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PROMOTION YEAR - DIVISION II

DIVISION II

**v BIRMINGHAM CITY**

Saturday 3 April 1971 Kick-off: 3.00 pm

Official Programme: Price 5p

## FIXTURES 1970-71

### DIVISION TWO

Date	Opponents	Attendance	Result
<b>August</b>			
Sat 15	Bolton W	11,350	(A) 2-4
Wed 19	(LC1) Gillingham	7,328	(A) 1-0
Sat 22	<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	16,110	(H) 0-0
Sat 29	Birmingham City	30,141	(A) 1-1
<b>September</b>			
Tue 1	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	16,173	(H) 4-0
Sat 5	<b>MIDDLESBRO'</b>	16,018	(H) 1-0
Tue 8	(LC2) <b>W'KINGTON</b>	11,072	(H) 3-0
Sat 12	Leicester City	24,226	(A) 0-1
Sat 19	<b>ORIENT</b>	16,711	(H) 4-0
Sat 26	Swindon Town	18,698	(A) 0-0
Tue 29	Queen's Park Rangers	19,273	(A) 1-0
<b>October</b>			
Sat 3	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	15,992	(H) 3-0
Tue 6	(LC3) <b>ARSENAL</b>	27,023	(H) 0-1
Sat 10	Sheffield Wednesday	15,189	(A) 5-1
Sat 17	<b>BOLTON W</b>	19,055	(H) 2-0
Tue 20	<b>BLACKBURN R</b>	16,372	(H) 2-0
Sat 24	Charlton Athletic	12,928	(A) 1-1
Sat 31	<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	19,202	(H) 1-2
<b>November</b>			
Sat 7	Hull City	18,343	(A) 2-0
Sat 14	<b>CARLISLE U</b>	14,837	(H) 3-3
Sat 21	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b> (1)	16,876	(H) 2-1
Sat 28	Cardiff City	26,689	(A) 0-0
<b>December</b>			
Sat 5	<b>SHEFFIELD U</b>	19,665	(H) 2-1
Sat 12	Watford (2)	24,456	(A) 1-0
Sat 19	Norwich City	17,038	(A) 1-1
<b>1971</b>			
<b>January</b>			
Sat 3	(FA3) Nott'm Forest	23,230	(A) 1-1
Sat 9	<b>QPR</b>	22,024	(H) 0-0
Mon 11	(FA3 Replay) <b>NOTT'M FOREST</b>	23,484	(H) 3-4
Sat 16	Blackburn Rovers	8,385	(A) 0-1
Sat 23	(Friendly) <b>COV'TRY</b>	7,154	(H) 1-2
<b>February</b>			
Sat 6	Sheffield United	30,986	(A) 1-2
Sat 13	<b>WATFORD</b>	20,139	(H) 1-0
Sat 20	Portsmouth	13,661	(A) 1-0
Sat 27	Sunderland	12,471	(A) 0-0
<b>March</b>			
Sat 6	<b>CHARLTON</b>	15,262	(H) 1-1
Sat 13	Carlisle United	13,681	(A) 0-1
Sat 20	<b>HULL CITY</b>	19,566	(H) 3-1
Sat 27	Middlesbrough	19,579	(A) 1-2
Tue 30	<b>MILLWALL</b>	17,578	(H) 1-1
<b>April</b>			
Sat 3	<b>BIRMINGHAM C</b>	(H)	
Fri 9	Bristol City	(A)	
Sat 10	Millwall	(A)	
Mon 12	<b>LEICESTER C</b>	(H)	
Sat 17	<b>SHEFFIELD W</b>	(H)	
Sat 24	Orient	(A)	
Wed 28	Oxford United	(A)	
<b>May</b>			
Sat 1	<b>SWINDON T</b>	(H)	
Tue 4	<b>CARDIFF C</b>	(H)	
Sat 8	FA Cup Final	(H)	

### LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Attendance	Result
<b>August</b>			
Tue 18	<b>CHARLTON A</b>	989	(H) 2-1
Tue 25	<b>SOUTHEND U</b>	975	(H) 5-0

<b>September</b>			
Tue 1	Charlton Athletic	(A)	3-4
Fri 11	<b>MILLWALL</b>	588	(H) 2-1
Wed 16	Colchester United	(A)	3-2
Tue 22	<b>ORIENT</b>	899	(H) 2-1
Wed 30	Millwall	(A)	1-2

<b>October</b>			
Wed 7	Brighton & Hove	(A)	3-2
Wed 14	Aldershot	(A)	2-0
Wed 28	Orient	(A)	0-0

<b>November</b>			
Tue 3	<b>WATFORD</b>	1,051	(H) 2-2
Tue 10	<b>BRIGHTON</b>	683	(H) 5-0
Mon 30	Peterborough United	(A)	2-4

