for me and contemplated nothing else after that.

Most Memorable Match

I think the match that will always stick in my mind will be the 0—0 draw we got at the Dell Ground, Southampton, in our promotion year. Gaining that one precious point meant we had clinched promotion to the 1st Division.

Best player in your position

Undoubtedly it is Gordon Banks.

Wife's name

Joy.

Hobbies

Badminton and Golf.

Pet Hate

Answering questionnaires.

Car

Bond Equipe 2-litre fastback.

Favourite Foods

T-bone steak and Prawn Curry.

Favourite Clothes

Modern casuals.

Favourite T.V. shows

University Challenge, The Expert and Softly Softly.

Favourite Colour

Blue.

ALAN BROWN COMMENTS



THE SALE OF COLIN TODD has naturally sparked off a great deal of talk, the majority of which is critical of the club's decision. It has been stated quite clearly that the financial situation demanded this kind of action.

Here and there the minority of critics have accepted this course of action as being painful, but NECESSARY. As for myself I have done my duty by the club in the circumstances and would again like to say that no board of Directors could have worked harder to try to avoid such a difficult decision.

None of us enjoy criticism of such severity as some have chosen to dish out. As for those very few who seem to desire to destroy the confidence of my players I say to them, that in spite of the loss of Todd we will move FORWARD with the help of our remaining players.

Those who came to see the team perform against the Second Division League leaders last week would see, that whilst playing with only ten men at least twice during the match and without David Watson our latest recruit, the signs all point for a better future.

People quickly forget the loss of players through injury. They are not allowed to forget the loss of good players through having to sell.

In this respect lady luck will smile on us again and I am certain that this Club, through the effort of players, staff and Directors, will rise again and will be able to silence some of our critics.

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THE PRIDE OF 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 the season in the side, lost his place temporarily, but fought his way back to make 36 League appearances. Was born in 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.

MIKE KEEN (wing-half): The club captain who had 10 years with Q.P.R., some of them under the present Luton Manager, Alex 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 a junior.



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

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 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-year-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 quite a 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.

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.

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Fixtures, facts, results

SECOND DIVISION

1970	
Aug. 15—Bristol City	Away (17,544) 3-4
.. 22—WATFORD	Home (16,228) 3-3
.. 29—Swindon Town	Away (17,060) 0-2
Sept. 2—CHARLTON ATHLETIC	Home (11,860) 3-0
.. 5—NORWICH CITY	Home (16,682) 2-1
.. 9—Lincoln L.C. 2nd Round	Away (10,789) 1-2
.. 12—Orient	Away (8,919) 0-1
.. 19—SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	Home (15,528) 3-1
.. 26—Millwall	Away (12,160) 0-0
Oct. 3—BOLTON WANDERERS	Home (15,972) 4-1
.. 7—HULL CITY	Home (18,741) 0-1
.. 10—Leicester City	Away (26,580) 0-1
.. 17—BRISTOL CITY	Home (17,226) 1-0
.. 20—Carlisle United	Away (16,623) 0-0
.. 24—OXFORD UNITED	Home (16,376) 0-1
.. 31—Luton Town	Away (19,202) 2-1
Nov. 7—BIRMINGHAM	Home (15,994) 2-1
.. 14—Portsmouth	Away (10,474) 1-2
.. 21—SHEFFIELD UNITED (1)	Home (14,639) 0-0
.. 28—Blackburn Rovers	Away (7,070) 1-0
Dec. 5—Q.P.R.	Home (14,721) 3-1
.. 12—Cardiff City (2)	Away (15,639) 1-3
.. 19—Watford	Away (12,739) 1-1
.. 26—MIDDLESBROUGH	Home (42,617) 2-2
1971	
Jan. 9—Hull City	Away (20,532) 0-4
.. 11—ORIENT F.A. Cup 3rd	Home (18,067) 0-3
.. 16—CARLISLE UNITED	Home (16,301) 2-0
.. 30—BLACKBURN ROVERS	Home (10,354) 3-2
Feb. 6—Q.P.R.	Home (11,707) 0-2
.. 13—CARDIFF CITY	Home (11,566) 0-4
.. 20—Sheffield United	Away (24,944) 0-1
.. 27—LUTON TOWN	Home
Mar. 6—Oxford United	Away
.. 13—PORTSMOUTH	Home
.. 20—Birmingham City	Away
.. 27—Norwich City	Away
Apr. 3—SWINDON TOWN	Home
.. 9—ORIENT	Home
.. 10—Middlesbrough	Away
.. 12—Bolton Wanderers	Away
.. 13—	
.. 17—LEICESTER CITY	Home
.. 24—Sheffield Wednesday	Away
.. 27—Charlton Athletic	Away
May 1—MILLWALL	Home
.. 8—F.A. Cup Final	