<b>December</b>			
Tue 8	<b>COLCHESTER U</b>	303	(H) 5-0
Tue 15	<b>PETERBORO' U</b>	166	(H) 3-0
Wed 23	Watford	(A)	1-3

<b>1971</b>			
<b>January</b>			
Wed 6	Millwall (LC)	(A)	4-2
Tue 12	<b>ALDERSHOT</b> (LC)	311	(H) 3-3
Tue 19	<b>WATFORD</b> (LC)	858	(H) 1-4
Mon 25	Peterborough U (LC)	(A)	1-0
<b>February</b>			
Wed 3	Orient (LC)	(A)	2-0
Wed 10	Watford (LC)	(A)	2-1
Tue 16	<b>COLCHTER U</b> (LC)	473	(H) 1-1
Tue 23	<b>CHARLTON A</b> (LC)	571	(H) 2-0
<b>March</b>			
Wed 3	Aldershot (LC)	(A)	2-0
Tue 9	<b>SOUTHEND U</b> (LC)	529	(H) 1-2
Thur 11	<b>ALDERSHOT</b>	365	(H) 8-0
Tue 16	Charlton Athletic (LC)	(A)	3-0
Tue 23	<b>ORIENT</b> (LC)	498	(H) 5-0
Wed 31	Southend United (LC)	(A)	0-2
<b>April</b>			
Tue 6	<b>MILLWALL</b> (LC)	(H)	
Wed 14	Brighton & Hove (LC)	(A)	
Fri 16	Southend United	(A)	
Tue 27	<b>PETERBORO' U</b> (LC)	(H)	
Thur 29	<b>BRIGHTON</b> (LC)	(H)	
<b>May</b>			
Mon 3	Colchester United (LC)	(A)	

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# ERIC PUGH'S PAGE



Somehow or other London clubs seem to have an unfortunate effect on the Town when they visit Kenilworth Road and, on Tuesday, Millwall followed Charlton and Queen's Park Rangers in depriving them of a point. In the final reckoning, these three points lost so unexpectedly, may be vital.

This may not be resolved until the end of the season, though a considerable sorting out process can be expected over Easter, during which period, the Town face a by no means easy programme.

### Tough Easter faces Town

After Friday's visit to Bristol City (still urgently in need of points to remove the danger of relegation) they go to The Den to take on Millwall the following day.

After their experience on Tuesday when the Lions certainly contained their attack, the Town will be wary about the return and they are only too aware that they need at least four holiday points to maintain their promotion challenge.

### Are still in the fight with a chance

With only one point from the last four, the momentum of this has rather sagged

but, with that home match against Cardiff City still in hand, the Town are still in the fight with an undoubted chance.

In the circumstances, it is absolutely vital that they should win today's match against the surprise packet, Birmingham City, who come here with a run of fourteen matches without defeat behind them and a haul of twenty-five points.

That has put them rather more than on the fringe of the battle for promotion and, should they finish on the winning side yet again today, they will really be fancying their chances and those of the Town will be that much lessened.

### Nicholl's fight for fitness

If the Town can regain the form they showed against Hull City, then this should not happen, and, on the surface, they were not helped on Tuesday by the changes that were made.

At the time of writing, it was by no means clear what the injury situation would be, but there were strong hopes that Chris Nicholl whose absence in mid-week ended a run of thirty-one consecutive appearances will have recovered from a badly bruised foot.

### Slough proved his adaptability

In the event, the Town could not point to his absence as an alibi for their disappointing display against Millwall because his deputy, Alan Slough, gave further evidence of his adaptability by moving from left-back and giving a polished display on his first appearance in the middle this season.

If Fred Goodwin, the Birmingham manager, bases his plans on what he saw on Tuesday, he may well be surprised because the Town were a long way below their best, and the same applies to Frank O'Farrell, of Leicester City, whose team are the visitors on Easter Monday.

### Ground capacity may be tested

From all accounts, both these clubs are bringing followings verging on the 10,000 mark, and the result should be to boost both these attendances to near the ground capacity for the first time in a League match this season.

In view of the success the team has achieved and the highly interesting position at the top, recent gates have been somewhat disappointing.

### Boxing Day snow cost Town money

Tuesday's figures of 17,578 were certainly lower than would have been the case had the original fixture on Boxing Day not been snowed off.

For one thing, Millwall would have had a considerably bigger following and, at that time, the Town were in the middle of an unbeaten run.

Certainly the crowds expected today and against Leicester, should compensate for the disappointment that has been experienced, and the ground will certainly not be big enough if everything turns on the visit of Cardiff City in the last match of the season.

### Town have come through with credit

Whatever happens in the final outcome, no one can say that this has been an uninteresting season and, even if they miss the promotion boat, there will be nothing but credit for the way in which they have settled down in Division II.

After all, it was asking rather a lot of them to become immediate promotion contenders immediately after having spent only two seasons in Division III, but they have achieved it and, despite recent disappointments, deserve every credit.

### Mike Keen's honour is well deserved

Finally, a word of congratulation to the Town skipper, Mike Keen, who has been chosen to join the FA party to tour Australia, beginning at the end of May.

For many seasons, Mike has been a consistent performer, a credit to the game and this honour is thoroughly well deserved.

He is the second Town player to be so honoured, Malcolm Macdonald having been selected in the original party.

## HOW THEY STAND

### DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leicester City	..	34	18	10	6	48	27
Sheff United	..	34	17	10	7	59	37
Cardiff City	..	33	16	11	6	55	28
Carlisle United	..	34	15	12	7	50	36
<b>Luton Town</b>	..	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>
Hull City	..	34	15	11	8	44	32
Middlesbrough	..	34	17	6	11	51	34
Birmingham City	..	34	16	8	10	53	39
Norwich City	..	35	14	12	9	46	42
Millwall	..	35	13	9	13	44	39
Swindon Town	..	34	13	8	13	49	37
Sheffield Wednesday	..	35	12	9	14	45	57
Oxford United	..	34	11	10	13	32	41
Orient	..	34	9	14	11	25	38
Sunderland	..	34	11	9	14	38	46
Portsmouth	..	34	10	10	14	41	47
Queens Park Rangers	..	33	10	9	14	42	47
Watford	..	34	8	11	15	32	50
Bristol City	..	34	8	9	17	39	56
Bolton Wanderers	..	35	7	8	20	31	57
Blackburn Rovers	..	34	5	11	18	29	55
Charlton Athletic	..	33	5	10	18	29	55
							20

### OUR COVER PICTURE

Malcolm Macdonald throws up his arms in apparent despair, while Viv Busby waits expectantly as a high ball crosses the Middlesbrough goalmouth.

Incident from last Saturday's match at Ayresome Park. Picture Luton News



## Inside Right

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# FROM BOB'S OFFICE

In view of the fact that a far bigger than average crowd is expected for today's match, it would be wise to repeat the warning issued recently by the Minister of Sport.

To avoid congestion, which can bring danger, he asks supporters not to rush for the exits at the end of the match, but to wait a few minutes and make their way out in orderly fashion.

That way, everybody will get home safely and, certainly, a short waiting period should inconvenience nobody.

## Another 'invasion' is expected!

Advance publicity was to the effect that Birmingham were expecting to bring about 8,000 fans, perhaps more, and a similar influx is expected on Easter Monday when Leicester City will be the visitors.

In their case, a figure of 10,000 has been mentioned and it is an indication of a big crowd that all reserved tickets for the main stand were sold some days ago.

## Easter begins with away matches

Before the visit of Leicester rounds off the Easter holiday, we have two away matches, at Bristol on Good Friday and Millwall the following day.

A special train is being run to Bristol, leaving Luton at 10.30 am, calling at Harpenden (10.40), St Albans (10.48) and arriving Bristol at 1.30 pm.

Return timings are: depart Bristol 5.40 pm, arrive St Albans 8.27, Harpenden 8.36, Luton 8.45.

## Coaches being run to Millwall

For the match at Millwall the following day, Bunty-Costin are running special coaches, leaving the Maple Road end of the ground at 12.30 pm, return fare 50p.

Bookings must be made at the club's ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

On Good Friday, local footballers take over at this ground when Brache Sparta meet Leighton OB in the final of the Luton League's William Pease Cup.

Kick-off is at 3 pm, and the score at the match at Bristol will be given at regular intervals during the game.



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THE MIDDLE

### F. M. NICHOLSON (Manchester)

Whilst in the Fleet Air Arm in 1946, he began refereeing and reached Class 1 in 1953.

Went on to the Cheshire County League list in 1956 and onto that of Football League linesmen a year later.

Promoted to referee in 1964 he has become one of the League's most prominent officials.

Married with three children, Mr Nicholson is a company director and his main hobbies are golf and travel.

Is secretary of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

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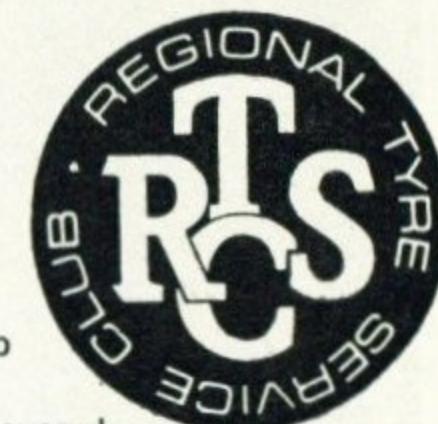
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Back row left to right: Alan Campbell, Gary Pendrey, Dennis Thwaites, Dave Latchford, Mike Kelly, Dave Robinson, Geoff Vowden (now with Aston Villa), Malcolm Page, Keith Bowker. Front row left to right: Bert Murray (now with Brighton), Malcolm Beard, Trevor Francis, Johnny Vincent (now with Middlesbrough), Ray Martin (Capt), Bob Latchford, Phil Summerill, Mick Harrison, Gordon Taylor.