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SO CLOSE AT THE TOP

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F
Sheffield United ..	29	9	5	0	30	15	6	4	5	20
Cardiff	28	7	7	1	31	15	7	2	4	17
Luton	27	9	3	1	25	7	5	5	4	16
Hull City	28	7	3	3	21	10	7	5	3	19
Carlisle	29	11	3	1	28	9	2	7	5	18
Middlesbrough ..	29	11	2	1	28	10	4	4	7	18
Leicester	27	10	3	2	26	12	4	4	4	15
Swindon	29	11	4	0	31	8	1	4	9	13
Norwich	29	7	7	1	22	15	3	5	6	15
Birmingham	29	8	5	2	21	10	3	3	8	21
Millwall	28	8	4	2	23	10	3	2	9	16
SUNDERLAND	29	9	3	3	28	18	2	3	9	9
Sheffield Wednesday	30	7	5	3	23	22	2	4	9	15
Oxford United	27	5	3	4	14	16	5	3	7	15
Q.P.R.	27	6	3	4	23	16	2	5	7	13
Orient	27	4	8	1	12	7	1	5	8	8
Portsmouth	27	7	2	5	25	20	1	4	8	9
Watford	28	4	5	5	12	13	2	5	7	15
Bristol City	28	6	4	4	22	22	0	3	11	10
Bolton	30	6	2	7	19	20	1	3	11	9
Blackburn	28	4	4	7	12	19	1	4	8	14
Charlton	27	2	4	6	14	21	1	5	9	10

(Up to and including February 20)

SECOND DIVISION APPEARANCES

	app.	sub.	goals
Billy Hughes	29	—	7
Jim Montgomery	29	—	—
Bobby Kerr	29	—	7
Richie Pitt	28	—	1
Ian Porterfield	27	1	2
Martin Harvey	27	1	—
Cecil Irwin	26	1	—
Bobby Park	17	7	2
Gordon Harris	17	—	1
Mike McGiven	13	2	3
Brian Chambers	12	3	1
Dennis Tueart	10	5	2
Dick Malone	9	1	—
Dave Watson	4	—	2
Brian Heslop	1	—	—

● Also played: Joe Baker, 15 games, 10 goals; Colin Todd, 25 games.

LEAGUE CUP: Jim Montgomery; Cecil Irwin, Martin Harvey, Mike McGiven, Richie Pitt, Ian Porterfield, Bobby Park, Bobby Kerr, Joe Baker, Billy Hughes, Gordon Harris (all one). Sub.: Dennis Tueart. Scorer: Kerr.

F.A. CUP: Montgomery; Irwin, Harvey, Todd, Harris, Porterfield, Park, Kerr, Baker, Chambers, Hughes. Sub.: Tueart.

MATCH DIGEST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Second Division v Cardiff City (H) 0-4

Montgomery; Irwin, Harvey, Todd, Pitt, Porterfield, Chambers, Kerr, Hughes, Harris, Tueart. Sub.: Park.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Second Division v Sheffield United (A) 0-1

Montgomery; Malone, Harvey, McGiven, Pitt, Porterfield, Park, Kerr, Hughes, Harris, Tueart. Sub.: Chambers.

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