## Birmingham still rely on their reservoir of local talent by Tony Pullein

Although they have been very active in the transfer market during the last twelve months, Birmingham have also proved that they have a considerable reservoir of local talent.

**MIKE KELLY (Goalkeeper).** Signed from Queen's Park Rangers last summer. Mike is a former Chelsea junior. He made his initial half-dozen League appearances in goal during Queen's Park Rangers' 1967-68 Second Division promotion season, but really established himself as first choice keeper with some brilliant displays when they got into Division I. He won an FA Amateur Cup winners' medal with Wimbledon in 1963.

*League record: QPR 54 aps; Birmingham 26 aps.*

**RAY MARTIN (Right-back).** Ray was once on Aston Villa's books, but made little headway. Birmingham offered him a professional contract and he quickly developed in the reserve team. He made his League debut in 1963-64 and has been considered a member of the first team squad ever since. He was dropped for the opening matches this season, but has reclaimed his place.

*League record: Birmingham 206 (6) aps, 1 gl.*

**GARY PENDREY (Left-back).** Birmingham gave Gary his League debut two seasons ago and he developed so quickly he was chosen captain last season at the age of 19 – one of the youngest skippers in the League. He, too, has returned after being dropped this term.

*League record: Birmingham 55 (4) aps.*

**GEORGE SMITH (Right-half).** An eve-of-deadline transfer deal took George to St Andrews – when Johnny Vincent went to Middlesbrough. Birmingham took George and a £20,000 cheque in exchange. He began his career with Newcastle, but failed to make the first team so he shifted across to the west coast to Barrow. He became the star of their 1966-67 Fourth Division promotion team, Portsmouth being one of many clubs to note his form. A £20,000 fee was agreed and he moved down south for a couple of years. Then Middlesbrough paid £50,000 for him in January 1969.

*League record: Barrow 91 (1) aps, 11 gls; Portsmouth 64 aps, 3 gls; Middlesbrough 74 aps; Birmingham 3 aps.*

**MALCOLM PAGE (Left-half).** Malcolm has been a regular member of the Welsh under-23 team for three years though he had not always been able to get into the Blues' team during that period. He initially came in during 1964-65 and two years ago he played regularly. He was in and out as this season opened but he regained a regular place in November.

*Wales U-23 4 aps.*

*League record: Birmingham 105 (8) aps, 6 gls.*

**ROGER HYND (Centre-half).** Roger moved to St Andrew's from Crystal Palace during the close season. At Palace he had been a prominent member of the defence which fought to keep the club in Division I. But his stay at Selhurst was quite short – only one season. Earlier he was with Glasgow Rangers.

*League record: Rangers 22 (1) aps, 1 gl; Crystal Palace 30 (1) aps; Birmingham 32 aps.*

**DAVE ROBINSON (Left-half).** Dave made his League debut for the Blues in a local Derby versus Aston Villa two seasons ago and has remained a member of the first-team squad since.

*League record: Birmingham: 92 aps, 2 gls.*

**ALAN CAMPBELL (Outside-right).** A talented mid-field player discovered in Scottish junior football by Charlton Athletic. He was drafted into their League team in 1965, remaining on duty until his transfer to Birmingham last October. A former Scottish youth international, Alan was picked for the Under-23 team last season.

*Scotland U-23 1 ap.*

*League record: Charlton 196 (2) aps, 28 gls; Birmingham 21 aps.*

**TREVOR FRANCIS (Inside-right).** The most sensational discovery of the season, Trevor – still only 16 – is already being tipped for international honours. Trevor was brought into the team against Oxford United, after making one previous appearance as substitute, and hit a point scoring goal in his first full game. Later, in one six-match spell, he cracked in 11 goals, four of them against Bolton.

*League record: Birmingham 15 (1) aps, 15 gls.*

**BOB LATCHFORD (Centre-forward).** Bob is an England youth international who made his first League appearance two seasons ago and won a regular place this season. His twin brother Dave, a goalkeeper, has also enjoyed League soccer with the Blues this season.

*League record: Birmingham 42 (1) aps, 13 gls.*

**PHIL SUMMERILL (Inside-left).** Phil has become one of the Blues' chief strikers, topping their scorers for the past two seasons. He is leading again this term with nineteen so far. Phil has gained quite a reputation as a hat-trickster. He has hit three hat-tricks, one of them crammed into seven minutes against Hull two years ago. He is a former England youth international.

*League record: Birmingham 91 (5) aps, 44 gls.*

**GORDON TAYLOR (Outside-left).** Gordon joined the Blues from Bolton shortly before Christmas. He went to Bolton as an amateur, working his way up through the juniors to earn his League debut in 1962-63. For almost nine years he held a permanent place in the team.

*League record: Bolton 253 (4) aps, 41 gls; Birmingham 13 aps, 1 gl.*

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# Sixteen-years-old shooting star has helped in Birmingham's remarkable transformation

by Tony Pullein

Anyone 'daft' enough to back Birmingham City for promotion back in December might have struck up odds of 1,000 or more to one.

They were fifth from bottom of the table, struggling to avoid the possibility of joining local rivals Aston Villa in Division III.

What a transformation has since taken place, though! The Blues are unbeaten in their last fourteen games and are now serious contenders for promotion. And, in experimenting to find this winning combination, manager Freddie Goodwin has discovered a 16-years-old goal ace Trevor Francis who looks booked for a magnificent career. In one mad spell he netted eleven goals in six games, including all the goals in a 4-0 trouncing of Bolton.

## Very active in the transfer market

Since he took over as manager last summer, Freddie Goodwin has been very active in the transfer market. Goalkeeper Mike Kelly (from Queen's Park Rangers) and defender Roger Hynd (Crystal Palace) were signed before the season kicked off.

Alan Campbell (Charlton) and George Smith (Middlesbrough), more recent signings, have added strength in mid-field to support, among others, Gordon Taylor, a Christmas arrival from Bolton.

## Well-known men have left

To make way for these newcomers, many well-known faces have departed — Tony Hateley (to Notts County), Trevor Hockey (Sheffield United), Geoff Vowden (Aston Villa), Johnny Vincent (Middlesbrough), Bert Murray (Brighton) and John Sleuwenhoek (Torquay).

## Not lucky opponents for the Town

We shall find the Blues a considerably different proposition today compared with the side from which we took a point at St Andrews in August. A Malcolm Macdonald penalty gave us a 1-1 draw. Our League record against them now reads:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Home	15	3	3	9	15	20	9
Away	16	1	5	10	12	40	7
	31	4	8	19	27	60	16

Birmingham's results this season:

*League:* QPR (h) 2-1; Carlisle (a) 3-0; Luton (h) 1-1; Middlesbrough (h) 0-1; Cardiff (a) 0-2; Oxford (h) 1-1; Portsmouth (a) 0-1; Charlton (h) 1-1; Bristol City (a) 1-2; Hull (a) 1-0;

Sheffield United (h) 0-1; QPR (a) 2-5; Leicester (h) 0-0; Watford (a) 1-2; Swindon (h) 2-1; Sunderland (a) 1-2; Orient (h) 1-0; Bolton (a) 0-3; Norwich (h) 2-2; Millwall (a) 1-2; Sheffield W (h) 1-0; Carlisle (h) 1-0; Blackburn (a) 2-2; Bristol City (h) 2-0; Leicester (a) 4-1; Norwich (a) 2-2; Millwall (h) 3-1; Sheffield Wed (a) 3-3; Bolton (h) 4-0; Swindon (a) 2-1; Watford (h) 2-0; Orient (a) 2-0; Sunderland (h) 3-1; Cardiff (h) 2-0.

*FA Cup:* Huddersfield (a) 1-1, (h) 0-2. *League Cup:* Wrexham (h) 3-3, (a) 3-2; Colchester (a) 1-1, (h) 2-1; Nottm Forest (h) 2-1.

## Founded as Small Heath Alliance

The club was founded in 1875 as Small Heath Alliance. They changed the title to Small Heath FC in 1888 when they became the first football club to form themselves into a limited company.

In 1905 the name was altered to Birmingham FC and in 1945 another alteration took it to its present Birmingham City FC. They have been Second Division champions on four occasions and won the League Cup in 1963.

That 1963 League Cup final, incidentally, provided the first case in English football history of two clubs from the same city meeting in a senior cup final when they overcame Aston Villa to take the trophy.

Birmingham share with Barcelona and Valencia, the famous Spanish clubs, and Leeds United, the distinction of being the only teams ever to appear in the final of the European Fairs Cup in successive seasons. They did it in 1960 and 1961.

## Action at Middlesbrough



Although closely challenged, Viv Busby does his best to break through during last Saturday's match at Middlesbrough.

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Close call for Middlesbrough as Viv Busby challenges goalkeeper Willie Whigham who just managed to intervene successfully.

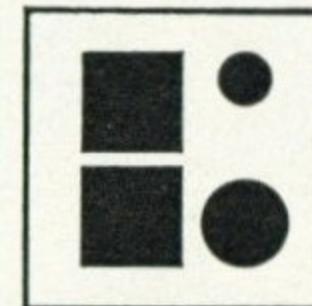
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## TREVOR FRANCIS



At the tender age of 16, Trevor Francis is already being talked of as a future England International.

A bit premature, perhaps, but Trevor has certainly caused a sensation by the way in which he has burst on to the football scene. In only fifteen League games, he has scored fifteen goals and he has played a notable part in Birmingham's remarkable run of successes.



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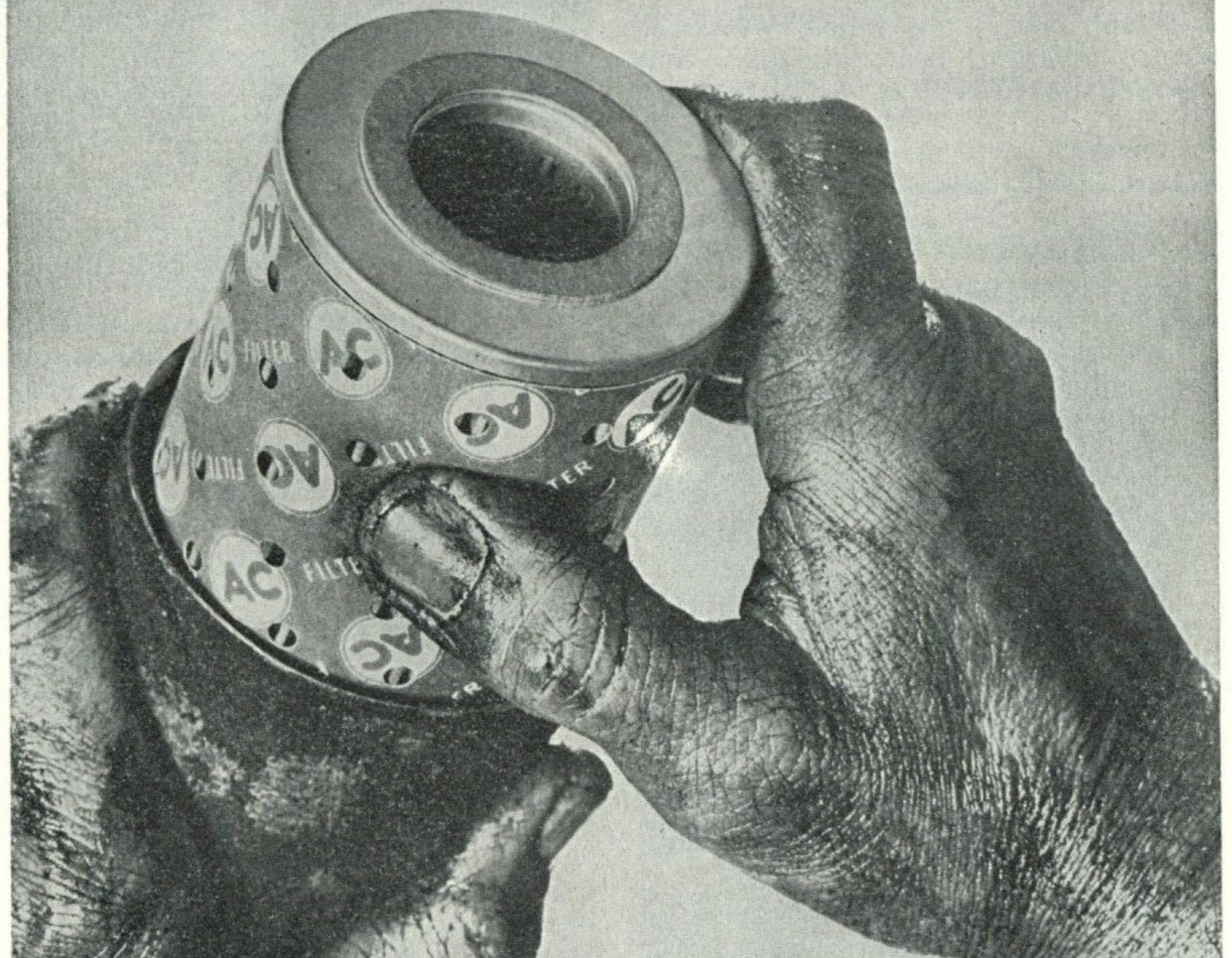
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## Supporters' Club Notes

By Mike Skinner

### Over 200 enabled our new branch to get off to a flying start

Off to a flying start! That is a fair description of the success of the formation of the first branch of the Town's new Supporters' Club.

This is the North Herts and South Beds branch and the inaugural meeting was held recently at the Willian Comprehensive School, Letchworth, and was attended by over 200.

After much hard work by members of the Committee, they were all enrolled into the Club, together with many boys and girls who joined the junior section.

Anyone else wishing to join can obtain membership forms from Luton Sports Centre, 231 Dunstable Road, Luton.



#### Coaches and players rallied round

A special word of thanks is due to the Town's coaches, Jimmy Andrews and Ken Whitfield, who went over to Letchworth for the meeting and also to players, John Ryan, John Moore, Tony Read, Roger Hoy and Don Givens, who attended.

They were kept very busy for over two hours signing autographs for the enthusiastic fans.

All the supporters, particularly the younger element among them, appreciated the fact that the coaches and the players had been prepared to spend so much time for the cause.

#### Travel Club is a great innovation

Much work is going on at the moment, preparing ideas for future activities of the Supporters' Club, and we expect to be sending out our first newsletter with all the details within the next few weeks.

A new innovation, we hope, will be the Travel Club. In this day and age, people are travelling further afield each year, and there is plenty of scope for parties going on such trips as the World Cup in Munich in 1974.

There must be many members really interested in this event and I am hopeful to start planning for this date shortly.

### All goals are GOLDEN with the Hatters!

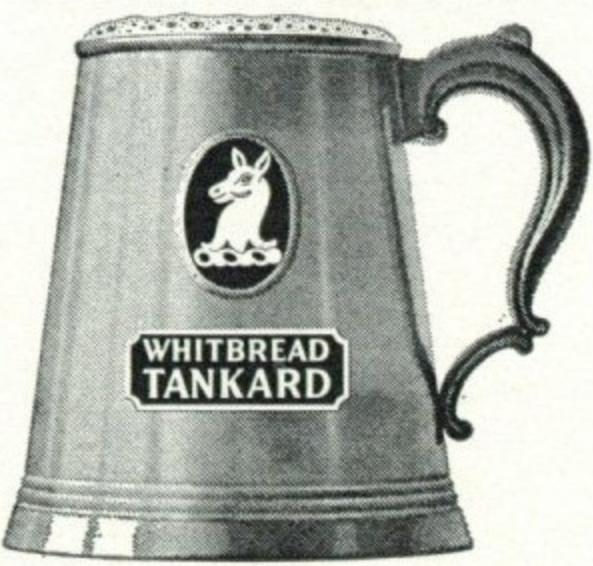
Our Match Day Competition continues today! Each Soccer Double ticket contains a time, and should this correspond with the time of the **FIRST GOAL** scored – then you will win £50. In addition the holders of the tickets with the times of **any other goals** scored will win £5. The winning times will be announced over the public address system, and published in the programme for the following home match. Also on the same ticket you have a chance of winning £10 on the **Top Scoring Treble**. Check your teams' scores against the results and if you have the three teams scoring the highest numbers of goals then you will win £10.

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	APPEARANCES					GOALS				
	FL	FAC	FLC	F	M-WL	FL	FAC	FLC	F	M-WL
<i>Goalkeepers</i>										
READ, A.	32	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
STARLING, A.	1	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—
BARBER, K.	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Full Backs</i>										
BANNISTER, J.	10	2	—	1	16	—	—	—	—	—
HOOPER, G.	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—
JARDINE, F.	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—
RYAN, JOHN	33	2	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
SHANKS, D.	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	2
WOODS, P.	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	1
<i>Half Backs</i>										
BRANSTON, T.	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
COURT, D.	23	2	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—
DELGADO, R.	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	8
GUILD, A.	1	—	1	—	29	—	—	—	—	4
GOODEVE, K.	1	—	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	—
HOY, R.	28	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
KEEN, M.	33	2	3	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
MOORE, J.	27	—	3	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
NICHOLL, C.	31	2	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
SLOUGH, A.	33	2	3	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
<i>Forwards</i>										
ANDERSON, P.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BUSBY, V.	18	—	1	1	21	2	—	—	—	8
COLLINS, J.	2	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	3
GIVENS, D.	32	2	3	1	—	9	—	2	—	—
MACDONALD, M.	33	2	3	1	—	20	4	2	1	—
PHILLIPS, P.	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	24
RYAN, JIMMY	32	2	3	1	—	3	—	—	—	—
TEES, M.	3	—	1	—	8	2	—	—	—	4
WAINWRIGHT, R.	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	12
OPPONENT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
AMATEURS	—	—	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	10

FL – Football League; FAC – FA Cup; FLC – Football League Cup; F – Friendly;  
M-WL – Mid-Week League.

## COMING MATCHES

### LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 1971

### MILLWALL

KICK-OFF 7.30 pm

Admission: Grandstand and Enclosure only, 15p (Children 10p). All seats 5p extra.

### WILLIAM PEASE KNOCK-OUT CUP

GOOD FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 1971

### BRACHE SPARTA

### LEIGHTON OB

KICK-OFF 3.00 pm

Admission: 15p (Children 10p)

### DIVISION II

EASTER MONDAY 12 APRIL 1971

### LEICESTER CITY

KICK-OFF 3 pm

SATURDAY 17 APRIL 1971

### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

KICK-OFF 3 pm

Admission: Centre Stand 70p, Wing Stands 55p, Enclosure, Bobbers' Stand and Oak Road Terrace 40p (Children 20p), Kenilworth Road Terrace 30p (Children 15p).

## HALF-TIME SCORES

### FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal	.....	Chelsea	.....
B	Blackpool	.....	Newcastle	.....
C	Coventry	.....	Tottenham	.....
D	Crystal P	.....	Stoke C	.....
E	Derby C	.....	Hudders'ld	.....
F	Ipswich	.....	Soton	.....
G	Leeds Utd	.....	Burnley	.....
H	Liverpool	.....	Albion	.....
K	Man C	.....	Everton	.....
L	West Ham	.....	Man U	.....
M	Wolves	.....	Nottm F	.....
N	Blackburn	.....	Sheff W	.....

### SECOND LIST

A	Cardiff C	.....	Bristol C	.....
B	Carlisle	.....	Leicester	.....
C	Charlton	.....	Orient	.....
D	Hull C	.....	Watford	.....
E	Oxford Utd	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
F	Portsmouth	.....	Millwall	.....
G	QPR	.....	Bolton W	.....
H	Sheff U	.....	Norwich	.....
K	Sunderland	.....	Swindon T	.....
L	Aston Villa	.....	Swansea T	.....
M	Bradford C	.....	Rochdale	.....
N	Bristol R	.....	Preston NE	.....

### THIRD LIST

A	Fulham	.....	Walsall	.....
B	Halifax	.....	Gillingham	.....
C	Mansfield	.....	Shrewsbury	.....
D	Port Vale	.....	Plymouth A	.....
E	Reading	.....	Chesterfield	.....
F	Rotherham	.....	Brighton	.....
G	Bourne'th	.....	Newport C	.....
H	Chester	.....	Workington	.....
K	Crewe A	.....	Barrow	.....
L	Darlington	.....	Southend	.....
M	Hartlepool	.....	Grimsby	.....
N	Lincoln C	.....	York C	.....

## LATEST RESULTS

### DIVISION II

#### Middlesbrough 2 Luton Town 1

Read; John Ryan, Slough; Givens, Nicholl, Moore, Jimmy Ryan, Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson. Substitute: Hoy. Scorer: Macdonald.

#### Luton Town 1 Millwall 1

Read; John Ryan, Bannister; Hoy, Slough, Moore, Jimmy Ryan, Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Givens. Substitute: Anderson. Scorer: Keen.

### LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE CUP

#### Luton Town 5 Orient 0

Barber; Shanks, Woods; Guild, Goodeve, G. Jones, Stewart, Hooper, Robinson, Phillips, Wainwright. Substitute: Sparks. Scorer: Robinson (2), Stewart (2), Wainwright.

#### Southend United 2 Luton Town 0

Barber; Sorbie, Woods; Delgado, G. Jones, Stewart; Hooper, Robinson, Goodeve, Sparks, Gilchrist. Substitute: Bazely.

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Coach: JIMMY ANDREWS

1	<b>Tony Read</b>		
2	<b>John Ryan</b>	3	<b>Alan Slough</b>
4	<b>Don Givens</b>	5	<b>Chris Nicholl</b>
6	<b>John Moore</b>	7	<b>Malcolm Macdonald</b>
8	<b>Peter Anderson</b>	9	<b>Jimmy Ryan</b>
10	<b>Viv Busby</b>	11	<b>Mike Keen</b>

Sub:

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(Manchester)

Linesmen  
K. BRAY (Uxbridge)  
Red flag  
J. A. COOK (Wimbledon)  
Yellow flag



Sub: **Gary Pendrey**

10	<b>Phil Summerill</b>	8	<b>Trevor Francis</b>
11	<b>Gordon Taylor</b>	9	<b>Bob Latchford</b>
6	<b>Dave Robinson</b>	5	<b>Alan Campbell</b>
3	<b>Malcolm Page</b>	4	<b>George Smith</b>
2		1	<b>Ray Martin</b>
			<b>Mike Kelly</b>

Colours: Shirts Royal Blue  
Shorts Royal Blue

Manager: FREDDIE GOODWIN

# BIRMINGHAM CITY

Result: LUTON TOWN 3 BIRMINGHAM CITY 2